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Schoolcraft aims to combat money losses

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College, reeling from a \$29 million revenue loss that officials say threatens the school's ability to improve, has pinned its hopes on a tax-hike proposal voters will decide in the Nov. 3 election.

The owner of a \$200,000 home would pay \$60 more a year if the 0.6-mill, 10-year tax proposal wins approval from Schoolcraft voters who live in the Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Northville, Garden City and Clarenceville school districts. It would generate about \$8 million a year.

James Fausone, a Schoolcraft trustee and Canton resident, said the Livonia-based college lost \$29 million over seven years amid plunging property values and a bruising economic downturn that has begun to ease, though its harmful effects remain. Schoolcraft officials are

hopeful voters will support a college district that last asked for a tax increase 29 years ago – and got it. They say the new tax is crucial to staving off potential cuts to student programs, staffing levels, building repairs and technology advances. “It’s not just about throwing

money at it,” Fausone said. “It’s about doing it right.” His remarks came during a sparsely attended public forum Tuesday at the Canton Public Library as officials take the tax plan on the road. Canton resident Antonio Calderoni

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Summit lifeguard Jesse Zhou keeps an eye on a crowd of youngsters in the pool, part of an aquatics area that closes Monday for renovations.

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Summit aquatics center starts five-week shutdown Monday

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

It’s almost here. A five-week shutdown looms Monday for a popular aquatics center as Canton’s Summit on the Park recreation center ushers in a \$700,000 renovation. Other Summit areas are to remain open. The aquatics center is expected to reopen Oct. 11. “I would say it’s going to be a lot better

experience for the customers,” said Greg Hohenberger, Canton Leisure Services operations manager. “The facility will have a new, fresh feel to it.” The shutdown affects all pools, aquatic center locker rooms, the sauna and the steam room as work crews renovate the aquatics area, including a longtime request by customers for private shower stalls. The department has sought to inform patrons of the temporary closing by

posting signs inside the Summit, sending out emails, spreading the word through social media, alerting swim club members and conducting a tour and interviews with the *Canton Observer*. However, Hohenberger said it’s possible some patrons still could be surprised when they show up Monday to swim and learn they can’t. The renovations come as the Summit

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Group rolls out transgender forum

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Plymouth-Canton group is aiming to bring transgender issues to the forefront as local public school officials work toward a new policy for LGBT students.

George Belvitch, president of the Plymouth-Canton chapter of PFLAG, said the group has assembled a panel to discuss “Schools Beyond the Gender Binary” as the new school year gets underway.

Belvitch said students who are lesbian, bisexual, gay or transgender face more difficulties in the school setting. “They face much more harassment and bullying than straight students,” Belvitch said.

PFLAG has invited Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials to attend the panel discussion 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, in Plymouth.

The forum comes as the school district moves to develop a policy for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer, or LGBTQ, students.

“The board initiative to create a policy based around these types of issues is definitely in the preliminary stages, but it is on the radar of both the board and the administration,” said Nick Brandon, the district’s communications director.

Brandon said the district “with due diligence” intends to create a policy, as with all policies, that takes into consideration what is best for students.

“We want to make sure our students continue to get the best experience possible,” he said, “and we ensure the concept of diversity and equality in all of our school buildings.”

Belvitch said the panel discussion is expected to include Larry Price, faculty adviser to the Gay-Straight Alliance student group at the three high schools; a victim’s advocate from Equality Michigan; speakers from GLSEN, or Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network; and FtM (or female to male) Detroit.

Belvitch said New York

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Summer efforts put shine on P-C school buildings

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

There’s no doubt that some Plymouth-Canton Community Schools buildings were in rough shape last year — the first year for contracted maintenance by GRBS. But district officials believe students and parents are in for a treat when school doors open Tuesday. “We said this was going to take three years to do,” said Karin Wysocki, president of GRBS, who toured some of the

buildings Wednesday with the *Observer* staff. “I’m not going to pretend it was perfect.”

There were plenty of complaints last year from teachers, parents and even some P-CCS plant engineers.

The Plymouth-Canton district, which privatized custodial/maintenance services more than a year ago, uses a hybrid model for school cleaning. P-CCS plant engineers — school district employees —

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Pioneer Middle School had reported maintenance issues last year, including the courtyards, which are now essentially weed-free.

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state is among those to publish LGBTQ guidelines for its public schools after the U.S. Department of Justice began requiring schools to accommodate transgender students.

"As LGBTQ parents, allies and advocates," Belvitch said, "we have an important opportunity to make sure the (Plymouth-Canton Community Schools) hears our voices and the voices of our transgender and gender-expansive loved ones."

He said LGBTQ students "need to know there is someone out there for them."

Belvitch is a former Plymouth-Canton director of elementary education, principal and teacher who, with wife Kit, founded the local PFLAG chapter in 2014. They have a 33-year-old

"We want to make sure our students continue to get the best experience possible."

NICK BRANDON
P-CCS official

gay son.

The PFLAG group, in its second year, has begun to ratchet up its advocacy efforts.

PFLAG is made up of parents, families, friends and others who support the LGBTQ community. The Plymouth-Canton chapter meets 3-5 p.m. the second Sunday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church. For more information, send an email to belvitch-george@hotmail.com or call 734-358-8280.

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approaches its 20th anniversary. The recreation facility has 6,000 members who, along with other visitors, rack up 500,000 visits a year — many of them repeat customers.

The aquatics center project has long been in the planning stages.

"It's going to be better," Canton Leisure Services Director Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz said.

The project marks the second-biggest makeover

since the Summit opened in 1996. The largest involved a building expansion in 2002.

The latest effort includes:

» Improving aquatics center locker rooms and renovating showers to make them more private.

» Painting the aquatics center's steel supporting structures and ceiling and repairing its tiles.

» Resurfacing a water slide that is popular among children.

» Dismantling and removing two large tank-like sand filters that serve the aquatics area and bringing in replace-

ments that are smaller and more efficient.

Hohenberger said the changes are certain to save Canton money on utility expenses because the facility will be more energy-efficient.

The aquatics center offers a leisure pool up to 3½ feet deep, a five-lane, 25-yard lap pool up to 5 feet deep, a so-called lazy river and water slide area and amenities such as a sauna and steam room.

During the five-week shutdown, Summit patrons will have no access to aquatic locker rooms and shower facilities; however, fitness center

locker rooms will remain open for patrons.

The entire Summit already was scheduled to shut down at noon Monday for annual maintenance efforts. Officials deemed that closure the best time to complete the other repairs.

To compensate Summit patrons for the closure, Hohenberger said members will have five weeks added to their memberships starting Sept. 1.

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COLLEGE

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said he supports the ballot measure because he personally has a friend and a relative who attended Schoolcraft programs that boosted their careers.

"Your school caters to working people," he told Fausone and Glenn Cerny, Schoolcraft's vice president and chief financial officer.

To that end, the college has expanded its skilled trade and advanced manufacturing programs such as biomedical engineering technology, welding, metallurgy and materials science and plastic technology.

"These are skilled jobs that pay well," Fausone said.

Officials say the college has sought to remain relevant by offering new programs such as a bachelor's degree in culinary arts and brewing and distillation studies, reflecting a burgeoning Michigan craft beer scene.

Among the highlights of Tuesday's forum:

» Cerny said it is projected Schoolcraft needs to invest \$48 million during the next 10 years for building improvements, some of them long delayed amid budget con-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program is among those that have been expanded.

straints.

» Before asking for a tax increase, Fausone said Schoolcraft already slashed spending by \$5 million by adopting a four-year employee wage freeze ending in 2012, along with buyouts, eliminating some administrative positions and reducing utility costs.

» Officials pledged to continue seeking cost-cutting measures without raising tuition beyond the cost of living.

» Fausone said 85 percent of Schoolcraft graduates stay in Michigan and account for \$511.4 million in annual regional income: "That investment stays local."

» Fausone said the tax, if approved, will be used for purposes such as expanding science,

technology, engineering and math, or STEM, programs and partnerships with universities, K-12 districts and businesses. The college also hopes to create a new financial aid plan aimed at reducing student debt.

» Officials tout Schoolcraft as a leader in public safety training, including 2,200 police academy recruits in 2015 alone, along with extensive firefighter training.

» Statistics compiled by Schoolcraft indicate the district's taxpayers paid \$22.1 million in 2014 — far less than Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw community college districts, though, to be fair, Schoolcraft also has fewer residents.

» Officials say Schoolcraft has a higher per-

centage of students who graduate or transfer to predominantly four-year schools — 61 percent — compared to other community college districts.

"We are better than every other Michigan community college at preparing students for their education and career goals," Fausone said, "and we do it more efficiently than all of our local competitors."

» Schoolcraft's enrollment has remained flat in recent years. Cerny said the college currently has about 12,000 students in its academic programs and 20,000 in continuing education courses.

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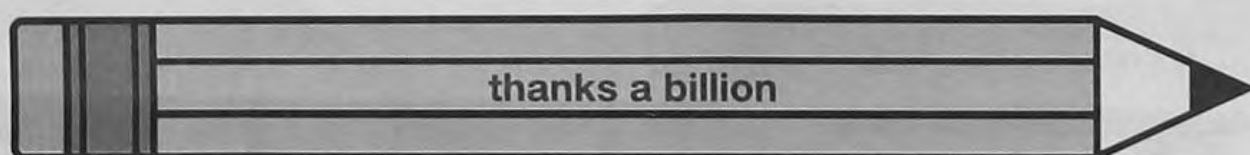
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Superintendent welcomes the 2015-16 school year

To the P-CCS community: It is my absolute pleasure to welcome the you back to kick off the 2015-16 school year. It has been a busy summer for our district, but it is my genuine hope that all of our students and families found time to relax, rest and enjoy what the past few months have brought. I hope it was a time of family, fun and restoration as we all embark on what is sure to be an inspiring school year working with the amazing young people in our district.

Change continues to be in the air at P-CCS and our hope is that all of our changes are for the better of our students, our families and our staff. There were many success stories during the summer months that I would love to bring the community up to speed on:

» Liberty Middle School is ready to open its doors to a brand new community for our school district — the Liberty



Micheal Meissen
GUEST COLUMNIST

Lions community. The building looks incredible and I and many others cannot wait to see students learning within those walls every day. If you have the opportunity, please stop by our grand opening event at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, to see this new crown jewel for our school district.

» Speaking of new educational homes, the Allen Early Learning Academy will also open its doors for the 2015-16 school year, expanding our preschool program and offering new and exciting opportunities for countless young learners in the Plymouth-Canton community and beyond. Our respect for those special walls meant that we wanted to ensure that future generations of learners would continue to

carry on the legacy and tradition that Allen built for so many families in our community. We are excited for all who will begin their journey of learning in the AELA this fall.

» Congratulations to some of our schools — at the elementary, middle and high school levels — that recently were released from the Michigan Department of Education Focus Schools list, thanks to lots of hard work and dedication from building administrators and teachers. This shows that we are “practicing what we preach” in terms of working to close achievement gaps and it is a terrific accomplishment for school district — one that is worthy of celebration!

» Another exciting achievement is the recent news that our P-CEP buildings were named to the *Newsweek* “Top 500 High Schools in the U.S.” list. Congrats to our three principals and all of the fantastic staff that work so hard to make

The Park such a special place to work and learn.

» We also launched the all-new official district website at www.pccsk12.com in early July. This cutting-edge online home for P-CCS is packed with enhanced features and information and I strongly recommend all of you to visit it often during the school year.

» Lastly, we want to congratulate the P-CEP Marching Band for recently being named as one of the performers at the 2016 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif. This outstanding program, led by director David Armbruster, sets the standard for what all programs at P-CCS should strive for: passionate practice, team-first philosophies and the desire to perform at nothing lower than a championship level. Congratulations to all who contributed to the special honor and opportunity.

As you can see, P-CCS is a pretty special place to be right now. But what really makes

our district special is the support we get from all of you — the communities that have helped build us and the communities we hope that we have helped build as well. It is this idea that makes Plymouth-Canton Community Schools a place that I am so honored to lead and a place that I hope you all continue to support as we progress in these challenging times.

At P-CCS, we talk every day about being a “Team of One” — one who will do everything we can to help our students to LEARN, PREPARE and THRIVE.

We cannot do it without you and we look forward to working alongside our valued community to make the 2015-16 school year an amazing experience for all involved.

Dr. Michael Meissen is superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

Five P-CCS schools removed from state ‘Focus’ list

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Five Plymouth-Canton schools — Farrand, Field, Miller, East and Discovery — have been released from state designation as “Focus” schools, leaving only Salem High School on the list.

In 2012, the Michigan Department of Education created the Focus designation for schools across the state that have an achievement gap — based on state testing — between the top 30 percent of high-achieving students and the lowest-achieving students.

“We have had growth (in testing scores) of the lower performing students,” Superintendent Michael Meissen said. “It’s a credit to the hard work and focus of the school community around high-quality



FILE PHOTO

Discovery Middle School is one of five Plymouth-Canton schools released from the state’s Focus list.

curriculum and effective teaching and support.”

Those improvements — and removal from the Focus list — are based on improvement over a two-year period, Meissen added.

DOE spokesman Bill Disessa confirmed that assessment. “Those schools simply

had achievement in the bottom 30 percent,” he said.

Focus designation means that each school in that category was placed under increased performance monitoring by the state DOE.

“The goal will be to continue to raise the bottom 30 percent,” Nick Brandon, district

communications director, said about Salem High School’s continuance on the Focus list.

The initial designation in 2012 kicked in a plan for district administrators and principals to close the gaps. “I was at Discovery when it was designated,” said Brandon, who was previously a social studies teacher at the middle school.

“It creates a lot of efforts to prove you will improve,” he added. “There is a lot of paperwork, a lot of recording.”

Despite the previous Focus designations, 14 Plymouth-Canton schools last August were placed in the top 80th percentile or better in the DOE’s Top to Bottom List. In that same list, 21 of the total 23 schools ranked in the 50th percentile or better.

Dodson Elementary School last year earned the label of a

Reward School for the third consecutive year, finishing with a 97th percentile ranking.

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

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

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Canton Lions raise \$4,800 at annual corn roast

The numbers are in and the Canton Lions Club raised nearly \$4,800 during its Aug. 22 corn roast to buy eyeglasses, hearing aids and other devices for hearing- and vision-impaired people in need.

"That's excellent for us," longtime Canton Lions volunteer Bill Van Winkle said. "That's one of the most successful corn roasts we've had."

Van Winkle said about 700 people attended the event, near the Cady-Boyer Barn in Preservation Park, on Canton's west side.

The event also offered vision and hearing tests for those who attended, helping to identify potential problems for some.

Van Winkle said the Lions Club is grateful for the community's support for the event.

"We couldn't be more pleased," he said.



The Canton Concert Band played at the corn roast.

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Children got to play during the corn roast.

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Tickets on sale for Beer, Brats & Bands at the Barn

Craft beer lovers still have time to get tickets for Brew, Brats & Bands at the Barn in Canton.

B4, as some call it, happens 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Cady-Boyer Barn, 500 N. Ridge, north of Cherry Hill, on Canton's west side.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door – and just \$10 for designated drivers.

"Metro Detroit's growing craft beer culture can taste and appreciate specialty brews from all over the country in one location," said Gregg King, Canton facilities supervisor and fundraiser organizer.

The event, which draws hundreds and is geared toward the over-21 crowd, benefits the Canton Historical Society with its educational efforts in schools, exhibits at the Canton Historical Museum and displays at the old pole barn at Preservation Park, CHS president Bill Tesen said.

Organizers say the event includes more than 75 craft and specialty beers.

Entertainment will include the Dale Hicks Band, performing classic rock hits, and



Beer, Brats & Bands at the Barn is returning to Canton.

FILE PHOTO

All Directions, which plays rhythm and blues standards.

For tickets, go to www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org. Tickets also are available at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, and at the Canton

treasurer's office, 1150 S. Canton.

Admission includes seven drink tickets – each good for a four-ounce beer sample – brats with fixings and a kee-sake beer-tasting mug. Additional tickets for four samples

can be bought on site for \$5.

Sponsors include Canton Leisure Services, Holiday Market, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Canton Brew Works and Beerfests.com.

For more information, call 734-394-5314.

Plymouth museum hosts antique appraisals

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

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

Oral evaluations will be provided for \$10 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15-minute time slot.

Call now for an appointment at 734-455-8940, ext. 0, or sign up at http://www.plymouth-history.org/events/Antique-Appraisal-Clinic_ET712.html?Sort-Box=201509.

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Audition for Canton's Central City Christmas Spectacular

Experienced dancers, soloist singers and gymnasts, ages 6 through adult, are invited to try out for a cast of more than 100 performing in Canton's holiday tradition, the Central City Christmas Spectacular. Auditions will be held Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Central City Dance Center, 6700 N. Canton Center Road.

