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## Absentees coming in for special election

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton residents don't appear ready to boycott the special Sept. 5 primary that arose after U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter resigned amid a petition-signature scandal, though some consider the election a waste of taxpayer money and voter turnout still could be low.

Clerk Terry Bennett confirmed Friday morning that 4,754 absent

tee ballots have been mailed out. Of those, 1,528 — or 32 percent — already had been returned.

"I'm really surprised at the number of people who are still requesting absentee ballots," Bennett said, though she still predicts low voter participation for the special primary.

In all, Canton has 61,753 registered voters.

Bennett has repeatedly urged absentee voters to fill out their ballots and return them as quick-

ly as possible, considering the special election came so soon after the Aug. 7 primary.

"There will be a very short turnaround time," she said.

### Big cost

Moreover, Canton Township offices will be closed Friday, Aug. 31, for a furlough day but will reopen 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, for voters seeking absentee ballots.

Township offices close again

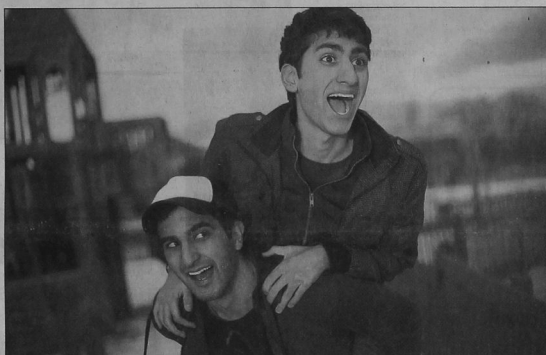
Monday, Sept. 3, for Labor Day but will be open Tuesday, Sept. 4, for regular business hours. Voters can get absentee ballots until 4 p.m. that Tuesday but must vote at the clerk's office.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5.

The 11th District election is expected to cost taxpayers an estimated \$650,000 — a move that has angered many voters.

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### On location



Homam Nasser, carrying brother Mollie on his back, play around in Canton, where they film many of their popular YouTube videos.

## Canton brothers drawing praise with videos

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Fear strikes Homam Nasser of Canton after he answers a cell phone call and hears a wicked, vengeful voice on the other end. "The caller has abducted his wife and taken his stapler, his deodorant, his iPhone charger, his toothbrush.

"Stop taking things from me," Homam wails.

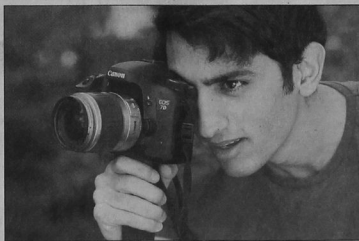
Then he learns the caller has taken "your stupid kitty ..."

"William," Homam says, uttering the pet's name.

So it begins, this dark-humor exchange that leads to a fight in this YouTube video spoof made by Homam and his brother, Mollie Nasser, based on the movie trailer for *Taken 2*.

Taken 2 star Liam Neeson liked the Nassers' two-minute, 19-second video so much he mentioned it on social media.

Homam calls it "surreal" that actors such as Neeson and Ashton Kutcher have acknowledged their video talents on YouTube,



Mollie Nasser, shown here with his video equipment, has made 47 short videos with his brother Homam.

where Canton's budding filmmakers have accumulated 19 million views, attracted \$3,000 subscribers and, some months, earned a four-figure income from advertising.

They've made 47 short videos

that have drawn viewers from some 100 countries, though they are most popular in the United States, the United Kingdom and the Middle East.

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## Canton urges water limits

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton property owners, whose water rates spiked an average 32 percent over a five-year period ending in 2011, are urged to continue fighting against rising costs by easing their usage during peak hours.

Officials say it's difficult to gauge just how vigorously residents and businesses are heeding the township's pleas for voluntary water-use restrictions, though some signs are encouraging.

"It's pretty hard to measure it," Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said. "The only positive thing is, we've had a very hot, dry summer, and we did not exceed our contract limits with DWS (the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department).

"There were many communities that did," Faas said.

Avoiding mandatory restrictions, Canton has asked water consumers to voluntarily curb their use during peak morning hours and evening hours, when lawn sprinklers often get turned on.

"I've noticed that many of the commercial users, who use huge amounts of water, don't seem to be watering as much in the morn-

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## WATER USE

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ing when I'm on my way to work or out to get a cup of coffee," Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said. "I've noticed (in places such as Cherry Hill Village) that people don't seem to be watering in the morning. I get a feeling we have had some measure of compliance."

Canton also has implored residents and businesses with odd-numbered addresses to do their outdoor watering on odd-numbered dates, while encouraging those with even-numbered addresses to limit activities such as watering lawns and washing cars to even-numbered dates.

Moreover, consumers who use automatic irrigation systems have been asked to set their timers for midnight to 6 a.m. — a move that leads to an even distribution of water and places less strain on the water system during peak-usage hours.

Homeowners in subdivisions with common areas also are asked to restrict watering to every other day.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, in an address to residents on the township's website, said efforts such as watering lawns between midnight and 6 a.m. are among the best ways local consumers can help to ease water rate hikes.

"This is a very direct way residents can help control water rates from

Detroit," he said. Canton's contract with Detroit calls for local usage not to exceed 36 million gallons of water a day, based on peak-hour usage. Even on the hottest, driest days this summer, Faas said, usage stayed around the 32-million-gallon mark. "We didn't exceed our (Detroit) contract limits for the summer season," Faas said.

That could potentially help ease the pain as water rate hikes are set next year, though officials have said increases still may be expected.

This year, Canton welcomed a slight decrease of 2.3 percent for local water rates after years of steady increases.

James Fausone, a Canton resident who chairs the regional Board of Water Commissioners for DWSJ, has said far-reaching cuts recommended for the Detroit department could potentially ease the pain of future water rate hikes, as efforts begin to streamline DWSJ and make it more efficient.

One other piece to the water-rate puzzle also looms large. A study by Livonia-based OHM, a consulting firm, is expected by late this year to determine the feasibility and cost for Canton to install a water-storage tower that also would ease consumption during peak hours.

Faas said the report could potentially come in November or December.

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### DANCE AUDITIONS

**Date/Time:** Sunday, Sept. 9 or Sept. 16, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Location:** Central City Dance, 6700 N. Canton Center, Canton

**Details:** Central City Dance is holding open auditions for the 2012 Central City Christmas Spectacular Show. Auditions are open to the public and to all area dancers ages 6 to adult, gymnasts of all ages, and singers age 10 to adult. There is a \$10 fee to audition. Dancers will be taught a dance combination as a group, and performers will be chosen not only on their dance skills, but ability to listen. Gymnasts should be able to demonstrate three different passes across the floor and will be chosen based on their technique and originality. Singers are encouraged to bring along a DVD of their favorite holiday music. All acts will perform for one minute.

**Contact:** For specific information regarding the 2012

open audition process for the Central City Christmas Spectacular Show, please visit [www.Centrallydance.com](http://www.Centrallydance.com), click on the Christmas Spectacular tab, and 2012 Open Auditions Process. To contact them via phone, call Central City Dance at (734) 459-0400.

### GIVING BLOOD

**Details:** The American Red Cross hosts blood drives at a variety of locations this month. Blood drives are scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, St. Kenneth Church, 2-7:45 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth; 1-6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, Salem High School; 1-6:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, Plymouth District Library. Donors will be entered into a monthly drawing for a \$500 gas card.

**Contact:** Call Diane Risko at (313) 549-7052 or email [Diane.Risko@redcross.org](mailto:Diane.Risko@redcross.org) to set up an appointment.

### MMAP COUNSELING

**Dates/Time:** 1-3 p.m. Sept. 6, Oct. 3, Nov. 1 and Dec. 4  
**Location:** United Home Health Services office, 2200 Canton Center in Canton

**Details:** United Home Health Services offers the community free counseling with a

certified MMAP (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor who can help review Medicare and Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D drug insurance, assist with Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify & report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse issues, and explore long term care insurance options. No reservations necessary.

**Contact:** Call United Home Health Services at (734) 981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at [www.mmmapinc.org/pages/about.html](http://www.mmmapinc.org/pages/about.html)

### GOOD GRIEF GOLF

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Sept. 8, shotgun start at 10 a.m.  
**Location:** Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon

**Details:** New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts the 14th annual "Good Grief" golf outing will be held. The proceeds from this outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens, and children

throughout southeastern Michigan. The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests, and prizes, is \$125. Dinner only is \$35 per person.

**Contact:** For information about sponsorship opportunities or registration information, contact Carol Spannoch at (248) 348-0115 and visit [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net)

### HEALING HEARTS

**Date/Time:** Second and fourth Monday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 35660 Cherry Hill, Westland

**Details:** Grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system. Hope 4 Healing Hearts, Inc., provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, [bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com](mailto:bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com) or visit [www.hope4healinghearts.com](http://www.hope4healinghearts.com)

## Corrections

An incorrect date for the third annual Rouge SK walk/run was reported in a story last Sunday.

The correct date for the 2012 walk/run, presented by the Friends of the Rouge, is Saturday, Sept. 29.



A photo that ran in Thursday's Observer misidentified Mary Mack (right) of Northville and Dary Blakemore (center) of Westland. Decked out in various degrees of pink at last weekend's Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day are Rose Ceroni of Livonia (left), Blakemore and Mack. The women have become friends since meeting at the 2006 Michigan 3-Day. Mack (19 years) and Ceroni (21 years) are cancer survivors.

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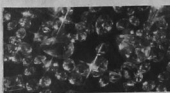
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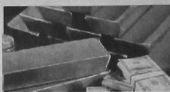
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# BROTHERS

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## Long-term goal

"The long-term goal is to become a director or writer of feature-length films," said Mollie, a 20-year-old Salem High graduate and Schoolcraft College student who plans to major in film studies at Wayne State University. "I'd like to move to L.A."

Homam, a 27-year-old graduate of Dearborn High School, is studying nursing at Ohio's Ashland University — a career he can rely on if this film thing fizzles.

Their video titled *Taken 2 Trailer Spoof* earned these accolades from Neeson — "really funny, great work."

The Nassers call themselves The Decimal Brothers — though "we hated math," Mollie says — and their videos can be found at [www.decimalbrothers.com](http://www.decimalbrothers.com). Homam also markets their work online under the moniker *GreenHatAngel*.

Their videos often blend bloody violence with a twisted, topical sense of humor. After a Miami man chewed someone's face, possibly while he was high, the Nassers were inspired to make a 45-second clip titled *Zombie Attack Caught on Tape — Miami, Fla.*

"The best way to get attention is to make videos that are relevant," Mollie said.

## Cast of characters

With four siblings and numerous friends, they have a ready cast of characters to help them. They've drawn perplexed stares from neighbors who have seen them filming near the Canton house of their parents, Faik A.K. and Enaam Nasser.

In *Stay Golden*, Mollie accidentally kills his brother's cat, touches his off-limits Russian cap and steps on his little yellow bird, resulting in a street chase that ends with Homam pointing a fake gun at him before coming to his senses. "I've seen a couple of really disturbed faces" from onlookers while filming, Mollie said. A fake gun segment filmed



Mollie and Homam Nasser, more commonly known as the Decimal Brothers for their YouTube videos.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Mollie Nasser explains how he and his older brother Homam make videos that have garnered 19 million views on YouTube.

in Plymouth of the *Taken 2* spoofer prompted alarm from an onlooker until it was realized that a video — not a crime — was in the making, he said.

Mollie recalls filming videos as a youngster after his father bought the family a big, clunky camera that, at the time, was the latest technology.

"I would be filming all the time," he said.

The brothers now use equipment such as a Canon EOS 7D, which they bought with money won from a video contest sponsored by camera company Olympus. Their first YouTube video came in early 2008, and they received support from popular YouTube partners such as David Days.

In June, they got a warm welcome in Anaheim, Calif., at VidCon, one of the world's largest online video conventions.

## Location, location

The Nassers have filmed at places such as their home, their street, Canton's Heritage Park, an abandoned paper factory

in Ypsilanti and The Somerset Collection, a Troy mall. They've made odd little videos such as *Nice*, in which they repeat the word, often for ironic effect, when they find no toilet paper on the roll, no toothpaste in the tube, no Little Debbie oatmeal creme pies in the box — or when Homam falls down the stairs while carrying a laundry basket.

They received a startling 6.1 million YouTube views for their *Saw 7 Trailer Spoof*, a blend of horror and humor based on the *Saw* movie series. Then there's *Unicorn Smiles*, in which Mollie awakens from a vivid dream and his brother conceals a sleep-inducing potion so the dream can finish.

They even have Decimal Brothers T-shirts.

Faik A.K. Nasser admits he once preferred that his sons pursue a career such as medical research, but he has decided they should pursue their dreams.

"I'm very proud of them," he said.

Mollie said he gets his inspiration from TV shows, other YouTube videos and real-life situations. Homam can get an idea by finding a chain in the family garage that becomes a scene prop.

"It's a very collaborative process," Mollie said. "We try to make things we would like to watch."

It seems the world is watching too.

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# County considering public service tax

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Wayne County residents may be voting in November on a \$38 million, 97-mill tax to help cover shortfalls in funding for county public service operations.

The issue will appear on the Nov. 6 ballot if commissioners approve the measure by a two-thirds majority Tuesday during a full board meeting. The measure was offered by Commissioner Kevin McNamara, D-Canton.

McNamara, who calls himself "as conservative a Democrat as you're going to meet," said he supports the move not because he's in favor of more taxes, but because it's an issue of public safety.

McNamara said Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon's assertion he'd have to release some 1,000 incarcerated prisoners and remove 300 more from electronic tethers is enough motivation to pass the tax.

"I am not pro-tax, but I am pro-public safety," McNamara said. "We've chopped down to the point where it's rubber meets the road. Public safety is the only thing left that can be cut, and I'm unwilling to cut public safety any more."

Commissioner Laura Cox, whose district includes Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth, voted against the proposal Wednesday in a 10-4 vote in a Committee of the Whole meeting of the commission. She will not be voting on the proposal Tuesday because she will be out of town at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla.

Cox said the vote needs a minimum of 10 votes to pass. She believes her absence will not make a difference in the vote because she is opposed to it and the commission would need 10 votes supporting it. "It

doesn't matter because they need 10 votes," Cox said. She said Thursday she would be surprised if it does not pass on Tuesday.

"It's not the right thing to do," Cox said. Cox added that there were "a lot of problems with the language." Under the language approved, the sheriff's department would receive half of the money collected; the children and family services departments would receive 27 percent and the prosecutor's office would get 23 percent.

Cox said Napoleon needs to make "serious changes" in his budget. "People don't want to talk about solutions; they just say 'give us the money,'" Cox said. "Let's just kick the can down the road another 10 years."

But McNamara said the budget has already "been cut to the bone."

"You're not going to find \$39 million," McNamara said. Cox noted that Oakland and Macomb counties suffered greater losses in property tax revenue, yet have managed to balance budgets. With a higher tax, Wayne County is more expensive for businesses and residents, she noted. "Why would you come here where you can go to Oakland or Macomb counties for better services and government that is cheaper?" Cox asked.

