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Road closed

The entrance to Webster Road on the east side of Sheldon was closed Friday as part of the Sheldon reconstruction project.

Canton Township officials were quick to note, however, that only the entrance to Webster is closed. The road will still be accessible from inside the Mayfair Village Subdivision. The closure is anticipated to last several weeks as crews continue working the Sheldon Center Road reconstruction project.

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The deadline for entries is midnight Oct. 1 and the winner will be drawn at random Oct. 2.

9/11 ceremony

The Ladies Auxiliary Post 6695, along with the VFW and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 host a 9/11 remembrance ceremony 8 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, to honor the men and women who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks on that day 10 years ago.

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District opens under new management

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

When Ken Jacobs started working in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools more than 43 years ago, Phil Freeman was 7.

When Jacobs walked out the door this week, retiring as the district's deputy superintendent, it was Freeman who walked in.

Freeman, who had been principal at Pioneer Elementary School and who interviewed a few months ago when the school board was looking for an interim superintendent, has been chosen to replace Jacobs in the district's #2 chair.

Freeman's selection still has to be approved by the district's Board of Education, likely to come at the board's Sept. 13 meeting.

It's one of more than two dozen moves the district had to make to replace retiring or departing administrators, including Jacobs, assistant superintendent for instruction Cindy Swift and a bevy of principals, assistant principals and other administrators.

"(Freeman) represents a little bit of the district's history," said Jeremy Hughes, the interim superintendent who led the hiring process. "A lot of knowledge about the community went out the door with Ken. Phil's been here long enough and has enough contacts in the community that he represents a bridge to the community."

Following footsteps

"You're not likely to find anyone who's had actual experience in food service, transportation, maintenance, all the areas, so what

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After 13 years at Pioneer Middle School, the last 10 as its principal, Phil Freeman said he wanted to help provide some stability at the Plymouth-Canton board office as the district's new deputy superintendent.



Jeannie Farina comes over from Ingham County to replace Dr. Cindy Swift as Plymouth-Canton's assistant superintendent of instructional services.

Unpaid water bills could mean ouster

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

It's a worst-case scenario Canton officials hope to avoid, but local residents who don't pay their water bills could face a shutoff and be forced to leave their homes until they pay their overdue tab and get their service restored.

"I hope we never have to do that," Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said. "We're trying to be as accommodating and as helpful as we can be. This isn't about trying to be hard to get along with. It's about trying to get everybody caught up."

The earliest any Canton household will likely be reviewed for a possible shutoff is October. The policy applies to delinquent bills over \$100.

The new policy marks a first for Canton's residential water consumers and mirrors rules already in place for business customers. It comes amid economic woes that have left an increasing number of households facing difficulty paying their bills.

Seeking help

Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries for the Plymouth Salvation Army, said some residents owing as much as \$800 have sought help though that organization, which doesn't provide aid for water bills.

"What we can do is help with food assistance and help them realign their budgets to pay their water bills," Aren said.

She also advised residents who need help with overdue water bills to seek aid through social service agencies, such as the state Department of Human Services, that offer assistance to low-income people.

"We are working with the township to try to assist these families," Aren said. "The township is bending over backwards to help these residents. It is not their intent to turn off anybody's water."

McLaughlin said local officials have had to adopt a tougher policy to combat a growing problem.

In all, 1,747 Canton residential water consumers owe \$1.2 million for bills that already have been overdue for a year, after which the amount gets tacked onto property tax bills.

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Exam delayed for suspect in arson

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A judge refused Friday to reduce cash bonds totaling \$100,000 against accused arsonist Robert Paul Miller, charged with setting fire to two Sherwood Village mobile homes on Canton's southeast side.

Judge Michael Gerou of 35th District Court declined to lower the bond after Miller admitted in court he served less than a year in prison in 1995 for unlawful use of an auto.

Authorities also revealed that Miller has a criminal history stemming from domestic incidents and larceny.

Miller faces a preliminary examination Friday to determine if he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on two counts of arson of a dwelling house, punishable by up to 20 years in prison

upon conviction.

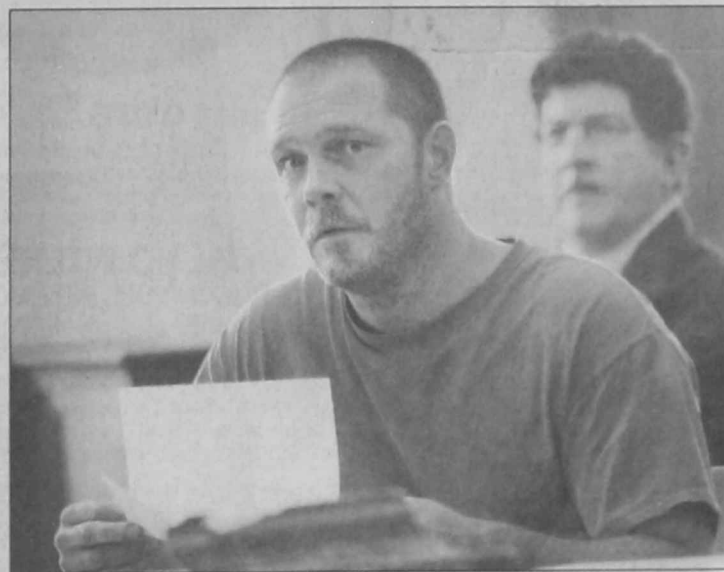
His hearing was postponed one week after an out-of-town Canton fire investigator wasn't available to testify Friday.

Miller, 43, was living in Sherwood Village, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road, when he is accused of setting fire to two mobile homes within a nine-hour period in mid-August.

Canton Detective Andrew Colthurst said one of the homes was vacant, while the other still was owned by a woman who was in the process of moving but had belongings in the residence.

During an initial discussion of Miller's bond, defense attorney Jill Schinske indicated the defendant "has never been in trouble" and had supportive family members in court Friday.

Please see **ARSON, A3**



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The preliminary exam for Robert Miller, accused of arson in the fires that destroyed a pair of mobile homes in Canton, was pushed back to Friday.

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SALEM CHEER

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Salem High School gym, 46191 Joy in Canton

Details: The Salem High School cheer team presents "Kid Camp 2011." The \$50 cost includes clinic, snack, a T-shirt and backpack. Campers are invited to cheer with the team for the first half of the Salme vs. Stevenson football game Friday, Oct. 7. Campers should wear comfortable shirt, shorts and gym shoes.

Contact: Dee Bryan, (734) 673-4329, or Kelissa Nordstrom, (734) 397-4562, or e-mail salemcoaches@gmail.com

AAUW MEETING

Date/Time: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22

Location: Hoben Elementary School (Salz Road between Sheldon and Canton Center).

Details: The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women hosts its monthly meeting. The meeting, titled "Not Your Mother's Tie-dye," will feature Emily Sharpe who will share her experiences joining a start-up company that specializes in a new form of tie-dyeing. Appetizers and desserts will be served.

Contact: For more information contact Becky Copenhaver at bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com or (734) 981-6023.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Date/Time: Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 7-9 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Ter-



Wish you were here

During a family reunion in Stoney Creek, Ontario, Bob Bulmer of Canton, along with his latest edition of the Canton Observer, had the opportunity to tour a Canadian museum ship. The ship, the H.M.C.S. Haiga, is the last of the tribal class destroyers, of World War II vintage. It's moored at the Canadian Naval Station H.M.C.S. Star in Hamilton, Ontario.

ritorial, Plymouth

Details: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Parish in Plymouth is sponsoring "Grieving with Great Hope," a four-week grief support series for Catholics who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include Fr. John Riccardo from OLCG as well as John and

Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry. The workshop will offer spiritual hope, practical guidance, fellowship with other grievers as well as time for private reflection and prayer.

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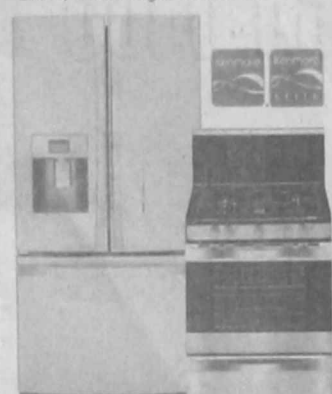
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Labadie also educates families about Four Seasons' services — 24-hour nursing care, in-house dialysis, respiratory therapy, a secured dementia unit, cardiac rehab, and physical, occupational and speech therapies. "We're a highly skilled nursing facility," said Taylor.

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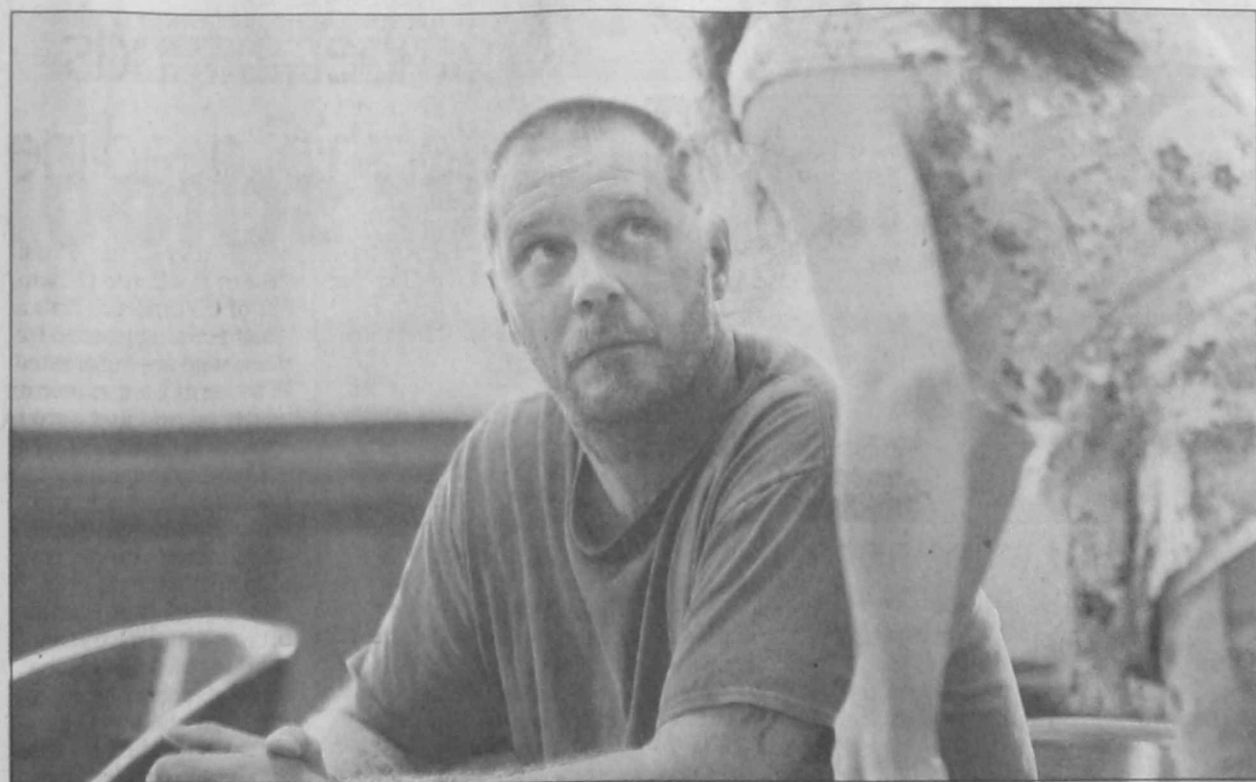
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Robert Miller speaks with attorney Jill Schinske.

ARSON

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However, Gerou learned after talking with Miller and prosecuting attorney Eric Sterbis that there was a criminal history.

Under questioning from Gerou, Miller said he no longer has a job since he was arrested and jailed on the latest criminal charges. He didn't indicate what kind of work

he did.

Sterbis argued against a bond reduction due to the nature of the charges against Miller. A not-guilty plea has been entered for the defendant.

Colthurst has said Miller was arrested about 10:30 a.m. Aug. 23 on unrelated warrants out of Washtenaw County. Then police received a tip alleging Miller was involved in the Sherwood Village fires

— a move that led to the arson charges.

Canton Fire Chief Tim Dunn has said the first fire was reported shortly after 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, in a 500 block of the mobile home park. A resident was in the process of moving from the home.

Dunn has said the fire damage was confined to one room, but heavy smoke damage was reported throughout the home.

The second fire was reported just after 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, inside a vacant home on the same street, just a few doors away, Dunn said.

The blaze left the home uninhabitable, but firefighters managed to contain the fire and prevent it from spreading to other homes, Dunn said.

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Caregiver remembered for her compassion

By Pat Murphy
Observer Staff Writer

Friends and relatives mourned the loss of a former Redford Township woman who died Aug. 27 in the hospital, 10 days after a car crash.

A memorial service for Edna May Manetta, 79, of Canton was held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia Wednesday. Among those attending were friends from Minock Meadows, a senior apartment in Redford Township where Manetta once lived and still led exercise classes.

The car Manetta was driving collided with another vehicle at the intersection of Schoolcraft and Inkster on Aug. 17. She was hospitalized until her death Saturday.

A passenger in her car was hospitalized, but recovered. The driver of the other vehicle did not sustain serious injury, according to police.

An autopsy disclosed Manetta died of multiple injuries and complications, said her daughter Kelly Cromarty, a chiropractor who formerly



Ms. Manetta

practiced in Livonia and Redford Township and now lives in California.

Her mother was a professional care-giver, said Cromarty. But she also had empathy for people made her special, the daughter said.

"Edna was a loving and caring person," said her companion William Yunk, also of Canton.

Annamae Backus, a resident of Minock Meadows, also remembered Manetta for her compassionate nature. But Backus was also impressed by the vitality Manetta put into weekly exercise classes at the senior complex.

In addition to her daughter and son-in-law, Kelly Cromarty and Thomas Czarnecki, survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, James and Sue Cromarty, also of California.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Charles Step Funeral Home.



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'Excited' staff opens charter school

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Teresa Ryan of Plymouth was trying to explain why she was moving her 8-year-old daughter, Breanna, from Farrand Elementary School to the new South Canton Scholars Charter Academy in Canton.

As she began to explain, Breanna took over.

"I just wasn't challenged," Breanna said. "We already knew everything we learned last year, and we didn't really work on a lot of stuff. It'll be a lot more challenging for me."

Breanna joins more than 580 other students who will make up the first classes of South Canton Scholars when the doors open — along with school doors all over the state — on Tuesday.

The school, on Canton Center between Palmer and Geddes in Canton, was built by National Heritage Academies. It will house "young 5s" through sixth graders in its inaugural year, and will eventually add seventh- and eighth-grade



South Canton Scholars Charter Academy administrators, teachers and students, along with board members and Canton Township officials, were on hand to cut the ribbon celebrating the opening of the new charter school on Canton Center Road in the Wayne-Westland School District.

students, pushing the student population to 738.

School administrators, board members, students and Canton Township officials cut the ribbon on the new building during an opening ceremony Tuesday.

South Canton Scholars principal Jennifer Cook talked about the passion she felt for education when she was a teacher.

She said she sees it in the staff at her new school.

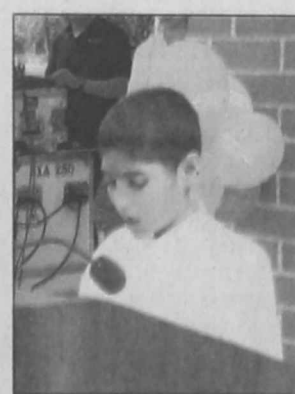
"It's that same passion I see in the eyes of every one of our teachers," Cook said Tuesday. "It's that same passion I saw in the students as they entered the school for the first time."

NHA built the school, which is actually situated in the Wayne-Westland School District, in about

12 weeks. It was built, NHA founder and chairman J.C. Huizenga said, entirely from private funding.

Now that South Canton Scholars has joined NHA's group of 71 schools in nine states serving some 42,000 students, Huizenga said he expects "great things."

"We're proud of our faculty, and we're proud of



Sixth-grader Taaha Hassan of Canton won an essay contest to read at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

the difference they're going to make ... in the lives of your children," Huizenga said.

Cook said the school, situated within the boundaries of the Wayne-Westland school district, will likely draw students from Wayne-Westland and Plymouth-Canton, as well as from around the area. She said the Canton Center site was chosen "because the demand is here."

And she thinks the demand is there because people are buying into the NHA philosophy, which she said centers around

"service to students."