The Christmas Spectacular is a Broadway-style Christmas show, featuring some of the most talented performers from Plymouth/Canton and surrounding communities. The auditions are not specific to students of any one dance studio, but are open to anyone in the community interested in participating in a professional theatrical spectacle. Past cast members have consisted of performers from as far away as Brighton, Detroit, Ann Arbor and even Toledo.

The Central City Christmas Spectacular features tap and jazz



Believe it or not, plans are in the works for Christmas.

FILE PHOTO

dancers, sensational singers, glitzy costumes, flashy set-designs and follows an exciting story with professional actors about what "really" happens at the North Pole and how Christmas is celebrated around the world. The show is designed for the entire family to enjoy.

The Christmas Spectacular has sold out for 11 seasons at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. "It's the hottest Christmas show around town," said Tim Smola, one of the show's directors.

Auditions are open to the general public and to all area dancers ages 6 to adult, gymnasts of all

ages, and singers ages 14 to adult. Auditions run 4:30-9 p.m. and specific times for each age group are listed at www.centralcitydance.com. Participants must arrive 30 minutes prior to their audition time to register and warm up.

Those participating must read through the

audition process information, pay a \$10 fee to audition, due at the time of registration, and must bring a non-returnable photo of themselves with the audition form.

Dancers must have proper dance attire and bring all their dance shoes. Dancers will be taught a dance combina-

tion as a group and performers will be chosen not only on their dance skills, but ability to listen and follow directions.

Singers, ages 14 to adult, bring choice of a prepared piece of holiday music, in CD format or choose to sing without music. Singers will be asked to sing at least one minute of a Christmas song.

Gymnasts should be able to demonstrate three different passes across the floor and will be chosen based on their technique and originality.

Cast members selected for the Central City Christmas Spectacular 2015 will be posted on the Central City Dance website Sept. 12.

For specific information regarding the audition process for the Central City Christmas Spectacular, go to www.centralcitydance.com and click on the 2015 Christmas Spectacular Auditions link. Call Central City Dance at 734-459-0400 or email centralcitydance@comcast.net.

Plymouth friends of library join Fall Fest fun

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library will join in the fun of Fall Festival when they sponsor a free family event at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, in Kellogg Park.

Magician Chris Linn will bring his zany sense of fun to the Fall Festival stage. Known as "America's Magical Funnyman" Linn is part comedian, part



magician and 100-percent pure entertainment.

In the event of rain, the show will be moved just down the parking lot to the library.

"We are delighted that the Friends are making this event possible," library Director Carol Souchock said. "We are excited to join the community in this annual Plymouth tradition, the Fall Festival."



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Heise holds office hours

State Rep. Kurt Heise will host district office hours Monday, Sept. 14, in Canton, Northville and Plymouth at the following locations and times:

» 10-11 a.m., Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road (east of I-275), Canton

» Noon to 1 p.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.

» 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St.

Also, 7:30-9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Heise will host coffee hours at Crawford's Kitchen, 542 Starkweather, in Plymouth.

Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll-free 855-REPKURT or email KurtHeise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.



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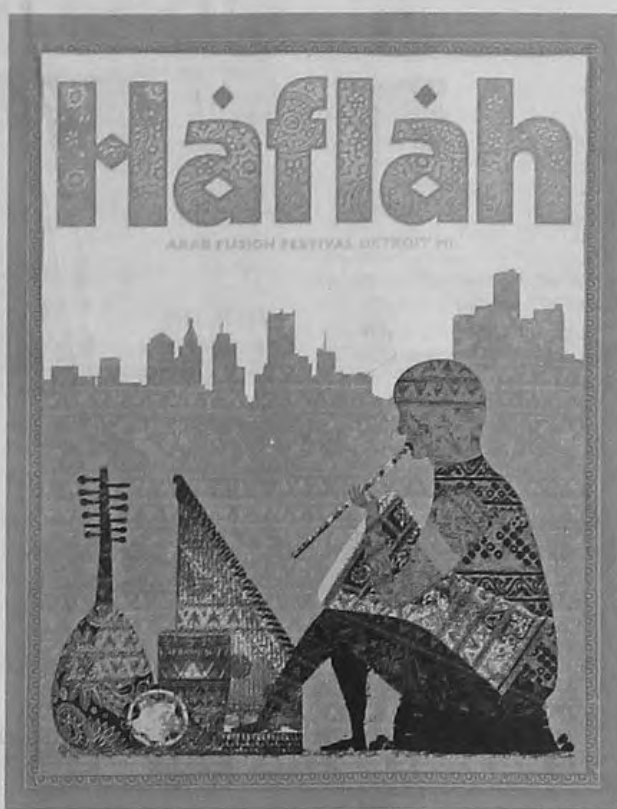
Michigan Phil, National Arab Orchestra present fusion fest

The Michigan Philharmonic and The National Arab Orchestra will bring music lovers together this concert season for the inaugural HAFLAH! Arab Fusion Festival at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Detroit's Music Hall.

In Arabic, "haflah" means "large festive party" — and what a musical party it will be. This unique concert features classical music with a Middle Eastern flair, as well as works by Middle Eastern composers and others from around the world.

"This concert collaboration has never been done before and that's one of the reasons the Michigan Philharmonic is so excited to work with Michael Ibrahim and the musicians of the National Arab Orchestra," said Beth Stewart, executive director of the Michigan Philharmonic.

According to Nan Washburn, music director and conductor of the Michigan Philharmonic, one of the



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things that makes this an extra special musical event is the opportunity for musicians of the Michigan

Philharmonic to perform side by side with the fabulous musicians of the National Arab Orchestra, to premiere

composer Kareem Roustom's exciting new work, *Hewar*, which means dialogue or conversation.

"Kareem has written a musical expression of the interplay between musicians and between cultures," Washburn said. "In my book, this type of special musical event is one of the best and most fun ways to build cultural bridges and celebrate our wonderfully diverse community."

Many Detroit arts and culture organizations have helped make this unique concert possible. The HAFLAH! Arab Fusion Festival is a winner of the 2013 Knight Arts Challenge Detroit, an initiative of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

"The arts offer a unique opportunity to experience different cultures and perspectives. This collaboration is testament to its potential to unite, inspire and connect diverse groups to the place they live and to each other," said Vic-

toria Rogers, Knight Foundation vice president for arts.

Another partner in this effort is Detroit Public Television, which will produce a video of the performance with support from Knight Foundation, the Muna and Basem Hishmeh Foundation and the American Syrian Arab Cultural Association. The concert will air at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, on WTVS-TV (Channel 56).

"Music is a universal language and we have the opportunity to bring our audiences something unique and meaningful, celebrating the power of the arts to unite us all," said Michael Ibrahim, founder and director of the National Arab Orchestra.

For tickets and information, go to www.michiganphil.org or <http://www.music-hall.org/events/HAFLAH>.

Canton trash pickup delayed by one day next week

Due to the Labor Day holiday, Rizzo Environmental Services will not collect refuse, recycling or yard waste Monday, Sept. 7, in Canton.

All collections next week will be delayed by one day. Rizzo will resume its regular collection schedule Monday, Sept. 14.

All refuse and recycling must be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m. to ensure pickup. Rizzo will not pick up refuse or recycling that is placed past the sidewalk on private property. All recycling must be placed separate from your refuse on the opposite side of your driveway.

For questions or more information on solid waste collection, go to www.canton-mi.org or call Rizzo at 866-772-8900.

PUBLIC NOTICE Regular Meeting

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting September 15, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Plymouth District Library 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/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPOTLIGHT ON 'PRODUCERS'

Time/Date: 8 p.m. for Saturday performances; 2 p.m. for Sunday performances, Sept. 18-20 and 25-27

Location: Village Theater is at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton

Details: The Spotlight Players stage *The Producers*

Cost: Tickets are \$16 to \$18 each. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or at <http://www.spotlight-playersmi.org/>. Tickets are also available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time.

BASKETBALL SIGN-UP

Time/Date: 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9

Location: Pioneer Middle School cafeteria, 46081 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Community Education Basketball League hosts registration for kids from third grade through high school.

Contact: Email cebl@pccsk12.com

WORLD PEACE DAY

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sept. 20; prayers for world peace at 1:15

p.m.; refreshments at 2 p.m.

Location: Kellogg Park, Plymouth, followed by refreshments at Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street

Details: Plymouth Canton Interfaith Community Outreach World Peace Day 2015, sponsored by: The Interfaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit, Canton and Plymouth Hindu Community, Geneva Presbyterian, Gurdwara-Sahib Hidden Falls, Living Peace Church, Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, Singh-Saba of Michigan Gurdwara. Open to all faiths

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Time/Date: Apply now; orientation Oct. 13

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley Road, Suite A, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient care and companionship, office support, group activities and more. Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentiality, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving

the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer.

Contact: Volunteer coordinator with questions or to apply for a brief interview 888-983-9050.

RCIA CLASSES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22

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

Details: An informal RCIA — Rite of Initiation of Adults — meeting for adults who are not baptized or baptized in another faith, also those who still need to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation and those interested in a review of the church.

Contact: The church at 734-455-5910

CRAFTERS WANTED

Time/Date: Sept. 11-13

Location: Plymouth Fall Festival, downtown Plymouth

Details: Plymouth Fall Festival Craft marketplace is expanding this year, requiring more crafters.

Contact: The application is available at <http://plymouth-fallfestival.com/craft-show/>.

fallfestival.com/craft-show/. Contact Colleen at craft-show@plymouthfallfestival.com

WILDCATS OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

Time/Date: Beginning with check-in at 8 a.m., followed by first wave of participants at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12

Location: Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton

Details: A fundraiser for the Wildcats, the Plymouth High School football team in conjunction with the VET — Veteran Education and Transitional — Program. The event offers mud, an obstacle course, climbing hills and bales of hay and sand

Cost: \$30 for adults; \$20 for ages 13-19, \$10 for ages 10-12 and kids 9 and younger are admitted free. Admission includes the course, a drawing backpack, buff and finishers medal. Kids nine and younger will not receive a bag or medals.

Registration: Ongoing and may be completed online at www.TheVETProgram.org (under events). Participants may also register and pick up information packets from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at Plymouth High School

Contact: Booster club member Todd McCall at 734-748-9649; sponsorships requested

RAKU WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 5:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, and noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19

Location: Village Potters Guild, 326 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: Guild hosts its third Raku Workshop in which participants choose pottery and glaze them; experience is not necessary; demonstrations and sales also offered.

Cost: \$10 registration fee; pottery ranges \$10-30

Contact and register: The Guild at 734-207-8807

FALL TASTE FEST

Date/Time: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11

Location: Station 885, 885 Starkweather, in Plymouth's Old Village

Details: The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club and Station 885 are sponsoring the Plymouth Fall Festival Taste Fest. Great food will be offered by a host of Plymouth-Canton eateries. There is a live band and cash bar. Food will be offered by Bahama Breeze, Cupcake Station, Ex-

treme Pizza of Plymouth, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizza & Ribs, La Bistecca Italian Grille, Leo's Coney Island of Plymouth & Canton, Max & Erma's Plymouth, Plymouth ROC, Rocky's of Northville, Rusty Bucket, Station 885, Westland Famous Dave's, Vintners Canton Winery, Zoup Soup, Salad & Sandwiches.

Cost: \$15 for adults; \$5 for children 10 and under and free for kids under 5. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Station 885 and at U.P. Pasties on Main Street.

Contact: 734-459-1896 for more information.

VISIT THE FAIR

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Nov. 1

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The Fair That Changed America — also known as the Chicago World's Fair — the 1893 Exposition and all the history it made comes back to life at the Plymouth Historical Museum with the newest exhibit, "The Fair That Changed America."

Admission: \$5 for adults; \$2 for children ages 6-17. Through Labor Day, active duty service men and women are admitted free to the museum, designated as a Blue Star Museum.

Contact: www.plymouth-history.org or 734-455-8940

SALINE ANTIQUES

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 12-13, Nov. 22 and Dec. 6

Location: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor/Saline Road, Ann Arbor

Details: The Saline Antiques & Vintage Market is open. The event is pet-friendly, but pets must be leashed. The event continues rain or shine. Everything is under cover with food and refreshments.

Cost: Admission is \$6. Parking is free

Contact: www.salineantiques-market.com. To become an exhibitor, contact Doug Supinger, manager, at 937-875-0808 or email salinemarket@gmail.com

NEW FOOD PANTRY

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. each Thursday

Location: Abundant Life Church of God, 21000 Hannan, Canton

Details: The church has opened a food pantry for individuals and

families in need.

Contact: Church office, 734-722-7688

'RED VELVET'

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Thursday; 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 3-6

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill

Details: The Spotlight Still Got It Players presents the comedy, *The Red Velvet Cake Wars*.

Contact: Visit www.cantonvillage-theater.org or call 734-394-5300.

Cost: Tickets range \$16 to \$18 per person and may be purchased online at www.spotlight-playersmi.org or by calling The Village Theater box office at 734-394-5300. Tickets are also available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time.

MEETINGS CHANGED

Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. second Sunday of each month

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: PFLAG P-C is committed to advancing equality and societal acceptance of LGBT people through its threefold mission of support, education and advocacy.

CARS & CAFFEINE

Time/Date: 8-10 a.m. each Sunday

Location: Parking lot of Biggby Coffee, 44601 Five Mile, Plymouth

Details: Car buffs and enthusiasts are invited to bring themselves, their families and their classic or hot-rod vehicles for a weekly gathering for talk and coffee.

Cost: Free

CANTON MARKET

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday

Location: Preservation Park on Ridge Road, Canton

Details: Canton Farmers Market now open

PLYMOUTH MARKET

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 30 (except Sept. 6)

Location: In and around The Gathering, downtown Plymouth

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Loretta will be available to sign copies of her book after the seminar.

Adult day care will be provided by qualified staff. Please ask for this service when making your reservation.

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Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at **STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 at 10:00 am**, on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. **CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.**

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Unit#469 - CARLA EVON, 14165 GRANT, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
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PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Construction Bid Package 5E, consisting of:

MDF Air Conditioning Unit Upgrades at: East Middle School
Pioneer Middle School
Plymouth High School

will be received at the office of Mr. Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until **10:00 A.M., local time on Thursday, September 24, 2015** at which time they will be opened, read publicly and tabulated.

Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

This Project will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions of work:

BD 142: HVAC BD 143: Electrical

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Construction Market Data (CMD), and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of ½ size bidding documents beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 3:15 P.M. at the East Middle School Media Center, located at 1042 S. Mill Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), and the Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit. **The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1287 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit form may be found in section 00 42 10 of the Bidding Requirements & General Conditions Manual.**

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If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

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BUILDINGS

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lead GRBS employees in the schools.

District employees and GRBS officials and employees are collaborating, beginning with a committee to oversee plans to improving the conditions of buildings and keeping them clean daily.

"The conditions under which children learn matter," Superintendent Michael Meissen said.

Three standards are followed for building conditions: clean, healthful and safe. "These define what we are doing," Meissen said. "P-CCS employees are critical to these functions."

The adoption of the 2015-16 district budget included a reduction of 5.7 plant engineers — out of a total of 23. That means plant engineers will share responsibilities for the buildings, Meissen said.

The reduction in plant engineers was part of an overall push to offset a more than \$5 million deficit to balance the new budget. Many of the reductions, including plant engineers, were met with complaints from district employees and members of the public.

But budget cuts have become a reality in Michigan's public schools. State funding is some \$500 less per pupil going into the new school year — with \$7,300 per pupil — than it was in 2008, when it topped \$7,800 per pupil, Meissen said.

"You put that force out there and (add) declining enrollment and that's what we have," Meissen said.

GRBS and district plant engineers have spent the summer scouring the elementary, middle and high schools to get ready for opening day. "There were so many layers (of wax) — about two to eight — covering the floors," Wysocki said.

With previous budget cuts, including available resources, buildings' appearances naturally deteriorated, Wysocki and district officials said.

At Pioneer Middle School, for example, the main halls' flooring was darker — previous to deep cleaning — than it actually is. "They all thought it was light brown," Wysocki said.

The summer has been spent restoring conditions at the buildings. The work has included restoring floors in classrooms and halls, removing all furniture from rooms and cleaning it, cleaning carpets and, where needed, painting.

"We start cleaning from the ceilings down," said plant engineer Mike Lardin, who works in Tonda Elementary School.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Broken lockers were fixed at Pioneer Middle School.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Plenty of elbow grease went into the schools over the summer.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Layers upon layers of old wax were removed from school floors.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Tonda Elementary is all spiffed up for the new school year.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
P-CCS plant engineer Mike Lardin replaces tables after stripping and waxing the floors in the Tonda resource room.

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"We stripped the floors."

The collaborative effort between district plant engineers and GRBS employees, Lardin said, has improved not only the work process, but the buildings. District employees have trained GRBS employees, who will be in the buildings for eight hours daily.

"We have a good, bonding relationship," Lardin said.

Still, Wysocki said she understands there is still a bitter-

sweet feeling in the district because of the loss of some of the district's plant engineers. "It is hard," she said. "These are some well-loved people."