"They will argue that Wayne is different from Oakland and Macomb counties, and yes, we are different, but we have to compete. The taxpayers are going to have to put their foot down and say 'no.'" Without changes in the structure of budgets and county departments, it will be business as usual.

Observer staff writer Brad Kadrich contributed to this report.

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# Playing ball

## Miracle League going strong in second year

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Anyone wondering how the Miracle League of Plymouth is doing in its second year doesn't have to go far to find out.

Bilkie Field, the MLP home where special-needs kids get a chance to play baseball, is right downtown.

And this fall, some 80 players (and their "buddies") on eight teams are playing four games every Saturday, fulfilling the promise the MLP provided when it began last year. Players are coming from all over the area — from Milford to Dearborn — to get the experience.

"Everyone involved wants every child and family to feel welcome and have fun," said MLP president Deb Madonna. "Volunteers who thought they came out to help learn very quickly that they are part of something special and learn much more from players."

Miracle League of Plymouth gives an opportunity to special-needs players who might not have gotten the chance otherwise to "put on the uniform, become baseball players and be part of a team," Madonna said. She said while baseball is fun for everyone, the baseball played at Bilkie Field is also therapeutic for the players.

"The spectators watch the games and cheer all players, and there are



New player Noelle Caloia with her buddy, Anton Ferguson.

times when the effort that a player puts forth causes everyone to stop and watch every move," Madonna said. "Watching these players makes you believe that baseball is the greatest game because these young people work hard to do things that many don't think twice about doing."

The money needed to build the field was raised last year, before the field ever opened. But Madonna said some \$70,000 is still needed for the \$300,000 endowment that will help pay for things like fixing and replacing things connected to the field.

"We continue to be pleasantly surprised by the financial support we've received from

many, many people, often very unexpectedly," Madonna said.

Donations are still gladly accepted. People can donate any amount by going to the website ([www.miracleleague-plymouth.org](http://www.miracleleague-plymouth.org)) and clicking on "Donate."

Madonna thinks those who get involved might be even luckier than the players themselves.

"What is most unique is that everyone who plays or is a volunteer or a spectator benefits," she said. "I know the children have a great time, but I suspect that the volunteers and spectators never forget what they experience at the field."

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# Schoolcraft College students, motorists face delays traveling on Haggerty Road

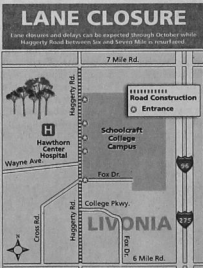
By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Students, instructors and employees at Schoolcraft College are being reminded to allow themselves more time to get to campus as the Haggerty Road resurfacing project continues. Classes begin Wednesday.

Lane closures and delays for motorists commuting to work or visiting businesses along Haggerty can be expected through October while Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile is resurfaced, a \$1.2 million project. Haggerty Road will remain open throughout the project.

The work will proceed in two phases. In the first phase, the two outside lanes will be closed, leaving the three interior lanes available for traffic. In the second phase, the interior lanes will be closed for repair and the outside lanes will be open. If any of the five Schoolcraft entrances off Haggerty need repair, the four other entrances will remain available. Drivers can proceed to another entrance if they find one is blocked.

The project includes milling of the existing surface, repair of existing concrete pavement and curb, placement of new asphalt surface, upgrades of concrete side-



Students, employees and visitors are encouraged to allow extra time when driving to campus. Haggerty Road will remain open throughout the project. There are five Schoolcraft entrances off of Haggerty; drivers can proceed to another entrance if they find that one is blocked.

walk ramps, extension of the bike path from Wayne Avenue heading north and new pavement markings.

The project is being managed by the Wayne County Roads Division with funding from the county, the Michigan Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Schoolcraft's students can be updated on the construction through Schoolcraft's Facebook page and Twitter accounts. Ware social navigation site/mobile app, MiDrive, which is the Michigan Department of Transportation's website or the Schoolcraft College website.

# Passage of school retirement reform bill 'will help' W-W

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

The financial relief school districts had hoped for when it comes to employee retirement is a pen stroke away from becoming a reality after lawmakers reached agreement on Senate Bill 1040.

The bill, which is awaiting Gov. Rick Snyder's signature, will reform the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System and shrink the more than \$15 billion in unfunded liabilities facing the system.

"Even though it might not be what school communities wanted, it will help," Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "This will save us \$1.8 million this year and \$4.2 million over the next few years."

"This will help us dodge the bullet," said Scott Johnson, chief financial officer with the Garden City Public Schools. "It's a significant savings. We won't have to add that cost to our general fund."

Schools officials have been pressing for relief from the growing percentage of payroll that must be paid to MPERS to cover employee retirement costs. The rate would have jumped from 24.46 percent to 27.37 percent in 2013, with projections of 35 percent by 2016, double what it was in 2002.

MPERS collects and compiles employee wage, contribution and service information from 551 school districts, 70 public school academies, seven universities, 28 community colleges, 57 intermediate school districts and 11 libraries. As of Sept. 30, 2011, the system served 444,185 members.

The bill makes several changes to the MPERS Act, including increasing employee contributions, as well as prefunding retiree health

care beginning in fiscal 2012-13. According to a statement from Snyder's office, the prefunding is critical because the state will now be setting aside money to meet the debt when it comes due in the future, meaning that the cost of the benefit will be paid for at the time it is accrued, putting stability back in the system.

Snyder has labeled the bill as "among the most critical pieces of legislation" he will sign this year.

"These reforms ensure that schools can keep critical and much needed resources in our classrooms," Snyder said. "The administration, legislature and stakeholders worked together to advance a plan that is fair and affordable to teachers and other school employees as well as taxpayers."

Baracy said the reform measures are going to be significant, although they don't solve the problem completely for Wayne-Westland. The district is relying on resources in its Wayne-Westland language which provided an additional \$6 million in school aid to address tax millage not used in calculating its per-pupil funding under Proposal A.

The district lost \$3 million last year and the remainder this year, despite efforts by state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, to get it in the new School Aid Act. The reform measure means the district's revenue shortfall will be about \$6 million this year and \$11 million next year.

"We have a number of cost containment measures in place and we're not filling some administrative positions. We're whittling away at it so we don't go into deficit," Baracy said. "We'd like to make it through 2013-14 without going into a full blown deficit, but that's going to be a struggle. We would have

been fine, if we hadn't lost our Wayne-Westland language. We would have been fine this year and would have made it through 2013-14."

Garden City has managed to hang one to a \$3 million fund equity and not having to spend \$675,000 more on retirement is a blessing.

"We're thankful that the legislators acted early on in our fiscal year, school districts have been in limbo waiting for this," he said. "The retirement rate is pivotal to the budget. This will help us, but we still have other challenges that we face."

Under the legislation, new hires will receive \$2,000 that will be deposited into a health reimbursement account once eligibility criteria have been met, as well as receive up to 2-percent matching contribution into a 401(k) account for savings to be used toward the purchase of retiree health care, or for any other purpose. That will replace fully subsidized retiree health care premiums.

It also allows existing members to opt out of retiree health care coverage, if they choose. The 3-percent retiree health contributions they've made to date will be credited to their 401(k) account.

According to the governor's office, the financial relief to school districts is substantial, capping the employer contribution rate at 20.96 percent of payroll and requiring an appropriation from the School Aid Fund to pay for any excess liabilities above that amount.

"This is a win for our children and their education, as well as a win for our school employees who need to know that benefits are secured and on solid footing for the future," Snyder said.

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"I think most everybody I've talked to about this and who are affected by this disaster see it as just that — a disaster that they think is a colossal waste of money," Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said. "I have yet to hear from anyone who says this is a good thing."

While she conceded voters understand the need for the 11th District, which includes Canton, to have a representative in Congress, she said many "are very discouraged with how McCotter behaved" during the scandal that has led to charges against four of his staffers for petition-signature irregularities.

McLaughlin said some voters would have advised McCotter, a Livonia Republican, to "keep your head down, your mouth shut and finish out your term — and at least serve the people who elected you through the end of your term."

**Crowded ballot**

Five Republicans are on the Sept. 5 ballot — Milford teacher Kerry Bentivolio, former state Sen. Nancy Cassis and Livonia residents Carolyn Kavanagh, Kenneth Cridler and Steve King, a former Livonia school board member.

The winner faces Democrat David Curson of Belleville in the Nov. 6 election to fill the rest of McCotter's term.

Also on the Nov. 6 ballot, Bentivolio and Democrat Dr. Syed Taj of Canton will compete for a two-year term in the newly redrawn 11th District.

Canton Township Trustee Pat Willis said Thursday he has not altered his decision to boycott the Sept. 5 election.

"I will not be voting out of protest," he has said. "It is a complete waste of taxpayer money."

Cassis has issued a statement saying she isn't campaigning for the Sept. 5 race.

Bennett's office hadn't even gotten past the Aug. 7 primary before staffers had to start focusing on the Sept. 5 election. Bennett has called the election season one of the most confusing that voters have faced in recent memory.

Bennett has reminded voters who plan to go to the polls Sept. 5 that some of them will be moved to different locations. Voters in Precincts 6 and 32 who normally vote at Lifechurch at Haggerty and Warren have been moved only for the Sept. 5 election to the Canton Township Administration Building.

Lifechurch can't accommodate the Sept. 5 polling place due to events already scheduled, though voters will return to that location for the Nov. 6 general election.

Voters affected by the Sept. 5 change have been notified by mail.

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**Board meets in closed session after Goci arrest**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

A day after one of its members was charged with lying to federal investigators, the Wayne-Westland Board of Education held a special closed session meeting.

The entire board — including John Goci, who is free on bond — voted to move into a closed session. The motion to go into closed session cited the Open Meetings Act, an exception for attorney/client privilege to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure under federal law.

"No action was taken at the public meeting," Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy said.



Goci

Released on bond shortly after his arrest early Wednesday morning, Goci subsequently issued a statement regarding his situation.

"I intend to fully cooperate with the FBI throughout the course of their investigation and furthermore maintain my innocence regarding this matter," Goci said. "I expect to

be fully vindicated of the false allegations that are being made against me."

The federal indictment charges that Goci lied to federal agents investigating a loan-sharking operation allegedly run by Tomo Duhanaj, who owns Bray's Hamburgers in Westland.

Federal agents found paperwork indicating Goci obtained a \$30,000 loan from Duhanaj at a more than 45-percent interest rate. A recent unsuccessful congressional candidate, Goci told federal agents that the interest was 15 percent.

Described as a former Albanian freedom fighter, Duhanaj had a reputation as being violent, which resulted in loans being repaid, according

to federal officials. In wiretaps placed on Duhanaj's phone, the indictment charges Goci contradicted his statements made to federal agents.

The day after Goci was charged, federal officials moved to dismiss charges against Duhanaj, citing the need for time to obtain evidence against him and investigate other suspects.

What that means for Goci, released on \$10,000 unsecured bond, is unclear at this point.

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# Refinancing could make sense, but not for everyone

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I've been getting calls from my mortgage company about refinancing. Currently, I have a 30-year mortgage at 5 1/2 percent. I have about 18 years left on the mortgage. They are telling me that I can refinance at 4 percent. Does it make sense to refinance?

A: Obviously, it would



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Rick Bloom

be nice to lower your interest rate. However, there are a couple of issues that you need to consider before you proceed. The first is,

how long do you plan to be in your home? If you only plan to be in your home a few years, then it probably does not pay to refinance. My reasoning is the cost of refinancing. It would take you at least a year or two to recoup your cost. On the other hand, if you plan to be in the home long term, then refinancing is a possibility.

The next issue to consider is the cost involved. Unfortunately, when mortgage companies contact you by phone, they neglect to tell you what the cost is to refinance. It wasn't too long ago that mortgage companies were waving fees and offering all sorts of deals. Today those deals are few and far between. My general rule is that if you're

going to be in your home long term and if you can recoup the cost of refinancing in two years or less, then refinancing is a viable option.

If by having lower payments you will recoup your cost in a two-year period or less, then the next issue is what type of mortgage do you get? Just because you had a 30-year fixed rate mortgage doesn't necessarily mean that it's the mortgage for you today.

If you made the same mortgage payment that you're making today, how long will it be until you pay the mortgage off? You may find by making the same mortgage payment you are currently making, coupled with the lower interest rates, it may take years off your mortgage. In many situations this is a viable alternative, particularly for someone who wants to pay their mortgage off as soon as possible. For example, I recently recommended this strategy to someone (early 50s) who is going to retire in about 10 years. He had about 16 years left on his mortgage and he was able to design a mortgage where he basically makes the same payment, but the mortgage will be paid off by the time he retires.

If you decide to proceed with refinancing, get a bid from your exist-

ing mortgage company. In addition, get a competitive bid from another company. Not only do rates differ between companies, but so does the cost. It may be a hassle to start up with a new mortgage company because it doesn't have your basic information, however, if you can save a significant amount of money by having a lower interest rate and lower fees, why not? After all, the money you save looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else.

With historic low interest rates, many people should be looking at refinancing their mortgage and taking advantage of the current rate environment. The key is to make sure you understand different options and costs.

Refinancing can be a very good way to go for many people. After all, lowering the cost of your mortgage is a very good strategy. On the other hand, refinancing is not for everyone. Take your time, get competitive bids and don't let anyone talk you into anything you don't feel comfortable with. Good luck!

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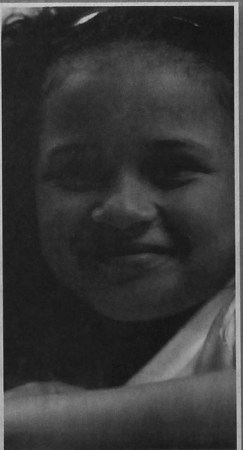
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# Isaac who? GOP delegates head to Florida

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Tropical Storm Isaac is threatening this week's GOP National Convention in Tampa, but don't tell that to the Michigan delegation.

Approximately 500 Michigan residents are expected to attend the GOP convention, including 112 delegates, alternates and guests.

Only 30 were granted voting privileges because the national party penalized the state for holding its presidential primary earlier than rules allowed. Despite their bad behavior for holding the early primary, they are staying at a hotel next-door to the convention center and may get front-row seats at the convention center.

Laura Cox, a Wayne County commissioner whose district includes the Plymouths, will attend as an uncommitted at-large delegate, with her husband, former Attorney General Mike Cox. Cox said she has endorsed and will vote for presumed presidential nominee Mitt Romney.

"He's a social conservative; I'm a social conservative," Cox said. "He supports cutting taxes to keep the economy moving forward, I support his positions on health care issues and he was expected to give a speech today (Thursday) on energy policy," Cox said.

Cox said Paul Ryan, Romney's vice presidential pick, is energetic and has shown leadership in developing his budgets.

Cox believed the Michigan delegation may receive a great seating arrangement. The Michigan delegation expects to have several Romney members, including Romney's niece, Ronna Romney McDaniel of Northville, and Scott Romney, Mitt's brother and Ronna's father.