Sixth-grader Taaha Hassan of Canton won an essay contest and got to read it during Tuesday's ribbon-cutting ceremony. He said the learning environment has him excited to get started.

"The most important aspect is the friendly environment," Taaha said in reading his essay. "If the school has a good environment, you can learn better because you don't have stress. I look forward to the academics and the environment. Those are the school's best assets."

Cook said the months of getting the building ready — capped by what she called a round-the-clock effort in the days leading up to Tuesday's ceremony — left her and her staff with a feeling of excitement.

"I feel like I'm floating on Cloud Nine ... it's amazing," Cook said. "The teachers are excited, the energy of everyone is tremendous. It's hard to put into words."

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More than 20 students have taken the course

since 2009, and have gone on to working not only in the court system, but in area hospitals where interpreters are also in demand.

"Although Michigan is still experiencing an economic downfall, the demand for qualified interpreters continues to grow, both in the legal and medical

fields," states Villarruel. An interpreter since 1994, she is often on the job in District and Circuit Courts in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw and Livingston counties and is an interpreter trainer for Oakland County.

Villarruel says the pay scale depends on training and certification and can range between \$25-\$75

per hour.

The class costs \$399 and meets Tuesdays and Thursday, 7-9 p.m. Students must demonstrate fluency in Spanish upon enrolling.

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BILLS

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"Those water bills are an automatic lien on the property," McLaughlin said.

The new shutoff policy is aimed more at water bills that have been overdue less than a year — a tab that, collectively across the township, amounts to several million dollars, McLaughlin said, though exact figures weren't known.

Canton has tightened its policies because the township, facing its own money struggles, still has to pay its water supplier — the city of Detroit.

Chipping away

As local residents have fallen behind on their bills, the township has continued paying Detroit — a practice McLaughlin said has chipped away at the

local water-sewer fund. In round numbers, she said, the fund has about \$9 million, substantially less than the \$11 million recommended by auditors.

Canton officials could be forced to consider even higher spikes in water rate hikes unless they initiate measures, such as collecting overdue bills, to recoup the money, McLaughlin said.

That, she said, would be unfair to customers who pay their bills on time.

In extraordinary circumstances where local consumers simply don't have the money to pay their overdue bills, McLaughlin said, the township will try to work out an arrangement to help them get caught up without losing service.

Potential water-service shutoffs wouldn't happen suddenly. Consider a typical example:

- A customer who didn't

pay a bill by the Aug. 31 due date would be sent a delinquent notice within about 10 days. It would give the customer an additional two weeks to settle up.

- If the bill remains unpaid after those two weeks, the township would place a blue sticker on the residence about seven days later, warning of a shutoff as early as Oct. 3.

- If the bill remains unpaid, the township could shut off service, meaning residents would have to leave the residence within 24 hours until water service is restored.

A local ordinance states: "Dwellings without running water shall be declared a substandard building and deemed condemned and unfit for human occupation."

- Canton also would charge a \$50 shutoff fee and a \$50 fee to restore service.

McLaughlin said no win-

tertime shutoffs would occur Jan. 1 through March 31 — nor would they happen Fridays or the day before holidays.

Local customers who have overdue bills have owed \$4 to \$4,000, McLaughlin said — money she said can't be ignored when "millions of dollars" are cumulatively at stake.

"The policy is not to let anybody treat the water-billing department like a credit card and let the balance rise," she said, adding later, "This is the first time in Canton we've done this with residential (customers). I anticipate it will be rocky and difficult going through the first year."

Local water customers may choose to pay their bills online at www.canton-mi.org, by mail or at the treasurer's office, inside township hall at 1150 S. Canton Center. For more information, call (734) 394-5240.



Canton Police are looking for help identifying this person in connection with a retail fraud case.

Police seek help with suspect

Canton police are asking for help identifying a suspect wanted for credit card fraud in Canton and around the metro Detroit area.

Police have released a photo captured from a local retail outlet's surveillance camera.

Anyone who has information on the sus-

pect's identity is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Anonymous tips also may be made to Crime Stoppers by calling (800) SPEAK-UP or going online to www.1800speakup.org.

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you find is someone who has proven himself to be a general manager who can keep a lot of irons in the fire at the same time. Phil was attractive to the interview team because he has proven himself to be an excellent manager."

Ironically, Freeman moves into Jacobs job from the same building where Jacobs started his Plymouth-Canton career. After working a few years in the Garden City district, Freeman came to Plymouth-Canton as Pioneer's assistant principal. He became principal almost 10 years to the day before getting his promotion.

But when he saw the number of team leaders leaving, Freeman felt like the time was right to move into board-level administration.

"What I saw happening in the district, with such huge changeover, I thought it was important to have someone with a history with the district move over here," Freeman said. "Rather than sit back and complain if someone from outside came in, I threw my hat in. I think I can help steady the ship as we move forward."

THE REST OF THE TEAM

Aimee Bell: Leaves Workman Elementary to become the principal at Miller Elementary.

Jill Cantin: Former principal at Smith and Tonda elementarys, is now director of Early Childhood Education.

Peter Kudlak: Former Field Elementary principal, is director of Elementary Education.

Jay Blaylock: Becomes an assistant principal at the high school park.

James Hunter: An English teacher at Inkster High School, is the new assistant principal at Central Middle School.

Tara Botosan: The assistant at East Middle School is the new principal at Tonda.

Dana Jones: Former Farrand principal is director of Academic & Assessment Services, responsible for all testing, data monitoring and educational trends.

Monica Merritt: Is the executive director of Human Resources.

Cheri Steckel: An assistant principal at Plymouth High School, was named that school's new associate principal.

Denise Lilly: An assistant at Central, is the new principal at Field Elementary School.

Maureen Molloy: Is the new principal at Allen Elementary School.

Kurt Tyszkiewicz: Is the district's new director of Staffing, Student Services and Policy.

Erin MacGregor: Former assistant principal at the park, is the director of Secondary Education.

Troy Reehl: Moves from Grand Rapids to become the principal at Farrand Elementary School.

Tyrone Weeks: Is an assistant principal at Plymouth High School.

Catherine Williams: Returns to PCCS to be the principal at Bird Elementary.

Accepting challenge

Jeannie Farina replaces Swift as the head of instruction. She moves into Plymouth-Canton from the Ingham Intermediate School District, where she was the school improvement and

response to intervention consultant.

She's been a teacher, an assistant principal and a director of information technology and served as assistant superintendent for Howell Public Schools. She knows mov-



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Phil Freeman spent his first 13 years in the district at Pioneer Middle School, the same school at which the man he replaces, deputy superintendent Ken Jacobs, got his start.



Reehl



Molloy



Bell



Williams



Botosan

ing into instruction, with the raising of cut scores for MEAP and other standardized tests, presents its own set of hurdles.

"It's a challenge for all school districts," Farina said. "(Plymouth-Canton) is a great school district,

and a great opportunity."

The other positions were filled with a mixture of internal and outside candidates, with several district employees changing buildings and jobs. Hughes said, in looking for replacements, he sought people he thought would be around a long time.

"We were looking for people who were willing to make a commitment to work here, and not just on a temporary basis," Hughes said. "One of the

things the district really needs right now is continuity and stability. Bringing in a team that was going to be here and stay here and do its work will accomplish that."

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Auto-lab general manager Joe Carroll (from left), Jeep recipient Aaron Sturgess, Auto-lab owner Joe Alli and John Grant, who nominated Sturgess for the car.

Auto-lab makes difference with \$1 Jeep

Auto-lab of Canton South, an auto repair shop in Canton, announced in June that it wanted to make a difference in its community during trying economic times in Southeastern Michigan.

The plan was to provide a most deserving person a completely refurbished vehicle for a payment of \$1.

And now they've done it. Aaron Sturgess of Westland was presented the title to a 1999 Jimmy for the \$1 purchase price.

People were asked to nominate deserving people who needed, but could not afford a safe, reliable vehicle. The goal of the program was to help someone who is really helping others. The nom-

inated person, who was felt to be the most deserving by a committee of people not working at the shop, was to be given the opportunity to purchase a refurbished 1999 GMC Jimmy for one dollar.

Sturgess spent more than 18 years serving in the U.S. Army as a Ranger and Special Forces Medic, deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan multiple times. On his last deployment to Afghanistan, Sturgess was injured during a roadside bomb and ambush while on a patrol convoy. He was medically discharged in October 2009.

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Philharmonic names new concertmaster

The Michigan Philharmonic announced Joseph Deller as the orchestra's new concertmaster for its upcoming 66th season, "Music in HD."

Deller is a native of Dearborn, MI and graduated with a bachelor's degree in violin performance from Hope College in 2003. Since then, he has been working as a freelance musician in the metro Detroit area. Deller has performed with the Michigan Philharmonic as Principal Second violin the past five seasons.

Beth Stewart, executive director of the Michigan Philharmonic, said Deller has earned his way into his new position.

"We are very excited about Joe's move into the concertmaster position with the orchestra," Stewart said.



Joseph Deller is the Michigan Philharmonic's new concertmaster for its upcoming 66th season, "Music in HD."

art said. "He has worked very hard over the course of his time with us and is a stellar player who will bring great musicality and artistic excellence to his new role."

Deller is also associated with the Flint Institute of Music, where he is a member of the Troubadours, a travel-

ing group of string musicians, and a storyteller who visits more than 110 schools each year in Genesee County. He conducts the Concert Orchestra through the Dearborn Youth Symphony and also plays Principal Second Violin in the Dearborn Symphony.

Deller maintains a private studio of violin and viola students at home and through the FIM and works with the string ensemble at Fordson High School in Dearborn.

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The Michigan Department of Community Health and the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute have partnered to develop a free, interactive web resource called "Checkpoints" (www.saferdrivingforteens.org) to help parents set and reinforce limits on high risk driving conditions for new teen drivers.

"I encourage all Michigan parents to visit the website to learn more about teen driving safety and to register to use the free interactive driving agreement," said MDCH Director Olga Dazzo. "As

more parents use this evidence-based, cost effective strategy, we can improve teen driving safety in Michigan."

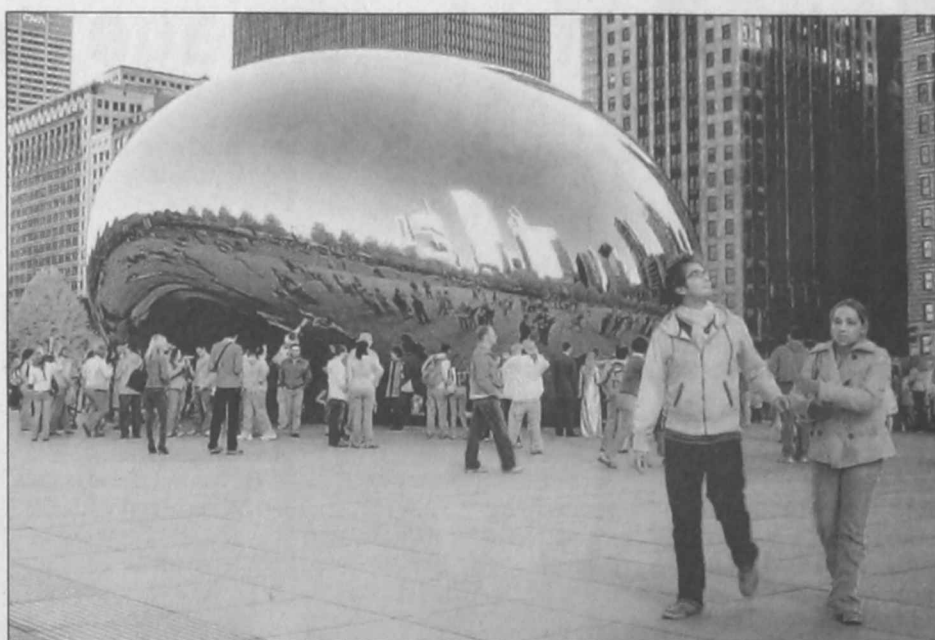
The Checkpoints web-based program is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. The CDC has identified prevention of motor vehicle crashes as a "Winnable Battle" because there are proven strategies, such as parent involvement, seat belt use and graduated driving licensing, that have a large-scale impact in preventing injuries.

According to MDCH Director Olga Dazzo, prevention of motor vehicle injuries and deaths is also one of the benchmarks for public safety on the Governor's MiDashboard.

"Motor vehicle crash-

es kill more teens than any other cause," said C. Raymond Bingham, a research professor who heads up UMTRI's Young Driver Behavior and Injury Prevention Group. "The main reason driving is more dangerous for teens, is that they are young and not experienced at driving unsupervised. Becoming a safe driver takes years of experience."

"Many parents struggle with wanting to let their teens start driving unsupervised and knowing how to keep their teens as safe as possible when they are not in the vehicle with them," he said. "By being actively involved in their teen's driving, parents help increase their safety. Checkpoints helps parents stay involved in ways that reduce teen's chances of crashing."



The Plymouth Community Arts Council will feature the works of Allen Brooks in an exhibit through Sept. 29.

Arts council starts fall exhibit season

The Plymouth Community Arts Council begins its fall season of exhibitions with a show of fine art and experimental infrared color photography by Allen Brooks.

"Views from the Right Brain," will be on exhibit at the PCAC through Sept. 29.

Brooks is an internationally acclaimed photographer whose prolific career spans over five decades. He is celebrated for the diversity of his work ranging from portraits to landscapes in color, black and white, and infrared. The latter work is created for maximum

impact to foster thought.

Brooks received his first camera at the age of 12 and thus began his long career in photography. He is mainly self-taught and has owned portrait studios in both Chicago and in Westland. As a professional, he was twice judged as one of Michigan's top 10 photographers by the Professional Photographers of Michigan.

In recent years, Brooks has had one-man shows at Oakwood Hospital and the Village Theater in Canton. His work has also been exhibited at many other art centers

including the Scarab Club in Detroit and the Photography Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, Okla. He has also been a program speaker for the Detroit Metro Press Photographers Association, the Garden City Arts Club and the Three Cities Art Club.

A reception for the artist will be held Saturday, Sept. 10 from 3-6 p.m. Hours for the exhibit are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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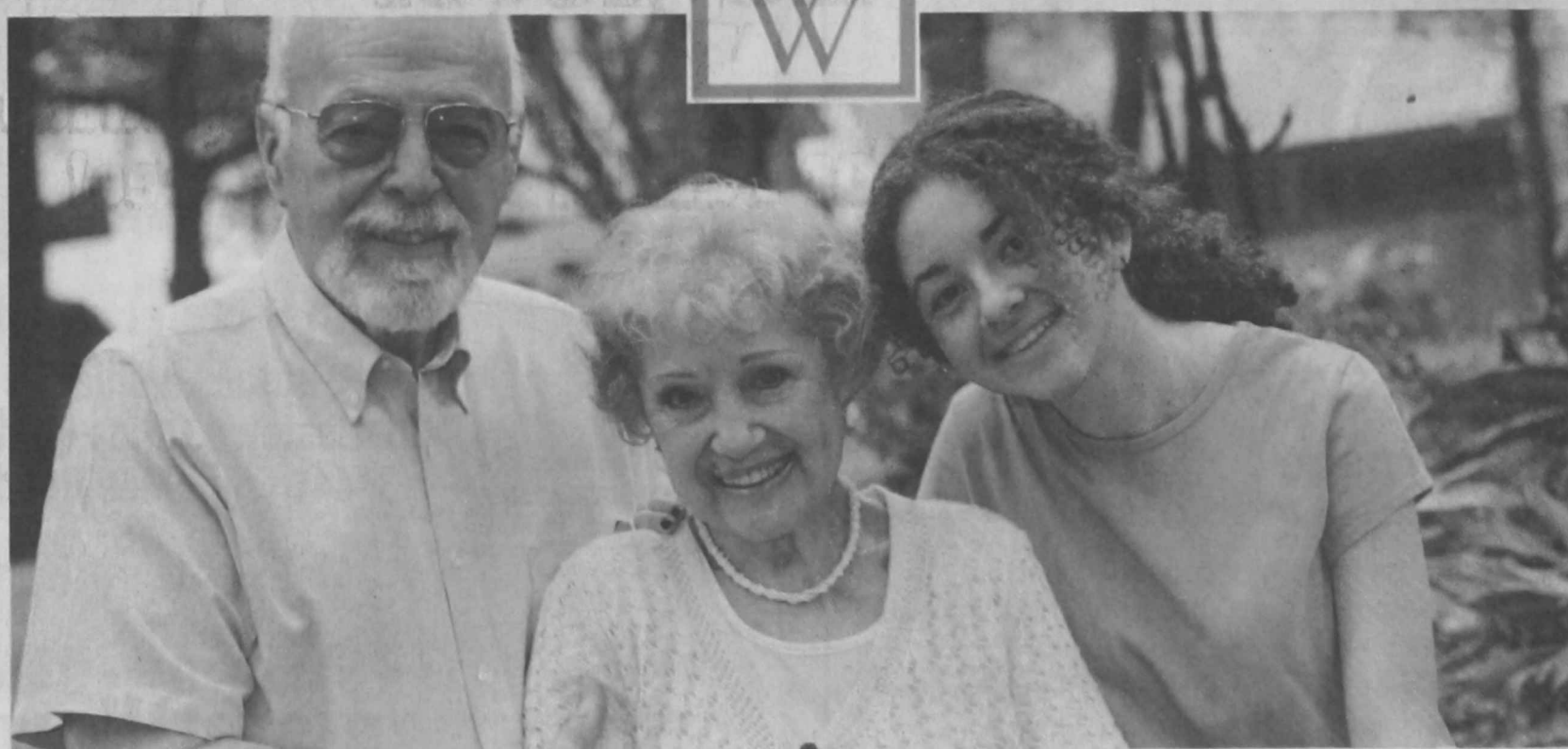
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Later in life remarriage raises legal, financial issues

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I've been divorced for a number of years and am now in an ongoing relationship. We are going to buy a house together and are thinking of getting married. My fiancé has also been married. We are both in our mid-60s and we're not sure — from a financial standpoint — if it makes sense to get married. I hope you can help identify some of the issues we should consider as to whether we live together or get married. We both have adult children from a previous marriage. We no longer have any financial obligations to our past spouses. What issues should we consider before making our deci-



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

From a purely financial standpoint, there are some issues that you need to consider. The first is estate planning. If you get married, spouses have certain rights with regards to inheritances that significant others do not. It is easy to disinherit a significant other; it's more difficult to disinherit a spouse. Furthermore, with regards to estate planning, a spouse can leave

sion?