In addition to the end-of-the-day pickup by students in the classrooms, each room will be cleaned daily. One classroom will be picked every night for a more in-depth "weekly upkeep," Wysocki said.

While restorative cleaning is

winding down as school doors are slated to open, work also continues in courtyards — pulling weeds and generally improving the appearance.

"Collaboration is the key between the principals, teachers and parent volunteers," said Mike Peterson, district operations director.

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Built in 2013, the First Responders Memorial contains the names of the police, fire and EMS personnel from Wayne County communities who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The memorial includes monuments, seat walls, concrete walkways, a paver plaza, site furnishings and special lighting. The Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run will start and finish at the memorial site.

"I know what a place



First Responders Memorial is in Hines Park, at the corner of Hines Drive and Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township.

like the First Responders Memorial means to the families who have lost loved ones in the line of duty," Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans said. "The men and women represented on the wall were true heroes who made great sacrifices and encountered great risks to en-

sure all of our safety.

"To honor them in this way is not enough, but this memorial shows that we are grateful for their bravery in service and most importantly it shows that they have not been forgotten. The Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run is an opportunity for us to

support them in remembrance," he added.

Last year's Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run raised \$10,000 for the First Responders Memorial. Improvements to the memorial included a video security system and new American, Wayne County and state of Michigan

flags.

Participants can register online at www.heroesonhines.com or in person at the Nankin Mills Interpretive, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Online registration for the Half Marathon and the 5K Run will be accepted until noon Oct. 1. After Oct. 1, participants must register in person.

Entry fees include a technical race shirt, drawstring backpack, post-race food and finisher's medal for all participants.

The Half Marathon begins at 8 a.m. The registration fee is \$59 through noon Oct. 1. Registration thereafter will be \$70.

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I recommend seeing a dental professional who offers treatment for TMJ disorders, which occurs when your jaw joints (temporomandibular joints, or TMJs) become strained. Causes of TMJ disorders include everything from an injury to tooth grinding or a bad bite.

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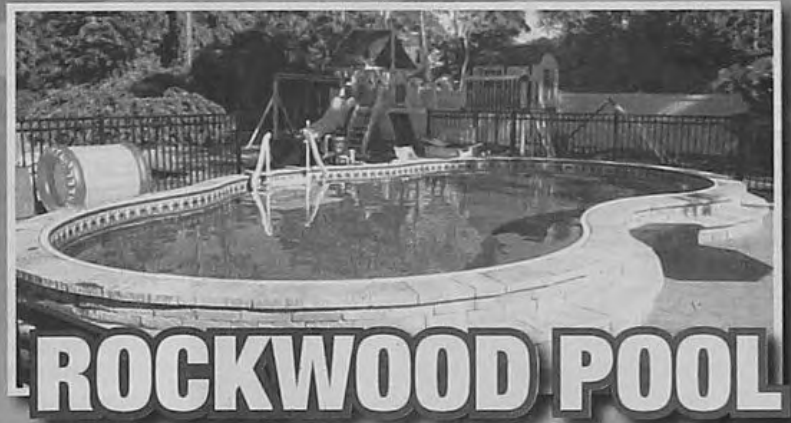
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Back to school: Parents can help ease way for young students

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Karen Paciorek is a veteran of sending kids off to school.

Her two grown children navigated the waters from grade school to college. Paciorek, a Novi resident and past president of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education, is a professor at Eastern Michigan University.

"There are going to be some tears, probably," said Paciorek, who earned her Ph.D. at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in Tennessee and is a professor and program coordinator, Early Childhood Education, at EMU's Department of Teacher Education.

She has advice for parents sending a child off, especially to kindergarten. "Many of our children now have had a preschool experience before kindergarten," she said. "Help your child be independent."

That includes being sure pants can be snapped and unsnapped for toileting and shoes and jackets taken on and off. "If I can take care of myself as a child, I will have less anxiety," Paciorek said.

Agreeing is kindergarten teacher Jennifer Wichmann of Cleveland Elementary School in the Livonia district. "I think it's a good time to start to encourage a lot of that independence," said Wichmann, a Plymouth resident who's starting her 14th year in LPS and

SAFETY FIRST

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers these tips for students traveling to and from school:

SCHOOL BUS

Children should always board and exit the bus at locations that provide safe access to the bus or to the school building.

Remind your child to wait for the bus to stop before approaching it from the curb.

Make sure your child walks where she can see the bus driver (which means the driver will be able to see her, too).

Remind your student to look both ways to see that no other traffic is coming before crossing the street, just in case traffic does not stop as required.

Your child should not move around on the bus.

If your child's school bus has lap/shoulder seat belts, make sure your child uses one at all times when in the bus. (If your child's school bus does not have lap/shoulder belts, encourage the school system to buy or lease buses with lap/shoulder belts.)

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All passengers should wear a seat belt or use an age- and size-appropriate car safety seat or booster seat.

Your child should ride in a car safety seat with a harness as long as possible and then ride in a belt-positioning booster seat. Your child is ready for a booster seat when she has reached the top weight or height allowed for her seat, her shoulders are above the top harness slots,

or her ears have reached the top of the seat.

Your child should ride in a belt-positioning booster seat until the vehicle's seat belt fits properly (usually when the child reaches about 4-foot-9 in height and is between 8 to 12 years of age). This means that the child is tall enough to sit against the vehicle seat back with her legs bent at the knees and feet hanging down and the shoulder belt lies across the middle of the chest and shoulder, not the neck or throat; the lap belt is low and snug across the thighs, not the stomach.

All children younger than 13 years of age should ride in the rear seat of vehicles. If you must drive more children than can fit in the rear seat (when carpooling, for example), move the front-seat passenger's seat as far back as possible and have the child ride in a booster seat if the seat belts do not fit properly without it.

Remember that many crashes occur while novice teen drivers are going to and from school. You should require seat belt use, limit the number of teen passengers, and do not allow eating, drinking, cell phone conversations, texting or other mobile device use to prevent driver distraction. Limit nighttime driving and driving in inclement weather. Familiarize yourself with your state's graduated driver's license law and consider the use of a parent-teen driver agreement to facilitate the early driving learning process. For a sample parent-teen driver agreement, see www.healthychildren.org/

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BIKE

Always wear a bicycle helmet, no matter how short or long the ride.

Ride on the right, in the same direction as auto traffic. Use appropriate hand signals.

Respect traffic lights and stop signs.

Wear bright-colored clothing to increase visibility. White or light-colored clothing and reflective gear is especially important after dark.

Know the "rules of the road."

WALKING TO SCHOOL

Make sure your child's walk to school is a safe route with well-trained adult crossing guards at every intersection.

Identify other children in the neighborhood with whom your child can walk to school. In neighborhoods with higher levels of traffic, consider organizing a "walking school bus," in which an adult accompanies a group of neighborhood children walking to school.

Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills. Because small children are impulsive and less cautious around traffic, carefully consider whether or not your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision.

If your children are young or are walking to a new school, walk with them the first week or until you are sure they know the route and can do it safely.

Bright-colored clothing will make your child more visible to drivers.

her fifth at Cleveland.

Paciorek told her sons to buddy up, to get help with school assignments from friends.

Let's get organized

Being organized in the morning is key. Children

should pick their clothing and put out their backpack the night before. "Even if the child wears a uniform, they can choose their underwear," Paciorek said. "We rush off to work and we're frantic and frazzled. It

just sets a bad tone for the day."


Reading for pleasure should continue all year, with 20 minutes a day a good rule of thumb, the professor said. That can


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be the child reading independently or with a parent.

"Sometimes before bed, we're tired; they're ready to nod off," Paciorek said. It's fine to read for 10 minutes earlier and then 10 minutes at bedtime.

"They need to have that opportunity to hear vocabulary and language. It's the best and least expensive thing we can do for children," she said of reading, adding public libraries have a wealth of materials.

"Oh, absolutely," Wichmann, mom to two daughters entering third and sixth grades, said of daily reading. "That's one of my main readiness tips, reading aloud to your child daily. Kids see their parents reading."

Regular reading at home helps children learn parts of a sentence, as well as the beginnings

and ends of words, Wichmann said. "It's also just a wonderful time to cuddle with your child," she added.

Wichmann said it's typical for children starting kindergarten to feel nervous and that family routines like breakfast, bath time and brushing teeth help children.

"Those are really important to keep, especially when a child is starting something new in life," Wichmann said.

"Parents want to help get their children organized" for homework, Paciorek said. Early elementary homework, usually minimal, is designed to prepare children for middle school and high school, which are more demanding.

Even a young child needs a place to do homework, not in front of a TV, she said, as well as materials required. Paciorek urges parents to watch a child doing homework.

"Is the homework too hard? Are they having

problems?" she said. Generally 10 minutes of homework per grade level per day is usual, so a third-grader struggling for an hour and a half raises questions.

Writing a note to the teacher in that case is recommended, said Paciorek, who touts email as a good way to communicate and which allows the teacher to respond when he or she gets time.

"Then the teacher knows how to adjust," Paciorek said, noting some lessons may have caused difficulty for multiple children in a classroom.

'Communicate problems'

Many teachers now have websites and private Facebook pages to help families. "Communicate problems you notice your child is having," Paciorek said.

You want to first get the whole story from your child if an issue arises. It's best to then approach the teacher;

you can go to the principal if that doesn't answer questions.

Schools have administrators for curriculum, as well as those who handle behavior issues, and they can help if the principal isn't able to do so, Paciorek added.

"The kindergartners keep us very busy during the school day," Wichmann said. Some teachers may not be able to answer an email until the next day, she said.

Paciorek and Wichmann agreed families need to share at some level if there are problems at home, such as an ill grandparent or a separation. "Life is a little hectic or disruptive for us now," can be said. "You don't have to bare your soul," Paciorek added.

"There may be resources at school for help," such as with a custody issue, Paciorek noted.

Knowing of difficulties at home helps, "just so we can kind of get a

better idea of the child's experience and where they may be coming from," Wichmann said. She meets with parents before or after school or at lunch, "to try to make a plan to work things out" if needed.

Some families from foreign countries relocate here and Paciorek noted technology enables those a long distance away to get information on their child and the school. Educators shouldn't assume an announcement will be understood by all, with Paciorek's example of Halloween being the same as previous years.

"Is there a family that knows the area well that can serve as a mentor family?" Such mentoring is vital, the professor said, "because U.S. education can be very different from other countries."

Involvement by parents is key, Paciorek said: "Get up in the morning. I know those school buses come early for high

school students."

Asking specific questions about the student's day, such as "What made you think?" or others, is essential. "Be creative in your questioning, because that will give you more information," Paciorek said.

Keeping up with school, showing interest at home and taking children places where they can explore and learn all boost their education, Paciorek added. If your work prevents you from getting to parent conferences, ask about Skype options.

"They help the parents stay involved and feel connected," Paciorek said of using such technology.

Wichmann added, "I think every parent wants the best for their child, both academically and socially." She added, after a busy day of professional development with colleagues, "I think it promises to be a wonderful year at Cleveland."



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Foster Closet helps families with essential needs

Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Michele Austin will always remember her first foster child, the one who came to her with a bag with clothes that didn't fit and a box of toys that were broken.

Unfortunately, seven years and 17 foster children later, that scenario has repeated itself far too often for Austin and numerous other foster families.

So in September 2013, Austin set out to do something about it. The Foster Closet of Michigan was just over a year old and the Farmington Hills resident decided to form an Oakland County branch out of her home.

Now two years later, the nonprofit organization has grown tremendously, from five branches when Austin started to 15 across Michigan. Her Oakland Coun-



Katie Austin, whose mother Michele runs the Foster Closet of Michigan Oakland County branch out of her home, sorts through some clothes.

ty branch has become the second largest in the state and she expects to service close to 600 foster children this year alone.

"(My wife and I) saw when the children came to us, they came with nothing," she said. "Families do get a stipend from the state, but it's not enough to take care

of the needs of children in care."

According to Austin, there are more than 13,000 foster children in care in Michigan, including nearly 900 in care in Oakland County. Her branch hopes to help those children and families by providing them with essential hygiene items, clothes, toys,

games and more.

Her house has been taken over by the foster closet and regularly she comes home to find donated items on her back porch.

"It feels very much like Christmas morning," she said of the times she discovers the donated goods.

Help needed

While Austin has been able to establish a strong volunteer base, more help is always needed.

She accepts new and like new items, monetary donations she can use to buy things for the kids and, especially, helping hands to sort through everything.

Austin posts many of her immediate needs on the organization's Facebook page (which can be found by going on Facebook and searching "Foster Closet of Michigan - Oakland County Branch") and encourages students to get their community service hours by volunteering at the closet.

Back to school

The start of the school year is just weeks away or, in some cases, might have already started and the closet is hosting a pair of programs to help

foster children prepare.

The first is a private event Sept. 2 in which the closet is partnering with the Judson Center in Royal Oak to let 114 children come in and shop for hygiene items, new clothes and shoes, while the second is Austin's own back-to-school event 6-8 p.m. Sept. 3 at her home.

The Sept. 3 event is on a first-come, first-served basis and an appointment is required to shop. Appointments can be made by sending a private Facebook message to the branch's page or by calling 800-554-4966, ext. 206.

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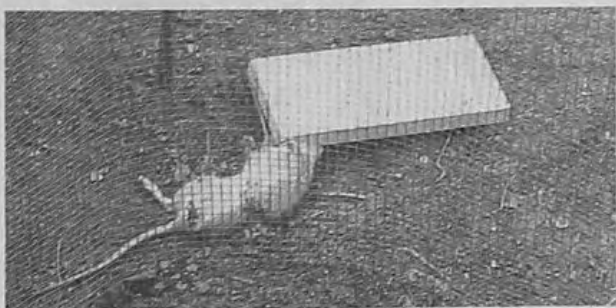
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Rats, rats, everywhere: Livonia residents fight problem

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It was a busy August for Linda Brown and Bill Coatta at their home in the 29500 block of Westfield. The brother and sister say they caught upward of 20 rats on their property, the worst problem with the rodents they've ever seen at their house. "I started setting traps two weeks ago yesterday," Coatta said Monday. "So in that amount of time, that's how many I've caught."

While they went last weekend without catching one, they caught another large rat Monday night going into Tuesday. They've set up larger rat traps with peanut butter, which have trapped several rats during the night. A bait box containing poison food was set up in Brown's garden in the back of their yard. The garden has remained fairly empty this year, with just cucumbers and peppers growing, since Brown



Linda Brown and Bill Coatta, who live in the 29500 block of Westfield, caught 20 rats on their property during a two-week period.

said the rats tend to avoid eating those. "I had to pull my garden up this year," Brown said. "I had to pull all of my tomato plants. They were eating them."

Rats are a typical problem each year across Livonia and city officials encourage residents to do whatever they can to try to keep them at bay, said Alex Bishop, director of inspection for the city. Despite some claims that rats are only found in certain parts of the city, Bishop said they've gotten reports of rats from many different neighborhoods. He said rats don't tend to stay stationary. "It's a continuing issue. They don't stay in one place," he said. "Then what's left will rotate somewhere else. They look for shelter and they look for food."

He said while some residents have claimed large construction projects, such as the I-96 reconstruction project last year, have driven rats to the neighborhoods, Bishop said there hasn't been any correlation

between the two issues. "We have no evidence to support that," he said.

Keeping rats at bay

Residents are responsible for keeping rat problems under control, though city inspectors can come out and determine whether there is a problem and what can be done about it. To avoid attracting rats at a residence, the city recommends residents pick up their yard of animal waste; keep trash in bags inside of a sturdy garbage can; and eliminate stagnant pools of water. Brown said she's worked to try to keep the yard picked up, even watching her dog closely when it goes outside to relieve itself. "I'm out here," she said. "I'm following my dog around."

The city also recommends eliminating opportunities for rats to find shelter on a property. Ways to do this include: keeping building materials at least 12 inches off

the ground; fixing holes in a garage or other structure; and keeping brush and other weeds clear around buildings on the property. Jim Raisigel, who lives behind Brown and Coatta off Grandon, said he started seeing rats at about the same time as his neighbors. His dog was the first to spot the rodents; he saw them once a flood light came on on his property one night. "As soon as the light came on, I saw like four of them and they ran under porches," Raisigel said. "The majority of where I've seen mine are

up by the air conditioner." He said he knows city inspectors have visited his neighbor and informed her they believed rats could be living under her driveway and recommended hiring a professional pest control service. Typically, a professional vermin control solution is the recommended solution given by the city to residents, Bishop said. Anyone who believes they have issues with rats or wants more information can call the city's ordinance department at 734-466-2588.

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Madonna University student awarded SCAN scholarship

Cynthia Hardiman, a Madonna University student majoring in aging studies, was awarded one of the 2015 Carol Green Scholarships presented by SCAN Oakland at its meeting Aug. 25. Hardiman, a Royal Oak resident, said she was grateful to have received the \$1,000 scholarship and that she plans to put the money toward books and other university costs. "The experience of participating and receiving the SCAN Oakland Carol Green Scholarship was an amazing feeling," Hardiman said. "I plan to become active in supporting and participating in programs such as SCAN. I feel so humbled; it's unbelievable."