"I think we're supposed to be in a good position, but I don't know that for a fact," Cox said. Cox will attend Michigan gatherings, including ones hosted by Gov. Rick Snyder and Attorney General Bill Schuette today (Sunday).

Tom Stroup, chair of the 11th Congressional District Republican Committee, is attending as an alternate without voting privileges. He is an alternate to Romney McDaniel.

Stroup said he too looked forward to the Ryan and Romney speeches on Wednesday and Thursday. Stroup said he supported Romney in 2008 and again this year. "He understands the needs of a small business owner and the state of the economy. He understands business and what it takes to run a business," Stroup said. Stroup remembers a radio interview with David Brandon, currently athletic director at the University of Michigan, who was relating a story about Bain Capital's purchase of Domino's. After an initial layoff of 100 employees, Domino's doubled its work force, sales and profits after Bain purchased a \$1.1 billion controlling stake, said Brandon, who led Domino's turnaround

after leaving Valassis Communications in Livonia. Domino's reported a more than 1,000 percent increase in profit, to \$25 million.

Stroup remembers that Brandon called officials at Bain Capital "brilliant" in helping Brandon orchestrate Domino's turnaround and turn a larger profit. "They haven't been successful in these investments all of the time, but no one is in capitalism," Stroup said. Stroup added that the Domino's story, Bain's hiring of Brandon and Domino's turnaround are examples of Romney's business acumen.

Laura Cox will be sending updates via her Twitter account at @LauraL-Cox. Tom Stroup's updates will be at 2012RNC.blogspot.com.

# Romney, Ryan supporters rally at Commerce farm

By Philip Allmen  
Staff Writer

Republican heavyweights were in full force Friday in the Huron Valley at a victory rally for presidential candidate Mitt Romney and running mate Paul Ryan.

The former Massachusetts governor expressed his love for his home state, and the U.S. congressman from Wisconsin said he was glad to be "back in 'Big Ten country'" at the Long Family Farm in Commerce Township with a crowd approaching 10,000 supporters.

On a hot, bright, sunny day, the slew of conservative speakers hammered home the need to improve the country's economy and to rein in federal spending.

"We need a president who believes in uniting the American people, not dividing them," Romney said to a burst of applause. "Our way forward is the only way to bring prosperity ... to all people."

"The president (Barack Obama) tried. I believe he did. He was just going in the wrong direction. That's the problem," he added.

Those at the rally were ardent backers of the Romney-Ryan ticket. "We came to support the hometown hero and get him elected," said Cathy Brush of Commerce Township. "We can't afford four more years of this."

Brush came to the rally with Martha and Jerry Klemmer of Commerce Township, who were sporting their Tea Party Patriots of West Oakland County shirts.

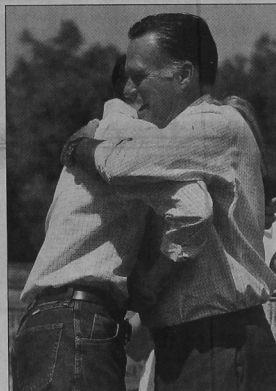
Martha Klemmer said she was "very excited when Romney selected Ryan as a running mate. We really like the Ryan choice. He's got a budget head."

Added her husband:



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A huge crowd showed up at the Long Family Farm for a victory rally.



Running mate Paul Ryan gives Mitt Romney a pig hug at the rally.

"We need a plan. There's no plan right now for the country."

Romney highlighted the five-point blueprint he envisions will get the country turned around.

• Getting North America energy independent.

• Giving everyone the skills and training needed to succeed. That includes fixing schools and "putting kids first, teach-

ed the event "was awesome. He gives us a lot of hope."

In addition to Romney and Ryan, U.S. Senate candidate Pete Hoekstra addressed the crowd, as did U.S. Rep. Candice Miller, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard, state Sen. Randy Richardson and state Rep. Jase Bolger.

The Rev. Leo Lukko with Highland's Church of the Holy Spirit gave the invocation, and Cats and the Fiddler, a Highland-based youth trio, helped provide entertainment.

"We're going to put people back to work, not because the government built it, but because the private sector built it," Hoekstra said. He's campaigning against current U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow. "We're bringing out true American values."

Rob and Christine Long, owners of the host farm, said they were excited to host the rally.

"Rob always wanted to have a political corn roast," said Christine Long, a county com-

missioner representing Commerce and Milford. "Who would have thought it would be for Romney-Ryan?"

Pat Melligan, a Commerce resident who lives just down the road from the farm, said she wasn't surprised the Longs hosted the event.

"They had that huge fundraiser at Bakers," she said. "Oakland County is the place to be. I'm not surprised (Romney chose the farm). It's a great location."

Romney and Ryan "have to win," she added. "I strongly support them. If they don't win, the U.S. is in big trouble."

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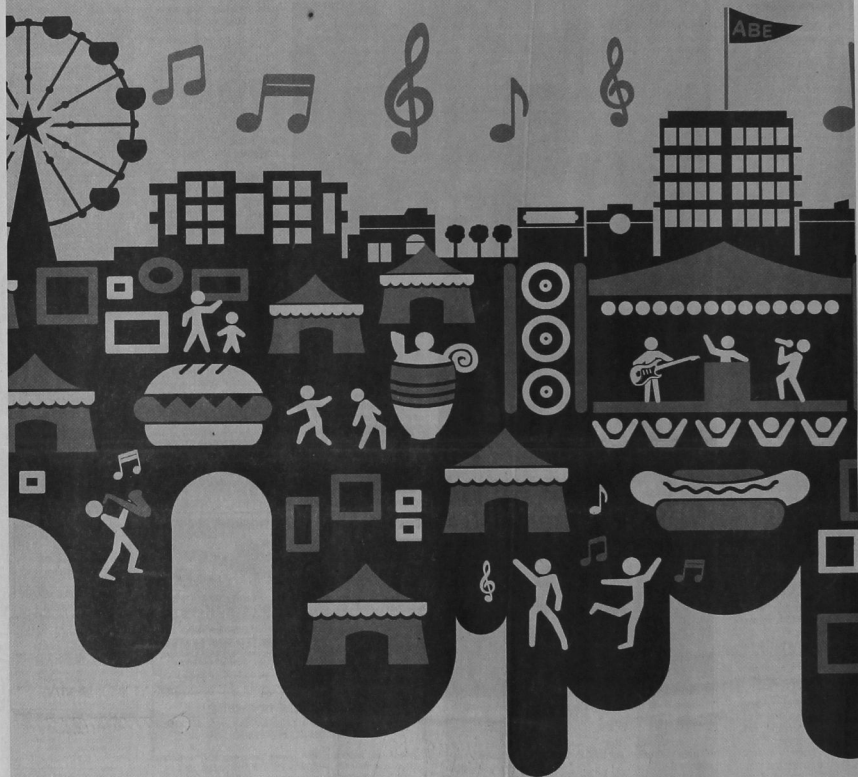
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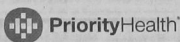
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# Farmington-Plymouth intersection closed this week

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

Motorists should avoid the Plymouth and Farmington Road interchange Tuesday night through Friday afternoon to allow for emergency repairs on the storm sewer.

Motorists are advised to take alternate routes, such as Merriman or Newburgh, but Newburgh also is being resurfaced between Five Mile and Six Mile Roads and just north of Six Mile Road.

The only traffic permitted during the closing — scheduled from 10 p.m. Tuesday to 3 p.m. Friday — will be traffic turning from northbound Farmington Road on the south side of the intersection onto eastbound or westbound Plymouth. Any traffic heading southbound on Farmington Road or traveling on Plymouth Road heading

to the Farmington Road intersection will not be able to get through the intersection.

Motorists can take alternate routes, such as Merriman Road to the east of Farmington Road or Newburgh Road, west of Farmington Road. Detours will be posted. When the repairs are completed and the closure is removed, Farmington Road on both sides of Plymouth will have all lanes opened to traffic.

"They'll want to use alternate routes, either Newburgh or Merriman, and allow for extra time," City Engineer Todd Zilnick said.

**Box culvert being replaced**  
Andy Konyha, project engineer with OHM engineering and consulting, said a box culvert, built in the 1920s and about 80 feet long under the northernmost lane of Plymouth Road in the intersection, will

be removed and replaced with a concrete pipe, most of which is 48 inches wide. Backfill will be added, then concrete poured so that road section aligns with existing road.

The culvert's concrete was old and deteriorated, which resulted in the need for the \$70,000 repair, Konyha said. Florence Cement will complete the repair as a subcontractor for Cadillac Asphalt.

"They've put up message boards and will set up detours for Tuesday," Konyha said. "Rain is the only thing that might put a monkey wrench in this repair."

The culvert repair is expected to push the \$4.5 million Plymouth Road resurfacing project back about two weeks, Konyha said, but relief may be coming soon for motorists. The project spans 1.7 miles between Farmington and Market Street,

just west of Levan Road.

Once the box culvert repair is completed, Konyha expected that all five lanes of Farmington Road will be open at that intersection. Konyha expected that more maintenance and "wrapup" work will be conducted on Plymouth Road over several days.

At that time, all five lanes on Plymouth Road will be open to traffic as the actual asphalt resurfacing will be conducted at night and lanes will be closed at that time. "There will be lane restrictions over several more weeks."

**Newburgh construction**  
On Newburgh Road, traffic will be switched Monday from the northbound lanes to

the freshly poured southbound lanes so that the northbound lanes can be reconstructed. Between Five Mile and Six Mile roads, asphalt will be poured in the outer lanes, then traffic will be switched there next week so that the inside lanes can be resurfaced.

**Levan closed**  
Levan Road will remain closed at the CSX Railroad Tracks through Saturday, Sept. 1. All businesses will be accessible. Levan Road traffic will be detoured west to Newburgh Road.

Zilnick said the road was closed at the track to complete concrete repairs on the track. "The repairs are being completed to create better rideability for motorists," Zilnick said.

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# Producer: This festival could be the best yet

By Nathan Mueller  
Eccentric Staff Writer

**ROYAL OAK** — Photographer Jan Kaulins missed the first Ford Arts, Beats and Eats 15 years ago when he was working at another show.

But after hearing positive reviews about the festival from another artist, and checking out the show himself the next year, Kaulins hasn't missed one since.

"It's a classy crowd that truly appreciates the arts and crafts," he said, adding it's not as if the arts are the background to the food and music, but just as important, if not more so.

Kaulins specializes in black and white photography of the city of Detroit that he hand-colors with pencil and oil. His subject matter ranges from Detroit sports to landmarks and the skyline.

And in the 13 years he has been selling his work at the festival, he has not seen a shortage of support.

"The bottom line is, sales are good," he said. "At the sales at Arts, Beats and Eats are as good as any show I've done, and that's saying a lot because I've been doing shows for 25 years."

**Price increase**  
Festival producer Jon Witz has boasted that this year's event over Labor Day weekend could be the best yet, and as a result, costs have gone up.

To combat the rising costs, the ticket price for people entering the festival after 5 p.m. has increased to \$5. The admission fee before 5 p.m. Saturday through Monday will remain \$3, while admission before 5 p.m. Friday is free.

The fixed budget for the festival is \$1.82 million, and while Witz acknowledged that sponsorships are down, the price increase is "not just a sponsorship issue."

"The larger picture is doing the event right in Royal Oak costs about a half-million more to produce than in Pontiac," he said. "There are more entertainment stages, more staff, security costs are higher, more cleanup ... everything across the board is higher to pull the event off."

Witz said the increase is geared more toward the concert-goer and doesn't think it will have much of a negative impact.

"It's just a bigger and better festival," he said. "We see a great opportunity in Royal Oak, and we want to put on a show that not only has better programming and entertainment than it ever has, but also provides a better experience and is cleaner and safer and more organized than it's ever been."

attends can find something they like. It may be one of the more than 200 performers on 10 different stages, including headliners R.E.O. Speedwagon, G. Love & Special Sauce, The Guess Who, Theory of a Deadman, Travis Tritt and Morris Day & The Time, among others.

Or maybe it's a good meal people are after as they have access to food from more than 50 food vendors, including several representing Royal Oak. New food vendors this year include Mitch-

ell's Fish Market, Bastone Brewery, Gaucho Steakhouse, BD's Mongolian Grill, Beans & Cornbread, Gemmayze, Kouzina, Hudson Cafe, Hamlin's Corner, Happy's Pizza, Polish Village Cafe, Slab-n-Slice and Alia's Catering.

And if food and singing isn't their thing, there are hundreds of artists from across the country showcasing their work in ceramics, fabric and fiber, leather, painting, photography, sculpture, wood, digital art, drawing, graphics, jewelry and metal.

"If the weather is good, the show will be another big hit," Witz said.

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People looking to save on ticket costs can do so by helping others through the Citizens Bank Food Drive for Gleaners. Anyone who donates four non-perishable food items to an Oakland County Citizens Bank will receive an admission ticket to the festival.

Gleaners is just one of a plethora of nonprofit

organizations which will benefit from Arts, Beats and Eats.

The Priority Health Arts in Motion SK run, to aid Michigan Youth Arts, followed by the Priority Health Zambathon Celebration, to benefit the Kalamazoo Cancer Institute, kick off the festivities Saturday morning.

There also are new partnerships with Autism Alliance of Michigan and Autism Speaks and a Deaf Art Festival, as well as the Soft Rock 105.1 Calls for Kids Radiothon and Citizens Bank Mira-

cle Money Booth to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

"We have a lot of community initiatives, a lot of things that are good for the festival from a karma perspective, and we are energized by that," Witz said.

For more information about the festival, including parking and the entertainment lineup, visit [www.artsbeatsand eats.com](http://www.artsbeatsand eats.com)

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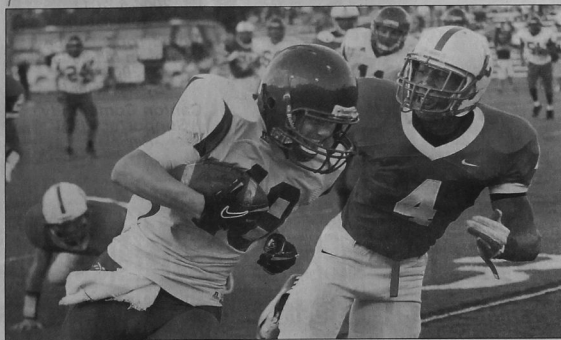
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## SPORTS



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Closing in for a big tackle Thursday night against Midland receiver Thomas Smith (No. 18) is Canton's Matt McKay (No. 4).

## Chiefs drop wild opener

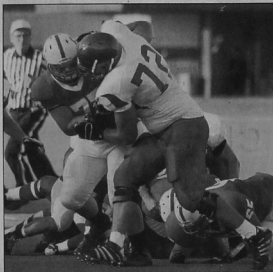
By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Two football teams with a playoff pedigree gave fans at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park quite a season-opening game Thursday night, with Midland needing overtime to edge Canton, 29-28.

Despite not having senior playmaker Kendall Scott in the lineup due to an ankle sprain, let alone falling behind 21-7 following a 90-yard kickoff return touchdown by Travis Patten, the Chiefs (0-1) rallied and nearly stunned the Chemics in overtime.