A: I love the fact that you are not rushing into anything but rather, weighing the various options.

unlimited amounts of money to another spouse without any estate tax consequence. That is not true with significant others. In addition, when it comes to other issues such as medical care and handling, if one person becomes incompetent, spouses have more rights than a significant other. Of course these issues can be resolved with the proper legal documents such as medical and durable powers of attorney.

There also may be issues regarding pensions and health care. Spouses have certain rights with regards to a pension and health care that a significant other does not.

Whenever an older couple gets married, income tax consequences need to be reviewed. Even

though the marriage penalty in America has been reduced, it is still there. In many situations when a couple gets married, their income taxes increase significantly. There are other times when a couple gets married and their income tax goes down. Tax consequences are something that should always be taken into consideration.

These issues here are major financial concerns that would affect people who are wrestling with the decision of whether to get married or just live together. I'm not saying that someone should make that decision purely based upon finances. However, adults should go into any relationship with eyes wide open. When someone gets mar-

ried later in life or has had previous marriages, there are more issues that need to be discussed. We all know how complicated life has become and the pitfalls that can happen when we don't plan.

Finally, when it comes to couples getting married later in life, I generally recommend a prenuptial agreement. I know this can be a difficult topic to deal with, but it can save both parties from a lot of aggravation

and problems if the relationship does not work out. In fact, a prenuptial agreement can even be effective and valuable if the relationship works as both parties hope it will. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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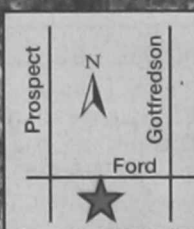
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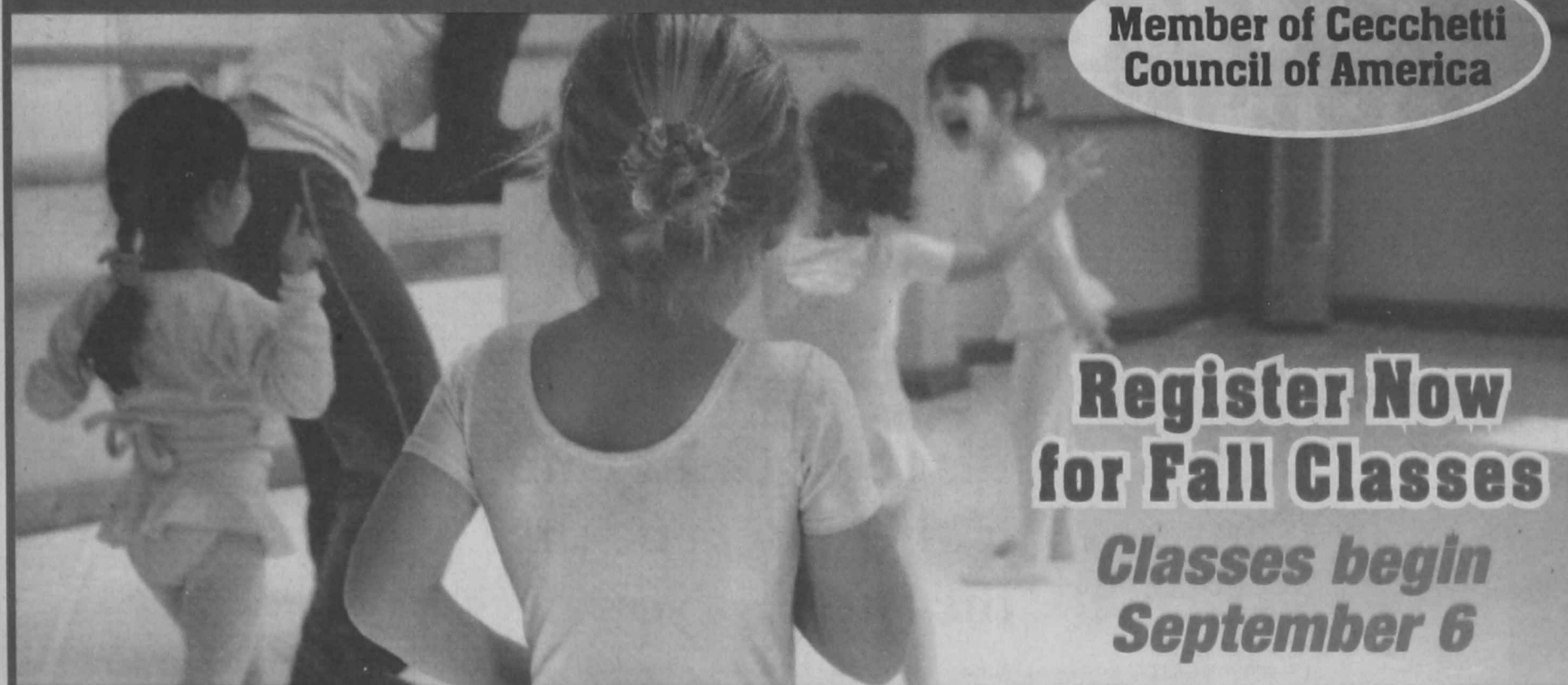
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12 vie for Miss Wayne County crown

Twelve contestants will vie for the title of Miss Wayne County 2011 at 20th anniversary scholarship program Saturday, Sept. 10.

The program will start at 5 p.m. and will be held at Livonia Churchill High School on Newburgh Road just north of Joy Road, Livonia.

The Miss Wayne County Organization Executive Director Sheila Sigro is impressed with the caliber of this year's contestants.

"We are very pleased with the number of intelligent, ambitious and talented young women who have entered the competition," Sigro said. "With the number of outstanding contestants, it will be a challenging task for the judges to choose the next Miss Wayne County."

Competing in the scholarship program are Jenae George of Harper Woods, Olivia Trocchio of St. Clair Shores, Da'Stanza Murphy of Taylor, Jasmine Jones of Detroit, Ashley Welch of Livonia, Erin Hall of Dearborn, Paula Langley of Novi, Sarah Bermudez-White of Dearborn Heights, Jessica Jackson of Detroit, Nicole Marie Johnson of Detroit, Shelby Gardiner of St. Clair Shores and Sydney Learman of Linwood.

Contestants will compete in five phases of competition at the competition, including private interview, on-stage question, physical fitness in swimsuit, talent and evening gown. During the competition, each contestant will also discuss her chosen platform, a social or community issue of concern to herself and society at large.

The winner of the Miss Wayne County Competition will be awarded \$500 in scholarship funds for her college or graduate school education. Other cash scholarships will be awarded to preliminary competition winners, runners-up and special award winners, such as overall talent, overall physical fitness in swimsuit and community service.

During her year of service, Miss Wayne County



Competing for the crown currently held by the 2010 Miss Wayne County, Sarah Suydam (seated) are Jenae George of Harper Woods (back row, from left), Olivia Trocchio of St. Clair Shores, Da'Stanza Murphy of Taylor, Jasmine Jones of Detroit, Ashley Welch of Livonia, Erin Hall of Dearborn, Paula Langley of Novi (front row from left), Sarah Bermudez-White of Dearborn Heights, Jessica Jackson of Detroit, Nicole Marie Johnson of Detroit, Shelby Gardiner of St. Clair Shores and Sydney Learman of Linwood (not pictured).

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ty will travel across the state, speaking to government officials, business leaders, community groups and all types of citizens about her platform issue and encouraging them to become involved in her cause. She will also be eligible to compete for the Miss Michigan title in Muskegon in June.

"I have truly enjoyed my year of service as Miss Wayne County and am proud to have traveled the state, raising awareness for fire safety and prevention," Sarah Suydam said. "I know that the leadership skills I have gained from this experience will help me as I pursue a bachelor of arts degree in broadcast journalism."

"Miss Wayne County will not only serve as a role model for young women and as an ambassador for the Miss America Organization, she will also urge girls and young women to develop their leadership skills and to take an active role in their communities," said Sigro.

Established in 1991, the Miss Wayne County Scholarship Organization provides opportunities for young women to achieve their personal and professional ambitions. Contestants also participate in community service activities and develop leadership skills that help them excel in their chosen career and life goals. A not-for-profit affiliate of the Miss America Organization, the Miss Wayne County Scholarship Organization has made available cash scholarships to hundreds of young women throughout Wayne County.

For more information about the Miss Wayne County Competition, call Sigro at (734) 367-0560 or visit program's website at www.misswaynecounty.org.

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9/11 quilt drew inspiration from child's drawing

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

Visitors can see a memorial to 9/11 on display at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

A 9/11 quilt made by Kathleen Mayo of Livonia, who died in 2009, will be displayed at the library through September. Mayo, an award-winning quilter, created "The Day America Cried."

Mayo's daughters, Janice Woodard and Patty Bradstreet, flew into town last week to put the quilt up Friday at the library.

Woodard said the quilt was a form of therapy for her mother.

Mayo got the idea for the quilt from a photo a friend showed her of a little boy's drawing. The boy drew Jesus Christ standing with his arms open wide in between the two towers of the World Trade Center.

"That was the focal point of the quilt," Woodard said. "She was so grief-stricken, and she was inspired by the little boy's drawing."

Mayo handmade each applique for each block of the quilt. Woodard said her mother got ideas for the appliques from a general sense of the events from newscasts.

"She did a lot of research for the quilt, in getting the words for the Firemen's Prayer," Woodard said.

The quilt previously was displayed in the library in 2002.

"Some people cry when they see it," Woodard said. "It's bittersweet. It gives you hope because it shows people helping others, but it was such a terrible thing. It evokes emotion for everyone who sees it."



Patty Bradstreet, at left, and Janice Woodard spent the morning hanging the quilt titled "The Day America Cried," made by their late mother, Kathleen L. Mayo.

Woodard said her mother won several awards for her quilts and her quilts were featured in several magazines. "She didn't do typical quilts," Woodard said. "They were murals, and truly pieces of art."

Donna Winter, librarian at the Livonia Civic Center Library, said they were honored to be able to display the quilt during the 10th anniversary of that tragic day.

Winter said the family approached the library about placing the quilt on display. She thought it was a great idea.

"Looking at the imag-

es on the quilt still brings back the horror we all experienced," Winter said. "It is a moving tribute to those who lost their lives and the families left behind."

Bradstreet and Woodard will also spend time this weekend with their father, Claude, who still lives in Livonia. Dennis Mayo, brother of Bradstreet and Woodard, also lives in Livonia.

Dennis will be taking down the quilt at the end of the month, Woodard said.

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Sisters Patty Bradstreet and Janice Woodard hung their mother Kathleen L. Mayo's quilt, "The Day America Cried," at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

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Vets to set pace for 'Cats

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The juggernaut that is Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team has no intentions of slowing down this season.

Head coach Jon Mikosz welcomes six of the seven athletes who ran at the 2010 Division 1 state meet — where the Wildcats finished 20th overall.

And Mikosz, whose '10 team won the KLAA South Division with a 5-0 mark, wants to see the 'Cats run down that same successful path.

"We are looking to win the division for the fourth straight year," Mikosz noted, "contend for the conference title and make it back to the state meet as a team for the fourth year in a row."

With senior co-captain Derek Gielarowski at the front of the pack, that's as good a start as any.

Three-time state meet performer Gielarowski (personal best of 16-minutes, 18-seconds) wants to make it four-for-four.

"He's looking to finish off his career on a high note," Mikosz said. "Derek is in great shape and has the potential this year to be all-state this year and get the school record."

Gielarowski will have a strong group of returnees right there with him in sophomores Liam Cardenas, Zane Berlanga, junior Brandon Dalton

Please see 'CATS, B4



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Waiting to find an opening in the Walled Lake Central defense Thursday is Salem senior halfback Marcus Houston (No. 3). Tight end Cameron Werner (No. 22) tries to create some room for Houston.

Vikes overpower Rocks

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The euphoria of Salem's opening night overtime win carried over into Week 2 — for a while.

Once the bubble burst, however, visiting Walled Lake Central rolled up yardage and points in Thursday's 42-26 victory.

Salem had trouble all night stopping Vikings senior running back K.J. Schultz, who scored an 80-yard touchdown on the first offensive play of the game. Schultz wound up with more than 400 all-purpose yards, including 223 on the ground in 15 carries.

Just as dangerous was quarterback Zac Leimbach. He ran 30 times for 200 yards and scored three second-half TDs.

"They're just good and we just had some mental lapses, guys not doing assignment football," Salem



Salem senior wide receiver Ryan Jankowski (No. 6) catches a pass during Thursday's first half. Late in the ballgame, however, Jankowski sustained a serious ankle injury.

head coach Kurt Britnell said. "When you don't do assignment football, stuff like that happens. "We had a guy on the quarter-

back every play, supposedly." According to Salem senior line-

Please see ROCKS, B3

YMCA programs

The Plymouth YMCA is now registering for a variety of youth instructional programs, ages 2-8.

Programs include Parent/Child Soccer, Preschool Soccer, Preschool and Youth Basketball, Preschool T-ball and Youth Baseball. Morning and evening classes are available from Sept. 19 through Oct. 27.

Also, a number of YMCA leagues are forming for the fall, including the following: co-ed soccer, ages 4-10; girls volleyball, ages 9-12.

The Y rate is \$79 or \$111 for community participants. All league participants require a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey (\$15).

For more information or to register, please contact the YMCA office at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadeloitroit.org/plymouth.

Fall lacrosse

Tri County Lacrosse will sponsor fall lacrosse leagues in Canton for boys and girls.

The leagues are open to players of all abilities. Each week players will get one hour of skills and drills as a warm up, then one hour of game time with certified referees.

Leagues (for boys in grades 3-12, girls in grades 4-6) will meet 1-5:30 p.m. each Sunday (Oct. 2-30) at Griffin Park on Sheldon Road.

Registration and program details can be found online at tricolacrosse.com or by calling (248) 880-3852.