Madonna student Cynthia Hardiman (left) with Sue Sweeney, chair of the Department of Aging Studies at Madonna University.

Hardiman is a member of the dining Aging Network) Oakland (www.scan-oakland-mi.com) is a committed network of professionals serving the

senior community in Oakland County. Through annual networking events and fundraisers, SCAN offers an annual scholarship to college students in senior, geriatric or social work fields of study. Applicants submitted essays explaining why they would be a good candidate for the scholarship. The board reviewed the applications and selected three scholarship recipients. Madonna University's Department of Aging Studies, which recently celebrated 40 years of academic excellence, is committed to preparing students to address the concerns of an aging population, and to promote the potential of

people in their later years through its gerontology curriculum, field placements and role in the aging services community that serves older adults in southeast Michigan.

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Eva Davis
Library Director

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PREP FOOTBALL

Sanders' OT touchdown spearheads Canton to 27-21 victory

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Hartland found out Thursday night that there is no easy way to stop Canton running back Markus Sanders.

The host Eagles had few answers for Sanders and the Chiefs in one of the few KLAA football games that weren't postponed by the wave of thunderstorms in southeast Michigan.

Sanders rushed for 234 yards in 20 carries (9.8 avg.) and scored three touchdowns — including the winner in OT — as Canton earned a 27-21 victory to improve to 2-0 on the young season.

Sanders scored on a 20-yard run in the extra frame to snap a 21-21 tie. He found the end zone earlier in the contest on gallops of 25 and 2 yards, respectively.

"It was a very hard fought game," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "We ran the ball very well, but missed on some big play opportunities that hurt us a little bit. Defensively, we played well enough to win."

Baechler cited a goal-line stand by his defense in the fourth quarter after Hartland ran a kickoff to Canton's 5-yard line. That stop kept the Chiefs from falling behind.

Canton got on the scoreboard early in the second quarter when Jacob Wickens punched it in from the 1-yard line. A point-after by Ben

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MICHAEL VASILNEK

In this play from the season opener against Fordson, Canton's Markus Sanders is stopped. That didn't happen much in Week 2 against Hartland as Sanders rushed for 234 yards and scored three times.

PREP FOOTBALL – WEEK 2



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Salem defenders Trevor Nowaske (left), Jason Arnold and Calin Crawford (right) stop Walled Lake Western's Cody White during Friday afternoon action.

CRUNCHED

Matinee meltdown for Rocks, pummeled by Warriors 47-7

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Thursday night's thunderstorms pushed the Salem-Walled Lake Western game to Friday afternoon.

The way it turned out for the host Rocks, maybe it would have been better to skip the game altogether. Unable to do much on offense and beset by costly turnovers, Salem was victimized, 47-7, by the Warriors.

"Obviously, we were not ready to play," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said following the matinee match-up of KLAA teams from opposite conferences. "We got manhandled a little up front. It's a wake-up call."

Salem's first home game on the newly refurbished varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park turned out to be an obvious disappointment to players such as senior quarterback Alex Nicholson.

"You can learn more from a loss than you can from a win," Nicholson said. "So we'll see how we do."

In a nutshell, here is how the game went for Salem: The Rocks registered five first downs all day and turned the ball over four times. Salem managed just 55 yards total offense.

Britnell said his team hopefully took a close look at the Warriors (2-0), particularly if it has any designs on snapping a long streak of not making



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Swarming in against Walled Lake Western quarterback Kyle Thomas are Salem's Alex Nicholson (left) and Parker Selby.

the state playoffs.

"I think it's awesome you play that competition early, just to know where you're at and what you got to do," Britnell said. "Hopefully, we learn from it and step up, all of us. Coaches,

too.

"I told them, 'Get over this now, lick your wounds now and don't feel sorry for yourself, keep your head up

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PREP VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW – PART 4

PCA spikers eye winning encore

Eagles feature plenty of talent and confidence entering new season

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Last season was a big success for Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity volleyball team and nothing suggests the Eagles won't have another winning year in 2015.

New coaches D.J. Kellogg and Mary Anleitner welcome seven players from the 2014 squad (28-6-2), led by all-state honorable mentions Olivia

Mady and Grace Kellogg.

The Eagles, already off to a winning start with a 3-1 win Tuesday against Lutheran Westland (25-12, 24-26, 25-12, 25-19), also have determination to stay on the winning track.

"We have a great group of young ladies who are hungry for a successful season and really want to push themselves to go farther than last year," Kellogg said. "We believe that if we focus on the little details that we can control now, good results should simply be a byproduct."

Kellogg, an assistant coach for PCA last season, listed those details as attitude, hus-

tle, willingness to learn from mistakes and work ethic.

Spearheading the roster will be Mady, a junior outside hitter who was named to the all-MIAC first team for her efforts last year.

Kellogg, who can play both outside hitter and defensive specialist, is a talented sophomore who, like Mady, made first team all-conference and all-state (as an honorable mention pick).

Another key returnee is junior libero/defensive specialist Divna Roi (all-region).

Four other players back



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Olivia Mady (left) and Grace Kellogg, shown from a 2014 game, are among key returnees for Plymouth Christian Academy.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Storms put home opener on hold

Renovated P-CEP football field ready for action, but weather dampens things

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

While thunder clapped and lightning brightened the dark skies Thursday night over Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, folks waited around hoping to watch the first football game on the newly spiffed up varsity turf field.

Bright bulbs — much brighter than the previous lights — illuminated a lush, green playing surface featuring colorful school logos for Salem, Canton and Plymouth in the end zone.

But fans could only catch a glimpse from the perimeter, because unrelenting storms forced postponement of the scheduled KLAA crossover game between Salem and Walled Lake Western.

The contest was rescheduled for noon Friday (instead of Saturday as originally announced) because a crew of officials was found to work the contest, Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said late Thursday. The wait did not turn out to be worth it for the Rocks as Western rolled to a 47-7 win.

"The kids are probably going, 'Ohhh, we're probably not going to play tonight,'" Salem football parent Jennifer Ayers said. "I think we're forecasted for rain for the weekend, too, so who knows?"

Ayers, who was waiting near the concession stand for final word about Thursday's game, said her son Roger is "excited, he can't wait" to play the first home game on the refurbished field.

"The whole team can't wait to get out on the field and just show off their pride," she said.

Salem athletic director Brian Samulski nodded when asked if it was frustrating for

weather to spoil what would have been a grand opening — although soccer games already have been played under the new lights.

"You can't control weather at all, but we'll just come back," Samulski said. "It's one of those things you can't control."

"You got to follow the rules and weather dictated we're not going to play tonight."

As each round of thunder and lightning occurred, the game continued getting pushed back another 30 minutes per MHSAA rule. Finally, around 8:15, the game was postponed.

Beautiful job

One of those holding out hope for a break in the storms was Salem varsity boys lacrosse coach Corey Mattingly. He was slated to work in the press box as a spotter.

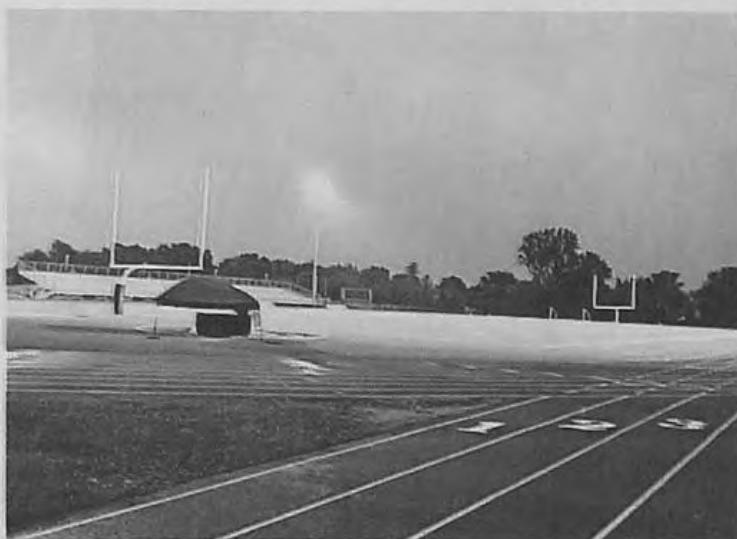
"The coolest part about (being a spotter) is having the binoculars, looking down at the field and getting a beautiful view of our new field," Mattingly said.

He said the work on the field, which also included installation of new bleachers, turned out top-notch.

In particular, he was thrilled with the trio of team logos lined up across the end zone.

"I really enjoyed what they've done, how they look," Mattingly said. "I was a part of the facility updates and it's really nice that they were able to bring in both Salem, Plymouth and Canton all on to the field, because we all use it."

Mattingly also said the new lights will enhance the game-night electricity in more ways than one. Walking toward the facility from the parking lot, those new towers lit up the Canton sky.



New lights and turf but no football, thanks to Thursday's thunderstorms. Salem's game against Walled Lake Western was postponed until Friday.

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While spectators and teams waited to see if football would be played Thursday at the Park, a solitary blue umbrella rested in the empty bleachers in front of the press box.

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"Everything is just amplified by the lights," he said. "It brings that much more energy to it."

"I'm looking forward to the spring, having a Friday night game or a Thursday night game here (for lacrosse)."

After the rescheduled Salem-WLW game, the next game scheduled for the varsity turf field is 7 p.m. Sept. 11, when Canton hosts Livonia Franklin.

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And here come the Salem Rocks through the tunnel to start their first home game of 2015. Walled Lake Western won Friday afternoon's game at P-CEP.

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and keep working."

McGee magic

The highlight for the home fans was senior Freddie McGee III's 67-yard fumble recovery for a Salem touchdown on the first play of the second quarter, which at the time made it a 14-7 game.

Warriors quarterback Kyle Thomas (10-of-22 passing, 142 yards, two TDs) lost the handle after making a 14-yard run that would have set Western up near Salem's 30.

McGee scooped up the ball and raced down the right sideline for the score. Connecting on the extra point was Alex Warren-Green.

But in keeping with how the game unfolded on a hot, muggy afternoon, the Warriors got it right back just two plays later. Thomas found Javon Gabriel wide open behind the Salem secondary, resulting in a 38-yard TD to make it 21-7.

"(McGee's touchdown) was a good play," Britnell said. "We were hoping we got that as a momentum-builder and then they come right back. You got to be able to build on that."

Western sealed Salem's fate with 12 points late in the second quarter, to take a 33-7 halftime lead.

With 3:25 to play, Nicholson tried to punt from his own



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Salem's Trevor Nowaske runs with the ball after intercepting a Walled Lake Western pass. At left for the Rocks is Eric Daniels.

goal line. But Jackson Noracher got through Salem blockers to swat the ball through the end zone for a safety.

The Warriors then got the subsequent free kick and needed just five plays to score on a 31-yard touchdown gallop by Thomas.

Picking it

Britnell put junior Roger Ayers III in at quarterback to open the third quarter and the move resulted in a brief spark.

Ayers quickly hit receivers Mason Phillips and McGee for completions of 16 and 8 yards, but the Rocks lost possession two plays after that on an interception.

"I know (Nicholson) was

frustrated on offense, that's all that was," Britnell said. "And get Roger some reps, that's all that was."

Salem didn't quit, even though the game was spiraling out of reach. Senior defensive back Jacob Miller made two interceptions during the third quarter, following one made early in the game by junior linebacker Trevor Nowaske.

Arnold and Nowaske were "all over the field," with nine and seven tackles, respectively.

The game's final two TDs came in the final quarter. One was on a 1-yard plunge by Jalen Marshall (11 rushes, 72 yards) before Cody White's 50-yard run closed out the

scoring.

White broke Salem tackles near the line of scrimmage before breaking into the open.

Meanwhile, Britnell needed a third quarterback to finish the game after Ayers limped off the field in the fourth. Junior Luis Carrion played the team's final series and he completed a 15-yard pass to McGee.

For Nicholson, Britnell and the rest of the squad, they hope to quickly snuff out any memory of the lopsided defeat when they host South Lyon at 6:30 p.m. Friday on the junior varsity grass field.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

D'Agostino voted Athlete of the Week

The first Athlete of the Week poll was won by Gino D'Agostino, a senior receiver from Livonia Stevenson. He edged Simon Roennecke, a junior forward on the Roeper varsity soccer team, as the top vote getter with 2,408.

Roennecke received 2,082 votes.

A total of 4,889 votes were cast during the four-day period on hometownlife.com.

Jamison Scarber, a senior slot back for the Harrison varsity football team, had the early lead, but voting really took off Wednesday, turning into a two-athlete race until the end.

Scarber ended with 157 votes. Rounding out the voting was Deston Langford from Salem with 178 and Tyler Laurentius from Catholic Central with 64.

This week's poll will begin Tuesday due to the holiday weekend.

Following are how the nominees fared:

(2,408) GINO D'AGOSTINO, LIVONIA STEVENSON, FOOTBALL — A senior receiver, D'Agostino caught six passes for 142 yards and two touchdowns and also returned a kickoff 70 yards for a touchdown Friday in Stevenson's 49-39 victory over rival Livonia Franklin.

(178) DESTON LANGFORD, SALEM, FOOTBALL — A senior running back, Langford was instrumental in the Rocks' 22-12 win over Belleville. He rushed 36 times for a career-best 233 yards. He scored one touchdown, on a run of 11 yards.

(64) TYLER LAURENTIUS, NOVI DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL, FOOTBALL — The 5-10, 175-pound senior defensive back had seven unassisted tackles, one assist and a key interception in the Shamrocks' come-from-behind 15-12 win over state power Muskegon.

(2,082) SIMON ROENNECKE, ROEPER, SOCCER — A junior forward, Roennecke scored 10 goals and added two assists in three games last week. He scored five goals with an assist Aug. 25 in a 7-1 victory over Ferndale; scored four goals with an assist Aug. 27 in a 5-2 win against Lutheran Northwest; and added one goal Friday in a 7-1 loss to Royal Oak Shrine.

(157) JAMISON SCARBOR, FARMINGTON HARRISON, FOOTBALL — A senior slotback, Scarber caught five passes for 150 yards and three touchdowns Friday in Harrison's 35-28 loss to East Kentwood. His touchdown catches covered 34, 26 and 40 yards. Scarber (5-8, 160) also had 91 return yards on four kickoffs, rushed the ball four times and played cornerback on defense.

Mini kickers soccer school

The AC Milan Detroit soccer club will be hosting a Saturday morning soccer school for girls and boys ages 3-5.

The school will run 9-10 a.m. for six consecutive Saturdays, beginning Sept. 12, at the Dickinson Soccer Complex, located at 18000 Newburgh in Livonia.

The cost of the six-week school is \$105, which also includes a jersey for each participant.

Interested parents can register online at acmilan-detroit.com.

For more information, call 734-464-8575.

Girls lax info meeting

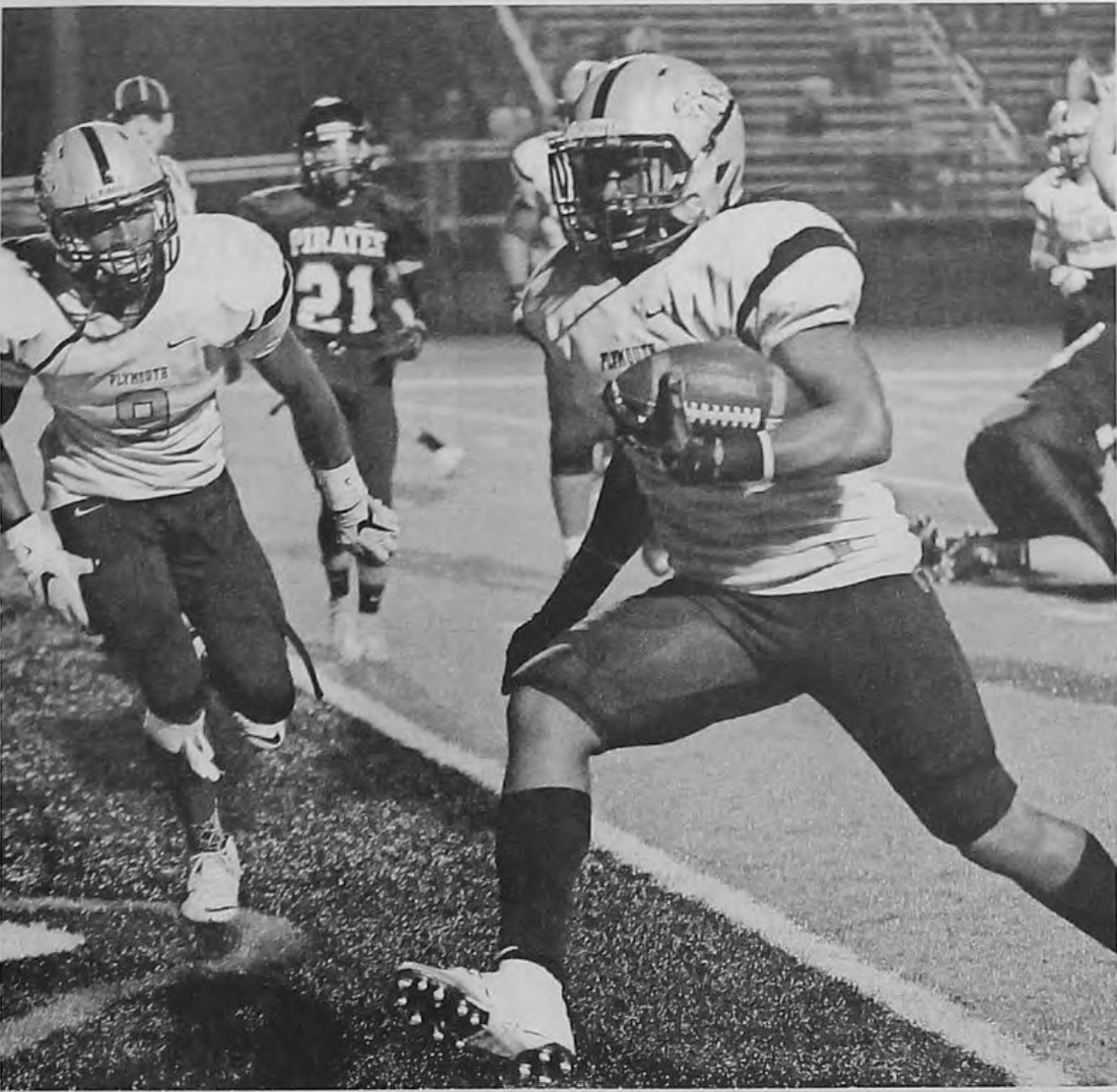
Canton Leisure Services is trying to launch a girls lacrosse program and is holding an informational meeting Sept. 14.

