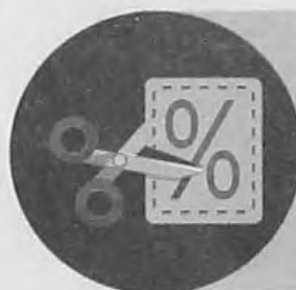


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Bus woes plague first week of school

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Transportation problems got so bad in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools last year, the district's Board of Education this year jettisoned its vendor and hired two new companies to manage the system.

But after the first week of school was still marred by late buses and other transportation issues, Facebook and other social media sites were lighting up with parents left wondering

how – and, most importantly, when – the problems will be fixed.

First-day problems were bad enough to prompt Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen to post a letter to parents on the district's website (pccs.k12.mi.us), acknowledging the problem and vowing to fix it.

Routing issues

Meissen said the issues revolved around routing problems and did not rest with the

drivers. The district over the summer hired two companies to run its privatized transportation system, replacing Michigan Educational Transportation Services. Durham Bus Services was brought in to provide the operational aspects – drivers, mechanics, etc. – while Missouri-based TransPar Group, Inc., was hired to manage the bus routing system.

That system is what let the district down in the first week, according to Meissen.

"The goal is to have trans-

portation that is on time, reliable, safe and dependable," Meissen said. "That is our commitment, it's the expectation of the community. We do not have that experience currently."

In a district where buses transport some 10,000 students a day, administrators were expecting problems, it being the first day of school with mostly new bus drivers and a new management team plotting the routes. The team from TransPar cut the number of bus routes from 127 to 120 and

moved to a new numbering system using route numbers instead of bus numbers.

"With all these transitions going on, this is a major issue for our children, for our teachers and for our families," Meissen said. "It's got to be better and it's got to be better right now."

Enough drivers

At last week's Board of Education meeting, TransPar's

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Suzanne and Erinne Williams.

INDOMITABLE SPIRIT

Local family battling emotions, cost of muscular disease

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Erinne Williams and Kevin Yopek of Canton have the usual sibling relationship.

She learned her love of hockey from him and he taught her how to play video games. Now, according to Erinne, she "kicks his butt" at them.

There's a sibling rivalry tinged with a touch of competitiveness surrounded by a love of family that's normal in most relationships.

But their relationship is not a normal one, because very little about Erinne Williams is normal. While Kevin can play his hockey on skates in full pads zooming across the ice, Erinne's version of hockey – and she's a huge fan – is on wheels.

That's because Erinne, struck young by a strain of muscular dystrophy called spinal muscular atrophy, has been confined to a wheelchair much of her life. The disease, which her family likens to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis but in children, has altered the lives of Erinne and her family in ways no family should bear.

Blending in

"I want to be a regular teenager, but I just can't," Erinne said, her voice hushed and raspy from a tracheostomy tube through which she has to breathe much of the time. "I feel a little like an outsider. I try to blend in as much as possible."

Blending in, particularly at school, is tough enough. It's a little more difficult when you travel with your own nurse and service dog (Latte, provided by Canine Assistants). It's a battle Erinne, now a senior at Plymouth High School, has been fighting most of her life.

When she was born in 1997, Erinne "seemed perfectly healthy," according



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Once Erinne is secure in her chair, she guides the chair, backward, through the hall to the living room.

HELPING ERINNE

The cost in both human and financial terms of caring for a daughter with spinal muscular atrophy is high for Suzanne Williams, a single mother taking care of her 17-year-old daughter.

Some examples of donations that would help include a full house, self-starting generator to help recharge the battery backup for the host of machines that dominate her daily life; hotel gift cards, because the home frequently loses power and the family is forced to retreat to a hotel; contractor time and home repairs, grass and snow removal and wheelchair ramp maintenance; help with utility costs; gas cards; and gift cards to places such as CVS, Target, Meijer, Costco, Vitamin Shoppe, etc.

Where to help:

- » <http://www.gofundme.com/ErinneRoseWilliams>
- » An account has been set up at Chase Bank; to donate, simply designate funds to account number 2747823769.
- » Erinne's story can be found at www.our-sma-angels.com/ErinneRose/story.html.

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FEMA grant helps buy new fire equipment

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Last year, one of the Canton Township fire department's "Jaws of Life" extrication equipment malfunctioned and had to be removed from the department's inventory.