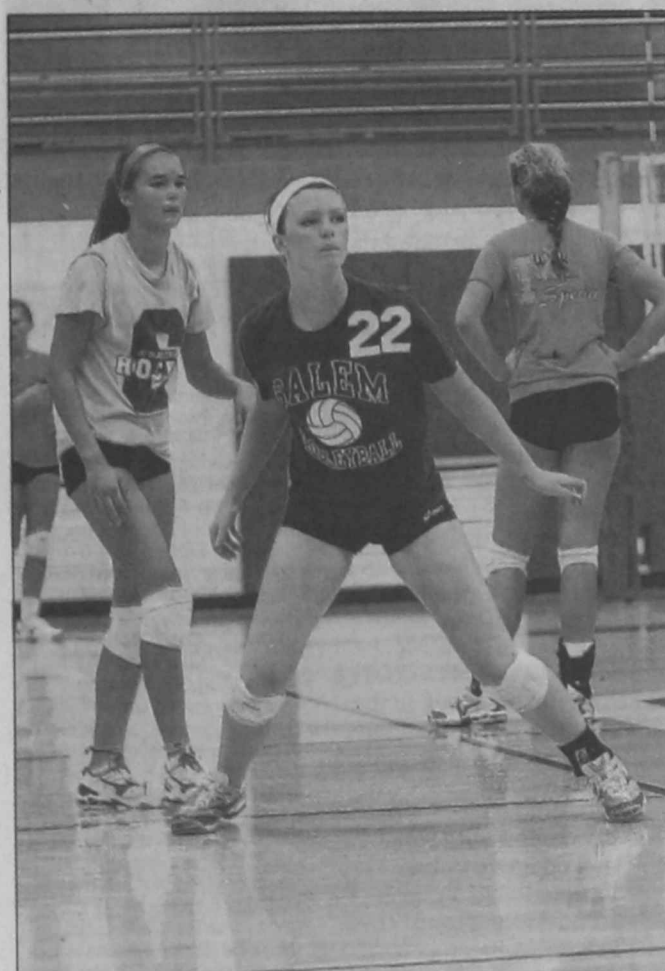
Rec hoops sign up

The Plymouth-Canton school district's Community Education Basketball League will have registration from 5-to-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at Pioneer Middle School. The league last year had more than 1,000 kids playing, from third grade through high school.

For more information, contact CEBL program director Kevin Lipp at CEBL@pccsmail.net.

Moose to honor 9/11 victims

The Detroit Moose hockey team will remember 9/11 victims by playing a game on Saturday, Sept. 10 at Compuware Arena. Admission is free and families are welcome. For more info, go to www.DetroitMoose.org.



Salem's Katie Heitmeyer (No. 22) and Nancy Krutty (left) focus on the volleyball during a recent practice.

Rocks eager to start new era

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Salem girls volleyball coach Amanda Nies isn't exactly spending all of her free time trying to put pieces of her 2011 team puzzle together with baling wire, glue and tape.

There's a chance she might feel the need to do so, after losing five three-year starters to graduation — an impressive cast led by middle hitter Nicole Merget.

Nies understands it will be a rebuilding process, following the loss of Merget, Kerry MacDonald, Jillian Somerville, Kerstin Johnson and Madeline Vala.

"Losing players ... who all played together for three years straight does not happen over night," Nies said. "This is a new year, a new team and I know we are all excited for the potential and possibilities."

Add to that a knee injury sustained by projected top outside hitter Abigail Dworzanin, who tore her ACL during the off-season. The junior probably won't return during this year, Nies noted.

Salem went 14-7-0 overall in 2010 and finished second in the KLAA Central Division with a 7-3 mark.

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Working it out

What 2011 holds remains to be seen. But Nies likes the way her team is taking care of business during the preseason.

"This year's team is only going to get better," Nies emphasized. "We have a lot of work to do before we start our league games (Thursday vs. South Lyon).

"I am very excited for all the progress we have made so far and it has only been a week. We need to work on working together and becoming a whole and that takes time."

Leading the new-look Rocks will be senior co-captains Kara Hewett and Quinn Fillingier.

Hewett is set to start at outside hitter, although she could see duty on the right side.

According to Nies, the improvement Hewett made during last season continued through the off-season.

"She has worked hard all year in the off season is constantly trying to improve in all of her skills," Nies said. "She is an excellent blocker and get-

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Whalers go full tilt in scrimmages

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

With temperatures flirting with 90 degrees on Thursday, the best place to be to stay cool Thursday was Compuware Arena, where the Plymouth Whalers played morning and afternoon intrasquad games.

Fans came out and enjoyed watching the Whalers' Blue and White teams go head-to-head during tuneups to Saturday's preseason opener against Windsor.

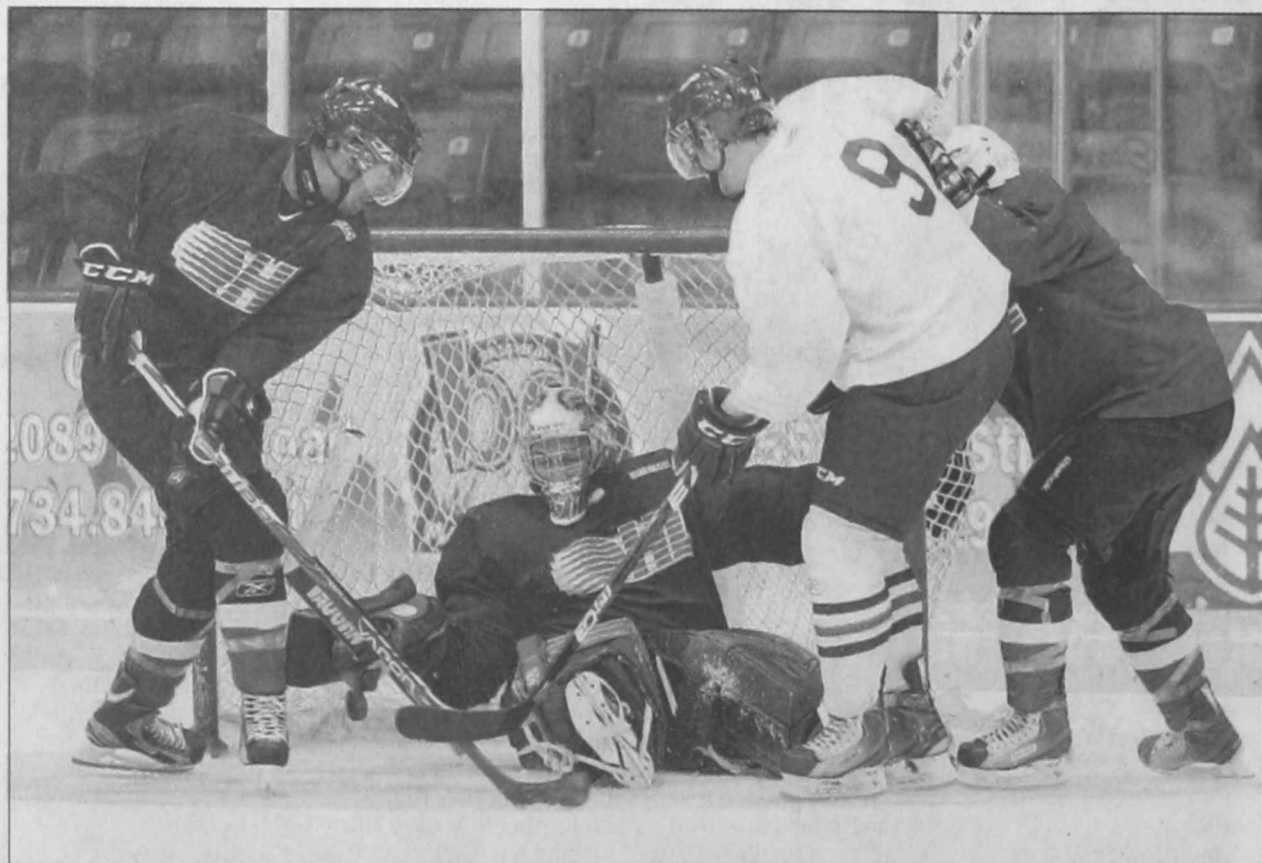
Two of the most-impressive skaters during the scrimmages — won 9-3 and 7-4 by the White team — were forwards Rickard Rakell and Mitchell Dempsey.

Rakell tallied two goals in each scrimmage while Dempsey lit the lamp three times for the day (twice in the morning skate).

Another strong player in the opening scrimmage was center J.T. Miller, even though the 2011 New York Rangers draft pick required some extra laps on the ice after coming up a bit lame.

"He's a big kid, he's got a physical presence to him and he can score," Vellucci said. "If you're the 15th overall pick in the NHL, you got to be pretty good."

Another player who Vellucci was glad to see skating well was Tom Wilson, a physical force at right wing who attends school at Plymouth-Canton Education-



Austin Levi of Farmington Hills (left) and Mitchell Dempsey (No. 9) battle for a loose puck in front of goalie Matt Mahalak during the first of two Plymouth Whalers scrimmages Thursday.

al Park.

Wilson missed all but 28 games in 2010-11 due to a wrist injury. He was skating, banging and scoring (two goals) Thursday to Vellucci's delight.

"Tom Wilson's come back from his injury and looks real good," Vellucci said. "He's big, 6-4, 210. He's ready to go."

"He's a possible first-round pick in the NHL this year because he can score, he can skate, he can hit and he can fight. So if he can put all those things together it will be real good for him."



Garrett Meurs of the Plymouth Whalers (white jersey, left) looks to stay a step ahead of an unidentified player on the Blue squad during Thursday's scrimmage at Compuware.

After the second scrimmage, Wilson said it felt good to be back out on the ice with the team.

"It's going to be a good team, full of competition," Wilson said. "I'm going to do as well as I can for the team and do my role."

He's ready to go

One area he will bring to the table is a player who will mix it up when called upon to protect his teammates.

Wilson said he got into a bit of a scrap Thursday after a teammate got hit

from behind, and reported no problems with his wrist.

There are 38 players in camp, and Vellucci said he expects to carry 23 or 24 on the regular season roster.

"Most of them are young guys that have to leave anyways," Vellucci said. "So I'll probably have five guys going for the last five or six spots."

Those youngsters here to sample an OHL camp and hopefully make good impressions on the Plymouth brass include 6-0, 175-pound center Mike Bunn.

"I got here last night," said Bunn, who scored 30 goals last season with Culver Military Academy in Indiana. "It's been tough. I got a little banged up today."

Bunn, however, said he thought he kept up pretty well with the pace of the two scrimmages. "I think so."

He added that he would like to return to Compuware in 2012 for a crack at a spot on the Whalers.

The Whalers will play two preseason games each against Windsor and London before opening the regular season 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21 at Owen Sound.

Plymouth's home opener is 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, when Erie visits Compuware.

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ting better each day as a strong hitter. ... Not only is she a captain for us I am looking for her to be that leader on the floor."

Likewise is the hope for Fillinger, who was back-up setter to MacDonald in 2010.

"Quinn has an opportunity to really be that quarterback on the floor with us by working with our offense," the coach stressed. "With us having new hitters and new defensive players I am really looking for her to guide the girls."

Two other seniors will be expected to make front-row contributions.

Middle hitter Leslie Rodriguez is another hard-working player who continues to improve.

"She is going to be one of our hitters in the front row (that) we are really going to need to count night after night," Nies said.

Also up front will be outside hitter/defensive specialist Katie Heitmeyer, who is an all-around

type player that Nies will rely on in all situations.

"Katie ... is going to be in control of our defense," Nies said. "Katie is one of those players though that could be in the game the whole time. I am looking for her to possibly play front row as well."

Players to watch

Salem's defense will feature senior libero Katie Vincent, who played a big role on the 2010 squad.

"She is really going to be the anchor of our defense as our libero," Nies went on. "I think she will take the leadership role nicely in the back row."

Several juniors and sophomores will have the opportunity to make an impact.

A very promising player is junior middle hitter Breanne Beaver, an athlete with "a jump that is incredible. She needs to just work on timing and the speed at the varsity level."

Others in the mix for time at outside hitter are junior Erika Hatcher and sophomore Brooke Berberet.

Hatcher also has the kind of ups that might give opponents fits.

"She is working on timing and approach," Nies said. "She is going to be one of our hitters that we will be counting on to make great plays."

As for Berberet, the coach sees plenty of potential.

"She is very strong and can be very powerful with her attack," Nies explained. "We are just working on outside and middle because Brooke is very well rounded in the front row."

"It's working on consistency and just getting used to playing at a faster game."

Probably starting at setter will be junior Nancy Krutty, who can also play up front. "Nancy is a player that I could put as a setter, outside hitter or defensive player."

Three other returnees look ready to chip in, especially on defense. Those include juniors Julianne DiMichele, Emily Lipa and Lexi Epley.

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Looking forward to the season are Salem seniors (from left) Katie Heitmeyer, Kara Hewett, Quinn Fillinger, Leslie Rodriguez and Katie Vincent.

PCA spikers reach tourney semis

The Plymouth Christian Academy varsity girls volleyball team continued solid early season play at the Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Tournament on Aug. 27.

PCA placed in first in pool play before playing, but losing, a tough match against Mason in the

semi-finals (25-27, 22-25).

Against Mason, top performers were Kristin Malcolm (14 kills), Jenny Malcolm (15 assists), Rich (nine digs) and Amy Zinn (seven digs).

In pool play, the Eagles defeated Marine City Cardinal Mooney (25-

17, 25-15) and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (25-22, 27-25) and split with Ann Arbor Huron (21-25, 25-20).

Kristin Malcolm's consistency was a plus, as she tallied 12 kills in each matchup, along with a total of 15 digs and eight blocks.



The Plymouth varsity boys tennis team celebrates after winning the Noland Classic Aug. 26 at Monroe High School.

'Cats nab Monroe invite

Even without 2010 All-Stater Aaron Zhang, the Plymouth boys tennis team came through in grand style Aug. 26 at the Noland Classic Invitational at Monroe High School.

The Wildcats topped the eight-team field with 19 points, followed by Salem, with 16 points.

Other teams in the fray included Adrian, Carleton Airport, Livonia Franklin, Monroe, Riverview and Woodhaven.

Earning firsts for the Wildcats were the following flights: No. 3 singles, senior Josh Heinze; No. 4 singles, senior Josh Postel; No. 3 doubles, sophomore Jon Conn and junior Dylan Grant; No. 4 doubles, juniors Cameron Earls and Danny Sinnott.

All four of those flights won all three matches on the day.

Salem took a first place at No. 2 singles.

Plymouth head coach Tom Kimball, meanwhile, said he expected Zhang to return to action soon and he was correct as the Zhang was back in action Tuesday against Livonia Churchill.

The Wildcats earned a 6-3 victory against the visiting Chargers, and Zhang was back in the swing with a 6-3, 6-0 victory at No. 1 singles over Matt Cezat.

Also victorious for

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Plymouth were Heinze (No. 3 singles), Postel (No. 4 singles), No. 2 doubles (Akash Yervkola-Praveen Loganathan), No. 3 doubles (Conn-Grant) and No. 4 doubles (Earls-Sinnott).

Chiefs open strong

Canton also won in the opening KLAA matchup, 8-1 over Wayne Memorial on Tuesday.

The Chiefs swept No. 1-3 singles, with wins racked up by Rohan Vaishnav (No. 1), Josh Wendel (No. 2) and Steve Price (No. 3).

Canton's doubles lineup rolled past the host Zebras in each matchup. Victorries were scored at No. 1 doubles (Travis Michalak-James Dodge), No. 2 (Andrew Wade-Lucas Underwood), No. 3 (Mitchell Trost-Sarav Shad), No. 4 (Prayag Parikh-Zain Ahmed), No. 5 (Daniel Zhang-Prasad Parikh).

PLYMOUTH 6
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 3
Aug. 30 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Aaron Zhang (P) defeated Matt Cezat, 6-3, 6-0; No. 2: Jonathan Martin (LC) def. Charlie Hov, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Josh Heinze (P) def. Joe Mulka, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Josh Postel (P) def. Rishabh Arvikar, 6-2, 6-7 (5-7), 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Brian Baumgartner-Mark Denstaedt (LC) def. Kevin Standifer-Joe Klots, 6-0, 6-3; No. 2: Akash Yervkola-Praveen Loganathan (P) def. Mayuresh Iyer-Teja Soni, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2; No.

3: Dylan Grant-John Conn (P) def. Riley Prince-Steven Van Wormer, 6-4, 6-0; No. 4: Danny Sinnott-Cameron Earls (P) def. Derek Goeglein-Tony Zuccharini, 6-0, 6-2; No. 5: Braden Swanticklan Clemens (LC) def. Raleigh Belanger-Rogee Matar, 6-4, 6-4.

Plymouth's dual match record: 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division.

CANTON 8
WAYNE MEMORIAL 1
Aug. 30 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Rohan Vaishnav (C) defeated Zach Williamson, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Josh Wendel (C) def. Zach Lankton, 6-3, 7-6; No. 3: Steve Price (C) def. Jarret Williamson, 6-4, 6-1; No. 4: Michael Battaglia (WM) def. Kirk Wang, 6-4, 7-6.