A fortuitous bounce along the goal line enabled Midland (1-0) to match Canton's OT-opening touchdown and it took a brilliant throw-and-catch for a two-point conversion to give the visitors the victory.

"You play a great team in the opener, you make some mistakes and some bad things happen to you, that's just the breaks," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "That's football. But our kids did battle back and came



Going at it Thursday night are Canton's Cameron Dillard (No. 77) and Midland's Steven Elmer, considered two of Michigan's top linemen.

back. I'm very proud of them."

Canton sophomore quarterback Greg Williams piloted two long, effective scoring drives to make it a 21-21 game with 3:22 left in the fourth and the Chiefs' Olaniyi Owagbemi forced a fumble a minute later (recovered by Matt McKay) to set up a potential game-winning score.

The Chiefs moved it down to the 15 only for the drive to stall. Then with seven seconds remaining, Baechler sent kicker Connor Shennan in for what would have been a game-winning field goal.

A one-hop snap stymied that try, although James Hall gathered the ball and tried to make something happen any-

way. His throw into the end zone was intercepted by Michael Wright to send the exciting game into OT.

Canton converted the first attempt (each team took turns from the 10-yard line) on a three-yard carry by junior Robert Dack — who was outstanding with 124 all-purpose yards, including 91 rushing. Shennan nailed the extra point to make it 28-21.

## Answer time

Then came the Chemics. Quarterback Alec Johnson ran the ball down to the one, but on the next play the ball popped out of the running back's hands toward the goal line.

Instead of Canton recovering it to finish a win, it landed in the hands of Austen Irner for six points.

For the tying and winning points, Johnson bootlegged far to his right, looking for an open teammate to throw to or run it in as an option.

Almost crossing the line of scrimmage, he finally

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## Salem opens with dazzler

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Give Drake Jordan an inch and he'll take a huge chunk of yardage, as the Salem junior running back demonstrated in Friday night's 41-17 season-opening romp over Ann Arbor Huron. "It's mostly him," said right tackle Casey Shaughnessy, deflecting any credit Salem coaches heaped on offensive linemen for the high-scoring show at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "He's got speed like no other."

Jordan was the catalyst in an offense that totaled 502 yards. In the first half, he scored on a 53-yard run and 71-yard catch-and-run from senior quarterback Jake Deprez.

Then he swept around the left end for a 13-yard TD late in the third quarter and zig-zagged all the way down the field for a 91-yard dash with 5:23 remaining to finish Salem's scoring.

"I didn't want to let my teammates down," Jordan said. "I just wanted to be there for them, I knew we had to

pull together.

"There's no running back without an offensive line and I just followed my blockers and we got the job done today."

## Line them up

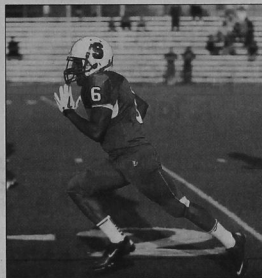
Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said the collective work of his O-line (led by Shaughnessy, Nick Howie and Danny Stropes) not only opened up big holes for Jordan, it gave Deprez enough protection to launch some impressive throws, too.

"Drake broke a couple," Britnell noted. "Early on Mac (Mike McNamara) did a great job on third down and long on a screen pass (a 15-yard catch during the opening scoring drive), but up front's where it started."

Deprez completed just four of six passes, but they went for 229 yards — including three TDs.

In addition to Jordan's score with 52 seconds to play in the first half (to make it 14-3 Salem), Deprez fired perfect

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Salem junior running back Drake Jordan busts it loose for another touchdown Friday night.



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## Getting after it

Salem's Andriy Pelekh (No. 11) battles against Warren DeLaSalle's Sbroca Romano (No. 2) for a 50/50 ball during Thursday night's varsity boys soccer game. For more, turn to page B2.

## SOCCER PREVIEW

## New coach Beggs eager to guide Eagles to new heights

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

By day, Daryl Beggs is a flight instructor who spots technical glitches and offers insight on how to correct them.

A coaching veteran of soccer at the youth and middle school levels, Beggs brings the same trouble-shooting persona to his new "night" job — varsity boys soccer coach at Plymouth Christian Academy.



"I'm looking forward to the skill level being a little bit higher," said Beggs, 39. "And using the skills they already have, but also developing more technical skills."

"But with the background I've had with the younger kids, I have the experience on fundamentals to help key

on some things, curb some bad habits."

Beggs, a Westland resident, added that being at the PCA helm will be like seeing how kids do when the training wheels are removed.

"The fun part of being with the high schoolers is the experience level," Beggs said. "Letting them do their thing as opposed to the younger ages, where

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you're constantly (going) fundamentals, fundamentals." "It's just tweaking some of those technical skills."

Although now coaching older athletes, Beggs is still helming a relatively inexperienced team with only three seniors and three juniors.

### They'll lead

Those players will be relied on for more than what they can do on the pitch.

A lot of the on-field leadership will come from senior co-captain Matt Read (defense) and junior co-captain Adam Powlus (midfield).

Other seniors are forward Ethan Levack and defender Caleb Postma, while forward Jacob Bailey and goalkeeper Jayme Putney are the other juniors.

Beggs said he expects the Eagles to be strong up the middle, backed by Putney — who played well in Tuesday's season-opening 4-1 loss to Oakland Christian with 10 stops.

"He (Putney) did a very good job, a superb job," Beggs said.

In the back line, Read, Postma and sophomores Torre Crown, Joseph Iacopelli, Joseph Faneli and Jordan Talbot (also a midfielder) will try to keep opponents at bay.

The Eagles also have potential at midfield, spearheaded by Powlus, sophomore Lance Allen and freshman Luke Yakuber.

"Luke's got a lot of skills," the coach said.

Tuesday's lone goal scorer, sophomore forward Lucas Albre-

cht, and Bailey could be a dynamic duo in the attacking third.

"Jacob Bailey is the fast one, the two of them (with Albrecht) I'm working on them playing well together," Beggs said. "I'm just increasing the attack to get a little more aggressive on following up the shots. I think we'll get more goals."

Sophomore forward Isaac Middleton is another player who could chip in some offense, while freshmen Nick Andres and Samuel Spada will be available to sub wherever needed.

### Helping the cause

The transitional year will be helped by having former Eagles player Josh Middleton on staff as an assistant coach. Middleton graduated in 2012.

Also helping Beggs with the transition to PCA will be a member of the 2011 team who could not play this fall due to heel spurs. Junior Chris Young (a defender last year) will handle duties as team manager while he takes the season off to recover.

"I appreciate him (Young) sticking with the team and wanting to do something to help," Beggs said.

Helping the players mesh as a unit is something he will focus on.

"The biggest thing right now is the teamwork and them getting to know me," he added. "There's a learning curve."

The Eagles will play their home opener at 4:30 p.m. Thursday against Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett.

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# Rocks rally for 2-2 tie

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

A victory would have been nice. But for Salem varsity boys head coach Ed McCarthy, Thursday's 2-2 tie against Warren DelaSalle showed him his squad is a resilient bunch against strong competition.

The Rocks led 1-0 at halftime on a goal by junior midfielder Andry Pelekh (off a cross from senior defender Daniel Marsden) only to fall behind 2-1 in the second half.

But Salem didn't take long to get back even. Junior midfielder Connor Cole's corner kick was headed into the upper corner by senior midfielder



Following the bouncing ball Thursday night are Salem junior midfielder Connor Cole (No. 9) and Steve Lockhart (No. 10) of Warren DelaSalle.

Tyler Fossick.

From there, junior goalkeeper Collin Hewett kept the Pilots grounded, making a total of six saves.

"He made good decisions denying dangerous crosses into the box," McCarthy said.

One of the goals he

gave up came on a penalty kick.

"Overall it was a very even game," McCarthy noted. "Although it is always disappointing to give up a lead, I was very pleased with our ability to recover after we went down by a goal to force the tie."

"DeLaSalle is always one of the top teams in the state and were well organized under their new coach (Reid Friedrichs, formerly of Livonia Churchill)."

Salem, now 2-0-2 for the season, host Walled Lake Northern at 7 p.m. Monday in the Rocks first KLA-A match.

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# Transition year awaits Ocelots

By Brad Emmons  
Observer Staff Writer

It's hard, but Schoolcraft College seventh-year men's soccer coach Rich Larson can only look in the rearview mirror when it comes to the 2011 season.

The Ocelots went 22-0-11, captured the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and NJCAA Region 12 titles, only to be eliminated by the College of Southern Maryland, 5-4, on penalty kicks, after the two teams played 120 minutes to a scoreless draw in the North Central District final.

Nine players have moved on to four-year colleges, including six of the NCAA Division 1 ranked by first-year All-American Marco Luo (Western Michigan University),

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who had 13 goals and nine assists.

Other key losses include Ryan LeMasters and Mario Teixeira, both at WMU; Brent McInosh, Michigan State; Juan Garcia, South Florida; goalkeeper Scott Shelfwell, Coastal Carolina; Doug Beason and Phil Strachan, Madonna University; and Danjan Stamenkovic, UM-Dearborn.

### Seven returnees

Larson returns seven players from last year's squad with an Ontario native Adrian Tash, a defender, as the lone returning full-time starter.

"This year's team is this year's team," the Schoolcraft coach said. "They're

excited to be a part of our program. They've put in a tremendous amount of effort in the preparation phase here, so we're really excited about what 2012 has to offer us."

"Tash should have a big year for us. He's very versatile, very athletic."

Tash will help anchor a backline that will also include freshman Charlie Swingle (Livonia Stevenson), a transfer from Saginaw Valley State; returnee Nate Lightner (Northville); and freshman neoveteran Mustapha Reychoini (Dearborn Heights).

Second-year player Tom Duquette (Novi) takes over as the starting goalkeeper for Shelfwell. His backup will be freshman Ryan Tikey (Livonia Franklin).

"He (Duquette) took a lit-

tle knock about 10 days ago, but he's recovered really well," Larson said. "We're looking for great things from him."

Returnee Pat Smith (Stevenson) will lead a talented group of midfielders which will also include neoveteran Ardit Dushkaj (Livonia Clarenceville), returnee Carlo Inzerduro (Venezuela) and Nate Hicklin (Troy), the latter whom returns after playing the 2010 season.

"Smith is really grown up and has played in some high club level games," Larson said. "He's extremely versatile, too. He can play attacking center-midfield and up front."

The Ocelots should also have plenty of offensive firepower led by incoming transfer Chris Long (Stevenson), who returns after playing the 2009 season; freshman Romario Georgis (Warren Cousino); and second-year player Gino Pascual (Utica Eisenhower).

"There's enough places where it's going to be difficult to defend us in terms of who is doing what on any given day," Larson said.

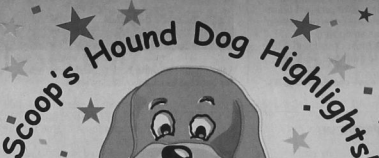
Other returnees include forward Nate Motta (Livonia Churchill) and defender Luis Gomez (Ann Arbor Pioneer).

Also expected to suit up for the 1 p.m. season opener Tuesday at home against UM-Dearborn are first-year players Gare Hinzman (Livonia Clarenceville), Jose Vitoria (Venezuela), Austin Covert (Salem), Ahmad Jawad (Dearborn), Mike Bojovic (Northville), Derek Bostright (U-D-Jesuit), Tius Kozo (East Kentwood), Rob Ramirez (Venezuela), Tom Ashman (Farmington) and Chris Ensor (Salem).

"We also want to achieve Academic All-America team status in 2012," Larson said. "We were sixth in the country in men's soccer last year. We have a lot of impact guys coming back in the classroom and we're excited about that, too."

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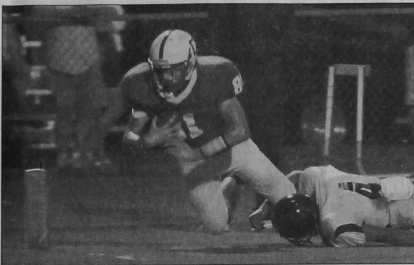
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Angling toward the pylon in the front-right corner of the end zone is Canton tight end Scott Gring (No. 81), pursued by Midland's Alex Goodwin.

## CANTON

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ly launched the pigskin to wide-open Ryan Singer in the back-right corner of the end zone to close out the win.

"Coach (Eric Methner) drew it up on the sidelines, and we ran it and it worked," said Johnson, who completed eight of 11 passes for 85 yards. "I couldn't really tell but I think I was pretty close (to the line of scrimmage). ... Everybody thought I was going to run."

His counterpart, Williams (7-8, 133 yards), played a solid game in his varsity opener.

"I was a little nervous in the beginning, but I don't care," said Johnson, junior, senior. I've got to get the job done, that's why I'm here," Williams said. "The whole team did a great effort, down 21-7, we came back and that shows a lot of who we are."

### Trading touchdowns

Midland opened the scoring midway through the second quarter on a 58-yard run by Patten (13-110), with the extra point unsuccessful.

The Chiefs responded to take a 7-6 lead one minute later.

Williams' 28-yard pass to Daoud and a 13-yard carry to McKoy moved the chains down to inside Midland's 30.

Senior tailback Malcolm Hollinsworth (18-84, two TDs) then burst around right end for the 28-yard TD (with Shenan hitting the extra point).

Midland regained the lead with 15 seconds to play in the half on an 18-yard pass from Johnson to Thomas Smith (four catches, 57 yards) followed by a two-point conversion pass to Will Williams.

On the first play of the second half, Patten scooped up the kickoff near the Midland 10-yard line, found a seam and raced up the gut for a touchdown.

Undaunted, the Chiefs then went on an 84-yard scoring drive in 17 plays to make it 21-13.

Key plays included a



Looking to find a seam is Canton running back Malcolm Hollinsworth (No. 10), with quarterback Greg Williams (No. 7) watching. At right is Midland's Thomas Smith (No. 18).

pair of 12-yard runs by Daoud and a 15-yard pass to Hall. Punting it in from two yards was Hollinsworth.

After the Chemics missed on a 40-yard field goal attempt early in the fourth, Canton embarked on another long drive (80 yards in 13 plays) with Hall scoring on a short run and Williams' floater to tight end Scott Gring good for two points.

A crucial play that marred was a 29-yard pass to McKoy down the left sideline on fourth down. "That merely set the table for a wild ending," (Singer) was supposed to run a curl and sit there and he was wide open," Midland's Johnson said. "I thought I overthrew it but people started going nuts and we won. I couldn't believe it."

### In the trenches

The game also featured a much-anticipated matchup of two highly touted linemen who have made verbal commitments to play Division I college football.

Canton senior Camer-

on Dillard (6-3, 280) and Midland senior Steve Elmer (6-6, 310) committed to Florida and Notre Dame, respectively.

"It was pretty much every play," Dillard said. "We had some real good battles tonight. I really enjoyed it. Steve and I are super good buddies."

Although it was a tough loss, Dillard noted that the chain of events showed the Chiefs they can play well in a playoff-type battle.