Problems like that shouldn't be an issue anymore.

The Canton Township Fire Department officials found out Wednesday their long-standing efforts to win federal grant money had finally paid off. The township received a \$339,300 grant through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

The grant balloons to some \$377,000 after Canton Township's 10-percent match, a requirement of the program.

"Wednesday was a good day for Canton Township," an excited Fire Chief Josh Meier said. "We're very pleased with the results, because everyone put a lot of hard work into it."

Full-court press

Meier said the department has tried unsuccessfully for several years to get grants through the program. This year, he said, several people contributed to processing the grant.

The results are clear.

"This year, we took a proactive approach to our grant writing," Meier said. "We put a full-court press on it and got a lot of people involved."

In addition to replacing one of the department's pieces of extrication equipment, the grant will be used largely to pay for six new cardiac monitors and some associated equipment.

Many of the current monitors are "beyond the manufacturer's recommended service life" and needed to be replaced. In addition to new monitors on the department's ambulances, monitors will be added to a couple of rescue units and an engine.

Second grant

"This is going to allow us to upgrade and enhance the services we provide," Meier said. "We can update equipment we already have and upgrade the services we provide."

In addition to the big grant, Canton helped write a regional grant with a variety of local communities – Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Northville, Northville Township and Van Buren – that will bring another \$26,000 into the township.

That grant will help fund safety equipment for Canton firefighters, Meier said.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant program is part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The grants help fund professional training programs, update

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Canton hosts fourth Bark for Life



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Canton Fire Chief Josh Meier said a grant from FEMA will allow his department to "upgrade and enhance" the services the department provides.

GRANT

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equipment and facilities and provide new supplies to help first responders handle hazards efficiently and effectively.

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, announced the grant in a press release Wednesday.

day. "Today's announcement is great news for the Canton Township Fire Department and Michigan families," Stabenow said. "Our first responders risk their lives to keep our families safe and they rely on these resources to do their jobs safely."

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Registration is underway for Bark for Life, designed as a unique way to take a bite out of cancer, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20, in Canton's Heritage Park.

Bark For Life adds a twist to the American Cancer Society's traditional Relay For Life, serving as a fundraising activity to honor the caregiving qualities of canine companions while supporting the mission of the American Cancer Society. In 2011, with only eight committee members and four short months of planning, Bark For Life of Canton welcomed 78 canine participants and raised more than \$5,500 toward the ACS mission.

By 2012, the committee raised a whopping \$18,000 in the fight against cancer with al-

most 100 dogs. Then, in 2013, the committee raised more than \$18,000 again and had more than 100 dogs in attendance.

This year, Bark For Life of Canton continues in its fight against cancer and plans to bring this exciting event to a new level while letting metro Detroit know that "Cancer Barked Up The Wrong Tree."

"Dogs have many roles in their owners' lives. They are not only a pet, but also a best friend, as well as a member of the family," event chair Janet Stafford said. "When a person is going through cancer treatment, sometimes as a human it is hard to find the right words of encouragement and support. Yet a dog doesn't need words or direction. They somehow

know just what they need to do, whether it is cuddling next to you, getting you up for a walk or just being there.

"They play an important role in the care-giving process," Stafford added.

This non-competitive walk will include registration at 10 a.m. and an opening ceremony at 11 a.m., special laps around the path, survivor celebration, music provided by Metro Entertainment DJ Services, Burger Spot as the official food vendor, photography provided by Eye 4 One photography, children's activities, doggie vendors, best costume contest, musical sit and other fun on-site activities.

Registration is available online, as well as the day of the event. Event

organizers are continuing to recruit dogs and their owners to take part in this year's Bark For Life. To register online, visit the Bark For Life website at www.relayforlife.org/barkcantonmi

Funds raised through Bark For Life support the American Cancer Society's comprehensive cancer-fighting mission to help people stay well by preventing cancer or detecting it early, to help people get well by being there for them during and after a cancer diagnosis, to find cures through investment in groundbreaking discovery and to fight back against cancer by rallying lawmakers to pass laws to defeat cancer and by rallying communities worldwide to join the fight.

BUS

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Francisco Duprey said more than 140 drivers were hired for the 120 routes and his company provided training sessions for all of them.