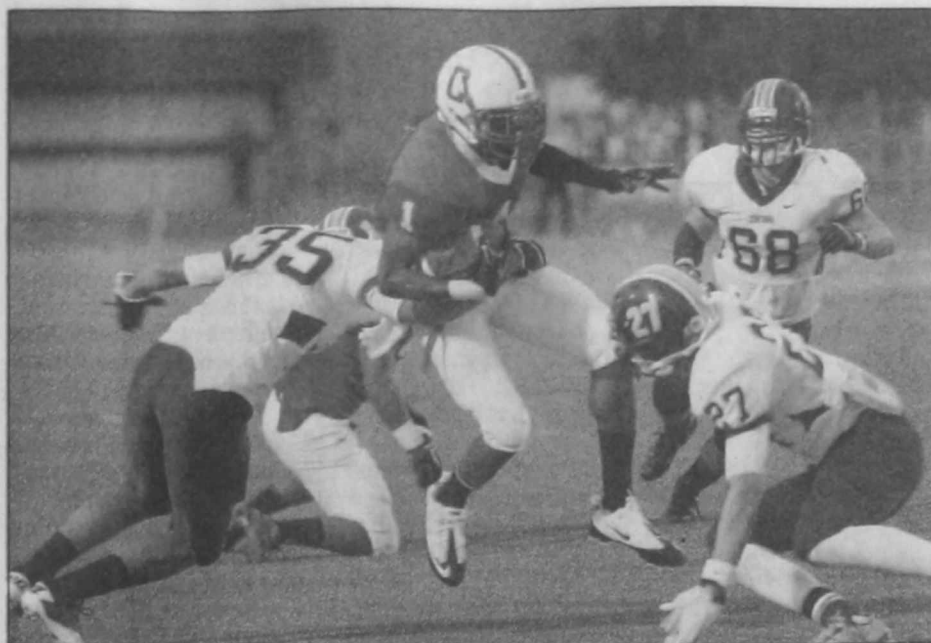
No. 1 doubles: Travis Michalak-James Dodge (C) def. Cody Huffaker-Sam Herber, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Andrew Wade-Lucas Underwood (C) def. Micheel Hood-Danny Selvia, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Mitchell Trost-Sarav Shad (C) def. Josiah Ault-Antonio Heberling, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Prayag Parikh-Zain Ahmed (C) def. Danny Lees-Andrew Watson, 6-2, 6-1; No. 5: Daniel Zhang-Prasad Parikh (C) def. Chris Schmidt-Chandler Barron, 6-4, 6-1.

Canton's dual match record: 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 5
PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 3
Aug. 25 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Matt Sumner (PCA) defeated Zach Williamson, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Rachel Zandee (PCA) def. Zach Lankton (PCA), 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Tyler Harnos (WM) def. Alex Huber, 7-5, 6-3; No. 4: Mick Noel (PCA) def. Jarret Williamson, 6-4, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Michael Battaglia-Sam Herber (WM) def. Jon Manni-Josh Fitzpatrick, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3; No. 2: Cody Huffaker-Antonio Heberling (WM) def. Ashton Chapman-Greg Manni, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Josiah Ault-Danny Selvia (WM) def. Jon Beauchemin-Megan Hogan, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Danny Selvia-Danny Lees (WM) won by default.



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A host of Walled Lake Central players try to stop Canton's Kevin Buford (No. 1) during the Aug. 25 game. Buford tallied nearly 300 all-purpose yards Thursday at Grand Blanc.

Buford leads Canton charge

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

PREP FOOTBALL — WEEK 2

Canton senior running back Ryan Jones scored on a four-yard run with 54 seconds to play Thursday night, as the Chiefs earned a 35-31 victory over host Grand Blanc.

But it was senior half-back Kevin Buford's night. One of the key plays during the winning drive was an 18-yard pass from quarterback Kyle Adams to Buford — who scored three touchdowns, including one on defense and one on special teams.

Buford, who tallied 287 all-purpose yards, got the game off to a rousing start as he scored on a 66-yard run at 2:01 of the first quarter to put Canton up 7-0.

Just 1:12 later, Buford fielded a punt and raced 89 yards into the end zone. In addition to that return, he ran for 90 yards and tacked on 88 more via his five receptions.

Grand Blanc came back with two scores before the first quarter ended and led 24-21 at halftime.

Canton's lone TD in the second was a 20-yard

run by Malcolm Hollingsworth.

The second half was a see-saw affair. Grand Blanc led 24-21 at halftime but the Chiefs went up 28-24 in the third on a 20-yard interception return by Buford.

But the Bobcats (1-1) bounced right back early in the fourth when Kaleb Mcelwee scored a six-yard touchdown to take a 31-28 advantage.

Jones (10 rushes, 39 yards) got the score right back on the subsequent series, a nine-play drive for 59 yards, and Canton's defense held off Grand Blanc quarterback Bart Williams as he tried to engineer a last-ditch drive.

PLYMOUTH 35, HOWELL 14: A 28-point second quarter propelled Plymouth to victory over host Howell in a Thursday night KLAA football matchup.

The Wildcats (2-0) broke a 7-7 tie with 10:02 left in the first half on a nine-yard touchdown run by senior Donte Fox, his second score of the night. Quarterback Shaun

Austin then padded the Plymouth lead to 28-7 at halftime on touchdown passes of six yards to Jamarl Eiland and nine yards to Devin McMilian.

Austin's third TD toss of the game was a seven-yarder to Eiland in the third quarter.

For the Highlanders (0-2), quarterback Greg Cauley scored on a one-yard run in the first quarter and threw a 53-yard pass to Pete Cender in the second.

Fox, who opened the scoring with a one-yard TD run in the opening frame, rushed 18 times for 134 yards.

Austin also had a strong game, completing 20 of 29 passes for 165 yards and three TDs. His main targets were Eiland and Nate Emminger, who each caught five passes for 32 and 56 yards, respectively.

Coming up big on defense for Plymouth were Tyler Goble (five tackles, one quarterback sack), Gage Fasbender (three tackles, one sack) and Fox (two tackles, one sack).

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man Jack Vida — a big reason the Rocks went into intermission up 14-13 with three stops on fourth down — Schultz “had phenomenal cuts and some of us just didn't get to our position. We just have to work harder.”

Central dominated the first quarter, leading 13-0 and giving up only 21 yards of Salem offense.

It could have been even worse if not for Vida's tackle on Leimbach as the Central quarterback tried to convert a fourth-and-one situation at Salem's 9-yard line.

The Vikings did make it 13-0 on a 1-yard plunge by Adam Kondrat, with a 33-yard pass from Leimbach-to-Schultz the big play of that drive.

In the hunt

Early in the second quarter, Vida hit Leimbach on another fourth-down play to force a fumble and the Rocks had the ball at their own 30.

This time, Salem's offense went to work, embarking on a 70-yard touchdown drive in 10 plays.

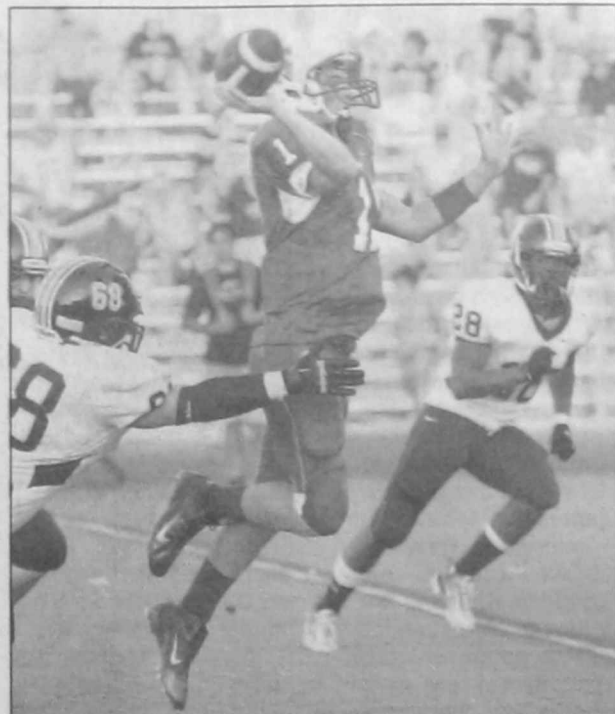
Senior running back Marcus Houston (17 rushes, 105 yards, one TD) and senior fullback Nick Troher tallied runs of 20 and 14 yards, respectively.

Troher's carry gave Salem the ball at Central's 3 and junior quarterback Jacob Deprez scored on a 1-yard sneak with 6:12 to go in the half. The extra point by sophomore kicker Alex Kenrick made it 13-7.

The Rocks' defense then forced another turnover on downs, again with Vida the main man on the fourth-down play.

Salem took over at the Central 29 with just under four minutes left and a diving catch by 6-6 senior receiver Ryan Jankowski gave the Rocks a first down at the 6-yard line.

On fourth down, the Rocks lined up for a field goal try only for the Vikings to call a timeout.



Throwing on the run is Salem quarterback Jacob Deprez (No. 11), who is under pressure from Walled Lake Central's David Eisenberg (No. 68) and Zach Hill (No. 28).

When play resumed, Kenrick wasn't on the field. Instead, Houston took a pitch from Deprez for a 2-yard score around right end.

Spectacular TD catch

Salem couldn't move the ball on the first series of the second half, but a 56-yard punt-and-roll by Kenrick pinned the Vikings deep in their territory.

Undaunted, Central needed just nine plays to move the ball 96 yards for the go-ahead touchdown on Leimbach's 9-yard run. The quarterback tacked on the two-point conversion for a 21-14 edge.

Salem bounced back to make it 21-20. A 30-yard kickoff return by Houston got the series going and Deprez (5-of-23, 115 yards) completed a 62-yard TD strike to junior Cameron Werner.

On the play, Werner stood all alone with his back turned toward the end zone near Central's 35 as he grabbed the over-the-middle pass. Werner spun and raced the remaining yardage into the end zone.

But Schultz slipped through the Salem defense for a 58-yard touchdown just three minutes later to make it

28-20 Vikings entering the fourth.

It was 42-20 following fourth-quarter TD runs of 16 and 56 yards by Leimbach.

Serious injury

The final scoring of the night came with 2:39 to play. A 78-yard kick-off return by junior Mike McNamara gave Salem a first down at the 5. Junior Kyle Cameron finished the job, punching it in from 1 yard.

But on the play after McNamara's long return, Jankowski fell hard to the end-zone turf in the fourth quarter and had to leave with an apparently serious ankle injury. Britnell said the ankle might be broken.

“That will be a tough one,” Britnell said about the Jankowski injury. “But you know, we'll just have to do other things. I think we did some good things running the ball.”

Jankowski and Deprez were an unstoppable combo in the 21-20 overtime win over Ann Arbor Huron on Aug. 26, with the connection good for 11 completions and 205 yards.

The Rocks will look to regroup when they host South Lyon at 7 p.m. Friday.

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“When equipment is too worn to protect, the player is at risk for injury,” said Chuck Jones, Play It Again Sports store owner in Southgate and Canton. “And the same goes for equipment that is too big or too small.

“Our staff here is trained to fit players properly for the upcoming season.”

Play It Again Sports stores will offer the chance for anyone with questions or concerns regarding equipment fitting to come in for the free consultation. Any minor adjustments will be done free of charge.

If needed, parents and players can “trade-in and trade-up” to a larger size or more protective equipment. Or they

can purchase new equipment if anything is missing.

“In many cases, equipment is handed down from a neighbor or sibling, and a lot of times the recipient might not understand how it should be used or fit,” Jones said. “What people can do is bring their equipment into the stores anytime.

“We don't care if you bought it from us or not — we're happy to offer this as a free service to determine if it's safe and fitted properly and not worn out.”

Play It Again Sports in metro Detroit has a passion and a history of championing the cause for youth sports safety.

The 10 locations have come together before to provide consultations during previous seasons to ensure that children who are pursuing their athletic ambitions will do so with the proper protection to allow for the greatest possible experience.

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Steelers sweep



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Plymouth-Canton Steelers freshmen quarterback Jake Cain turns the corner on a keeper during his team's 13-7 victory over the Redford Rangers on Aug. 27. Cain threw a TD pass and notched a pair of interceptions on defense. The Steelers' junior varsity and varsity teams also triumphed over the Rangers at Central Middle School.

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Salem building to something good

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The way the Salem Rocks are building as a varsity boys cross country team, they could soon form a "brick wall" that KLAA opponents won't be able to bust through.

Not only is the core of the 2010 team back (led by talented junior co-captain Steve McEvilly), the Rocks again enjoy an influx of runners looking to add depth to the lineup.

"I am very excited about the upcoming season for a number of reasons," Salem head coach Steve Aspinall said. "First, we have over 40 guys on the team. Each of the last couple of years we have had great numbers of incoming runners and this year is no different."



McEvilly

There are 12 first-year runners, including 11 freshmen. Plus, Aspinall continued, "the nucleus of our team is now juniors and have a lot of talent and big-meet experience."

McEvilly fits the bill there. He returns as the sophomore school record holder and is looking to shave time off his personal best of 16-minutes, 24-seconds.

Going for Top-10

"He has his sights set high, including looking to earn a spot on the wall" for Salem's Top-10 and be in the running for all-

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state honors.

For McEvilly to do that, he'll have to break the 10th-place mark of 16:10.

Fighting for varsity spots will be juniors Michael Karizat (All-KLAA last year), Jeremy Drouillard, co-captain Lucas Salinas, co-captain Mason Mills, Alex Creekmore, Riley Duxtader and sophomore Evan Bruyere. All are returning letter winners.

Karizat is returning from an injury that cost him the track and field season, but apparently is healthy again.

Aspinall also plans on getting contributions from senior co-captains Dan Remski and Avery Dews along with the group of incoming fresh-

men "who will look to earn varsity letters and valuable meet experience."

Salem finished the 2010 season with a 10-11 record, including 1-4 in the ultra-competitive KLAA Central.

But Aspinall is looking forward to seeing how well the 2011 Rocks will fare against Novi, Northville, Livonia Stevenson and the two South Lyon schools.

"These schools all have great cross country programs," he said, "as does the rest of the KLAA."

Salem opens up with the KLAA Invitational, set for Saturday, Sept. 10 at Willow Metropark.

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and seniors Jimmy Maciag and Nick Eiben.

Cardenas already is building a noteworthy prep career, having set a team record as a freshman (16:59). "We are looking for him to have a great sophomore year."

Berlanga (17:01), meanwhile "has been looking good in practice and we are expecting big things from him this year."

With Dalton (17:06), the coach stressed that an outstanding year with Plymouth's varsity boys track and field team last spring could pay further dividends with the cross country squad.

Along with Gielarowski, senior leadership will come from Maciag (17:01), Eiben (17:12) and co-captains Evan Johnson and Garrett Neumann.

"Jimmy (Maciag) is

looking to keep up the hard work he put in last season," Mikosz said, "and be one of our top guys this season."

Eiben "should be consistently on the varsity team this season."

The coach sees promise in Neumann, too. "Garrett has put in a lot of miles over the off-season and is coming into this season in great shape."

Perhaps a bit of an X-factor will be sophomore Max Rogowski, who was injured last fall but did go on to make it to the D1 state meet in track and field.

"It will be interesting to see where he fits into the mix this year," Mikosz added.

The Wildcats will open KLAA competition with a meet on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Wayne Memorial before hosting Westland John Glenn on Sept. 20.

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Play it cool with a fall garden

If you think the end of summer means your vegetable gardening days are done, you'll need to reconsider. The weeks when summer fades into fall are actually an opportune time to plant cool-weather crops. Fall is a great time of year for planting vegetables.

Some of nature's most nutritious greens and veggies thrive in cooler temperatures. Planting them now, at summer's end, can ensure a bountiful fall harvest. Plus you'll save a bundle by avoiding the produce aisle in your grocery store for a few more months.

The sunny, cooler weather of autumn is perfect for many vegetables. With increased rainfall and temperatures ranging between 60 and 80 degrees in the day and higher than 40 at night, your plants suffer less, increasing your likelihood of good harvest. You can even cope with frost; some hardy vegetables can thrive without frost protection, and covering less resistant plants when frost threatens can keep them thriving.

The secrets of successful fall planting don't differ much from the techniques you've used during high season. Cool crops will need at least six hours of sun daily, ample water and a steady supply of much-needed nutrients. You can get a jump-start by planting transplants. Seed germination of cool crops during late summer requires much attention to detail. Transplants are a quicker, easier route to ensure success.

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Save seeds for fall garden

The best way to ensure you'll have seeds for your fall garden is to save a few from your spring/summer crop.

Many plant supply stores run out of seeds in mid-summer or send them back to their supplier.