New and experienced girls lacrosse players grades 5-8 who are interested in playing in a one day tournament Oct. 17 are invited to the organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 at Summit on the Park-PDC.

The team will be coached by Jennifer Herzfeld (Central Michigan grad) and Dave Medley (Salem coach).

This program is presented by Canton Leisure Services, Stacey's School of Lax and Local High School Coaches to Grow Girls Lax in our Community.

For general information or to reserve a spot, contact Coralee Ott at Canton Sports Center at 734-483-5600 or email cott@canton-mi.org.



Busting into the end zone for his first TD Thursday night is Plymouth's Darius Timmons (right). At left for the Wildcats is Victor Abraham.

PREP FOOTBALL

LET DARIUS DO IT

Plymouth junior scores pair of TDs, safety to lead comeback victory over Pinckney

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

A clutch two-way performance by Plymouth junior Darius Timmons proved just enough for the Wildcats to bust into the win column for the first time this football season.

Timmons registered two touchdowns and a safety to spark Plymouth's 23-17 comeback victory Thursday night over host Pinckney in a KLAA crossover contest.

With Pinckney leading 17-14 with under five minutes to go in the third quarter, Timmons scored from the 5-yard line to put the Wildcats in front.

He added two key insurance points in the fourth quarter when he tackled Pinckney

quarterback Austin Staebler in the end zone for a safety. That made it a 23-17 Plymouth lead with about seven minutes remaining and the Wildcats were able to hang on from there to even their record at 1-1.

Plymouth outplayed the Pirates more than the six-point differential would indicate.

Timmons ran the ball 30 times for 180 yards and also scored in the first quarter on a 2-yard plunge to knot the score at 7-7.

The Wildcats enjoyed a 354-184 edge in offense, with their defense limiting the Pirates to just 55 snaps. Plymouth also tallied 19 first downs to Pinckney's eight.

Even so, the victory wasn't easy. Pinckney led 10-7 late in the first half before Plymouth

quarterback Jonah Peterson fired a 20-yard scoring pass to Victor Abraham to give the Wildcats a 14-10 advantage at halftime.

Abraham complemented the Timmons-led running game with five catches for 98 yards.

Pinckney regained the lead 17-14 in the third quarter when Tyler Diehr scored on a 6-yard run.

All that did was set the stage for Timmons' heroics, both on offense and defense as he accounted for eight of Plymouth's final nine points (kicker Van Nguyen's PAT being the ninth).

Timmons and senior Michael Jordan were the top defenders for Plymouth, with five tackles each.



Hanging on for a fingertip grab Thursday night is Plymouth receiver Chris Walls.

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Tubaro made it 7-0.

Hartland answered with the equalizer four minutes later, setting the tone for a back-and-forth game.

But Sanders enabled Canton to go into the intermission up 14-7 following his 25-yard TD.

The teams traded touchdowns in the second half, too, with Sanders putting the Chiefs in front for the second time when he scored from 2-yards out with just three seconds left in the third stanza.

That 21-14 edge held for most of the fourth quarter, until the Eagles forced overtime with just 2:03 remaining in regulation.

Sanders wasn't finished, however, to the chagrin of the home crowd.

Led by the diminutive dynamo — he stands 5-7 — Canton outgained Hartland by a 376-206 margin.

Chipping in with 70 all-purpose yards was Jared Stephens (45 on the ground, 25 in the air on a single reception) while quarterback Joel Foster added 37 yards on the ground.

Leading the defensive charge was junior Jake Warner, with six solo tackles. Stephens

helped the cause with four solo tackles. Junior Reid McDonnell tallied two solos and three assists.

Baechler said it was instrumental that the Chiefs make the first stop on defense during overtime.

"In overtime our defense stepped up huge for us," Baechler said. "We stopped them first."

"Our plan was to run two running plays and then kick the field goal on third down, but fortunately we scored on first down. A great win over an excellent team."

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PREP SPORTS ROUNDUP

Boys soccer

The Canton and Plymouth varsity boys soccer teams are on a collision course.

Both squads are coming off victories as they prepare for Tuesday's 7 p.m. campus clash, slated for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity soccer stadium.

After being blanked their previous two games, the Chiefs turned the tables on Grand Blanc, winning 2-0 Wednesday.

Canton (3-2-1) got off and running in the first half, when Alex Yokely scored from Luke Kurili.

The Chiefs padded their lead after the intermission, when Ryen O'Meara took a feed from Jason Ren and found the mark.

Goalkeeper David McGrath kept Grand Blanc off the score sheet.

Chiefs head coach Mark Zemanski said there was solid team defense, particularly from Matt Rockafellow.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats (4-2-1) parlayed goals by Mike Blake and Nicholas Yoshioka (with 58 seconds to go) into a 2-1 victory over host Brighton.

Yoshioka's winner was set up off a perfect free kick from Bennett Brooks.

» **Salem** improved to 3-1-1 with a pair of wins, 4-0 Monday over Milford and 3-1 Thursday over Lakeland.

Against Milford, Luke Nolta and Nick Massey registered a goal and an assist, while Karson Gregory and Andrew Kozan split the shut-out.

The Rocks tuned up for the start of KLAA Central action (Tuesday at Novi) with the win over Lakeland. Massey scored two more goals to give him five on the season.

Christian Freitag, Mikey Schwartz and Jordan Salhani all had standout performances for the Rocks.

Girls golf

Thursday at Fox Hills Golf Course, Plymouth won the

PCS Classic Tournament with 321.

In second place was Saline (331), Salem came in fifth (341) and Canton came in 10th (376).

Darby Scott led the Rocks with 76 (fifth overall), while Kiley Flynn tallied 84. Other individual Salem scores were Hope Warkoczewski (85), Grace Grelak (96) and Hannah Saad (106).

Canton freshman Nicole Dawson registered 86, while sophomore Manasa Potluri tallied 87.

Other Canton finishers were senior Meghan Meredith (98), junior Avery Ralston (105) and sophomore Molly Mundorf (107).

Plymouth individual results were not available.

DUAL MATCHES: In dual matches, Canton defeated Wayne Memorial, 215-275, Monday at Fellows Creek and followed up Tuesday with a 203-205 win over Livonia Churchill at Whispering Willows.

Medalist both days was Canton's Dawson, shooting 46 and 44.

Salem dropped a close 167-173 decision Tuesday against Northville, despite a 38 by match medalist Scott.

Girls cross country

Salem's varsity girls cross country team Tuesday bested Hartland, 15-49.

The Rocks dominated the standings, with Sierra Bowden first (21:25), followed by Madalyn Simko (second, 21:29), Erin McCann (third, 21:30), Gabrielle Mancini (fourth, 21:38), Madison Justice (fifth, 21:48) and Kayla Hughes (sixth, 21:57).

Salem's strong pack included Hannah Jeffress (eighth, 23:00), Shea Wilson (ninth, 23:06), Kayla De-laCruz (10th, 23:11), Madison Grant (12th, 23:37), Lizzy Lu (13th, 23:38), Brianna Essien (14th, 23:36) and Hallie Younglas (15th, 24:05).

Salem now gears up for the Ramblin' Rock Invite at Willow Run Metropark on Saturday, Sept. 12.



The Canton Lions junior varsity team runs a big play against the Gators at EMU.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Strong opening week for Canton Lions

It was a successful launch Aug. 30 to the 2015 Western Suburban Junior Football League by three of the Canton Lions' four teams.

The Lions' junior varsity, freshman and junior freshman teams all prevailed against the Metro Detroit Gators at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.

Because the Gators, a new entry in the league, do not have a varsity team, the varsity Lions open Sept. 13 against the Westland Meteors.

Following is a recap of Week 1:

Junior varsity: The junior varsity's first touchdown of the season was scored by the defense when a punt was blocked by Preston Long and scooped up and returned for a touchdown by Derik Watson. That set the tone for a 34-12 victory.

Quarterback Long went on to score two additional touchdowns. Also reaching the end zone were running back Ethan Bennett and Aiden Thompson, who had a fumble-recovery return for a touchdown.

The Lions defense was led by Marco Johnson with two interceptions. Strong defensive line play for the Lions came courtesy of Daniel Baldwin, Giulian Bodiu and Tyler Klabunde.

Freshman: Canton prevailed 20-0, behind a sturdy D led by Aaron Alexander, Kris Easley, Caleb Williams, Bryndet Millet and Aiden Wallace. The team also played well on offense, striking fast on a



Julian Nichols of the Canton Lions junior freshman team runs with the ball.

TD run by Alexander and extra-point run by Williams.

After a pair of Gators turnovers, Lions running back Easley rushed for 25 yards, putting Alexander in position for another touchdown run in the second half.

Alexander would go on to score the third and final touchdown of the game, with Josiah West carrying it in for the extra point.

Junior freshman: A fumble recovery by Evan Williams kick started the Canton Lions junior freshman offense early in their game with the Metro Detroit Gators. Julian Nichols, Carson (Wendy) Wrybkowski, and Brendan Seed powered through with the majority of the team's carries.

Though strong tackling from Nichols, Evan Borsvold and Jacob Modelski held the Gators to just one touchdown, the junior freshmen Lions were unable to find the end zone in this battle of defenses.

GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Salem shows early potential

Rocks second at
WSU Warrior Relays,
battle Dexter tough

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

After a very competitive, second-place showing at the Wayne State Warrior Relays, Salem's varsity girls swim and dive team dropped a 116-70 non-league dual meet to Dexter.

But Thursday's loss to the Dreadnaughts wasn't viewed as a negative, according to veteran Salem head coach Chuck Olson.

"It was a fast meet," Olson wrote in an email to the *Observer*. "Happy with our times."

Pacing Salem with two individual firsts each were seniors Linda Zhang (200 IM, 2:09.49; 100 breaststroke, 1:06.86) and Lisa Zhang (50 free, 24.87; 100 butterfly, 59.10).

Also first for the Rocks was Camille Burt in diving, with 249.10 points.

The Rocks had a solid showing in their relays, placing second in all three.

The tandem of Molly Rowe, Linda Zhang, Katie Xu and Lisa Zhang finished in second in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:51.30.

In the 200 free relay, Xu, Jenna Chen, Meghan Maikowski and Patricia Freitag had a second-place time of 1:47.23.

The 400-free relay of Lisa Zhang, Freitag, Chen and Linda Zhang finished in 3:45.00, just short of Dexter's first-place time of 3:43.3.

Warrior relays

At Wayne State, Salem's 64 points trailed first-place Lake Orion by only three points. In third place among 10 teams was Bloomfield Hills (52).

The Rocks scored firsts in four of the nine events, the most by any team:

» In the 200 medley relay, Salem's quartet of Xu, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang and Freitag took the top spot with a time of 1:50.59.

» In the 400 medley relay, the tandem of Linda Zhang, Xu, Miranda Li and Lisa Zhang prevailed (4:10.03).



Salem's Linda Zhang is off to a fast start this season for the Rocks.

» Finishing first in the 200 backstroke relay were Rowe, Kate Cousino, Freitag and Xu (1:56.97).

» Salem's Lisa Zhang, Li, Jessica Zhang and Linda Zhang also won in the 200 breaststroke relay (2:11.99).

Plymouth breakdown

A large, promising influx of freshmen could bolster the chances for Plymouth.

The Wildcats' roster, according to the Plymouth Athletics website, features just four seniors — Meghana Somsaale, Sruthi Sundar, Audrey Roth and Allison Lennig.

But head coach Kenneth Forbes welcomes 11 ninth-graders to the fold.

That group includes Christina Brown, Sofia Giacobone, Natalie Gifford, Siddhi Jadhav, Kelsey Peregor, Gabrielle Kendall, Sarah Kim, Korrine Stevens, Sneha Sundar, Puja Modi and Vy Nguyen.

Nearly as many juniors (nine) are on the roster, namely Cequola Bobee, Olivia Richmond, Caroline Whitaker, Isabella Giacobone, Grace Pierzynski, Sarah Haggitt, Nicole Misquitta, Kathryn Waters and Kaylee Yang.

Rounding out the roster are five sophomores — Courtney Sturgeon, Alyssa Crisp, Sarah Zrull, Emma Reeves and Grace MacLellan.

Last year's team went 5-1 overall and 4-1 in the KLAA South Division, good for second place.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Rockets blaze to big win over Ladywood

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn's girls swim and dive team rocketed off the launching pad during Thursday's season-opening dual meet against Livonia Ladywood.

Buoyed their deep and talented roster, the Rockets torched the Blazers, 102-71.

John Glenn's 200-yard medley relay team of Sahara Tomlin, Hannah Cizauskas, Kera Sells and Sidney Aloisi got things rolling for the winners by winning the first event with a time of 2 minutes, 6.57 seconds.

Ladywood's foursome of Natalie Stevenson, Monica Rzepka, Lemmer Katy and Olivia Dario touched seven seconds later to earn the Blazers four second-place points.

With little time to rest, Stevenson captured the 200 freestyle for Ladywood in 2:24.77 — six seconds faster than John Glenn's Taylor Mifsud.

Ladywood prevailed again in the third race — the 200 individual medley — thanks to a golden performance from Rzepka, who completed the challenging event in 2:26.33. Cizauskas was second for the Rockets in 2:43.79.

The Rockets seized control of the meet in the 50 freestyle, which they swept thanks to lightning-quick strokes from Aloisi (25.81), Alanha Rudd (30.07) and Amethyst Weiss (30.95).

Ladywood's Rachel Williams, the meet's lone diver, earned six points by racking up 126.05 points.

The Rockets' speed struck again the 100 freestyle as Aloisi (57.47), Rudd (1:08.14) and Weiss (1:11.54) went 1-2-3 to chalk up 13 big points.

Moments later, Mifsud put her endurance on display by winning the 500 freestyle in 6:46.89 — close to 20 seconds swifter than Ladywood's Grace Doyle.

Glenn's quartet of Sells, Rudd, Weiss and Aloisi won the 200 freestyle relay in 1:58.15 before Sells cruised through the water to win the 100 backstroke in 1:10.10.

Rzepka won the 100 breaststroke in 1:12.59, nine seconds quicker than Hannah Cizauskas. Ladywood's team of Stevenson, Dario, Katy and Rzepka gave the Blazers some momentum heading into their next meet by touching first in the 400 freestyle relay in 4:30.42.



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BOYS TENNIS PREVIEW

CLIMBING ROCKS

Loss of graduates hurts, but Salem replenishing in a hurry

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

One of this fall's emerging teams very well could be Salem's varsity boys tennis team. The Rocks lost a number of players from last year's squad to graduation, but an influx of talent — including Chinese exchange student WenHao Yu — has veteran coach Bill Nelson feeling as though this could be a fun year.

"After graduating 10 of the 14 varsity players, this could have been a rebuilding year," Nelson said. "But after holding tryouts, four promising freshmen emerged to land varsity spots."

Among those ninth-graders is Andrew Clarke, who moved up from No. 3 doubles to fill the void left at No. 4 singles by a fractured wrist sustained by sophomore Parshva Singhvi. "(Singhvi's injury) wasn't as bad as first thought and he

could be back in as little as two weeks," Nelson said.