But, Duprey told board members, there would be glitches. But he said TransPar and officials at Durham, hired along with TransPar to provide the drivers and other operational aspects of the system, did what they could to get everyone ready.

"We made some changes," Duprey told the board. "There are going to be some bumps."

Parents, too, expected bumps. But they were all over social media in the first week with complaints of delays as long as several hours and other complaints.

Jo Nielson and her family recently moved to the area from a district - she didn't say which one - where transportation problems were minimal.



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Parents in the Plymouth-Canton school district were upset with first-day transportation problems.

After the "transportation was just awful" on Tuesday's first day, she and her husband decided to remove their kids from district transportation altogether.

Sticking together

"When I picked my son up (Wednesday) from his elementary school, the buses were just arriving when we left at 4 p.m. (school ends at 3:45 p.m.)," said Nielson, a Canton resident. "I can understand bad weather. I can understand having to make adjustments to the bus schedule. I can even understand some confusion because it's the

first day of school. However, I really don't understand how a 'good' school district could screw up their transportation this badly."

Meissen and other administrators drew praise, though, by actually being out at various school buildings, trying to make sure changes were made and the system got smoother.

At Dodson Elementary School, for instance, parents noticed Principal April Quasarano and other teachers and staff still on hand trying to solve the first-day problems.

Kelly Hermann was at

Dodson around 1:30 p.m. to drop off something for her daughter and saw the staff "working diligently" to get the last bus load of kids home, even though it was only a half-day.

"All of the staff were on the phones and clearly trying to make the best of a bad situation," Hermann said. "My hat goes off to (Quasarano) and her staff."

Meissen said the district is holding TransPar "accountable" and is working to get routes that "match the needs of our families and get our students to school safely and on time."

"I would say our bus drivers are providing the level of service we are expecting," Meissen said. "The organization of our school routes is not. We are expecting a greater level of service immediately and are holding (TransPar) accountable to meet the expectations of our parents and our school community."

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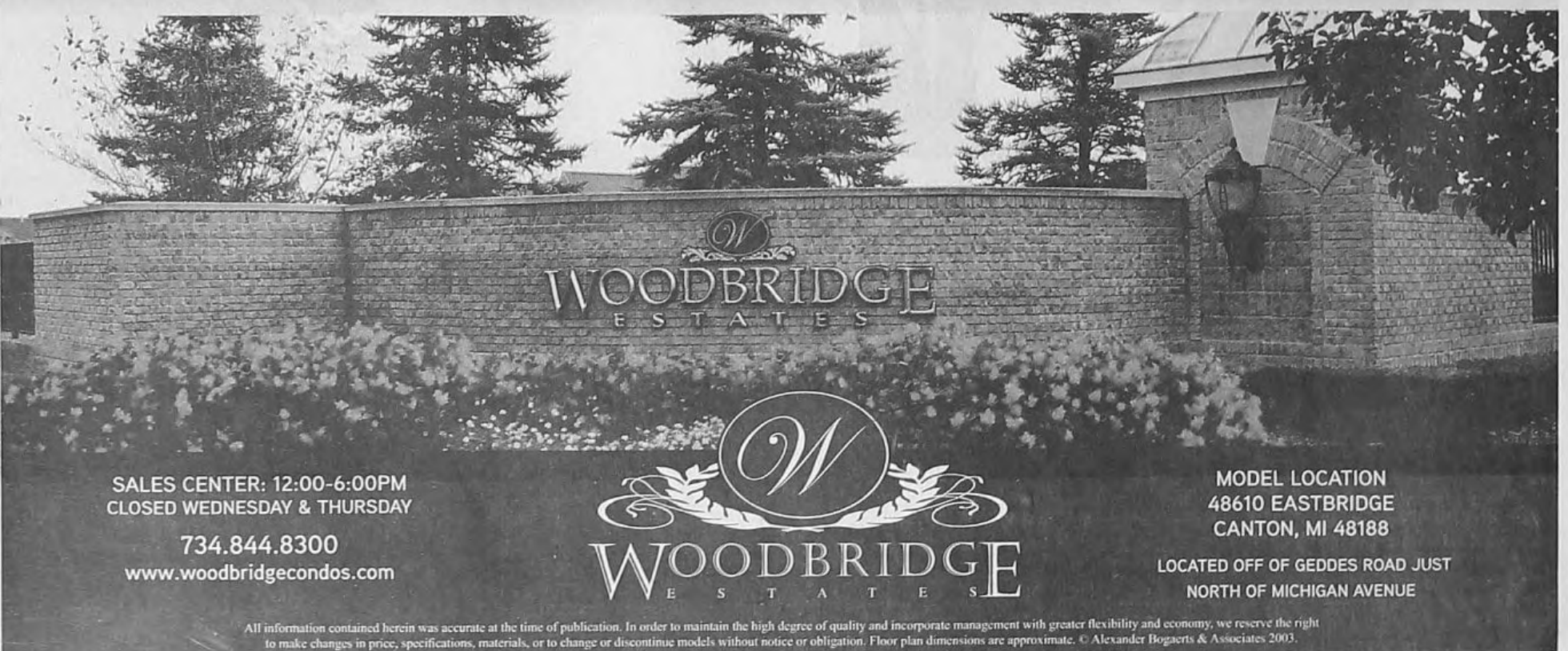
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Finding local news still easy at new Hometownlife.com