"What happens is we ship them back in July," said Linnea Garvey, sales and graphic design staff member for Plymouth Nursery and Garden Center. "We don't have seeds or starts."

She said the nursery has a few Chinese pea pod, basil and cilantro seeds, as well as ornamental kale and cabbage.

"It's meant to be ornamental but you can eat it," she said. "We have it in starts. It's a fall crop. It looks beautiful."

est producer of vegetables and herbs in North America, offers some quick tips for picking the right plants for your fall garden:

- Choose fast-growing, leafy cool crops like broccoli, Swiss chard, lettuce, kale, spinach, collards and arugula. Leafy vegetables are actually harder to grow in the summer, when the heat can cause them to "bolt," forming flowers and seeds. Bolted leaves edible portions tasting bitter. Some plants, like collards, are sweetened by frost. Spinach, a cool-weather vegetable related to beets and Swiss chard, can yield many leaves in a short time in fall. Although it

A spokesperson for Steinkopf Nursery in Farmington Hills said the store also had ornamental kale in stock, but no vegetable seeds.

A saleswoman at English Gardens in Dearborn Heights said the store has stocked seeds for fall planting in the past but wasn't sure if it would this year.

If you haven't saved some seeds over the summer, your best source is indoor and hydroponic garden stores.

A spokesman for Superior Garden Supply in Livonia said the store sells vegetable seeds and its Web site lists a variety of them. They may be sown indoors or outside for fall crops.

The store is located at 29220 Seven Mile.

prefers full sun, spinach is one of the few vegetables that produce a respectable harvest in partial shade. Or pick a broccoli that develops in a short time, some 45-50 days. You could choose to plant two rounds of these vegetables, in spring and again in late summer-early fall.

- Don't delay. Ideally, you should plant your fall crops now, although if you wait another week or so, it doesn't mean you can't have a successful fall harvest. It just might take more time and ingenuity.

- Pick a place. Your existing garden is the perfect place to plant cool weather crops.



Give fall plants ample water.

Remember, frost flows downhill like water, so spots at the top of a slope or in south-facing locations will remain warmest. • You can also plant your fall crops in raised beds, which are easy to cover when frost threatens, or in pots that can be brought inside when temperatures dip too low.

- Know how they grow. Pay close attention to

"days to maturity" information listed on plant tags. You'll want to give plants enough time to produce before killing frost arrives.

- Good gardening practices will get your fall garden growing. Loosen soil before you plant and mix in some all-natural fertilizer.

With some advanced planning, active atten-

tion, and the right choice of plants, you can continue to enjoy your garden and fresh, flavorful produce, long after the dog days of summer are done. To learn more about cool season varieties and helpful hints on getting your garden growing, visit www.bonnieplants.com.

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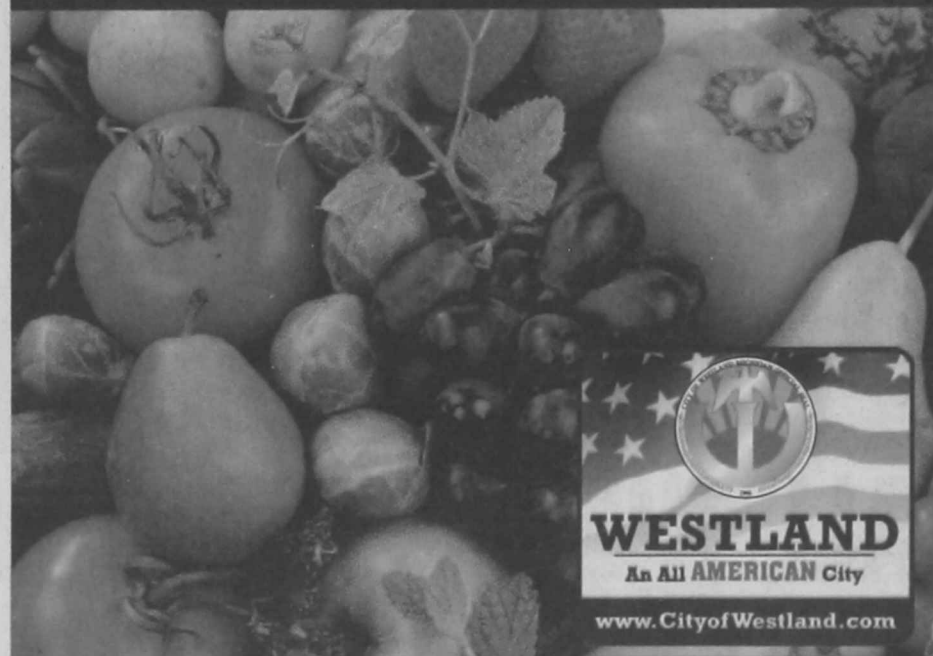
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Residents show it's never too late to camp

By Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

Helen Dunn is a happy camper.

The 88-year-old resident of Four Chaplains Nursing Care Center in Westland and three of her neighbors bunked in cabins, sang songs around the campfire and took part in the evening Motown talent show during a recent three-day stay at Lions Bear Lake in Lapeer.

"I like the pontoon ride...being outdoors," Dunn said. "I have never been to a campfire before. It was nice."

The fun was all a part of NexCare Health Systems — the nursing facility's parent company — annual camping event for residents in its 17 facilities in Michigan. The end-of-summer, three-day camping trip drew approximately 50 residents and 60 staff members from 15 of NexCare's homes.

Carolyn Merucci-Anderson, NexCare's director of community services, said the outing gives residents a chance to meet new people.

"Campers talk about the experience for months after and look forward to next year," she said.



Bernie Oswala, activities assistant, (standing) takes Helen Dunn for a spin around the activities center at camp. Both are from Chaplains Nursing Care Center in Westland.

The company has offered the camping trip to residents for 15 years. Project Compassion, a Detroit-based ministry dedicated to improving the lives of nursing home patients, has helped coordinate the camping experience for the past seven years.

"Just because you're in a nursing facility, it doesn't mean you can't do fun things and meet new people. It's so nice to be able to go on vacation," said Jennifer Bogden, admissions and marketing director at Four Chaplains. "A lot of nursing centers have a reputation of being a forever

thing. That's not always the case here. We have short- and long-term care residents."

Bogden said the Westland home offers day trips in addition to the annual overnight camping experience.

Bernie Oswala, an activities assistant at Four Chaplains, has accompanied the Westland group to Lions Bear Lake for three years.

"I think everyone enjoys getting away from home base. Even the car ride — the small towns we went through, the cornfields — it was nice. We went on a pontoon ride and it was fun



Dorothy Logan (left), Sue Kwaak, and Kathleen Kaiser from South Lyon Senior Care and Rehab, a NexCare Health System nursing facility, take a pontoon ride while at camp.

just to see their excitement and to reminisce," Oswala said. "One of the residents who usually has gone with us will always talk about it from year to year. She remembers going and having a good time. It does have a lasting affect on them."

For first-time campers, like Frances Brock, 90, it was a chance to take in some fresh air outdoors and meet new people. She's already looking forward to the camping trip next year.

"If I have a chance to go, I will," she said.



Campers from Four Chaplains Nursing Care Center in Westland take center stage during a Motown revue at camp. The women, all dressed in matching outfits, made hand gestures to the music as Deborah Rogers, a caregiver from Four Chaplains, sang. The residents are Frances Brock, Helen Dunn and Frances Rice and Rosemary Geis.

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LIVONIA FRANKLIN

CLASS OF 1966

45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and contact info. E-mail contact info to Lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3509.

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

CLASSES OF 1918-1970

A reunion of faculty, staff and students from "old" Plymouth High School, is set for noon to 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. No reservation is required, although there will be a \$6 admission fee at the door. Includes a picnic-style buffet lunch with cash bar. Contact Sande Cutler at (734) 668-4073; alisande@umich.edu or Shirley Bell at (248) 446-1266; ssbell8993@yahoo.com.

CLASSES OF 1965-66

6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, behind the "old" high school. Attire is "whatever makes you feel good." Cost is \$35 per person and includes dinner,

live music, cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Tour of old high school will run 10-11 a.m. Saturday. Make checks payable to PHS Class Reunion '65 & '66 and sent to Doug Jaskirny, 47237 Hunters Park Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170 for the class of 1965. Class of 1966 members send to Donna (Cook) Marshall 1337 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI. 48170.

REDFORD UNION

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on Oct. 13, 2012. E-mail Linda (Horning) Tracy at lindatracy100@gmail.com or call her at (231) 882-7268 or e-mail Madeline Rice at paddlinmadeline@gmail.com.

ROYAL OAK HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1951

A 60th reunion is planned for Sept. 14 at the Oxford Inn, 1214 Main, Royal Oak. The event will start with a social gathering at 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information and for reservation forms contact Fred Locke and Katy Marsh, 5464 Lakeshore, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059; (810) 385-3253; fjlocke@aol.com

ST. ALPHONSUS

CLASS OF 1971

40th class reunion, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at Liberty Street Brewing, 149 Liberty,

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Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bleske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bleske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be **no fee charged until after the case is won.** The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bleske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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With change comes new and different ways to do things

The computer came out years ago and this writer thought it was just a passing fad and would be gone in a short while. Little did I know or could even imagine where we'd be today.

I like change even for an old guy like me, but I am more old fashioned than most and it takes a while to break down the wall.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

I left home for several hours the other day and forgot my cell phone on the kitchen counter and that makes one realize what modern day appliances may mean to us.

Change that is given to us without education is happening all around us and that sort causes a lot of bad feelings on the part of many American consumers. Take the new style of washing machines available today and the many complaints I hear about them, for instance.

Chase writes: "I have a GE Profile front load washing machine that is about 10 years old. Over the past year or so, when you go to use it, the first load's dirty water really smells. Is there a remedy to this issue or is it time to replace?"

I called this homeowner and asked him to investigate this complaint through his computer and he was amazed by the amount of stinky front load washer complaints there are in this country. I explained to him how to solve this problem and that he doesn't have to purchase a new washer. The front load washer has been out for 15 years and yet consumers have never been educated properly on how to use it. It's just another case of change without education.

Take the dishwasher detergent issue today that has caused homeowners to replace a dishwasher, hot water heater and even their water softeners. They changed the dishwasher detergents by removing the phosphates and now our glassware looks like it been through the Chicago fire. The manufacturers of dishwasher detergents have done a terrible job of informing consumers that this was going to happen — another case of change without education.

Next comes another example of maybe much more serious nature which has to do with the gas pump at your service station. This is a bit out of my realm but I've lived it, so I'll write about it.

We purchased a used boat two years ago for out little cottage at Union City and when we tried to start it up for operation

it wouldn't budge. We hauled it to a Marine outfit and did I get an education on the subject of gasoline. My wallet took a beating worth \$500 because the petroleum industry gave us another case of change without education. The carburetors were all gummed up and the mechanic told us that this is normal today because of the different additives they keep adding to the gas at the fuel pumps. He told us to purchase only high grade fuel for our motor and to add fuel stabilizer to every tankful. Do not use gas with more than 10 percent ethanol and make sure to use fuel within two to four weeks. Merchants Hardware in Union City reports that tons of consumers are going through a lot of problems with their snow blowers, lawn mowers and gasoline-operated equipment as well.

Joe Henderson, an expert in the appliance world, states that using appliances today can be very different than in years past. Changes are made purportedly for the best, but manufacturers fail to forewarn us on how to use these products to achieve maximum effect. Stay tuned.

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

Day camp teaches kids to cheer

There's just one week left to register for Kid Camp 2011, a cheerleading camp presented by the Salem High School Cheer Team.

The camp will run 9 a.m.-noon, Friday, Sept. 24 at Salem High School, 46191 Joy Road, Canton. Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 9.

It's designed for youngsters, age 5-12, who want to learn about cheerleading. Cost is \$50 and includes the cheer clinic, a snack, Salem cheer T-shirt and a backpack. Campers can check in starting at 8:30 a.m. and should wear comfortable shirt, shorts and gym shoes.

Participants also may cheer with the Salem team during the first half of the Salem vs. Stevenson football game Friday, Oct. 7. Game time is 6:30 p.m. and cheerleaders will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Salem's gym. T-shirts will be distributed at that time.

Basic medical information including any health concerns and emergency contact information is required at registration.

To register call Dee Bryan at (734) 673-4329 or Keliisa Nordstrom at (734) 397-4562.

Questions? E-mail to salemcoaches@gmail.com.

Auditions set for vampire play

Feeling a little dark and creepy?

You might want to audition for Schoolcraft College Theatre Department's production of *Dracula*, 7 p.m., Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 6-7 in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the college's main campus on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

No previous theater experience is necessary and you don't have to be a Schoolcraft College student to perform in the play, Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 4-5 and 11-12. All audi-

tions are open to students, faculty and

The play is adapted from the Bram Stoker novel by Hamilton Deane and John L. Balderston. In this version a mysterious presence appears at a sanatorium near London and, against a back drop of the full moon, creeping shadows and flying bats, the forces of good and evil battle.

For more information about the auditions, call the Schoolcraft Theatre Department at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5270.

REUNIONS

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Plymouth and 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Sept. 24, Holiday Inn and Conference Center, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia. The gathering on Saturday costs \$60 per person. For more information call Martie Zawacki McClain at martanmc@aol.com (734) 453-4946

ST. CHRISTOPHER - DETROIT

CLASS OF 1961

Sept. 18 reunion. Organizers are looking for 1961 June graduates. E-mail Cathy Assessor Stone at fmtpo2@hotmail.com or call her at (734) 692-1692.

ST. MARY OF REDFORD

CLASS OF 1971

6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Sept. 10 at Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia; \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. Make your reservation check payable to and mail to: Peter Noble, 12001 Market Street #443, Reston, VA 20190. For more

information, e-mail to barkervwa@aol.com.

ST. PHILOMENA GRADE SCHOOL

Class of 1961 50th reunion, Saturday, Oct. 8. Call Phil Ventura at 586 263-4909 or E-mail amvpav@aol.com

WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on May 19, 2012. E-mail to Judy (Ramsey) Oleson at joleeson@sbcglobal.net or call

her at (586) 268-1663 or e-mail to Kathy (Quinn) Hayes at bustchr@aol.com

CLASS OF 1976

35-year class reunion, 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Livonia Holiday Inn. Visit www.waynememorial76.com or e-mail to reed.terri@sbcglobal.net

CLASS OF 1991

Saturday, Sept. 10, in Wayne. For more information call LaTonya Mayfield at (734) 578-6333 or e-mail to teemamma15@yahoo.com.

Bowling event set for charity Sept. 11

There's still time to sign up for Chicks4Charities' bowling event to benefit Ele's Place, an Ann Arbor organization that offers support and counseling to children grieving the loss of a loved one.

"Carnival Bowl" is set for noon, Sunday, Sept. 11 at Super Bowl in Canton. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$12 for kids and \$60 for a family of two adults and

two kids. That includes two games of bowling, shoes, two pieces of pizza, pop and a raffle ticket. The raffle offers a chance to win a flat screen television, a Wii, boys and girls bikes and many other items. The event also will include a silent auction, ice cream bar for kids, afterglow for adults, games and more.

Chicks4Charities is a group of

local women who raise funds for charitable causes. In the past five years, the group has raised more than \$15,000 for the Cancer Care Center at St. Joseph Mercy, \$10,000 for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, and \$5,000 for the Cancer Support Center.

For tickets or more information, call Lisa at (248) 719-4687 or visit chicks4charities.net.

Detroit Diesel retirees meet

The Detroit Diesel Retiree Club will hold its annual luncheon and business meeting Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

"It's primarily a social club. We don't do much in the way of lobbying or anything like that," said Dick Hauser, member. "We have an annual luncheon get together on third Thursday of October. People come from all over the country."

The meeting will

include a buffet lunch, brief business meeting and discussion of topics of interest to retirees, in addition to socializing.

Cost of the lunch is \$25. The price includes a publication with a roster of members and a memorial page. Retirees also can attend the meeting and buy the publication for \$3, without buying lunch.

For information and pre-registration, call Robert Pavol, membership director, at (734) 455-2668 or e-mail jrpavol64@prodigy.net.

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SCIATICA

People know sciatica as a "pinched" nerve. The problem occurs in the low back with a protrusion of disc material pushing a nerve against the bony canal as the nerve is leaving the spinal cord. The site where nerve fibers are compressed determines which sites in the leg, ankle or foot the feeling of tingling will appear.