The other promising freshmen include Taha Zirapory (No. 3 singles), Ajai Bharathan (No. 3 doubles, along with senior Yu) and Khush Patel (No. 5 doubles, teaming with sophomore Roenik Master).

The No. 1 singles spot will be nailed down by senior Keerthi Sajja, with senior Charlie Liu set for No. 2.

Zirapory and Clarke will handle the Nos. 3 and 4 singles spots (at least until Singhvi returns).

At No. 1 doubles will be seniors Steven Bloxson and Abi Thiruvankat, who played well together as juniors.

The tandem of twin juniors Caden and Connor Sweet will take care of No. 2 doubles.

"One is left-handed and the other right-handed — our version of the Bryan brothers," Nelson said, laughing.

The remaining doubles

lineup features Yu-Bharathan at No. 3, juniors A.J. Choukair and Jacob Rumpz at No. 4 and Patel-Master at No. 5.

"Also knocking on the door for a varsity position are newcomers Gage Moyer (junior) and Justin Kuhn (sophomore)," Nelson said.

Salem (4-4 in 2014) opened the regulars season with a 6-3 win over Livonia Churchill, followed by a third-place showing in the Howell Invitational (won by Novi-Detroit Catholic Central).

"We rebounded for a first place in the Monroe Invitational (Aug. 28) and are poised to begin conference play," he said. "I was worried about numbers when the participation fee was raised, but we have 33 young men ready and able to compete."

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Livonia Stevenson girls third at Huron Meadows

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Livonia Stevenson sophomore Emily Lauzon displayed a flash of mid-season form at Thursday's Ann Arbor Running Company Fall Preview race, which was held at Huron Meadows Metro Park.

Lauzon led the Spartans to a third-place finish in the eight-team race by placing 11th with a time of 21 minutes and 45.2 seconds.

Stevenson junior Julia Cercone was hot on the heels of Lauzon as she finished 14th in 22:04.2.

Host Ann Arbor Pioneer won the event after accumulating just 21 points, 38 fewer than runner-up Canton.

Stevenson finished with 89 points to out-distance fourth-place Fenton (101).

Rounding out the field were Farmington Hills Mercy (142), Ortonville Brandon (171), Ypsilanti Lincoln (193) and Detroit Country Day (201).

Six other Spartans posted sub-24-minute efforts: sophomore Kennedy Thurlow (22nd in 22:39.4), junior Megan Verant (26th in 23:00.9), junior Emily Zwicker (27th in 23:05.2), junior

Grace Lamerson (29th in 23:17.4), junior Abigail Zwicker (32nd in 23:28.7) and junior Diana Graham, who placed 36th with a time of 23:40.6.

Mustang Invitational

The Spartans' juniors and seniors earned a ninth-place showing at Tuesday's Northville Mustang Invitational held at Cass Benton Park, while the team's sophomores and freshmen placed 12th.

Cercone was Stevenson's top finisher in the upper-class division, taking 30th in 22:50.1. Rounding out the Spartans' top five were Zwicker (52nd in 24:15.5), Lamerson (53rd in 24:16.2), Colleen Fitzgerald (60th in 24:30.4) and Verant (75th in 25:03.2).

Lauzon placed 10th in the ninth/10th-grade race with a clocking of 22:23.4. Also competing for Stevenson were freshmen Anna Bonser (73rd in 27:10), Gretchen Stemmler (95th in 28:12), Sabrina Kliza (97th in 28:14.4), Anna Braschwitz (120th in 29:43) and Emma Rowe (123rd in 29:50.7).

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Local gridiron stars excelling at Wayne State



MARK HICKS

Several Observer-area football players are currently excelling for Wayne State University. Pictured are (front row, from left) Marcus Bailey, Tommy Richardson, Derrick Rodgers, Greg Webber and Nick Davis and (second row, from left) coach Mike Kaiser, Manny Mendoza, Donte Eubanks, Jared Singletary, Marv Jefferson, Kolby Nance, Derrick Coleman, Romello Brown, James Hendrix, Anthony Pittman, James Hill and Carteris Carter.

PCA

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from 2014 who could make a bigger impact are junior setter Jessica Paulson, junior middle blocker Aliyah Pries, senior middle blocker Paige Perkey and junior right-side hitter Josie Postma.

Joining the varsity is sophomore outside hitter Robin Albert.

In the win over the Warriors, Mady (21 kills, five aces), Kellogg (12 kills, five aces) and Paulson (38 assists) were the catalysts. Chipping in with five aces was Roi.

Two straight

PCA upped its record to 2-0 with Thursday's victory over Taylor Baptist Park. The Eagles won all three sets, by scores of 25-20, 25-17 and 25-17.

A number of players contributed, including Kellogg (eight kills), Pries (six kills, four blocks), Albert (six kills, four digs), Postma (four kills, four blocks), Abigail Pray (21 assists) and Paulson (nine assists, three digs).

Kellogg said the team was without Mady for the contest.

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Would you like a pit bull pup with your ice cream cone?

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The dog days this summer have passed, but it's always canine time at Dairy King in downtown Plymouth.

Spring through fall, the family-owned business draws ice-cream lovers, many with dogs on leash, who meet other dog owners, see other dogs, and bring their pooches to the outdoor service window, hoping owner Michael Hurley will take a snapshot for the Dairy King Facebook page.

"It's become a thing on Facebook," said Kathryn Hurley, 24, who often works with her dad at the ice cream parlor. "That has only been the last year and a half to two years that he has been putting the dogs on Facebook. People definitely comment on it."

"He just loves people's dogs," said mom Mary Hurley, adding that patrons want her husband to photograph their pets. "They ask, when are you going to post it? It's so funny."

Dogs lick ice cream, sport ice cream on their noses, smile with lolling tongues and stand on hind legs in photos that populate the page. Several Paws with a Cause dogs earned a posting in July. Buster, an akita who visits daily with Jim and Monica Woltkamp, hugs the service counter in a photo sequence dated July 30.

"We just love it," said Monica Woltkamp, during a recent visit with her husband and Buster, 3 1/2. "We live in Westland. There's nothing like this in Westland."

When Dairy King closes for the season in October, the postings continue, often with photos of adoptable pit bull puppies that Mary fosters at the family's Plymouth Township home. She also promotes small, grassroots animal rescue organizations by holding fundraisers at Dairy King during the summer.

Restoring their health

"It was roughly two years ago that she started. It seemed like it was one after the other," Michael described his wife's work as a dog foster. "She had befriended a couple of girls who had different rescue organizations and she kept bringing home these pit bulls. It is just amazing how wonderful they are."

"They come in and

DOG FOSTERING

Here are a few observations from Mary and Kathryn Hurley on dog fostering:

- » Exercise patience and realize that fostering is "not something that is just for fun," Kathryn says.
- » Have a support system, so you can take occasional breaks from caring for your foster dog.
- » Expect to spend time at adoption events. "Some of the bigger rescues have events every Saturday and you'll have to bring your dog there," Kathryn notes. "So, pick someone local and know that there will be a time commitment."
- » Find a rescue you like. "You want to find someone who really matches up with your moral standpoint," Kathryn says.
- » Get to know the individuals you're working with.

they are thin and you know there has been cruelty involved and in two to three weeks you see the transformation. It's due solely to her. Once you place a dog you've got another one coming in. That's where my daughter came in."

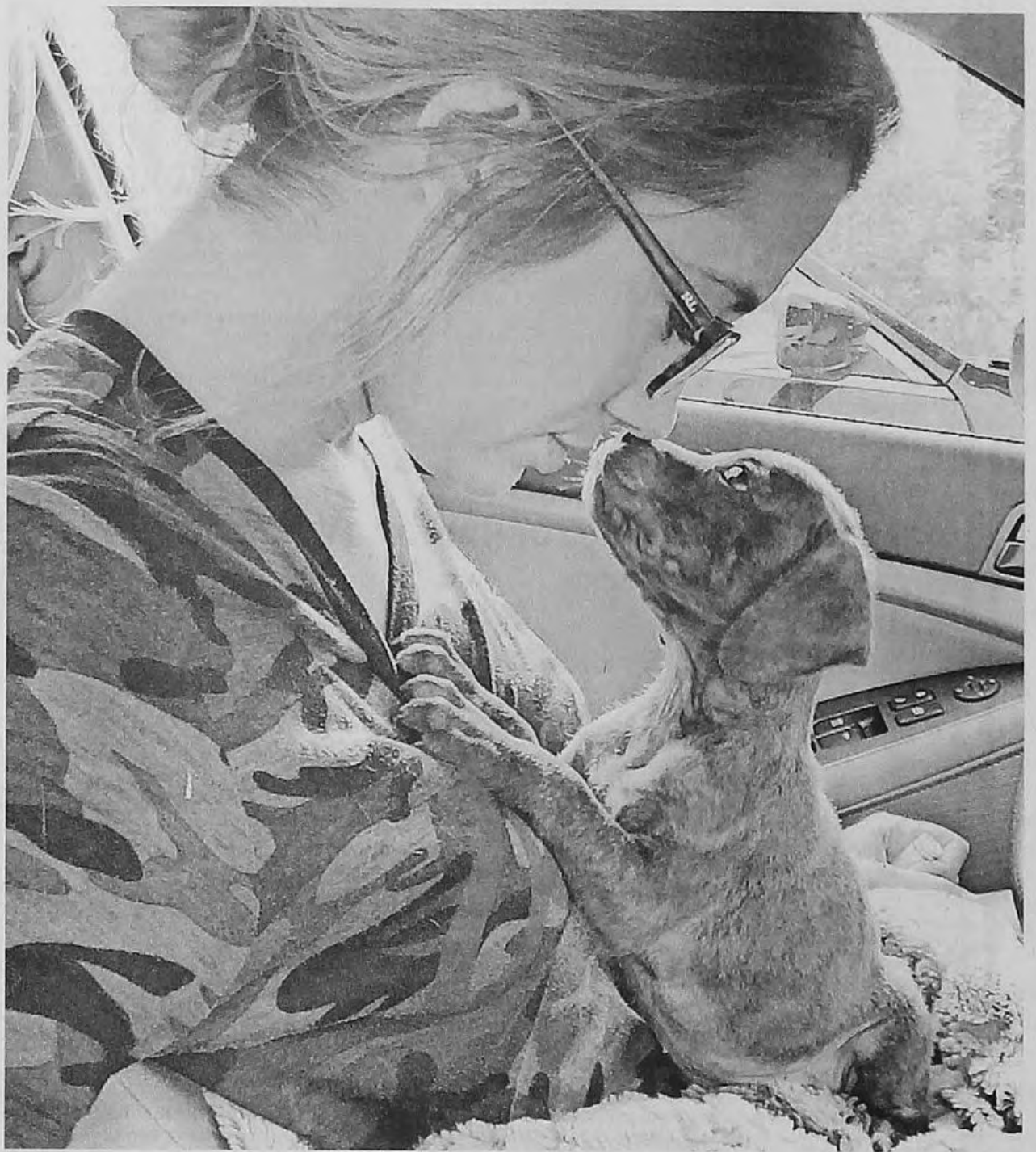
Kathryn, a former intern at Detroit Dog Rescue and former employee at Michigan Animal Rescue League, promotes the pups on social media. Although all three of the Hurley children — and the couple's grandchildren — love animals, it's Kathryn who keeps a leash and blanket ready for rescue.

She's not sure how some callers get her phone number, but she has responded to numerous rescue calls. There was the time she headed out to Detroit at 5 a.m. to pick up German shepherd puppies from a recycling bin. Another time, a Detroit police officer asked her to take a pit bull found on a porch during a storm.

"My friends joke whenever we go to a Tiger game, 'OK, let's get her to the car before she starts searching for a stray dog to take home,'" Kathryn said.

Making them adoptable

Mary fosters, working primarily with Plymouth Township-based Good Juju Rescue Fund, and with a dog rescuer in Berkley. Most of the puppies are pit bulls, although she has taken in a German shepherd, Pomeranian siblings and Yorkshire terriers. She fosters puppies because they get along with the family's own adult dogs.



Kathryn Hurley nuzzles one of her family's foster puppies.

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SHARON DARGAY

Mary Hurley and her daughter, Kathryn, talk about dog fostering, rescue and the pups they see at Dairy King in Plymouth.

The rescues allow her to interview the potential adopters, visit their homes and decide whether they are a good match for her foster pup. She pays for her foster dogs' food and vet care.

"I don't ask my rescues for anything," she said. "I pay for all my own stuff because I can and I want to."

Mary maintains a

relationship with the adopters, often visiting the growing pups in their new home or welcoming them to Dairy King.

"For whatever reason, we're just too darn good about getting homes. They come and go pretty quickly," Mary said. It helps that Dairy King is known as a dog-friendly establishment and that mother and daughter network on social media.

A joy to help

Finding the perfect home for her foster puppies is a rewarding and emotional experience. But saying goodbye comes with tears.

"You get so attached. You get these puppies that are full of worms and fleas and then we get them healthy and we find amazing homes for them," Mary said. "If they could talk, they'd say thank you."

Since she began fostering, Mary once took in seven dogs simultaneously. She nursed a puppy with deadly parvo back to health and helped



SHARON DARGAY

Monica and Jim Woltkamp of Westland and their akita, Buster, enjoy visiting Dairy King in Plymouth.

transport a dog. Once, when visiting a former foster, the dog's exuberant siblings tackled her to the ground and knocked out her tooth.

But it's all good with the Hurley family. "We're the ones chas-

ing the dog in the middle of the highway, trying to get the dog into the car," Mary said. "It's nothing but a joy to help these animals."

Dairy King is located at 232 S. Main. Visit its page on Facebook.



SHARON DARGAY

Dogs say hello in the driveway at Dairy King in downtown Plymouth.

Five authors to talk about their books at fall luncheon

Three novelists and two nonfiction writers will discuss their new books at the Metro Detroit Book & Author Society's fall book luncheon, Oct. 19 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The authors are David Maraniss, a Pulitzer



Bonnie Jo Campbell

Katzenbach, master of

Prize-winning reporter and Detroit native; Lily Tuck, author of five novels; John

the modern psychological thriller; Jason Gay, a *Wall Street Journal* reporter and columnist; and Bonnie Jo Campbell, a novelist and short story writer from Comstock.

In *Once in a Great City: A Detroit Story*, Maraniss draws a vivid portrait of the Motor City

in the 1960s when it was in the midst of a golden age. Tuck's new novel, *The Double Life of Lillian*, is an intimate portrait of a writer's coming of age.

Katzenbach's new novel, *The Dead Student*, follows a young man set on avenging the uncle

who saved his life. Gay writes about everything from sports to his "Rules" in columns in the *Wall Street Journal* that provide advice for everyday life.

Campbell's new collection of stories is titled *Mothers, Tell Your Daughters*.

The event starts at noon and will include lunch, book sales and the opportunity to have books autographed. Tickets are \$40 and online at www.bookandauthorinfo.com and by phone at 586-685-5750.

Prosecutor Kym Worthy to speak at Giving Hope annual event

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy will talk about rape kits at the annual Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle Annual Event on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

One of Worthy's goals has been to decrease the backlog of more than 10,000 untested rape kits in Wayne County through the Enough SAID (Sexual Assault in Detroit) campaign. She'll talk about her efforts in reducing the backlog and in preventing future backlogs, at the event which will start with a reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by the program at 6:45 p.m. Admission is \$30, which includes appetizers and desserts. Online registration for the event is available at www.canton-foundation.org/giving-hope.

Survivors of sexual assault in Detroit are one step closer to justice after the announcement this past week that more than 10,000 sexual assault evidence kits discovered on a shelf in a warehouse



Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy will address the Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle on Oct. 7.

several years ago have been processed and the results sent to investigators for further action.

Maria Miller, spokeswoman for the Wayne County prosecutor, said Friday "We're onto the next phase of the process. Now it's the investigation and the prosecution."

Gov. Rick Snyder, Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue of the Michigan State Po-

lice, Worthy, Laura Moody of Attorney General Bill Schuette's office, and Debi Cain, director of the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, all made remarks at a press conference that highlighted the completion of the forensic testing and outlined the next steps in seeking justice for survivors.

"The completion of the forensic examination of these sexual assault evidence kits is long overdue, and I commend all the various parties that came together to make this a priority and get it done," Snyder said. "Survivors of sexual assault crimes deserve swift justice, and we will continue working to make sure a stockpile of this nature never again occurs in Michigan."

A supplemental budget enacted in 2013 by Snyder included funding to test an additional 8,000 sexual assault evidence kits, after the first 2,000 were initially processed by the Michigan State Police using federal grants. The state approved \$4 million in funding for the 8000 Project, with an additional \$3 million for the Attorney General's office to assist in prosecuting the offenders identified by the testing. Additional money raised from private donors and nonprofits, organized by the Michigan Women's Foundation Enough SAID project, is expected to

help with next steps and prosecution efforts.