"It will make us better at the end of the season," Dillard said. "Some calls went their way, some calls went our way. Nothing you can do, just go out Monday (and prepare for Week 2 next Thursday against Brighton)."

Concurring was Williams, who completed seven of eight passes 128 yards.

"We got to this loss out of the way and I think we'll get it together," Williams said.

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## SALEM

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spirals for touchdowns of 61 and 85 yards to senior receiver Michael Hoover in the second half.

Hoover's second TD catch came two plays after Huron quarterback Josh Jackson (9-14, 117 yards) threw a 15-yard scoring strike to Demetrius Sims to cut the Rocks lead to 27-17 with 10:36 to go in the fourth.

Deprez faked a handoff, dropped back and threw a high pass down the right sideline that Hoover caught over his shoulder, never breaking stride on the way toward the end zone.

"The quarterback threw them good," said Hoover, who downplayed his contributions. "Line-men gave him time to throw and he put them in there perfectly."

According to Britnell, the victory wasn't perfect. He said his team played sloppy at times.

"But it's a win, and it's a good thing where we can learn from mistakes with a win," he continued.

Huron never really made a major bid to

spoil Salem's home opener. After the opening TD by Jordan with 9:08 to play in the first, the game remained 7-0 until Huron's Grant Strickler connected on a line-drive field goal from 43 yards out in the final 90 seconds of the first half.

The Rocks got it right back, and then some. After a nine-yard carry by senior Kyle Cameron (8-35), Deprez dumped a short pass to Jordan who burst through tacklers and turned it into a 71-yarder.

The last River Rat to have a chance to bring him down was around the Huron 20-yard line. Nailing one of his five extra points was Alex Kenrick.

### Determined effort

In the opening moments of the second half, Deprez and Hoover hooked up for a 61-yarder to make it 21-3.

Huron cut the lead to 21-10 with 6:41 to play in the third on Jackson's 39-yard TD pass to Daniel Hagan (110 all-purpose yards).

Salem got the ball back and grinded out yards and minutes, and

it looked like Jordan scored again — on a 20-yard run around the right corner. But a penalty negated that play. All that did was push the Rocks back and delay the inevitable. The very next snap, Deprez pitched the ball to Jordan who took it around the left end this time.

He dove for the front pylon as the enthusiastic PCEP crowd roared its approval.

Jordan later said the team wants to turn the page after several disappointing seasons. Friday's effort provided evidence that it can be done.

"We're tired of losing, we want to win," Jordan added. "That's what we're going to come out here and do each every day."

"We're going to win at practice, we're going to win in the weight room and every Friday night we're going to win — together."

Salem will try to improve to 2-0 on the young season 7 p.m. Thursday at Walled Lake Northen.

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Salem's defense was active throughout Friday's opener against Ann Arbor Huron. Here, Nick Howie (No. 61) and Raymond Fisher (No. 55) take down River Rats quarterback Josh Jackson.

## Wildcats wallop Sexton, 42-12

Plymouth traveled to Lansing Sexton Friday night and it was worth the trip as the Wildcats won 42-12 in their regular-season opener.

The Wildcats reeled off 35 points in the first half and the second half was played with a running clock. It was more or less a half-field game as the Big Reds were unable to hold off Plymouth's attack or make much noise on offense. Plymouth tallied 239 yards of offense, including 217 on the ground.

Quarterback Jamar Eiland opened the scoring with a seven-yard TD run and Nate Emminger's 46-yard punt return opened up a 14-0 lead (Bob

by Deeg followed both TDs with extra points; he made all six he attempted in the game).

After Sexton quarterback Malick Mack (6-14, 123 yards) threw a 79-yard touchdown pass to A.J. Hobbs (4-117), the Wildcats made it 21-6 after one frame on a 46-yard run by D.J. Rossell (9-108).

Plymouth kept rolling in the second on running TDs by Mike Kennedy (5-78) and Stefan Turrentine, from one and six yards, respectively. That gave the Wildcats a commanding 35-6 edge at the break.

In the third, Kennedy tacked on a 21-yard scoring run and Sexton finished the scoring with a TD in the fourth.

Turrentine was a defensive stalwart with five tackles and three assists. Next for Plymouth is Thursday's home game against Milford.

## THE WEEK Ahead

### PREP FOOTBALL

**Thursday, Aug. 30**  
Brighton at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Milford at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.  
Luth. Wild at L. Western, 7 p.m.

### BOYS SOCCER

**Monday, Aug. 27**  
Rooper at Luth. Wild, 4:30 p.m.  
Salem at New, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Skyline, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, Aug. 28

Arbor Prep at HVL, 4:30 p.m.  
DeLaSalle at Salem, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, Aug. 29

Canton at Ann Arbor Pioneer, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, Aug. 30

HVL at Calvary, 4:30 p.m.  
Salem at Athens, 7 p.m.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

**Tuesday, Aug. 28**  
Cville at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, Aug. 29

Lady at A.A. Richard, 6:30 p.m.

### Friday, Aug. 31

Bedford Tournaments, 8:30 a.m.

### Girls Swimming

**Tuesday, Aug. 28**  
East Lansing Invitational, 4 p.m.

### Thursday, Aug. 30

Tecumseh at Plymouth, 6 p.m.

### PREP CROSS COUNTRY

**Thursday, Aug. 28**  
Mustang Invitational at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m.

### GIRLS GOLF

**Monday, Aug. 27**  
Brighton Invitational at Oak Pointe, G.C., 9 a.m.

### Tuesday, Aug. 28

Franklin vs. Canton at Skyline, 2 p.m.  
John Glenn vs. Plymouth at Fellows Creek, 3 p.m.

### Thursday, Aug. 30

Churchill vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills, G.C., 3 p.m.  
Canton vs. Wayne, 3 p.m.  
S. East at Salem, 3 p.m.

### Ladywood vs. Regina at St. John G.C., 2:30 p.m.

### BOYS TENNIS

**Monday, Aug. 27**  
Fordson at Canton, 3 p.m.

### Tuesday, Aug. 28

Skyline at Canton, 4 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

### Wednesday, Aug. 29

Northville Squads, 8 a.m.  
Skyline at Canton, 4 p.m.

### GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

**Monday, Aug. 27**  
Lady, at G.P. North, 6:45 p.m.

### COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

**Friday, Aug. 31**  
S'craft at Owens, Tourney, TBA. (Embry-Riddle, Fla. Tourney)

**Monday, Aug. 27**  
MU vs. Okla. Baptist, 9 a.m.  
MU vs. Monticello, 1:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 1**  
S'craft at Owens Tourney, TBA. (Embry-Riddle, Fla. Tourney)

**Monday, Aug. 28**  
MU vs. Brownsville, 11:30 a.m.  
MU vs. Embry-Riddle, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 2**  
S'craft at Owens Tourney, TBA.

**Monday, Aug. 28**  
UM-Dearborn at S'craft, 1 p.m.

**Thursday, Aug. 31**  
Marygrove at S'craft, 4 p.m.  
MU at McKendree, 8 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 31**  
MU vs. Brownsville, 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 1**  
MU at UW-Parkside, 2:15 p.m.  
Lakeland at S'craft, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 1**  
Cuyahoga at S'craft, 1 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**

**Tuesday, Aug. 28**  
S'craft at Owens, 4 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 31**  
Fanshawe at MU, 2 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 1**  
S'craft at Heartland, TBA.

**Sunday, Sept. 2**  
S'craft at Parkland, noon.

**TBA** — time to be announced

## WOMEN'S GOLF RESULTS

Eighty-four women participated in the Michigan Women's Golf Association four-player Cha, Cha, Cha tournament. Aug. 21 at Edgewood Country Club in Commerce Township.

Each team's three lowest gross and net scores were used on par 3s, two lowest gross and net scores on par 4s and the lowest gross and net score on par 5s. Winning teams in the two flights posted these scores:

**FLIGHT ONE WINNERS**  
**First low gross:** Sue MacCinkovic (Chesterville), Lori Rogers (Washington), Cynthia Pinkard (Detroit), Arezell Brown (Detroit), 148.

**First low net:** Unha Murray (Brownstown), Olivia Bayagich (Washington), Carol Rudder (Dearborn), Sandra DiPaola (Plymouth), 116.

**Second low gross:** Lisa Bishop (Garden City), Debra Horning (Bloomfield Hills), Vette Gagnon (Bloomfield Hills), Nancy Serra (Clarkston), 151.

**Second low net:** Cindy Hill

(Ypsilanti), Angie Cook (Ypsilanti), Beverly Velt (Grosse Pointe), Ellen Jean Praxator (Bruce Township), 124. First-place team won tiebreaker over Ellen Howell (Livonia), Arlene Shields (Livonia), Faye Besette (Hartland) and Pat Shelton (Farmington).

**FLIGHT TWO WINNERS**  
**First low gross:** Judy Hamilton (Mount Morris), Jane Conlen (Pinckney), Jane Strook (Manchester), Linda Morton (Westland), 166.

**First low net:** Kathleen Reilly (Grosse Ile), Elizabeth Schneider (Westland), Monica Oliver (Farmington Hills), Mary Beth Oliver (Dearborn Heights), 117.

**Second low gross:** Pat Witke (Livonia), Mary Warnick (Sterling Heights), Lu Stockton (Canton), Barbara Cooy (Plymouth), 171.

**Second low net:** Mary Grace Rowlands (Lake Orion), Ann Depetris (Troy), Barbara Royas (Troy), Lisa McDonald (Royal Oak), 124.

# Mercy golfers win Farmington Invite

By Dan O'Meara  
Observer Staff Writer

After three straight second-place finishes to start the season, Farmington Hills Mercy earned its first tournament victory in girls golf Thursday.

The Marins posted a 326 team score — just three strokes more than their season best — to capture the Farmington Invitational crown by 22 strokes over runner-up Troy.

Canton tied for seventh with a score of 378, led by Kelsey McDougall's 82 (fourth place overall).

"I was teasing the girls, 'When are we going to come in first? We keep coming in second,'" coach Vicky Kowalski said. "I thought they played really well today."

Mercy had the top two golfers at Glen Oaks Golf Course. Senior Sarah Montone was the medalist with 75, and junior Jess Geer was the runner-up with 78.

**Leading the way**  
The Marins had five girls in the top 10 as senior Brenna Hammond shot 84 and tied for eighth place.

"Sarah was real steady; I know she's real happy,"

Kowalski said, adding Montone had one birdie and a lot of pars. "She's been looking for this breakthrough."

"She didn't have any blow-up holes, nothing worse than a bogey, and that makes a big difference. That's a good, steady round with one birdie and no double bogeys."

"All the girls are just feeling really good about the start of the season and looking forward to continuing the success."

Kowalski added Montone and Geer had their lowest scores in high school competition, and Geer solidified her place as one of Mercy's top three players.

Tournament director Bruce Sutton had moved some of the tees back to make the yardage more comparable to all-state type yardage.

"They pushed back a lot of par 3s, so they were playing those from 170 and 180 (yards)," Kowalski said. "That's on the long side for the girls, so I thought our players handled that real well today."

The Marins, also had an 18-hole practice round at Glen Oaks on Aug. 13.

"It did help that they were familiar a little bit

with Glen Oaks," Kowalski said. "At least the girls had seen the course and had a chance to play it before the competition."

In addition to McDougall, the Chiefs' contingent included Kayla Lagola (96), Chloe Luvet (97), Rachel Pisano (103) and Erica Song (106). Canton squares off at the Birmingham Seaholm Country Club on Monday.

**SEAHOLM INVITE:** Plymouth won the 24-team Birmingham Seaholm Invitational held Monday at Forest Lake Country Club. Plymouth finished at 328, followed by Udaya (343), Cranbrook Kingswood (361), the host Maples (364) and Troy (367). Udaya's Julia Montgomery was match medalist with a 73. Greer Clausen (eighth with a 32) and Rachel Wilson (11th at 85) were the low scorers for CK and Seaholm, respectively. Detroit Country Day placed sixth (371), Birmingham Marriott (378) and Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart 16th (415). DCD's low scorer was Ellie Miller and Marian's low scorer Victoria Li. Both carried a 92.

## That's really good!



Plymouth's Chris Crysler sank two hole-in-ones over a three-day span last week to highlight an "unexplainable" run of golf success. He said he sank his first ace on Sunday, Aug. 19 at the Inn at St. Johns in Plymouth, registering a score of 44 strokes for nine holes. Two days later, at Downing Farms Golf Course in Northville, Crysler did it again — this time he used a driver to sink his tee shot at the 274-yard, par 4 fourth hole. He tallied an 88 for 18 holes. "My recent success is unexplainable," he said. "It has truly been humbling. Only my close friends and relatives believe me. The rest look at me and you can see the words forming in their heads, 'Really?'"

## BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

**DUAL MATCH RESULTS**  
**DEXTER 5**  
**PLYMOUTH 4**  
Aug. 21 at Dexter  
No. 1 Singles: Jordan Lu (P) def. Nick Gagalaki, 6-2, 6-4  
No. 2: Mitch Kimball (D) def. Kevin Hou, 7-6, 6-2, No. 3: Sam Gough (D) def. Jon Cox, 6-2, 6-4, No. 4: Graham Northrup (D) def. Jared Hoff, 6-2, 6-2  
No. 1 Doubles: Anthony Quain-Ji Sterlitz (D) def.

Dylan Grant-Cameron Earls, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Joe Kleis-Danny Sinnott (P) def. Michael Bradshaw-Spencer Paulissen, 7-6, 6-2; No. 3: Akash Venkula-Praveen Loonatharan (P) def. Michael Dorevise, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Kyle Worthy-Matt Rose (D) def. Bryan Caragay-Tyler Smith, 6-0, 6-3; No. 5: Colin Ullman-Nate Nuttle (D) def. Charlie Anderson-Ari Haddaji, 6-3, 6-4  
Plymouth's dual match record: 0-0 overall.

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**Lil' Kickers Soccer Clinics:** National soccer and child development classes for ages 18 months through 11 years old. Lil' Kickers was featured on The Today Show and in The New York Times in 2011. The Fall Season runs Sept. 6 through Oct. 30th. The cost is \$104 (except Wednesday classes that have one less week and are \$91). Each child will receive a trophy.

**Flag Football Leagues:** Indoor adult leagues for the Fall Season Sept. 5 through Oct. 24 and are \$695 per team. HVS also now offers OUT-DOOR Adult leagues (5 v 5) on Monday nights (Sept. 10 through Oct. 22) for \$72 per player at the Canton Sports Complex (located directly behind High Velocity Sports). Youth Flag Football players can register via [www.michiganyouth-flagfootball.com](http://www.michiganyouth-flagfootball.com).

**Basketball Leagues:** Adult leagues run Sept. 4 through Nov. 4. The team fee is \$400 plus \$22/game to the referee. Youth teams are now forming. The league runs Sept. 4 through Oct. 30. The youth fee is \$72. All players must have an HVS jersey (\$20).

**Ballers Basketball Clinics:** Sign up for youth basketball instructional classes for ages 3-9. The season runs Sept. 5 through Oct. 29 and is \$100 with each child receiving a trophy.