This sequence of nerve compression followed by subsequent leg or foot impairment is what most medical personnel consider necessary to make a diagnosis of nerve impingement, i.e. sciatica. However, in many instances the individual with nerve compression in the back does not present that way.

Instead, the person with sciatica may first feel slight back pain but a more annoying discomfort in the buttocks area, with no further radiation of the pain. The patient and physician may consider the pain to represent early hip disease and as a result walks less or decreases activity in other ways. This response only worsens the nerve impingement.

In other instances the person notices pain in the outside of the leg or behind the calf, or finds that on one day leg pain is present only in the morning. However, the next day there is no pain until nightfall. It makes no sense to attribute the pain to arthritis as arthritis presents daily and its intensity correlates with exercise.

Sciatica is more variable as its activity depends on position and posture. In life, even at rest, the body moves. Thus the variability of leg pain does not obscure the diagnosis of sciatica but defines it. For depending how the body moves, the involved nerve either become more impinged or less compressed.

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Pruning lessons

Global ReLeaf of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will talk about pruning and the benefits of homeowner com-

posting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 five Mile, Livonia. Afterwards, participants can "Ask the Arborist" from 8-8:30 p.m.

They can bring in plant material and ask specific questions about their trees and shrubs. RSVP to this free program by calling (800) 642-7353 or e-mail to globalreleafmi@aol.com. For more information visit www.releafmichigan.blogspot.com.

Butterflies

Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMA) presents "Overwintering Butterflies," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at

Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The program will explain how to overwinter butterfly eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises and butterflies. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.semba-butterfly.com.

Master gardeners

Growing with Master Gardeners Conference is set for Saturday, Sept. 24

at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus. Sponsored by the Dearborn campus' Environmental Interpretive Center and presented by Master Gardener Association of Wayne County Volunteers, the 23rd annual all-day educational program is aimed at environmentalists and gardeners of all levels. It will include two keynote, classes, shopping, and lunch. Cost is \$40 if registered by Sept. 14. Visit www.mgawc.org or call (734) 786-6860.

English Gardens

Learn about fall container gardening at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at a free in-store presentation.

The store will provide all plants and materials for a "Make It & Take It" fall porch pot. The workshop starts at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 10. The fee is \$49.99. Sign up on line at www.englishgardens.com.

A free presentation on fall lawn care is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17.

Learn about planting spring bulbs at a free presentation at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 24.

Get tips on pruning and dividing plants at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1.

Local English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive, in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433.

PUBLIC HEARING
CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A public hearing on the proposed 2012 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the library's Purple Room. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied in support of the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188-1600. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the library.

Eva Davis
Library Director

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Plymouth District Library
2012 PROPOSED BUDGET

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on the following proposed 2012 budget:

General Fund	\$3,541,700
Debt Service Fund	583,251
TOTAL	\$4,124,951

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The proposed 2012 budget documents are available for public examination at the Plymouth District Library on the upper level at the Reference Desk during regular Library hours.

Patricia A. Thomas, Director
Plymouth District Library

The District Library Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon (7) seven days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Sandra Young, Secretary, Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 at 734-453-0750 X217.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
FIRE STATION #3
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Sealed proposals will be received for the construction of the Fire Station #3 Parking Lot Reconstruction Project by the Charter Township of Plymouth as Owner, until 10:00 A.M. Local Time on Friday, September 16, 2011 at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Bidders shall review and comply with the Instructions to Bidders, which are incorporated by reference, and carefully review all Contract Documents, as defined in the Instructions to Bidders. Bids submitted after the exact time specified for, receipt will not be considered.

The Contracts will consist of the following principal items of work and appurtenances as specified herein and shown on the Contract Drawings.

Description of Work

The project scope consists of constructing a new concrete parking lot and approach at Fire Station #3 located at the northeast corner of Beck Road and North Territorial Road in Plymouth Township. Ancillary items of work included in the project scope are; storm drainage improvements, pavement subgrade improvements, concrete curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk replacement and lawn restoration.

Plans and Specifications may be examined at the Clerk's Office, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on or after September 6, 2011.

Copies of Plans and Specifications and Proposal Forms shall be available on or after September 6, 2011 at the offices of Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 555 Hulet Drive, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302-0360 by making a non-refundable payment of Forty-Five (\$45.00) Dollars, **CHECK ONLY, payable to "Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc."** Drawings and Specifications can be shipped by U.P.S. ground for a shipping and handling charge of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, **CHECK ONLY, non-refundable, to Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.** The Bidder is advised that to submit a bid on this project, the Bidder must have purchased a set of Plans and Specifications from Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.

Proposals submitted by Bidders who have been debarred, suspended, or made ineligible by any Federal Agency will be rejected.

Each bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, the Architect/Engineer, and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation, or recommendation of any bid.

Each bid proposal shall be submitted on the proposal forms provided and shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond, executed by the bidder and Surety Company, payable to the Charter Township of Plymouth in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of the accompanying bid. Proposal Guarantee shall provide assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute the necessary Contract with the Charter Township of Plymouth. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing time for receiving bids for sixty (60) days.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance, Labor and Material, and Maintenance and Guarantee Bonds.

The Charter Township of Plymouth reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive irregularities in bidding.

No Proposal will be received unless made on blanks furnished and delivered to the Township Clerk on or before 10:00 a.m., Local time, September 16, 2011.

Signed: Joseph Bridgman, Clerk
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Sept. 4-14

9-11 SERVICE

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: The congregation will recognize the sacrifice and commitment made by men and women in uniform. They will welcome all emergency personnel and military, along with their families to share in this special service

Contact: (734) 427-3660

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, beginning Sept. 13 and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, beginning Sept. 8

Location: St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia

Details: Tuesday focus is Samuel; Thursday study is Gospel of Mark. Open to all

Contact: (248) 476-4700

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m.

Sept. 14 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, in Canton

Details: Free clothing and shoes are given to anyone in need

Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Time/Date: Accepting applications now

Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Crafters sought for fall craft show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 15. Space rental is \$25. \$5 per table or bring your own table. Spots are limited to three crafters per category and one vendor per product

Contact: (734) 464-0990 or e-mail rpoffice@arounddetroit.biz

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11

Location: Prentis Apartments, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield in Oak Park

Details: The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan, a group that studies and creates Judaic needlework, will plan a children's Hanukkah table presentation for "Holiday Tables" in December. Its next meeting, Oct. 9, at Prentis Apartments, will be a "Beaded Kipot" workshop taught by Linda Lublin. Kit fee is \$10

Contact: (248) 661-5337

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Time/Date: Through Sept. 10

Location: Congregation Bet Chaverim, P.O. Box 871262

Canton, Mi. 48187

Details: Religious and cultural school open enrollment. Students (K-Bar/Bat Mitzvah) of all kinds of Jewish backgrounds and interfaith families always welcome. The congregation also holds services, 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton. For more information about the school open house, call Ilene Honiss at (734) 502-5197

Contact: betchaverim@yahoo.com or visit Bet Chaverim on Facebook

WORLD PRAYER DAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. meditation, 7-8 p.m. prayer service, Sept. 8

Location: Unity of Livonia

Church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Unity World Day of Prayer program "Together We Shine"

Contact: (734) 421-1760

Sept. 15-30

GRIEF RECOVERY

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. beginning Sunday, Sept. 25

Location: Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power Road, Farmington

Details: "Living with Loss" is a 16-week series dealing with loneliness and other issues related to the loss of a spouse. Facilitated by trained peer members. Cost is \$20

Contact: Gail at 248-477-5438

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: Pre-sale is 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29; sale is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 1

Details: Admission for pre-sale is \$2. Admission free Friday-Saturday.

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Contact: (734) 422-0149

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25

Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: Mass with social time and refreshments afterward. Check-in starts at 2:15 p.m.

Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

Oct. 1-15

GRIEF RECOVERY

Time/Date: 2 p.m. starting Sunday, Oct. 2

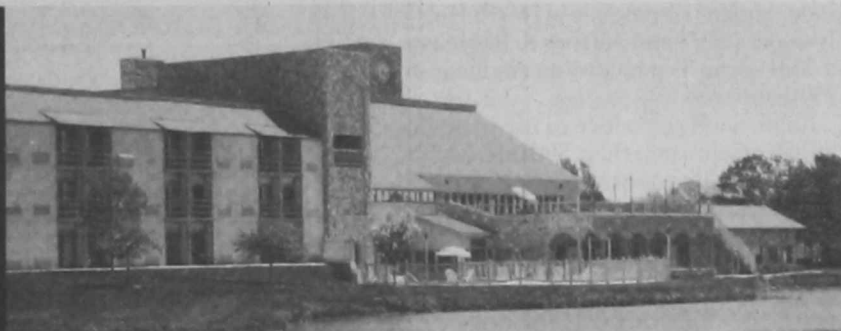
Location: St. Edith, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: "Living with Loss" is a 16-week series dealing with loneliness and other issues related to the loss of a spouse. Facilitated by trained peer members. Cost is \$20

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**BARBRICK,
AUGUST (AUGIE), JR.**
11/28/1936 ~ 8/17/2011

Resided in Tucson, Arizona, former resident of Farmington, Michigan and born in Muskegon, MI. Augie, went home peacefully to be with his Lord and Savior after complications from a stroke 10 years earlier. The youngest and only son of August and Margaret Barbrick, he graduated from M.S.U. in 1958 with a B.A. in business. He faithfully followed his Spartan sport teams. He had a passion for his family and friends and was an avid sportsman. He loved hunting and fishing and anything related to the outdoors. He was a genuine "people person" and everyone who met Augie was touched by his sense of humor and good nature. He was predeceased by his sisters, Mary Wheeler, Bernice Picard, Dorothy Czekuc, and Pauline Puhalski and 3 step-siblings, Merle and Howard Banaszak, and Catherine Hutchins. He is survived by his former wife, Joan LaRou and their children: Pete Barbrick, Tom Barbrick, Linda Hutchison, John Barbrick, and Jeanette Rivas. He is also survived by his spouse, Janet Barbrick, and step-children Fred Ambs, Pete Ambs, and Lowell Weaver. He will be missed by his 18 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Augie and his first wife Joan LaRou were active in local politics; Farmington Goodfellows, Jaycees, and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. Augie had been granted a patent for assisting in the design of wire harnesses. His extensive knowledge of metallurgy led him to be a successful metal salesman in the iron and steel business. His entrepreneurial attitude led him to Tucson where he and his wife, Janet owned and operated a small printing business. Augie loved to golf and was a member of the Tucson Rotary Club. A memorial service will take place 9-9-11 at 11 am at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Farmington Hills, MI.

BORKES, RUTH MARIE

Age 55, passed away on August 27, 2011.
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DOVER, GLADYS I.

Age 91, of Sebring, OH died September 1, 2011, at Crandall Medical Center. She was a previous member of Fairlane Assembly of God in Dearborn, MI, member of the church drama group and enjoyed acting and directing plays. Her family truly was her life; she enjoyed all the special times with them and supporting them in all their endeavors. Gladys is survived by daughters, Darla (Gerald) Grill of N. Fort Myers, Fla., Deborah (Lewis) Heath of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; grandchildren, Tammy Lowe, Cindy (Mike) Bonnici, Heather Carpenter, Michael Grill and Cynthia Newell; many great-grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one brother, Harry Jr. (Judy) Walters of Ocala, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. September 6, at Oakland Hills Memorial Garden in Novi, Michigan. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Copeland Oaks Life Care Foundation 715 S. Johnson Road, Sebring, Oh. 44672 or to the Hospice of the Valley, 5190 Market St. Boardman, Ohio 44512. Arrangements are by Cassaday-Turkule-Christians Funeral Home, 75 S. Union Ave., Alliance, Ohio 44601. Friends may register online at www.ctcfuneral.com.

GREENFIELD, PAMELA SUE

Age 56, formerly of Westland, passed away peacefully on August 29, 2011. Survived by her husband Tom Greenfield and son Aaron. Services were held Saturday at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home.



**HAMLIN,
(NEE PRIORIELLO)
BARBARA IDA**

August 30, 2011. Age 69. Beloved wife of 35 years to the late William. Loving mother of Elizabeth (David) Shelton, Dean (Machelle) Hamlin, and Noreen (Jeremy) Porter. Daughter of the late Michelle and Angeline Prioriello. Dear sister of Dolores (Tom) Kilty, Ronald (Debbie) Prioriello, and the late Mary (Fred) Miller and Carmen (David) Sobka. Loving aunt of David (Stacey) Sobka, Angela Sobka, Michael Prioriello, Joseph Prioriello, Cassie (Greg) Kiner, Dawn (Bob) Middendorf, Stacey Hamlin, Cindy (Duane) Morris, Mark (Katrina) Hamlin, Gary Hamlin, Joseph Schaffer and LuAnne (Joseph) Morgan. Barbara was a retired school bus driver for Wayne-Westland community schools, safely shepherding students to school, sporting, and musical events for 30 years. She enjoyed reading, gardening, traveling, and spending time with her family. She was an awesome cook. There was always an extra plate at the dinner table and she made the best macaroni salad in the world. A private Memorial Service was held. Memorial contributions appreciated to American Cancer Society or Karmanos Cancer Institute. Please take a moment to sign Barbara's online guestbook at: www.cremationmichigan.com

JONES, ALEXANDER MICHAEL

of Milford and Mt. Pleasant, formerly of Farmington and Canton, Michigan and Matteson, Illinois, passed away May 3, 2011 in the care of his family. He was 21 years old. Alex is survived by his mother Annette Jones, Milford, MI and father Bruce (Jessica) Jones of La Honda, CA; brothers Benjamin Beggs Jones and Theodore Sampson Jones; grandparents James Dell (and the late Martha C.) Brown, Sally (Robert) Cockayne and Whipple (Maryann) Jones; nine aunts and uncles; 17 cousins. Alex is also survived by extended family and dear friends. Memorial Services were held this spring. Memorial contributions encouraged to: Volunteers Assisting the Disabled Camp, Muscular Dystrophy Association, or the Make-A-Wish Foundation. For further info, visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

LAMPI, RAY

Age 83 beloved husband of Dorothy, father of Kathy Yuchasz, Kirsten Rattai & Ben Lampi. Blessed with 6 grandchildren & 12 great grandchildren. He loved his Savior, his family and his career as an educator. He retired from Farmington Schools and continued to sub teach for many years after.



**MERTA, JOYCE
ELAINE**

Age 73 passed away gracefully and peacefully on August 25, 2011 at Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz, California. She was born July 20, 1938 to Sophia (Duski) and Clement Lotowski. She was a 1956 graduate of Saint Alphonsus High School, Dearborn, Michigan. She married Ron Merta on November 14, 1959 and enjoyed 52 years of happiness with her family, friends, children and grandchildren. She is survived by her husband Ron Merta, children Denise Hayes (Forrest); Douglas Merta (Monika); Deborah Merta (Mark Walters). Sister of Corinne Stempien (Marvin). She is also survived by eight grandchildren; Lauren Hayes, Danielle Hayes, Lily Mae Hayes, Rosco Hayes, Zosia Hayes, Gavin Walters, Owen Walters and Drake Walters. Joyce truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures like spending time with her family and friends, and cherished children and grandchildren. She loved to relax and enjoy her homes in Traverse City and Naples, Florida. We will always carry her memory in our hearts. Now is the time to move from grieving to remembrance. Remembrance is a chain death tries to break...but all in vain. To have to love, and then to part, is the greatest sorrow of one's heart. The years may wipe out many things, but some they never will. Like memories of those happy times when we were all together. Rest In Peace Darling. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to: The American Lung Association or The Foundation For A Smokefree America. A "Celebration of Life" will be held Friday Evening, September 2, 4:00pm - 9:00pm at the Courthouse Grille, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth MI. (734) 453-2002. A funeral Mass Saturday Morning, September 3, at 9:30am at St. Aidan's in Livonia, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI. (734) 425-9333. A luncheon will immediately follow at the banquet hall adjacent to St. Aidan's. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

SCHICK, THOMAS

87, of Livonia passed away August 12th. Husband of the late Virginia. Father of Dennis Schick, wife Paula, Tommy Schick (deceased), Gary Schick (deceased) and MaryBeth Hickey (deceased). Has 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Thomas was a proud World War II Veteran. He will be missed by all. Service held at St. Aidan Catholic Church on Thursday, September 1st, 2011 at 9:30am.



SNYDER, DOROTHY A.