"We have been working tirelessly to bring justice to sexual assault victims since 2009," Worthy said. "Through various collaborations and partnerships, we have been able to do so on local, state, and national levels. Getting the rape kits tested was only the first step. Now we must investigate and prosecute all of the cases that have CODIS hits. We must also take a second look at those that did not have CODIS hits."

In all, a total of 10,087 sexual assault evidence kits from the Detroit Police Department have been tested, resulting in 2,616 associations in the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), including associations to either criminal cases or individuals in 35 states and the District of Columbia. CODIS is used to search DNA profiles obtained from crime scene evidence against DNA profiles from other crime scenes and from convicted offenders and arrestees to generate

leads in cases when an association is obtained.

Worthy has served as Wayne County prosecutor since 2004. Previously, she served as a judge on the Wayne County Circuit Court from 1994 to 2004 and as assistant Wayne County prosecutor from 1984-94.

"The Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle is pleased to support this important initiative through our Annual Event program," said Debbie Maloni, Giving Hope Special Events chair, in a press release. "Giving Hope will make a donation to the Enough SAID campaign to help continue its work."

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle is a donor-advised fund of the Canton Community Foundation that provides grants to address the needs of women and families in the greater Canton and Plymouth areas. Approximately 80 women comprise the Giving Circle, which aspires to make a positive community impact through philanthropy.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WORLD PEACE DAY

Time/date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20.

Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Details: The Interfaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit (IFLC), Plymouth-Canton Hindu Community, Geneva Presbyterian, Gurdwara Sahib Singh Saba of Michigan, Mata Tripta Ji Gurdwara Sahib (Old name Gurdwara-Sahib Hidden Falls), Living Peace Church and Muslim Community of Western Suburbs are sponsoring the Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach World Peace Day. There will be Prayers for World Peace at 1:15 p.m. Kellogg Park and a Faith Learning event with refreshments at 2 p.m. at Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. Representatives from all faiths will be there. Games and food also will be available.

WESTERN WAYNE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Time/date: 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21.

Location: Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Details: Genealogist Carl Katafiasz, head of adult services at the Livonia Civic Center Library, will review the growing genealogical collection available for research. Bring dinner and enjoy conversation with other members. Katafiasz will begin speaking at 7 p.m. A Q&A and open forum will follow. Meetings are open to the public. Guests are always welcome.

Contact: www.wwcgs.org.

MICHIGAN NATIVE AMERICANS

Time/date: 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21.

Location: Alexander Blue House, Greenmead Historical Park, Eight Mile and Newburgh roads, Livonia.

Details: The Livonia Historical Society will present a program on the lifestyle of Michigan Native Americans given by Naturalist Randy Baker. He will have a wide variety of artifacts on display. Baker has provided history and science programs to various groups for nearly 30 years. He also leads nature-oriented tours around the world. The public is welcome at no charge.

Contact: 734-416-3848.

TRI COUNTY CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP

Time/date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21.

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.

Details: Lori Shepard will speak on "Gluten Free the Scrumptious Way." A gluten-free food demonstration is part of her presentation. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

GUNS N' GOWNS

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27.

Location: Greenmead Historical Park, Eight Mile and Newburgh roads, Livonia.

Details: This Civil War Living History Event is presented by the 17th Michigan, Company E Volunteer Infantry. Military camp life, drills, demonstrations and equipment. Medical practices and field surgery. Civilian life, courting and mourning practices, fashions, phrenology, letter reading and more. Refreshments available Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alexander Blue House. Select village buildings open for tours. Sunday is ice cream tour day. For a small donation at the Geer Store you can receive an ice cream novelty.

Details: The Post will be celebrating its 85th anniversary in Redford with a dinner dance. This event is open to the public and tickets are on sale at the Post or from any Post officer. Cost is \$20 per person and includes dinner and dancing to the music of the Fabulous Oldies but Goodies Band. Beer, wine and set-ups are provided. BYOB.

Contact: 248-477-7375.

85TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER FOR VFW POST 345

Time/date: 6-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26.

Location: VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford.

Details: The Post will be celebrating its 85th anniversary in Redford with a dinner dance. This event is open to the public and tickets are on sale at the Post or from any Post officer. Cost is \$20 per person and includes dinner and dancing to the music of the Fabulous Oldies but Goodies Band. Beer, wine and set-ups are provided. BYOB.

Contact: VFWPost345@gmail.com. or call 313-538-6294.

VINTAGE CAR SHOW

Time/date: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26.

Location: Village of Redford, 25330 W. Six Mile Road, Redford.

Details: Entertainment, 50-50 raffle, basket raffle, \$100 Best in Show Prize, gas cards to the top three runners-up. Registration of \$15 includes lunch.

Contact: 313-541-6183.

GREENMEAD SUNDAY TOURS

Time/date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Dec. 6 and 13.

Location: Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh and Eight Mile roads, Livonia.

Details: All tours start at the Gift Shop, the building closest to the stop sign, about in the middle of the park. "Ice Cream" Sunday will be held Sept. 27.

The Livonia Historical Commission will be treating guests to an ice-cream novelty at the AJ Geer Store; just show your paid admission pass. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students.

Contact: 248-477-7375.

COMMUNITY FORUM ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Time/date: 7-8:30 p.m. first three Tuesdays September through May.

Location: St. Mary Mercy, North Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Substance abuse - what you need to know and what you can do - is the topic of a free educational series for teens, parents, grandparents, teachers and health care professionals.

Contact: 734-338-9580; kbannon@livoniasaveouryouth.org.

CRAFT SHOW

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.

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

Details: Tables available for \$25 each. Sponsored by St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women.

Contact: Mary Allsteadt at 425 4421 (vm#10).

FARMERS MARKET

Time/date: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 10.

Location: Wilson Barn, 29350 W. Chicago, Livonia.

Details: Locally grown produce, honey, home-baked items and American-made crafts. Free

activities this year include a Kids' Corner with special craft projects from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 29. The market will be closed for the holiday Sept. 5.

Contact: www.wilsonbarn.com.

FARMERS MARKET

Time/date: 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Thursday, through Oct. 8.

Location: 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford in Central City Park, Westland.

Details: A variety of food, craft vendors, special events and music is featured at the Westland Farmers and Artisans Market. EBT accepted.

Contact: 734-326-7222; westlandchamber@gmail.com.

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.

Location: St. Valentine School, 25875 Hope Street, Redford.

Details: Bake sale and refreshments. Entrance fee is \$1, \$2 for early bird. For table rental and contract, go to www.stvalentineschool.com.

Contact: Renee Williams at 313-931-2549 or Renee3471@att.net; Jessica Wimmer at 734-223-3390 or jessicawimmer@hotmail.com.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.

Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Details: Hosted by the Women's Guild, this Holiday Bazaar will feature crafters' tables with new handmade craft items. Homemade baked goods, raffles and lunch during the day. Some tables available for rental.

Contact: 734-464-0476.

LIVE AUCTION

Time/date: 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.

Location: Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Details: The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is having a live auction

as a fund-raiser. Preview of items begins at 11 a.m.; the auction starts at 11:30 a.m. Items include holiday gifts items, event tickets, guided tours, homemade goods, and much more. Light refreshments will be served.

Contact: Lena Packer, LWV fundraising chairperson, 248-536-2583.

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/date: 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24.

Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia.

Details: Seventy-four tables of gently used maternity, baby and children's items. Cost is \$2 for admission by 9 a.m.; \$1for admission after 9 a.m.

Contact: m2msale@stecmops.org.

ONGOING

LIVONIA GOODFELLOWS

Details: Help the Livonia Goodfellows assist families in need and assure "No Child Without a Christmas." Consider sending donations to P.O. Box 51982, Livonia 48151, or volunteering this holiday season by calling 313-438-0862.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS' SUPPORT GROUP

Time/date: noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Location: The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Free domestic violence/sexual assault group meetings.

Contact: 248-622-0359.

SENIOR CITIZEN BOARD GAMES

Time/date: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Location: The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Cost is \$5 per person. Angel House uses the money to give \$50 gift cards to a family in need weekly. Donations are also accepted via www.theangelhouse.org.

Contact: 734-524-0380.

REUNIONS

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1965

50-year class reunion is set for 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, at Auburn Hills Marriott at Centerpoint, Auburn Hills. The main event will include a roving dinner, music and dancing, and fun. The Friday mixer starts at 5 p.m. and some of the junior high and elementary alumni will meet for lunch on Saturday. Cost is \$100. Check the www.seaholm-classof65.com website for more information.

DEARBORN HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1965

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

DEARBORN LOWREY

CLASS OF 1965

50th class reunion is set for Sept. 26. For more information, email kmharleyriders@wow-way.com or call 313-414-

8980. DETROIT CODY

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50-year reunion is scheduled for Sept. 19. January and June 1965 classmates can email codyclassof1965@yahoo.com or call Christine Snopkowski Nashlen at 734-561-3501 for more information.

DETROIT COOLEY

CLASS OF 1965

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

FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1954

61st reunion lunch, noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at the Stitt American Legion Post Hall in Dearborn Heights. For information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at 313-581-6623 or 318-399-7718 or email Pat Gaston Chie-sa at patc629@aol.com.

GARDEN CITY WEST

CLASS OF 1975

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

CLASS OF 1965

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

SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1985

30th reunion set for 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile, Novi. Cost is \$50. Send checks made payable to "SL Class of 85 Reunion" c/o HACC, P.O. Box 427, Hartland, MI 48353 or via PayPal to slhscslasof85@gmail.com by Sept. 26. Visit the reunion page on Facebook.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

ALL CLASSES

6-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy; \$45 per person. For more information, call Rose Ann Filar at 248-770-1271.

WAYNE MEMORIAL

CLASS OF 1985

30-year reunion set for Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Livonia Marriott. Tickets in advance are \$45. Call Tanya (Ibrahim) Williams at 734-223-5558, tanyadolour@tripointis.com, or Steven Johnson at 734-635-0369.

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ARTHRITIS AND CANCER

Does having arthritis place a person at risk for cancer? The general answer is no. The diagnosis of osteoarthritis, gout or back arthritis carries no concern for malignancy. But people with rheumatoid arthritis and lupus are different.

These two conditions fit into the group known as the autoimmune arthritides. The root cause of both rheumatoid and arthritis comes from an error of lymphocyte production and response. Lymphocytes are white blood cells whose purpose is to act as a sentinel against invasion by irritants, bacteria, viruses, fungi and a variety of substances, which if not opposed will cause bodily harm. In the case of rheumatoid arthritis and lupus, lymphocytes mistake a constituent of the body as being foreign, and mount an attack against the self via the production of auto antibodies, that is antibodies against itself.

In rheumatoid arthritis the perceived invaders are in the joints of the hands; in lupus the source of lymphocyte reaction is the kidney. This battle between lymphocytes and the body can continue for years. Medication acts to dampen this inappropriate lymphocyte activity, but only in a few instances does therapy completely quell the lymphocyte-antibody response.

Years of over activity form the basis for lymphocytes to change from ordinary white cells into cancer cells. Over a hundred years ago, long before we had medicine to fight rheumatoid and lupus, physicians observed that patients with these conditions developed lymphoma at a rate greater than people who were healthy or afflicted with other disease.

Oddly, patients with psoriasis or psoriatic arthritis, despite spending so much time in the sun, develop skin cancer at the rate of the public at large, but have lymphoma at the same rate as patients with rheumatoid arthritis.

ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATING 65 YEARS

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

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

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



Robert and Irene Siedlik of Livonia



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

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

ENGAGEMENT

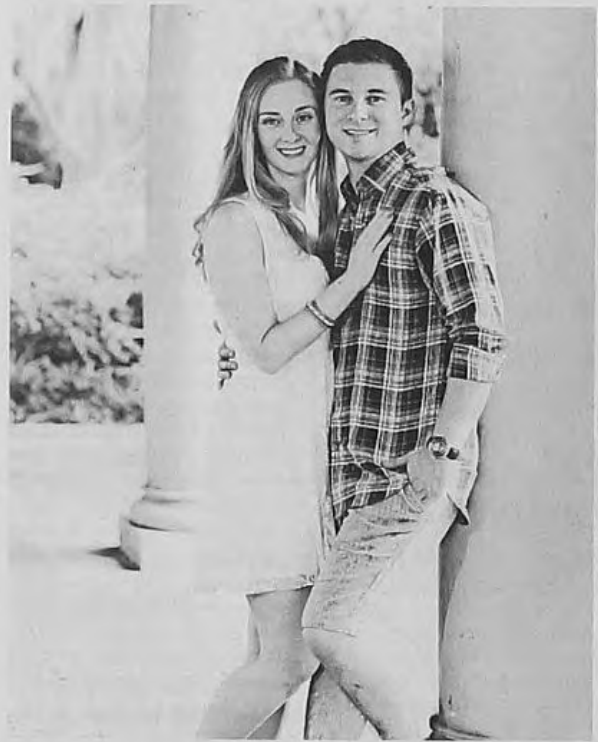
HERBERT-CLEVE

Sarah Elizabeth Herbert and Matthew Graham Cleve announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Cheryl and George Herbert of Westland, earned a bachelor of science degree in health care administration from Eastern Michigan University. She is a sales development representative at AppFolio.

Her fiancé, son of Mary and Richard Cleve of Grand Prairie, Texas, earned a bachelor of science degree in computer science and engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is employed as a senior sales engineer at AppDynamics.

A September 2016 wedding is planned in Saline.



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Sarah Herbert and Matthew Cleve

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS

Jay and Lisa (Gade) Asquini of Livonia marked their 35th wedding anniversary on Aug. 29. They were married in 1980 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, in Livonia.

The couple visited New York City, N.Y., in August to attend a wedding and made a trip to Coney Island in Brooklyn. The couple has two children, Lina (Todd) Roeser of Clarkston, and Carl Asquini (fiancée Tara Wilson) of Seattle, Wash. Their grandchild is Kate Monroe Roeser.

Jay and Lisa Asquini of Livonia announce their 35th wedding anniversary in the sand at Coney Island in New York City, N.Y.

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ONE-YEAR CELEBRATION

John Michael and Whitney Michelle (Davied) Lezotte of Livonia will mark their one-year anniversary Sept. 19. They were married in 2014 at Wellers Carriage House in Saline.

John is employed by Alberici Constructors. Whitney is a stay-at-home mom.

The couple enjoys traveling, snow skiing, boating and working on their first house together.

They plan to celebrate with a trip to Glacier National Park.



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John and Whitney Lezotte in a 2014 wedding photo.

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BLISS, GEORGE N.

95, former Vice President of Research and Development at Diamond Systems, died Tuesday, August 25 after a short illness. Credited with developing the first totally automated system for grading eggs, Bliss held 21 patents in the field, and had been at Diamond since the company merged with Page-Detroit. He was a World War 2 Air Force veteran, and as a long time resident of Franklin and Birmingham, had been active with the Birmingham Village Players. An avid sailor, he participated in the Mackinac Race for many years. He is survived by his wife Joan of Birmingham, and sisters Rosemary Reed of Malibu, California, and Alison Graham of Wynnewood, Pennsylvania.



KENYON, JAMES "BARRY" SR.

Born October of 1950, age 64 years, he passed away peacefully at his home on September 1, 2015. He graduated from Livonia Franklin in 1968 and on the day of his commencement he married the love of his life. Barry and Sue celebrated 41 years of happiness until Susie passed away in October of 2009. They were the proud owners of Barry's bump and paint in Westland. After Barry's wife passed away, he spent most of his time with family, friends and working. Many nights he spent hanging out with his best friend Bud Light. Barry is survived by his son James Barry Kenyon Jr (Jami), daughter Michelle Kenyon Conley (Mark); grandchildren Ryan, Brandon, Michael (Jamie), Tawni (Ryan); great-granddaughter Haley; his brothers and sisters Butch, Barb, Bonnie, Bev, Bill, and Brian. A whole bunch of nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers, sister-in-laws and of course his favorite Aunt Lois. Barry is preceded in death by his parents Patricia and Jack, his brother Bob, and son Jason. In lieu of flowers, the family will accept donations to go to the charities of their choice or any form desired by friends. Barry's celebration of Life will be held at Taps bar in Westland Sept. 19 2015, noon until 4 p.m.



ROSS, DOROTHEA "DOT"

Age 97. Formerly of Tonquish Creek. Died August 30, 2015. Dot's Community Farewell will be on Friday, September 11, 2015, beginning with gathering at 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. with Rev. Dr. David Denzer and Pastor William Lindholm officiating at St. Michael Lutheran Church. In her honor, memorial donations may be shared with St. Jude Children's Hospital or The Salvation Army. Please sign Dot's guestbook at www.borekjennings.com or leave a message of comfort for the Ross family by calling 877-231-7900.

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WASHBURN, ROBERT G.