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**Volleyball Clinics and Instructional League:** HVS offers Volleyball Clinics and an Instructional League for ages 9-14 Sept. 9-Oct. 29. The fee is \$104.

**Handball Leagues:** New this fall as 4 v 4 plus a goalie play on our basketball courts on Friday nights, Sept. 7 through Oct. 26. The team fee is \$40.

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Joe Bridgman, MMC  
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# OHL Whalers to hit ice for training camp

The Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers open the 2012-13 season on Wednesday with training camp at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. The team will be participating in off-ice testing on Wednesday.

The Whalers hit the ice in scrimmages from 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. The scrimmages are free and open to the public and media. Rosters will be

provided the day of the scrimmages.

Compuware Arena is located at 14900 Beck Road in Plymouth Township, between Five Mile Road and M-14.

Plymouth opens their pre-season schedule against Windsor on Saturday, September 1 at 7 p.m. at Yack Arena in Wyandotte and the teams will follow up with a game 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3 at Windsor Family Credit Union Center.

Plymouth finished 47-18-2-1 last season, finishing second overall in the OHL's Western Conference while winning their 10th West Division title over their 22-year history. The Whalers made the OHL playoffs for the 21st consecutive season last year — a current OHL record.

The Whalers expect to be in the middle of the Western Conference race again in 2012-13. Plymouth features

four first-round National Hockey League draft choices: Stefan Noesen, Ottawa; Rickard Rakell, Anaheim; JT Miller, New York Rangers; and Tom Wilson, Washington.

Also on the Whalers are players drafted lower in the NHL draft. Those include Matt Mahalak (Carolina), Cody Payne (Boston), Gianluca Curcurto (Columbus), Garrett Meurs (Colorado), Mitchell Heard (Colorado),

Connor Carrick (Washington) and Simon Karlsson (Nashville).

The Whalers open the 2012-13 regular season on Friday, Sept. 21 in Sault Ste. Marie, with the home opener set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 at Compuware Arena against the Belleville Bulls.

Tickets for all Plymouth Whalers games can be purchased by calling Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Emenhiser adds cadgers

Madonna University men's basketball coach Noel Emenhiser recently announced the signing of 6-foot-6 forward Dayshon Daniels, who averaged 15.5 points and eight rebounds per game at Inkster High.

Daniels is the second Inkster product to sign with the Crusaders joining 6-7 sophomore center Donald Owens.

Daniels is the fourth player to sign with MU for the 2012-13 season joining Tyler Stewart (Salem), Zack Lewis and Jack Ocozbek.

"He is a very versatile player with great speed and quickness for his size," Emenhiser said of Daniels. "We see him being able to fill a valuable position for us with his ability to defend and rebound."

### Phill to join Hall of Fame

Longtime Livonia Stevenson girls swim coach Greg Phill will be among a class of 15 that will be inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Sunday, Sept. 16 at Central Michigan University's Bovee University Center's Terrace Room.

Phill enters his 28th season coaching the Spartans.

Tickets for the banquet and awards ceremony, beginning at noon, are \$25.

For more information, e-mail MHSCA Executive Secretary Kim Spalsbruk at spalskru@yahoo.com.

### O&E men's golf signup

Registration continues for the annual Observer & Eccentric Hometown Media 36-hole medal play men's golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 2, at Livonia's Fox Creek and Monday, Sept. 3, at Whispering Willows

golf courses.

Entries for the men's tourney, limited to the first 120 golfers, close at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27. The entry fee is \$95 (does not include cart). To participate you must have a USA index handicap (maximum of 20).

The men's event also includes a 17-and-under boys junior division. The entry fee is \$49.

You can register in person at Whispering Willows, located at 20500 Newburgh, just south of Eight Mile. (For more information, visit [www.golflivonia.com](http://www.golflivonia.com), or call (248) 476-4493.

### Blazers stick it to Regina

Sophomore Christina Meyer notched two goals and two assists Wednesday as Livonia Ladywood opened Catholic League play with a 9-2 girls field hockey victory over Warren Regina.

The Blazers, who improved to 2-0 overall, also got two goals apiece from seniors Jaclyn Snyder and Lauren Kozlowski.

Senior goalie Stephanie Mackie had an easy night with no saves required to post the shutout.

Angeline Fisher made two saves in goal for the Saddlelites (0-1, 0-1).

### Sign up for Saints

The Washtenaw Saints Football Team, of the Christian Athletic League of America, is currently looking for interested young men (6th through 12th grade) to join the team.

There are no tryouts and everyone will get a chance to compete. Practices are underway at Domino Farms in Ann Arbor from 5:30 to 7:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. For more information contact coach Jer-

emy Florence at (734) 649-0532 or by e-mail at [Lemmie@aol.com](mailto:Lemmie@aol.com).

### Thirst for Life Run

The Thirst For Life 5K Walk/Run will be Saturday, Sept. 8, at Bicentennial Park in Livonia to benefit Team World Vision.

Registration begins at 7:45 a.m., the race at 9. Bicentennial Park is on the north side of 7 Mile Road, between Gill and Newburgh roads.

All of the money raised will be used to fund water and sanitation projects in the villages of Mayo and Hamandu in Zambia, Africa.

For more information and to acquire a registration form, go to [www.ThirstForLife5k.org](http://www.ThirstForLife5k.org). World Vision is a Christian relief and development organization dedicated to helping children, families and communities world-wide.

### Hawks girls hoops

Free tryouts for the Livonia Junior Athletic League Hawks, a sixth-grade girls basketball team, will be 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, and Thursday, Aug. 23, both at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (Main Gym No. 2).

Tryouts are open to anyone who reside in the Livonia Public School district regardless of school.

For more information, contact coach Jennifer Sopko at [jennifer\\_sopko@hotmail.com](mailto:jennifer_sopko@hotmail.com); or call (248) 854-4207; or coach Doug Freed at [um240su12@hotmail.com](mailto:um240su12@hotmail.com); or call (734) 634-5134.

### Run, bike, golf

Tami's Tri, a 5-kilometer run, 20K bike and 9-hole scramble golf event will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Satur-

day, Oct. 6, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The cost is \$65 (through Sept. 15) or \$75 (through race day). Included in the cost is a free golf clinic conducted by PGA professional Tami Beal at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Hickory Creek. Tami's Tri includes gift pack, prizes and lunch included. Space is limited to 144 golfers.

Proceeds will go to the non-profit organization Growth Works, Inc. of Canton and Plymouth.

To RSVP, e-mail TrainWithTami@yahoo.com. For more information, call (734) 731-0238; or visit [www.TrainWithTami.com](http://www.TrainWithTami.com).

### Reds need players

The Farmington Hills-based Oakland Reds Baseball Club is seeking players to fill remaining 8-and-under through 18U spots on its 2013 rosters. Go to [www.oaklandreds.com](http://www.oaklandreds.com) for additional information and to request a tryout.

### Hilltop glow golf

Hilltop Golf Course, located on Beck Road just north of Ann Arbor Trail, in Plymouth, is hosting Glow Ball each

Friday night through Sept. 1 for just \$25 per player.

The fee includes nine holes of golf, glow ball, neon necklace. Plus, there are food and drink specials available.

For more information, call (734) 453-9800 or go to [www.hilltopgc.com](http://www.hilltopgc.com).

### WYAA football

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association football will be 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at the WYAA Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington (north of Ford).

The WYAA offers two football units, the Comets and Meteors. Each unit has four squads divided by age and weight restrictions for junior freshmen (7-8), freshmen (8-10), junior varsity (11-12) and varsity (13-14).

In addition, both units have four cheerleading squads (ages same as football). For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

### CVO volleyball

Registrations are being accepted for the Livonia St. Edith fall volleyball program (grades 2-8).

Members of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St. Aidan and St. Colette are eligi-

ble to play in the Catholic Youth Organization.

To register, e-mail Gary Smart at [smart5959@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smart5959@sbcglobal.net); or call (734) 432-5959.

### Archery range

Registration to obtain a pass for the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation archery range is underway at the Parks and Recreation desk, located at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia.

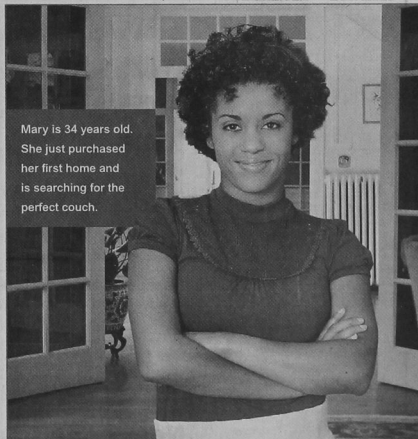
The range will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays (through October); 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, (through October); 4 p.m. until dusk, Tuesdays and Thursdays, September-October.

Resident season pass rates are \$25 (individual), \$35 (two members), \$45 (three members); and \$55 (four or more members).

Non-resident season passes are available for \$40 (individual), \$50 (two), \$60 (three) and \$70 (four or more).

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#### Democratic Party

Representative in Congress 11<sup>th</sup> District  
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Absentee Ballot Applications may be requested, or applied for in person, from the Clerk's Office, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 at 734-453-1234, ext. 234 or 225.

Absent Voter Ballots will be issued to qualified voters, if they apply in person at the City Clerk's offices from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, September 1, 2012, at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. On Monday, September 3, 2012, any person requesting an absentee voter ballot shall make application and vote them in the Clerk's offices from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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Polling Locations in the City of Plymouth are as follows:

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## Canton mom stars in video spot with fellow veterans

By Sharon Dargay  
 O&E Staff Writer

"My name is Erin Meadows and I'm a senior chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy. I just returned from a one-year deployment."

Meadows, who is married and the mother of two girls, looks straight into the camera as she tells her story, holding a photo of herself in military garb.

"I'm not sure anyone can be prepared for the call they're being sent."

The Canton woman, who works as a paralegal for Ford Motor Credit Company LLC, talks about her deployment to Afghanistan and the support she received from her family of coworkers in a Ford-sponsored video shown on YouTube. A 30-second version of the piece, with announcer's voice only, runs every Monday night during the 9 p.m. broadcast of NBC's *Stars Earn Stripes*. Meadows is one of eight Ford employees featured in the spot that thanks veterans for their military service.

"Ford has a big veterans networking group and they asked everyone to go to a casting call. They took photos of us in our dog tags and Ford badges," Meadows recalled, adding that she was asked to return the next week for filming. "It was pretty fun. The film crew said I did a good job. It was neat to go through all the things they do in film — hair, makeup. I was there six or seven hours that day. They



Erin Meadows of Canton is one of several Ford Motor Company employees featured in a commercial about their service in the military. Meadows, a mother of two girls, was deployed to Afghanistan in 2010-11.

taped all of us showing our (military) pictures. My interview was 20-25 minutes."

She and her husband, Jim, and daughters, Kendall, 11 and Taylor, 8, watched and recorded the commercial during the show's debut earlier this month. They watched the show, too. It pairs eight celebrities with special operatives and first responders to compete in missions inspired by real military exercises.

"It's a pretty good show," Meadows said, adding that during the first episode, the women celebrities reported for duty "all prim and proper and with their hair done." "In 120-degree heat that hair in Afghanistan would not be all done up," she quipped.

### Lethal territory

Hairstyling was the least of her concerns while serving as a paralegal, assisting the Army in Afghanistan from April 2010-May 2011. She was stationed on a base in Kandahar that often drew rocket attacks. Some-

times she flew to other bases on an armed Black Hawk helicopter, aware that it also was a target.

"We probably had more than 100 incoming rockets. They happen when you least expect it—in the middle of the night, during dust storms, Meadows recalled.

She dressed in combat garb and carried 40 pounds of equipment including a weapon, even though her duties consisted of paralegal work on an investigative team.

"It was interesting work. I got to travel on a couple of high profile investigations."

One case involved a soldier during which she was being court-martialed for shooting a detainee.

"General (David) Petraeus wanted an administrative investigation done to see if the Army was in any way at fault or should have known better. He wanted to take a fresh administrative look at it," Meadows said. "My investigative team was three women, a lawyer and myself. It was interest-



Erin Meadows, senior paralegal for Ford Motor Credit Company, wears military fatigues during her one-year deployment to Afghanistan. She received the call to active duty just one month before her 20-year anniversary in the Navy reserves.

ing because the base was attached to a local government center. Afghan police were all around. As women, we stood out like sore thumbs."

### Signing up

It wasn't exactly the scenario Meadows '11 had envisioned when she entered the Navy 22 years ago. The Dearborn native was majoring in travel and tourism at Eastern Michigan University, but growing tired of her archaic excursions. After watching a Navy commercial on television one night, she surprised her parents by announcing her intention to talk with a recruiter. She signed up and worked in communications for four years, spending time in Iceland and in San Diego, Calif.

Meadows was in the Navy Reserves when she married. She used her GI benefits to earn a bach-

elor's degree in English from Madonna University and completed paralegal studies at Eastern. Both her day job at Ford and her Reserve assignments involve paralegal work. As a senior paralegal with the Navy, she manages other paralegals in the Reserves.

Her deployment orders came a month before her 20th anniversary in the Navy and during her 10th anniversary year at Ford.

"They wanted a senior paralegal and my name came up. I was shocked. I didn't see it coming."

Her enlistment in the Reserves would have expired six months into her new orders. She could have chosen to stay at home, allow her Reserve commitment to expire and then retire.

"I wasn't ready to be done with the Reserves. I wasn't ready to tell my daughters I chickened

out and walked away. I thought, how could I supervise other paralegals and tell them to be ready (for deployment)? It was an integrity issue."

Her in-laws pitched in to help her husband and daughters while she was overseas. She Skyped with her girls and their classmates at St. Raphael School in Garden City — "I became their social studies for 10 minutes a week" — and blogged about her experiences. Ford colleagues sent packages of office supplies and women's hygiene products to her. When she returned home, the company also allowed her to work a flexible schedule while she made up for lost time with her daughters.

She also reenlisted in the Reserves in April. "Within five years I'll start considering retirement."

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The Theatre Department stages two productions per year, one in the fall semester and one in the winter. Dinner theatre and theatre-only options are available. Productions for 2012-13 are *The Doctor In Spite of Himself* by Moliere (fall) and *Shakespeare's Hamlet*, adapted for modern audiences by director James Hartman (winter).

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Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic seek auction items, like this set of Royal Doulton China, for its fundraiser in October.

# Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic want your stuff

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

If your collectibles are too good to sell at a garage sale, you're not inclined to auction them on eBay or post them on Craigslist — but you're ready to cut them loose — give Jeannette Sullivan a call. She'll be happy to take them off your hands. "I used to be an eBay-er when eBay first started. It was a lot of work, but it was fun. You could pick up nice things and re-sell them. The fun part was going to auctions to find things to sell. I just love auctions."



This wicker and glass table is among auction items for the Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic's fundraiser in October.