August 28, 2011, age 92. Wife of the late Darrell. Dear mother of Duke, Kathryn Snyder (Jerry Kutchey), Mary Elisabeth, Thomas (Susan Chinn), and Julie Snyder (Cliff Diehl). Also 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Services and burial have taken place. Memorial Tributes to U of D Jesuit High School and Academy, Development Office, 8400 S. Cambridge Ave., Detroit, MI 48221, or P.E.O., Birmingham Chapter D.D. Treasurer, 3144 Middlebelt Road, Orchard Lake, MI 48323. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



SYVERSEN, ARNE R.

Passed away 8/23/2011. He was 87 years old. Beloved husband of 65 years to the late Charlotte Syversen. Survived by daughters Kristine (Gary Harla) Broderick and Wendy (Tom) Sinkus. Grandfather to Ryan Broderick, Jason (Nicole) Broderick and Adam (Sarah) Sinkus. Great Grandfather of Lukas and Dylan Broderick, Jackson and Bailey Sinkus. Also survived by his brother Roy (Virginia) Syversen and sister Erma Baker and families. Predeceased by older brother Harry (Ardis) Syversen. He was a strong minded man, that built not only a wonderful and supporting family, but was a pillar in the community volunteering in leadership roles for over 40 years with the Lamplighters Lions Club. He was an accomplished electrician, and a long time member of the IBEW Electrical Union, Local 58 for over 45 years. Arne enjoyed life with his wife, family and friends, participating in all types of sports including softball, hockey, archery, hunting, fishing, boating, golfing, bowling and skiing. Arne was always there for his family and friends and especially enjoyed the gatherings at the family cabin, holidays and birthdays. He was an avid sports fan - always watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren play soccer and/or baseball as well as the Tigers and Red Wings. He will be deeply missed by all that loved him. Please join the family for a memorial gathering September 10th, 2011 from 1:00pm-5:00pm at Lakelands Golf & Country Club, 8760 Chilson Rd., Brighton MI 48116. Memorial contributions can be sent to Leader Dog for the Blind.

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Milestones

50th anniversary

Ralph L. and Laurie (Dondzila) Robinson, Jr., residents of Plymouth for more than 24 years, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 26.

They met on a blind date set up by a mutual friend and it was "love at first sight." They were married at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livonia in 1961.

Both Ralph and Laurie are graduates of Bentley High School. Ralph graduated from Lawrence Institute of Technology as an electrical engineer and was employed by Ford Motor Company for more than 40 years. He retired in 2007 and works at the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute as a research scientist experimenting with intelligent transportation systems. Laurie was an administrative assistant/legal secretary for several prominent attorneys in the area for more than 40 years. When she retired in 2005, she immediately became involved with the Friends of the Penn, a non-profit organization established to save the historic movie theater in downtown Plymouth.

The couple's two sons both attended Plymouth Salem High School. Ralph (Rob) L. Robinson, III, a U-M grad, is an independent filmmaker in North Hollywood, Calif., and Jeffrey S. Robinson, a CMU grad, is a recording engineer in Plymouth.

Ralph and Laurie love to travel and began celebrating their 50th anniversary earlier this year by taking a cruise around Hawaii. The finale to their year-long celebration will be a dinner reception with family and friends this fall.

What's the secret to their long, happy marriage? They say it's "Sometimes we do what you want to do and sometimes we do what I want to do."



Ralph and Laurie Robinson, Jr. of Plymouth



Ralph and Laurie Robinson on their wedding day in 1961.

Alexander-Dubay

Kim Dubay and Todd Alexander were married July 9, 2011, at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City. Pastor Tim Stotler officiated.

The bride, daughter of Tom and Peggy Dubay of Westland, earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education in 2001 and a master of science degree in early childhood education in 2008. Both degrees are from Eastern Michigan University. She teaches in the Wayne-Westland Community School District and also is a dance instructor at The Dance

Academy in Westland.

The groom, son of Carolyn Alexander of Mercer, Pa., and the late Carl Alexander, earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 1993 from Youngstown State University. He is an engineer with Navistar Defense in Madison Heights.

Jennifer Lyons, the bride's cousin, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Susan Alexander, the groom's sister and Michelle Chuck, the bride's friend.

Best man was Larry Verna, the groom's friend. Groomsmen were Ted Huff and Don Nakic, the groom's friends.



A reception was held at Burton Manor in Livonia. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Paradise Island, Bahamas. They reside in Commerce Township.

Ebert-Janiga

Kimberly Janiga and Chris Ebert, of Delaware, Ohio, were married June 18, 2011, at the Catawba Island Club, Port Clinton, Ohio.

The bride is the daughter of Janet Janiga and Bill Janiga, of Northville. She graduated in 2002 from Livonia Stevenson, earned a bachelor's of science degree in education from Eastern Michigan University and is currently working towards her master's. She teaches students with special needs.

The groom is the son of Ken and Karen Ebert, of Northwood, Ohio. He graduated from Lake High School in 1998 and earned a bachelor's degree from Kent State. He is a regional sales manager for Aiphone.

The bride's attendants included matron of honor Marianne Bell and bridesmaids Stephanie Janiga, Andrea Falkowski, Amy Shortt, Sara Bohley and Jackie Sikora.

Corey Sharer served as best man. The groom's attendants included Rick Byington, Joe Janiga, Greg Falkowski, Clint Davis and Doug Hartman.

The couple honeymooned in Aruba and reside in Delaware, Ohio.



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They're embracing life, good health

Walk/run boosts cancer fight

by Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

Trish Tyl will slip into her walking shoes and hoof it approximately three miles Sunday, Sept. 11, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's annual Embrace Life 5K walk/run. The Canton woman will do her part to ensure that no one goes through the "horrible experience" she did while being treated for breast cancer in 2006.

"I went to a wig shop and I realized they didn't know what I was going through. It was disturbing to me. When I walked in I had a bandana on and the lady said to take it off," she recalled. "I was very embarrassed and asked to go into a private area. They took me into a closet. It was dingy and dirty. When you're a cancer patient you're worried about germs."

Tyl is one of two licensed clinical cosmetologists at St. Mary Mercy's Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center. Since the center opened in 2007, Tyl has helped individuals who are struggling with hair loss — generally as a result of cancer treatment — avoid the scenario she endured as a patient.

"We're conscious of atmosphere. I don't sit them under florescent lighting. It's more like a medical spa. We have a private salon."

Variety of services

The center, which will receive about half of the proceeds from Embrace Life 5K walk/run, also

EMBRACE LIFE 5K RUN/WALK

What: The 5K run and walk raises money for cancer services, including transportation for patients traveling to and from the hospital for treatments and necessary products and services from the Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia
When: 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11; race day registration is 7-8:30 a.m.

Where: The USATF-certified course begins on the hospital grounds at 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia, and follows residential streets

Details: Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K Run. Health reporter Lila Lazarus will run and will be available after the race for autographs and photos. Nickelodeon's SpongeBob SquarePants also will be on hand. New this year to the race is "B-tag" chip timing. Runners will wear a chip on their race bibs that will clock their time accurately

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assists breast cancer patients with bra fittings, breast forms, custom breast prostheses, intimate apparel and swimwear fitting. Other services include wig shampooing, shaping and styling; therapeutic facials; make-up application; therapeutic manicures and pedicures; and massage therapy. Skin care products, corrective makeup for scars, skin discoloration and dark circles, and accessories such as hats and scarves also are available.

Tyl, a cosmetologist since 2000, said the center is unique in Michigan. It serves patients from other hospitals in addition to St. Mary Mercy and often receives referrals from physicians and nurses.

"I've had people from Ohio. I've had hospitals calling me from around

the country asking how I'd handle certain patients. I wish every cancer center had one, (image recovery)," she said.

Patient's view

Rita Morris, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008 is seen by a physician at the Hope Cancer Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The Ann Arbor woman walked into the Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center "out of curiosity" one day, consulted with Tyl and bought a wig.

"Trish is a super person, very warm and nice," Morris said, adding that the center is conveniently located at the hospital.

She'll be on hand for the Embrace Life walk/run to cheer on her husband, Michael, and daughter, Kaitlin, 20.

Morris said she visits



Rita Morris of Ann Arbor (center) walks in Embrace Life 5K walk/run last year. That's her husband, Michael, walking behind her.

the center when it strikes her fancy. But for patients that need more counseling, Tyl and her staff are available to help them understand and deal with changes in their physical appearance.

The center offers free head shaving and a free one-hour massage during the customer's first appointment.

"We try to educate patients on the chemicals in products. That's especially important when you're going through chemo," Tyl said. "But it doesn't matter what got them to the point of hair

loss. I hear from women who have hair thinning out. We educate them on hair pieces and we also sell Nioxin, which boosts hair follicles. I like to give patients lots of options.

She figures the center has served approximately 1,000 clients since it opened its doors.

"I have so many beautiful cards from patients saying how important this was in their recovery plan. The more positive they are during treatment the better they do.

"We are happy to be here."

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September

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• St. Mary Mercy Hospital will a Childbirth Education class called, "Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby," a four-week program, 7-9 p.m. beginning Monday, Sept. 12 and running through Oct. 3, in classrooms 1 and 2, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. The class is based on the "Lamaze Method" and includes exercise, relaxation, breathing techniques and comfort measures to assist expectant moms through the different stages of labor. Classes also include information on anesthesia options, medication, nutrition, family adjustment and the importance of the support person's role. The class is open to expectant parents, not just those delivering at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Class fee is \$75 per couple and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162 for more information. Register online at www.stmarymercy.org.

• The Michigan Bariatric Institute at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars, 6-7:30 p.m. in the hospital's auditorium. Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of minimally invasive and bariatric surgery and Dr. Jacob Roberts, bariatric surgeon, present information about laparoscopic bariatric surgery. Sessions are Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1. For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (877) Why-Weight. It's located at 14555 Levan, Suite 311, in the Marian Professional Building, Livonia.

• Dr. Paul Makela will speak at the first of three sessions in the "Healthy Living Healthy Woman" series, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, in the hospital auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Makela will talk about robotics in gynecological surgery such as hysterectomy, myomectomy, and pelvic prolapse repair. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-2281 to register.

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10 Useless Résumé Words (and 10 eye-catching ones)

By Beth Braccio Hering
Special to CareerBuilder

"Generic hyperbole belongs on cereal boxes, not on résumés," says Duncan Mathison, a career consultant and co-author of "Unlock the Hidden Job Market: 6 Steps to a Successful Job Search When Times Are Tough." "If it does not pass the 'So what, anybody can make that claim' test, leave it off."

Instead of being another candidate professing to be a "hard worker," revitalize your application with a little seek-and-replace exercise. Scan your résumé for empty, overused words such as the following:

1. Outstanding
2. Effective
3. Strong
4. Exceptional

5. Good
6. Excellent
7. Driven
8. Motivated
9. Seasoned
10. Energetic

"Watch out for words that are unsupported claims of greatness," Mathison says. Adds David Couper, a career coach and author of "Outsiders on the Inside: How to Create a Winning Career ... Even When You Don't Fit In," "If you call yourself an 'excellent manager,' how do we know?"

The nouns following those subjective adjectives can be equally meaningless. Anyone who has ever had a co-worker can claim to be a "team player." "Do not say you're a 'good

communicator' or have 'excellent communication skills.' Who doesn't have these?" says Susan Ach, a career counselor at Marymount Manhattan College in New York City.

A better route to take is describing accomplishments and letting the hirer make his own judgment. Give specific (preferably quantifiable) accounts of what you've done that makes you an "outstanding salesperson." Likewise, peruse performance reviews for quotable material from supervisors that demonstrates why they consider you a "strong leader." Listing awards or other forms of recognition also can be used as support.

Some words should be avoided because they convey traits that employers consider standard for anybody who wants to be hired. "You're motivated? Hope so. A good worker? So happy to hear that; I didn't want to hire a bad

worker," Couper says. Don't take up precious résumé space with unnecessary items.

Also on the "don't" side: Words that seek to overcome what you might think are your shortcomings. "Using 'seasoned' for 'over 50' or 'energetic' for 'inexperienced' looks like spin and smells like spin," Mathison says. Keep the focus on what makes you right for the job.

On the flipside, certain words can make hiring managers do a double-take. Light up their eyes with these 10 words:

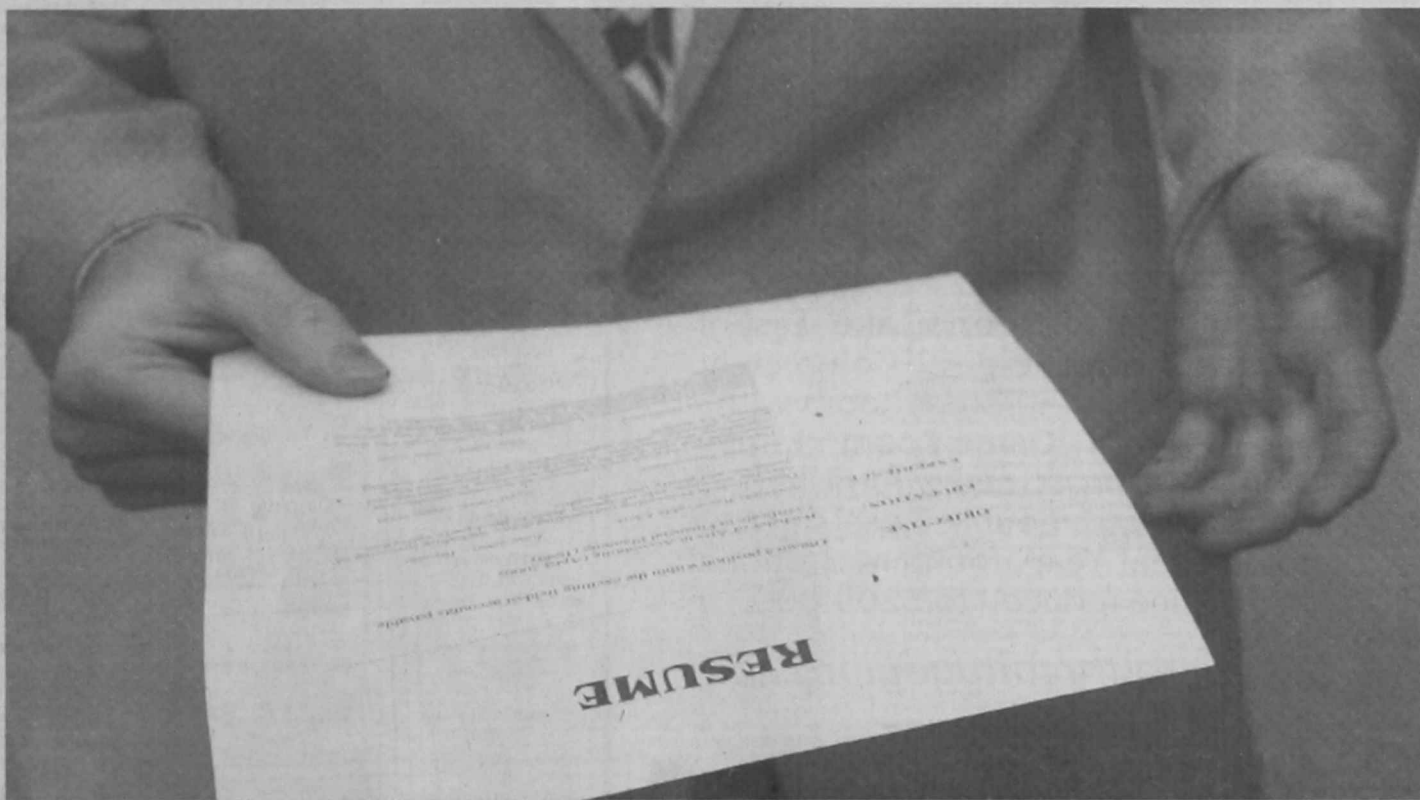
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4. Improved
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Lastly, it can be beneficial to use verbs and nouns that are common to your specific industry. This shows your familiarity with the language of your field and optimizes the chances of getting past an automatic scan for keywords. But remember, too, that all companies tend to speak a universal language: money. "Terms such as 'on-time' and 'under-budget' are often good. Hiring managers want to know you can get things done with minimum fuss," Mathison says. Tell them what makes you the most profitable choice for the job and employers will tell you the best word of all -- "hired."

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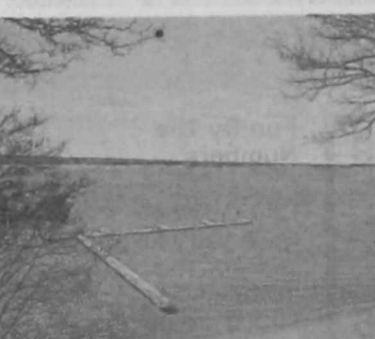
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