Robert G. Washburn's life came to a close Sunday morning, August 30. He died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; daughters, Kimberlei Horn and Wendy Schaffer; sons, Eric and Matthew Washburn; seven grandchildren; sister, Judith Hedberg; and nieces, Gail Warner and Laura Sissman. Robert was blessed with a huge artistic talent and used it generously, working for many years in the creative arts and advertising field. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, where he also produced and hosted the B'Jazz Vespers Concerts for most of the past 20 years. He lived his faith everyday, serving on boards and volunteering at The Community House, Friendship House and Judson Center. Robert was passionate about working with youth and took pride in being a Boy Scout leader as well as an Eagle Scout. He found great joy in mentoring and tutoring young people, as well as teaching Sunday school classes for many years. Robert Washburn was a wonderful husband, great father, and a friend to all. He is deeply missed and will be loved forever.

YOUNG, MOLLYE GRABLE

80, of Venice, Florida, passed away on Saturday, August 29, 2015 at Englewood Community Hospital. Born on December 27, 1934 in Camden, Arkansas she had been a resident of Sarasota County for twenty years coming from Garden City, Michigan. A loving wife, mother and homemaker for her family, Mollye was a teacher's aide for special needs children. During the rest of her time she fulfilled the role as "coaches wife" for her late husband, Billy Joe Young who coached high school basketball and baseball. He pre-deceased her in 2006.

She was a member and former treasurer for both the Tonquish Baptist Church in Westland, MI and then the Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City, MI.

Survivors include her two sons: Billy Joe (Natalie Douglas) Young, Jr. of NYC, NY and Theodore (Liz McNamara) Young of Greensboro, NC; one sister: Martha Sue Nash of Atlanta, GA; and one granddaughter: Casey Young of Raleigh, NC.

A celebration of Mollye's life will be at a later date. Englewood Community Funeral Home with Private Crematory has been selected to handle arrangements. You may share a memory with the family at www.engagewoodfh.com

ZIMMERMAN, BEULAH E.

September 2, 2015. Age 97 of Wayne. Beloved wife of the late James. Dear mother of Florence (Ray) Payeur and James David (Carol) Zimmerman II. Loving grandfather of Margaret Zimmerman, Connie Smith, James Zimmerman III, Chris Payeur, and Angel Payeur. Also survived by nine great-grandchildren. Visitation Friday 1-6 p.m. and Saturday 12-6 p.m. at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Burial at Smith Chapel Cemetery, Hackney, OH, Monday afternoon. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfh.com.



A loving tribute

Learn about Forgotten Harvest at Women's Lunch

Forgotten Harvest will host its second annual Women's Harvest Lunch to help raise funds and provide farm fresh food for metro Detroit families in need. The event is set for 11 a.m. Sept. 25 at Forgotten Harvest Farms, 9153 Major Road, Fenton.

Tickets are available for women to attend the event, learn firsthand about Forgotten Harvest and have the opportunity to get involved to help make a difference. Tickets cost \$100. Sponsorship opportunities also are available



beginning at \$500. To learn more about the Women's Harvest Lunch or to purchase tickets, visit forgottenharvest.org.



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This is one of five houses that will be open during the Northville Home Tour.

Tour homes in Northville, help raise funds for AAUW

From a cool condo makeover, to Victorian era houses real and faux, and a rare vintage train collection, Northville's 2015 home tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, has something for everyone.

This year's homes offer homeowners ideas that they can adapt to suit their own taste and space. It's a chance to see the beautiful home interiors.

Guests will set their own tour pace while listening to commentary by stationed docents. Two tour homes are in Northville Township — on Crystal Lake Drive and Crestview Circle — and three are in the city — on Hutton, Beal and Randolph streets. Parking for the Randolph Street house is at nearby First Baptist Church.

Ticket holders get exclusive access to a

bonus Garden Party, 2-5 p.m. on tour day at Starring "The Gallery" at 118 W. Main St. in Northville. The Garden Party will include free refreshments provided by Busch's Market and other local vendors.

Tickets are \$20. Buy them online at www.aauwnn.org (click "Home Tour 2015 Tickets"). Tickets also are available at Starring "The Gallery," Gardenviews, 117 E. Main, Northville; Pear-Aphernalia, 184 E. Main, Northville; Meadowbrook Art Center, 41200 10 Mile, Novi; and Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main, Northville.

Tickets may also be on sale at the display homes on tour day, but availability is not guaranteed. For details, contact Home Tour chair Jane Hecker at 734-276-6160.



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How to get noticed by your boss

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The American dream is built upon the belief that if you work hard and do your job well, the rewards will come. Unfortunately, not every workplace is a perfect meritocracy, and some workers may feel taken for granted. So if steady results aren't cutting it, what can you do to get the attention you deserve?

Here are five tips to help you get noticed at work.

1. Be vocal

Simply put, the best thing you can do to get noticed is to take action. The company is filled with people who are successfully doing their jobs day in, day out. When you're working on something that deserves attention, make sure your boss knows it.

"You must continue to 'sell yourself' after you are hired. Keep your boss informed of things you are working on, including projects others ask you (to) assist with, requests from other executives, etc.," says Bonnie Scherry, director of corporate HR at G&A Partners, an HR and risk management professional employer organization. "Assume your boss doesn't know what you are working on — remember, they are busy and can't possibly keep up with every single direct



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report that they have. You must make yourself stand out among the crowd."

2. Balance ambition with humility

At the same time, make sure not to push it too far. Take pride in your work and know your value, but don't forget to be a team player.

"Employers love ambition, but be sure yours doesn't make you look cocky," says Tim Elmore, president of Growing Leaders, a nonprofit organization focused on youth leadership development. "Many call this balance 'humbitious' — humble, yet ambitious. Your boss may value your new ideas and insight, but help the company with their current ideas first, before proposing new methods or ideas. Business leaders want to see a

sermon, not hear one. Let them know you've got ideas, but you're hungry to help with theirs as well."

3. Mirror the boss' language

Properly communicating your ideas is essential to getting noticed by the boss, and the way you choose to phrase a thought can demonstrate that you're on the same wavelength.

"One psychologically savvy technique to get noticed is to mirror your boss' language. Simply notice the metaphors they use," says leadership and career coach Shawna Burkhart. "They might say things like, 'going to battle,' 'planting our feet,' or 'getting in the boat.' These can clue you into how they are thinking about a situation. By using similar metaphors to respond, they will notice you under-

stand their point of view and you can quickly build a better relationship."

4. Show a consistent work ethic

"Demonstrate the same level of work ethic on the tasks you're less than excited about as those you're passionate about," Elmore says. "Sometimes, your work on the project that isn't glitzy says more about your work ethic than anything else. Can you show some passion for the smaller, mundane task you'll do as you stand on the bottom rung of the career ladder? If so, you're more likely to move up quicker, moving on to the tasks you're more passionate about."

5. Be proactive

Odds are, you're not just looking for attention — getting noticed is really a means to an end. Be sure you know what your true goal is, and find a way to communicate that ambition to your boss.

"Your boss can't keep an eye out for special projects and opportunities for you if he/she doesn't know what you want," says Elene Cafasso, founder and president of executive coaching company Enerpace, Inc. "Help your boss to look good and achieve her top goals, and your boss will be more likely to include and support you in other key initiatives. Responsibility, proactivity and communication lead to getting noticed, managing up and career success."

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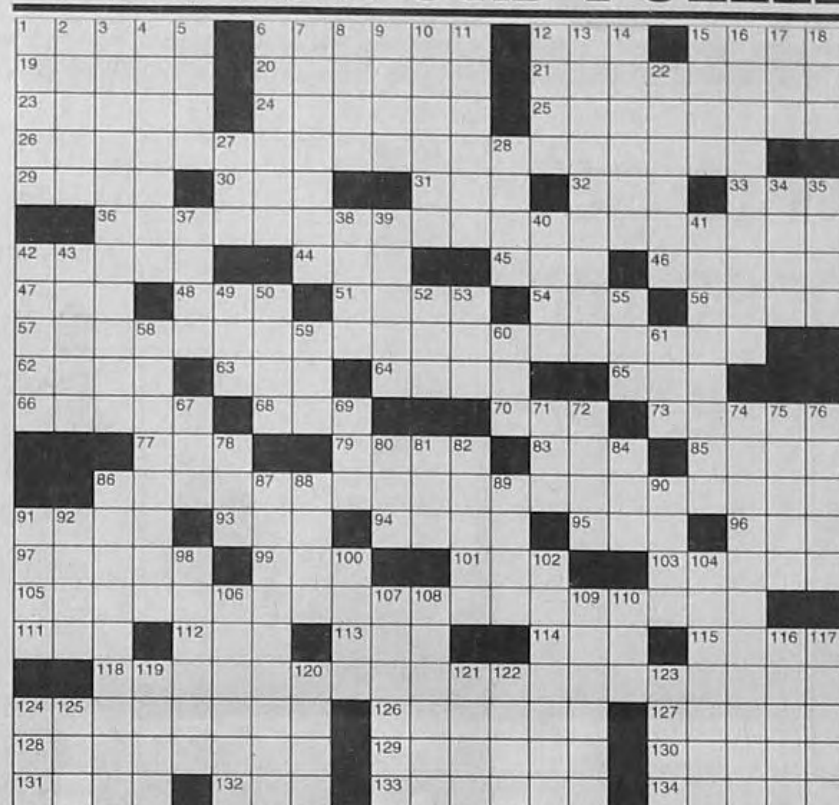
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101 — Newton
103 Active types
105 Nonlocals visited by ghosts?
111 Mil. bigwig
112 Viral gene material
113 Light blow
114 Myrna of film
115 "... — extra cost!"
118 New year of which there are five anagrams in this puzzle
124 More eerie
126 Liken
127 Buenos —
128 Promotion at the top of a Web page
129 Sled feature
130 "Johnny B. —" (1958 hit song)
131 Abbr. before "D.A."
132 Sullivan and O'Neill
133 Detects
134 Pitch-dark

DOWN

- 1 RPM gauges
2 "To sum it —"
3 Option for pad thai
4 African republic
5 Tim Conway's "— on Golf"
6 Audio system
7 Delcing
8 Sleekly designed
9 "What — be done?"
10 Learn about via print
11 Most sapient
12 LGA
13 Period after Ford's presidency
14 Safely at first or second
15 Lima's locale
16 Not duped
17 NYC bus insignia
18 —Ops
22 "You fell for it!"
27 Choose, with "for"
28 The latest
34 "What are you, some kind of —?"
35 Not in use
37 Army squad
38 By oneself
39 Hatred
40 "Not likely!"
41 Disapprove of

- 42 Responses to puns
43 End a mission early
49 Lowe of "Breakaway"
50 Purl's partner
52 Munched
53 — ipsa loquitur
55 Beetles and Golfs, briefly
58 Shriveled up
59 Shih —
60 Singer Carly — Jepsen
61 With 119-Down, "Absolutely not!"
67 Bounced check abbr.
69 Greek letter
71 Wedding part
72 Blows away
74 Egg yolks are high in it
75 "Napoleon Dynamite" star Jon
76 Positive RSVPs
78 ISP of note
80 Mag with an annual "500"
81 "Little Red Book" author
82 Work crew
84 Utmost
86 Loosens, as some shirts
87 Future path
88 Sallito snack
89 Take off
90 Jekyll's antithesis
91 School cheers
92 All that and — of chips
98 Hit from a 102-Down
100 Ballerina's skirt
102 Links peg
104 Formal talk
106 Not partial
107 Electroshock weapons
108 Not transparent
109 Romantic hopefuls
110 Big Apple sch.
116 "— remind you that ...?"
117 Advent
119 See 61-Down
120 Municipal laws: Abbr.
121 U.S. Senate alumnus
122 Marino and Rather
123 Prego rival
124 Fed. loan agency
125 Mas' mates

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Here's How It Works:

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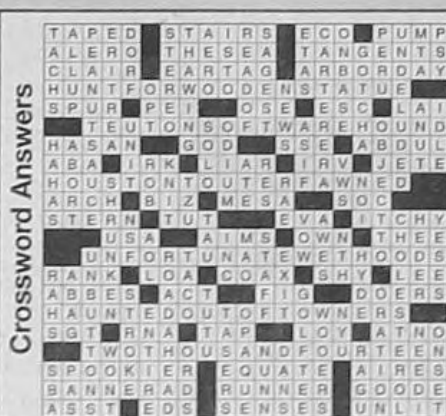
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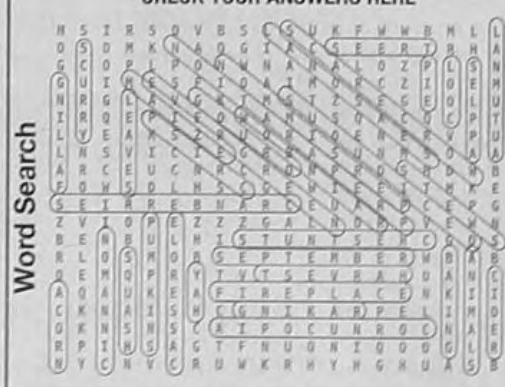
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Car Report

As Summer Ends, Each Of The Detroit 3 Gets Down To Business In Different Ways



By Dale Buss

Each of the Detroit Three is stepping up as the summer ends, in different ways.

Ford looks to be bringing back its Ranger small pickup. Fiat Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne is reassuring dealers that the company will be around for the long haul. And Buick is using the normally fallow end-of-summer car-marketing season to dimensionalize its brand with a campaign that positions GM's near-luxury brand as a sort of Aquarian curator.

"From the refined and sculptural design of our vehicles, to the environment of our showrooms, to our award-winning customer service, happiness and a sense of well-being are inherent in everything we do," said Buick US vice president Duncan Aldred in the 24 Hours of Happiness Test Drive campaign press release.

In a series of online videos, podcasts, digital images and other touch points, Buick is combining its renewal of a one-day-long test drive with a very new identity as a purveyor of "happiness" and relaxation — and even aromatherapy.

A YouTube video series supports the campaign, bringing together what the brand called "some of America's leading experts on happiness and well-being."

It includes a video of Israeli supermodel and yogi Bar Refaeli conducting poses outside a Buick Encore and relaxation exercises within; Dr. Dot, a Hollywood masseuse, demonstrating some self-relaxation techniques to help drivers battle stress; and advice from "happiness researcher" Shawn Anchor.

Additionally, Amanda Chantal Bacon, wellness guru and Moon Juice founder, takes a ride in a Buick Enclave with jewelry designer Irene Neuwirth — but only after they mix an original scent for Buick out of essential oils and designed a unique diffuser for it to bring some olfactory branding to the multi-sensory experience.

With the #Buick Happiness campaign emphasizing the zen of driving, Buick is making its boldest bid yet for a demographic that once was basically off-limits to the brand, millennials.

Meanwhile, Marchionne apparently told Fiat Chrysler dealers recently: "Never mind." All of the Chicken Little-ism that he demonstrated a few weeks ago — controversially conducting an open campaign to find a merger partner — should be relegated to yesterday like the K-Car, he indicated.

The CEO reportedly told his company's 7,000 dealers at a meeting in Las Vegas that Fiat Chrysler actually could stand on its own just fine. He said he "isn't under pressure to merge with another car company, and ... the company can finance a competent product portfolio on its own," the Wall Street Journal reported.

Specifically, Automotive News reported, Marchionne insisted that his high-profile lobbying to sell a Fiat Chrysler merger to GM was "not a slash-and-burn strategy" and that any potential merger, anyway, "will not have an impact on dealers."

To underscore his point about the viability of Fiat Chrysler, at the dealer meeting Marchionne showed off a number of redesigned or entirely new models, including three Jeeps and a plug-in hybrid minivan. He also reportedly updated the company's ambitious new-product plan for the next few years.

As for Ford, the company appears about to deliver a quadruple win for the U.S. auto market. By bringing production of a new Ford Ranger small pickup truck back to the United States, the company would reinsert itself into a hot segment, give American consumers another choice in that category, please leadership of the United Auto Workers with whom the company is negotiating a new labor contract, and put another feather in the cap of domestic manufacturing.

All of those possibilities are comprised in reports by Detroit newspapers that Ford is considering re-entering the segment by committing to build the Ranger later this decade at the Michigan Assembly Plant near Detroit. Ford stopped making Ranger in the U.S. in 2011 as it doubled down on the importance of its full-size F Series line of pickups, which are America's best-selling vehicle nameplate.

Ford executives have insisted that the company didn't need to bring back Ranger because there remained limited demand in the segment and because its new F-150 — with the aluminium body — would provide competitive fuel economy for truck buyers.

In the meantime, however, gasoline prices have swooned, and mid-size pickups have enjoyed rejuvenation in the U.S. market along with the robust automotive recovery.

But only Ford's rivals have benefited. General Motors smartly brought back its Chevrolet Colorado and GMC Canyon nameplates last year after a hiatus of a few years out of the segment and put them on an all-new line of small trucks.

Ford recently announced that it is moving production of its Focus and C-Max small cars out of the sprawling facility in Dearborn, likely to Mexico — something that hasn't sat well with UAW negotiators who are working toward a September 14 deadline with their counterparts at Ford. The company previously said only that it will build future, unidentified products at the plant, which currently employs about 4,500 people.



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