Sullivan, a member of the Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic, drew from experience when she suggested auctioning donated items for the group's next fundraiser. The idea clicked with other members and the first annual Encore, Decor & More was born. It's set for Friday, Oct. 19 at the Elk's Club in Plymouth and will start with a preview

The Friends auction committee has begun collecting both used items in good condition from the public and some new goods donated by local businesses. The list includes donated pictures, lamps, tables, chairs, end tables, mirrors, china sets, glassware, toys and tools. "Tools actually sell well," Sullivan said. "We've got a really neat cherry home mirror that has a little shelf attached and two little sconces on each side. We have a nice little wicker table with a glass top. We have a wonderful desk chair, a mission-style chair on casters. It's a great old chair."

"We're taking just about everything. But we're really and truly hoping for anything in really good condition. Everything gets recycled and it's kind of fun." The group won't take electronics items, such as computers or television sets, unless they are new. Pick-up can be arranged and all donations are due by Oct. 1. Tax receipts will be available.

To donate call Sullivan at (734) 455-9674 or e-mail to [jeanette@michiganphil.com](mailto:jeanette@michiganphil.com). Or call Jane Libbing at (734) 453-8910 or e-mail to [jane@michiganphil.org](mailto:jane@michiganphil.org).

# Rescues call for book entries, fosters, benefit bowlers

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Feel-good rescue stories, photos of cute family pets and the satisfaction of knowing you've helped care for homeless animals — what more would anyone want in a hardcover, coffee table-style photo book? Well, how about your own pet's picture and story?

Better Life Canine Center of Redford is accepting photos of rescue animals and their stories, through Aug. 30. All submissions accompanied by \$10 will be included in the book, "Better Life," which Barbara Losi, the Center's intake and adoption coordinator, is creating with the help of online photo service, Snapsfish.

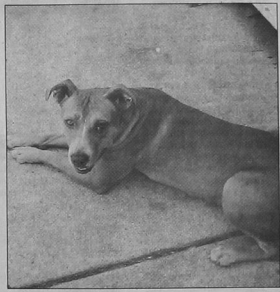
"I did a book for my fiancé's niece and I thought this would be a great idea, to have a book," Losi said. "We thought of having (a book) of our rescues and selling it. I don't know if people would buy a book about our dogs, but they would buy to have their dog on one pretty page in a book."

Or two pages, depending on the size of the story and number of photo submissions.

And Losi isn't limiting the theme to rescued dogs. She'll accept stories and photos of horses, cats, birds, small animals — pretty much any rescued pet. If you don't own a rescued pet, you can sponsor one of the Center's adoptable dogs. For \$10 the sponsored dog's photo and story will be included in the book.

Names of all contributors will be tossed into a drawing, with the winner receiving a free copy of the book, along with their pet's photo on the cover.

She estimates the cost of the book will be between \$30-\$50. If she receives more submissions than expected, she'll create two books to keep the purchase price from increasing. The Center has raised \$140 through the project so far. Losi said another



Guardian Angel Animal Rescue urgently seeks a foster for Jade, who was abandoned by her former family and left in a garage.



## PET PROJECTS

er \$40 or more would be "fantastic."

The motivational value of the stories is priceless. "I wanted to be a feel good rescue story. Even though some stories start out being devastating, they end up happy. It's nice to be able to hear stories about successes. It's motivational for others."

Her favorite story so far? Buddy, one of the Center's rescues, whose story and photos will be in the book thanks to a sponsorship.

"He would have been euthanized at the shelter. He was so terrified of whoever came near him. He's a bound dog-rotweiler mix. He's a mush ball of love. I'm thankful he's at Better Life."

Donate \$10 at <http://www.betterlifedogs.com> and then send an e-mail with your pet's photo and rescue story to [betterlifecanine@gmail.com](mailto:betterlifecanine@gmail.com).

com. Visit the Center on Facebook or at [www.betterlifecaninecenter.org](http://www.betterlifecaninecenter.org)

**Save the date**  
Guardian Angel Animal Rescue (GAAR) of Livonia has put out the call for both bowlers to participate in its upcoming fundraiser and a special someone to foster one of its adoptable dogs.

The bowling event starts at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 at Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road, Canton; (734) 459-6070. Cost is \$15 per person and includes two games, shoes, 2 slices of pizza and pop. The event also includes a bake sale, raffle and \$0/\$0 participation. For more information, call (734) 776-2942 or visit [www.gaarmichigan.org](http://www.gaarmichigan.org).

**Save the dog**  
Jade, She's a sweet, a little skittish and was abandoned by her former family. They moved away and left her in a garage. Now Guardian Angels Animal Rescue needs a foster for this sweet girl.

She was an "outside" dog at her former home, so a foster with a yard and "good-sized" dog house would help GAAR keep Jade safe until she is adopted.

E-mail GAAR at [guardian\\_angel\\_rescue@hotmail.com](mailto:guardian_angel_rescue@hotmail.com) if you're interested in fostering.

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For a physician with an office practice or working in an emergency room it is not unusual to have an elderly patient come in distress with a large even huge, swollen shoulder, markedly painful and showing areas of large bruises over the swollen shoulder and both arms.

The first question the experienced physician will ask is: "Are you on blood thinners?" The bruises, combined with the enlarged shoulder, bring up the possibility of a sudden bleed into the shoulder joint and surrounding tissues. The most likely cause is a blood thinner like Coumadin getting out of therapeutic control. Then any jarring or slight injury carries the risk of a marked bleed.

The problem of hemorrhage into a joint happens mostly in the elderly because this group of patients is most likely to suffer from an irregular heartbeat or to have experienced a blood clot in the leg. Such problems require the patient to take a blood thinner to prevent complications like a stroke or an embolus to the lungs. In turn regulation of the blood thinner is often difficult because small changes in the diet may increase the potency of the blood thinner to cause a large bleed after a slight bump. When bleeding occurs suddenly in the shoulder or knee, the person experiences marked pain because of the volume of blood but from the sudden distention of the joint.

Treatment requires immediate removal of the blood from the joint. No steroid injection is needed, as the pain comes from bleeding not inflammation. If the physician removes the blood in a thorough manner, the patient needs no further therapy.

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The 43rd annual Fall Fashion Show to Benefit the Longacre House is set for Thursday, Sept. 27 at the Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Doors open to the Fashion Boutique at 10:30 a.m. with the luncheon and fashion show beginning at noon. The Clothing Cove in Milford will provide women's fashions and Gap Orchard Place will show children's fashions.

Proceeds from the fashion show will go toward restoration and upkeep of the historic Longacre House, an elegant Georgian-style mansion owned by the City of Farmington Hills. Extensive renovations have been made to the home, which was originally built in 1869. The Longacre House is now a popular venue for weddings, showers, special events, and popular programs such as Victorian teas, cooking shows,

and music lessons. Tickets to the 43rd annual Fall Fashion Show to Benefit the Longacre House are \$35. Buy tickets with a credit card at (248) 477-8404 or mail checks made out to "Friends of the Parks" to The Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

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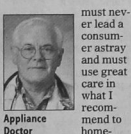
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# Can this invention make as the detergents extinct?

**By Joe Gagnon**  
Guest Columnist

I am no different than the next guy. I believe things that are simply too good to be true. It's happened several times in my lifetime, like the time I listened to a radio show about products which improved your health. I purchased the top brand of fish oil tablets for \$41 and did not notice any difference, so I took the tablets to my doctor and to my pharmacist. They both smiled and told me I could buy the same fish oil tablets at the drugstore for \$8.40.

Oh well, we all live and learn. Lessons like that have helped make this such a strong consumer advocate. I also



Joe Gagnon

must never lead a consumer astray and use great care in what I recommend to homeowners through print, radio and television. The following story is just in the initial stages of investigation.

It starts out with my reading something on the internet about a product that you hook up to your washing machine and you no longer need to use hot water and detergent when doing a load of clothes. Can you

image my antenna going straight up at such an invention? So, I went further into my studies. I interviewed the president CEO of this company and told him right up front that I was a skeptic and asked him to believe. Now let me try to explain in simple terminology what this brain absorbed in this interview.

This new invention mounts to the back wall behind your washing machine onto which you hook up your cold water line. You run another hose from this box to the washer—and you can do all of this yourself. Inside this box is a modulator which introduces ozone into the

water plus a few other things that clean your clothes without the use of detergents. Your clothes come out cleaner without any after-effects of retained detergents, the clothes are treated much more gently and you save on each load of clothes by not using hot water.

**Saving money?**  
The engineer and president of this company told me that the average household with a family of four could save as much as \$600 per year by using this product. I was told that the suggested retail cost of it is \$600 with a projected life span of 10 years. It has a three-year warranty and a \$79 cost of the mod-

ulator itself it need to be replaced after the warranty expires.

Now, let's just say that all of this is absolutely true. I am still not ready to buy it and no, they are not shipping one to my house to try it. I have a better plan.

The company is sending one to my good friend's appliance store where it will be installed in the back workshop and tested many times over. Then, I'll give a full report on how this invention may have improved the time-proven methods of doing laundry. If that being the case, can you imagine what the detergent manufacturers are saying right now. The environmental people would be jumping

with joy and this new invention would fit into the same category as the micro-wave oven.

Now, please don't get me excited, because that is a feeling that can make a person easy prey to a con job. I'm going to keep my cool until we have had several weeks to test the results. If it doesn't do the job as it was relayed to me, you will hear and read about it. If it does, then others will be ahead of me in spreading the good news. Stay tuned.

**Joe Gagnon** can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to [appliance@tmwr.com](mailto:appliance@tmwr.com).

**BELLEVILLE**  
**CLASS OF 1957**  
55th reunion, Sept. 22, at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, 134 and Belleville Road. Inaugural gathering starts at 6 p.m., Friday. Social time begins at 5 p.m., Saturday, followed by dinner. For more information call Donna Anderson at (313) 773-9180 or e-mail to donnaagts@aol.com for more details.

**DEARBORN FORDSON**  
**CLASSES OF 1946-47**  
65th and 66th reunion Thursday, Sept. 13 at the 55th Hall in Dearborn Heights. For more information call Earl Berry at (313) 277-7130 or (313) 727-8983.

**CLASS OF 1948**  
The January and June classes will hold a 46-year reunion lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept.

20, at the American Legion, Carl E. Stirt Post, 232 Warren Road, Dearborn. For more information call Rose Marie Listwan Kopelkin at (734) 421-1485.

**CLASS OF 1952**  
60-year reunion planned for Sept. 15 at Park Place in Dearborn. For more information e-mail Al Orloff at orloffal@att.net or phone him at (734) 432-9308 or e-mail Marvin M. Smyth at mmsmyth@juno.com or call him at (313) 562-4378.

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS**  
**CLASS OF 1982**  
For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Gredreau at [dianeofhd@bcglobal.net](mailto:dianeofhd@bcglobal.net).

net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at [goldofor@aol.com](mailto:goldofor@aol.com); or John Zaidkian at [zma6754@aol.com](mailto:zma6754@aol.com).

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBOHAUD**  
**CLASS OF 1962**  
50th class reunion, Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia.

The committee is looking for class members to contact for information. All classes are welcome to attend. Send names, contact info and questions to the reunion committee website, [www.roboband.com](http://www.roboband.com). Check out "Robihood 50th Reunion Class of '62" on Facebook and on classmates.com. Or call Paula (McGue) at (517) 304-9755.

**DETROIT CODY**  
**CLASS OF 1962**  
Looking for Classmates from January and June graduation

classes for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.net.

**DETROIT MACKENZIE**  
**CLASSES FROM 1950-69**  
A second annual picnic is planned, noon-6 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 23, at Marlin Mills Pavilion in Hines park, located at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive in Westland. Music, memorabilia, great camaraderie. Bring your own picnic or purchase Michigan-made hot dogs, chips, pop, water and ice cream at the event. T-shirts and sweatshirts also will be available. A raffle will be held. Seating will be available under the shelter, or bring your own chairs and pop-ups. No need to pre-register. Questions? Call Janet Cable at (314) 777-4009 or e-mail [mackenzie50s60s@hotmail.com](mailto:mackenzie50s60s@hotmail.com).

**DETROIT WESTERN ALL CLASSES**  
Friday, Sept. 14 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Meridian, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Family-style luncheon plus prizes and a pie of school spirit. \$25 per person. Phone Mildred (Lois) Carpenter at (248) 427-0673 for tickets. Deadline is Aug. 25.

**CLASS OF 1962**  
Looking for classmates from January and June classes for 50th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 22 at Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. Cost is \$62 per person. Other weekend activities include: Day of school, evening ice-cream and Sundry brunch. For information call Judy Alegnani Murray, (313) 399-

0507, Judy Hall Rakowski, (734) 459-3832, Helen Knight Tucker, (734) 285-4927 or Ralph Brighton, (734) 513-7499.

**FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**CLASS OF 1962**

The 50th class reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 22 at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, (248) 477-7800. The \$60 per person cost includes a welcome reception from 5:30 p.m. and an evening dinner dance with cash bar. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations deadline is Sept. 1. For more information call Michele Cook Hoffmeyer at (602) 290-6006 or e-mail to [russmichele@yahoo.com](mailto:russmichele@yahoo.com). Check Classmates and Facebook FHS Class of 62 Reunion pages for more information.

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Claude and Pat Centers on their wedding day.

Pat and Claude Centers of Livonia celebrate their anniversary with a luau.

**60th anniversary**

Claude R. Centers and Patsy (Margaret) Maskey marked their 60th wedding anniversary June 21. They met at a summer resort on vacation in Geneva-on-the-lake in Ohio and were wed in 1952 at St. Coleman's Catholic Church in Cleveland, Ohio. George and Peg (Munga) Maskey of Cleveland and Clyde and Edna Centers of Livonia, were the proud parents. Following the ceremony, they enjoyed a breakfast and outside reception in the back yard of Patsy's Aunt Mary and Uncle Jack Frost's home in Fairview Park, Ohio. After a honeymoon to the east coast, they settled in Livonia and have been in their home almost 60 years. Claude worked in the steel erection business and Patsy was a homemaker

and mother. They have six children: Claudia King, Chris Centers (Laura), Tom Centers (Christine), Joe Centers (Jody), Gretchen Cotter (Lee) and Marianne Groth (Jeff). They have 17 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. After retirement, they have traveled throughout the U.S. and Canada. Trips to Hawaii in 1977, 1988 and 1999 were special. Claude, who celebrated his 86th birthday on Aug. 2, says one of the keys to a happy marriage is to say "Yes Kiddo, whatever you say dearie." Patsy's keys to a successful marriage are to overlook the things that don't go well and really enjoy the things that do. She'll celebrate her 84th birthday on Aug. 19. Their children, grandchildren, relatives and friends celebrated their 60th Anniversary with a luau at their home.

**Haddad-Escobar**

Jessica Rose Haddad and Alexander Escobar announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of George and Chris Haddad of Livonia, expects to graduate from AUC School of Medicine in December 2012. She is finishing clinical rotations at Providence Hospital, Southfield. Her fiancé, son of Francisco Escobar of Baltimore, Md., and Luz Escobar of Seattle, Wash., is an anesthesiology resident at Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Ill. A November 2013 wedding is planned in Livonia.



**Bartrum-Coleman**

Kurt and Karen Coleman of Westland announce the marriage of their daughter, Kailey, to Andrew Bartrum, son of Dave and Kelly Bartrum of Westland. They were married July 26, 2012 by Mayor William Wild, at Westland City Hall. Kailey expects to graduate in December 2012 from Grand Valley State University. Andrew is a graduate of Schoolcraft College and is employed as a firefighter/paramedic for the Oakwood Health System.



**Kloman-Best**

Kelly Best and Ryan Kloman were married July 14, 2012 at St. Fabian Catholic Church. The bride is the daughter of Chris and Laurie Best of Farmington Hills. The groom's parents are Karl and Carol Kloman of Columbus, Ohio. The newlyweds live in Farmington Hills.



**50th anniversary**

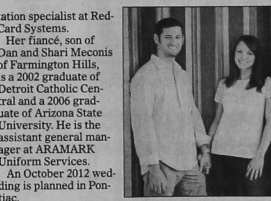
Ray and Barb Rochowiak of Canton will mark 50 years of marriage on Sept. 1. They were wed in 1962 at St. Linus Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights. They will celebrate their milestone anniversary with their children and their spouses, Greg and Diana Rochowiak of Canton, Laura and Ed Alonso of Canton and Chris and Jodi Rochowiak of



Barb and Ray Rochowiak of Canton. Brighton, along with their grandchildren, Spencer, Lily, Grant, Ben, Ella, Sam, Max and baby Rochowiak who is coming soon.

**Smith-Meconis**

Nina Smith and Brett Meconis announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Ann (Kevin) Keller of St. Charles, Mo., and Frank (Amy) Smith, of Pontiac, Ill., is a 2006 graduate of Missouri University of Science & Technology and works as an implementa-



tation specialist at Red-Card Systems. Her fiancé, son of Dan and Shari Meconis of Farmington Hills, is a 2002 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central and a 2006 graduate of Arizona State University. He is the assistant general manager at ARAMARK Uniform Services. An October 2012 wedding is planned in Pontiac.



**Owen Scott Campau**

Owen Scott Campau was born at 8:43 a.m., July 2, 2012, at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. Owen joins his parents, Chad Evan and Amanda Ruth Campau, twin siblings Hannah and Evan, 11, and older sister, Emma, 2, at home in Livonia. Proud grandparents are Sally Dimmer of Livonia, Barbara and Ronald Campau of Livonia, and Mike and Carol Dimmer of Walled Lake.



**Jarocha-Garry**

Stacey Jarocha and Dean Garry announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of William and Carol Jarocha of South Lyon, is a Michigan State University graduate and teaches mathematics at South Lyon East High School. Her fiancé, son of Tom and Gail Garry of Livonia, is an Eastern Michigan University graduate and teaches special education at South Lyon East High School. A July 2013 wedding is planned in Petoskey.



**Pedersen-Steinhilb**

Brenda Pedersen and Aaron Steinhilb announce their engagement. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Scott and Ann Pedersen of Livonia. Her fiancé's parents are Rich and Cathy Steinhilb of Milan. A September 2012 wedding is planned in Milford.

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**HOGG,**  
**WILLIAM FINLAY**

Nov. 7, 1921 – Aug. 22, 2012

Aged 90, of Salem Township, passed away on August 22, 2012. He was born on November 7, 1921 in Philadelphia, PA to Alexander and Kathryn Hogg. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 69 years, Joyce Evelyn Hogg, his sisters, Dorothy Jackson and Ruth Moore, and brother, Alexander Hogg Jr. He is survived by his brother, Robert Hogg of Salisbury, MD, his children, William Finlay (Nancy) Hogg Jr., Joyce Diane (James) Grace, John Earle Hogg, and David Richard (Judy) Hogg. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Bill served his country in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. Following the war he was employed by Bethlehem Steel Corp. from which he retired as plant manager in 1981. He was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church, where he served as a choir member, Sunday School teacher and Church treasurer for many years. He loved working on his farm and playing and watching sports of any kind. Friends will visit at the Schneider-Finlay Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI on Monday, August 27th, 2012 beginning at 11:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 1:00 p.m. Pastor John Shinn of Calvary Baptist Church will officiate. Interment services will be held at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia immediately following. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

**RONDEAU,**  
**GERARD J. "JERRY"**

August 23, 2012 peacefully in West Bloomfield, Age 95. Husband of the late Imelda (nee Campus) for 49 years. Dear father of William (Donna), Richard (Susan) and the late Philip (Catherine). Grandfather of Stephanie MacPetrie (Scott), Michael (Kristen), Eric (Amanda) and Kimberly Molnar (Brian). Also eight great grandchildren whom he loved very much. Preceded in death by great grandson Sean MacPetrie and brothers Laurent "Larry" and Charles "Art". Born in Willimantic, CT on May, 11, 1917. His parents moved to Detroit and then Birmingham when he was 5 and lived in the same house for the past 90 years. He served in the United States Army during WWII and was stationed in Germany. After returning home, he was employed at the Birmingham Eccentric newspaper for 30 years before retiring to take care of his ailing wife. He was a founding member of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church in Beverly Hills where he attended Mass every day until his recent illness. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasa, Rodgers & Connell) Chapel, 32515 Woodward (brwn 13-14 Mile) Monday 3-8p.m. Rosary 7:00p.m. Funeral Mass Tuesday 10a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 32340 Pierce, Beverly Hills. Visitation at church begins 9:30a.m. Rite of Committal, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to the Fr. Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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**CHAMBERLAIN,**  
**B. F. "BUDD"**

Age 92, a resident of Bloomfield Hills, formerly of Royal Oak, died August 24, 2012. He was born May 24, 1920 in Clarkson, Mo. Chamberlain was the founder of Chamberlain Real Estate in 1948. He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran who earned a Bronze Star, and a 1942 University of Michigan graduate who was inducted into the Wolverine's Hall of Honor (Athletic). Beloved husband of the late Betty. Loving father of Chad (David) Hall and Charles Chamberlain. Dear brother of Calvin Chamberlain. Grandfather of Barbara Jones and David Hall. Memorial service to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak appreciated. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at sullivanfuneralhomes.com

**ODOM,**  
**RAYMOND E.**

August 19, 2012, age 75 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Rose Gibbs-Odom and dear husband of the late Etta Kate Odom. Loving father of Mark E. (Kim) and Keith A. (Melissa) Odom. Proud grandfather of Brittan (Jessica), Ashley, Chelsea and Nicole. Dear great grandfather of Ariana Maya. The family will gather with friends on Sat. at 3 PM until the 4th PM Memorial Service at Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

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**In Memory Of**

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May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

## Consider these tips for buying health insurance

By **Claudia Swink**  
Guest Columnist

**N**o one ever wants to think about it, but medical emergencies can occur at any time. When they do, consumers with health insurance know exactly why it is an invaluable investment. Without health insurance, a medical emergency can devastate a consumer financially.

The time to plan and shop for individual health insurance is now because hundreds of thousands of Michigan residents are expected to purchase their own health insurance, starting next year.

Deciding on individual health insurance coverage can be a daunting process, but advance research will help them be well-prepared.

Here are some key questions consumers need to consider when researching individual health care coverage:

- What are their health needs and those of their family?
- What are they looking for in their health insurance coverage?
- Do they take medications and need to consider optional benefits like prescription drug coverage?
- What products are offered in the marketplace? Compare them to meet their personal and family needs.
- What about the deductible options available? What other optional benefits can they add to their health plan?
- Can they keep their personal physician if they sign up for a particular plan?
- What would their out-of-pocket cost be when they compare benefits side-by-side? Are there set co-pays?
- How are office visits or emergency care handled?
- What are the number of services that are allowed within a

particular benefit? For example, for chiropractic services, one health insurance provider might allow 20 visits versus another that might allow only 15 visits.

• Does the plan offer an individual as well as a family deductible and payment max? Consumers who think they can't afford to purchase health insurance for themselves and their families should reconsider; there are options available to meet most consumer budgets.

### Health insurance products

For example, consumers who are between jobs, or who are recent college graduates, or who need to bridge their current medical coverage, can take advantage of short-term plans, which allow flexibility in the amount of time they are enrolled in the plan.

Typically, the length of coverage ranges from one to six months. There are usually variations in the benefit structure, and the deductible can be

higher or lower, depending on the consumer's price tolerance.

Another kind of plan is a Health Savings Account (HSA). Consumers contribute up to a set amount that the government allows each year into that account, and then uses those funds for services that are covered under the health savings benefit. If consumers don't use all of funds in their HSA in one year, the money rolls over from year-to-year, tax-free. In contrast, flexible savings accounts do not allow consumers to roll over their funds. If they don't use the funds by the end of the calendar year, they lose the money in that account.

PPO products, which offer the largest selection of network of providers and choices for deductibles, are a third option. Remember, the lower the deductible, the higher the premium.

### Added services

Optional benefits, also referred to as riders, are elective options that allow consum-

ers to create richer benefits, or to control costs (because they are not blended into the health insurance product).

Consumers should know what kind of rider — for prescription drug coverage, vision and dental, for example — they may need to add to their insurance coverage, because not all products can have all riders. Only PPO products can have all three types of riders.

Finally, consumers may want to explore value-added services that are not necessarily attached to a plan they are purchasing. Examples are medical emergency services when traveling, weight loss, exercise and wellness programs.

Michigan consumers need to make the time to carefully assess their health insurance needs. They can plan now, save time and be well-prepared when they purchase individual health insurance.

**Claudia Swink** is director, Personal Alliance Product Performance & Oversight for Health Alliance Plan.



Claudia Swink

Four physicians recently joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital, in Farmington Hills. They are:

• Dr. Carla Oska-Gerak, D.O., is a pediatrician and a mother with two children. She earned a bachelor of science in dietetics at Wayne State University in Detroit. After receiving her medical education at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Erie, Pa.,

Oska-Gerak did her first year of post-graduate clinical training at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce. She completed the pediatrics residency at Beaumont Health System

in Royal Oak where she also served as chief resident during her final year. She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Osteopathic Association. Oskagerak sees patients at Botsford Pediatric Associates, 23133 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington, (248) 477-0100.

• Dr. Megan T. Amos, D.O. is an obstetrician-gynecologist who sees patients at the three locations of Botsford Comprehensive OB/GYN: 28711 W. 8 Mile, Suite C, in Livonia, (248) 474-4590; 27031 Warren Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 561-1913, and 15540 Beech Daly in Redford, (313) 387-7476.

After graduating with honors from the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in Missouri, Amos per-



Amos

formed her clinical training at Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center, where she served as chief resident from 2011-12. Amos is a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Osteopathic Association.

• Dr. Edward R. Feldman, M.D., is board-certified in obstetrics, hematology and internal medicine. After medical education at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Feldman completed the internal medicine residency and the hematology and oncology fellowships at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. He has clinical



Feldman

interests in benign hematology, breast cancer, lymphoma, palliative care and hospice. He also is a fellow in the American College of Physicians and has coauthored oncological articles in professional journals. He sees patients at the Oakland Medical Group located in the Botsford Cancer Center, 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 220, in Farmington Hills, (248) 477-0552.

• Dr. John M. Meek, D.O., is a cardiologist who sees patients at Cardiovascular Clinical Associates located on Botsford Hospital's campus at 28080 Grand River Ave., Suite 300

West, in Farmington Hills; (248) 615-7300.

After graduating from Westem University of Health Sciences-College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona, Calif., Meek completed the internal medicine residency and then the cardiology fellowship at Botsford. He served as chief cardiologist fellow from 2011-12. Meek also holds a master of science degree in molecular biology from the University of California, San Diego. Board certified in internal medicine, echocardiography, stress echocardiography, transesophageal echocardiography, and nuclear cardiology, Meek has participated in several medical volunteer experiences. Most recently he joined Botsford's medical mission to Guatemala last spring.

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## Healthcare jobs soon to be made easier by the iPad

Article Summary: Not just a consumer device, the iPad is meant to be a tool for a variety of professions not the least of which is healthcare. Apple is devoted to putting the power of the iPad into healthcare workers' hands!

As any member of the healthcare profession can tell you, the bane of any medical office, hospital or clinic is paperwork. Charts, forms and printouts seem to multiply on their own the longer a patient is treated, often resulting in hefty and unwieldy bundles. Of course the paperwork that gets used day to day is often a digest of previous forms, which requires cautious transcription to make sure all pertinent medical information is noted.

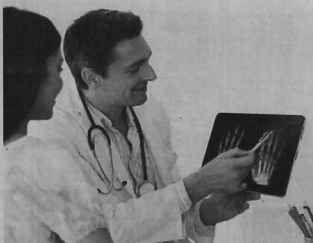
The computerization of most modern health care facilities has done much to reduce clutter, redundancies and oversights but it is still the duty of the healthcare staff to make certain each patient has a printed paperfile on hand for the attending physician. This final hurdle of wasteful and time consuming paperwork appears about to fall. With the release this past April of Apple's new tablet device, the iPad, the modern medical office gains a powerful tool of records modernization.

It's not only paperwork the iPad aims to improve. Numerous medical texts, any

of which is too heavy for a busy physician to carry on his or her rounds can be loaded onto the iPad, giving doctors a veritable library of medical knowledge at their finger tips and at a moment's notice. If the information you're looking for isn't in a book the iPad's lightning quick Wifi connection can put you on the internet as speedy your iPhone only dreams of.

Patients will benefit by their doctor's ability to draw up imagery and charts to help explain procedures and diagnoses complete with full-color diagrams and network access to test result, scans and x-rays. Always a major patient complaint, they need no longer wonder about the details a physician may be too busy to explain in detail, the doctor will soon be able to simply hand a detailed audio visual presentation from his or her white coat pocket.

At the same time the iPad can be an excellent tool for patient sign ins, surveys, registrations and, concierge service for patients. A number of hospitals have been using the iPad including the vaunted Cedars-Sinai Medical center in Los Angeles which was rumored to have been given a number of the early models of the top secret device before its official release to the public.



Apple contends that overall physicians and healthcare workers have been overwhelmingly enthusiastic about their hopes for the iPad as a valuable tool in the medical office of the future. This comes as no major surprise if you consider the popularity of Apple's iPhone with doctors and nurses. Thousands of healthcare applications designed specifically for the iPhone are for sale in the iPhone App Store and an equal number, if not more are expected to be developed for the iPad in the coming years.

Certainly a huge contributing factor to the iPad's ability to carve itself a niche in the medical device market is its relatively low price. On the low-end a laptop - an item the iPad has designs on replacing, or at least usurping many of the

mobile medical applications for which laptops are used - costs at least twice as much as a single iPad. While other tablet devices designed specifically for medical use can easily cost 20 times the cost of the iPad.

It is obvious that this is a market Apple wants to be part of and that they have consulted physicians, nurses and workers variety of other healthcare jobs to discover what exactly they can do to set themselves apart in this lucrative market. The outreach has been significant and it's only a matter of time until iPads become as common as a site in doctor's offices as stethoscopes.

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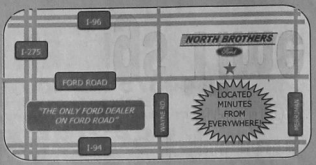
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