Radical change is not easily embraced, so there was a bit of trepidation when the switch was flipped to launch our new website, Hometownlife.com, last week. Would readers love it, despise it or even worse, be ambivalent?

The good news is that the launch definitely evoked a response.

"The website and app look great ... Congratulations!" one reader said.

I'm grateful to say that reaction has been overwhelmingly positive thus far. Readers have discovered our apps for iPad, iPhone and Android and already 25 percent of our online traffic is from mobile users - a sure sign that the apps have hit the mark.

Our new homepage is bold, there is no doubt. Photos are vivid, headlines snappy and content is displayed in a fashion that is entirely new. For every 100 people who like it, there are a few who prefer the way it was.

"The new website is horrible," another reader said, while offering up her nephew to build us a new site.



Larry Ruehlen



I suppose you can't make everyone happy, but I'm going to try anyway.

Readers who have complained have said finding the local news that matters to them isn't so easy these days. That sentiment is understandable, given the overhaul of Hometownlife. But our readers should know this - there is still a dedicated home on our website for local news pertinent to every community O&E Media serves. That hasn't changed at all. In fact, for the first time there is a Community News module right on the homepage to make finding local content even easier. All you have to do is click on the name

of the city that corresponds to the publication you want to read and it will take you to news from only that town.

If you want to read the *Canton Observer*, there is a page for that at <http://www.hometownlife.com/news/observer-canton/>. If you want to find the *Plymouth Observer*, the link is <http://www.hometownlife.com/news/observer-plymouth/>. Links for all of our other publications are listed at the end of this column.

Bookmark the link that is important to you and all the local news you expect to find at Hometownlife will only be a click away, with no need to navigate further. And that local front now includes everything in one place. News from city hall, local schools, sports, features and, yes, police briefs from your hometown are right there and easy to find.

One fact is clear from the launch of our new website - our readers value local news and want to read about the people, places and businesses that make their hometowns unique. If

you have an idea for a story, photo gallery or simply want help finding what you are looking for online, feel free to give me a call. My number is 313-595-1007 and I actually pick it up and enjoy talking to readers.

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Maintenance closes parking deck's upper level



Maintenance will have the upper deck to downtown Plymouth's parking garage closed Sept. 8-12.

The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority is advising visitors to downtown Plymouth that the upper level of the Central Parking Deck will be closed Monday through Friday, Sept. 8-12, for maintenance.

"It's annual maintenance being performed on the parking deck," said Tony Bruscatto, director of the city of Plymouth DDA. "We're confident that after the maintenance issues have been addressed, we'll be adding years to the life of the parking deck."

Bruscatto said there will also be some spaces in the lower portion of the parking structure that will be blocked during the repairs; however, the lower level will not have to be completely closed.


Normal three-hour time limits

will continue to be enforced during maintenance of the upper level. Anyone leaving their vehicles on the upper level after Sunday night is subject to having them towed.

All-day, or eight-hour, parking is available in the East Central Lot between the Penn Theatre and the Plymouth District Library. Other public parking locations can be found at www.downtownplymouth.org (Click "Maps" on the left side).

"We apologize in advance to our visitors, store owners and employees for the inconvenience," Bruscatto said. "However, our main concern is to make certain the structure is safe."

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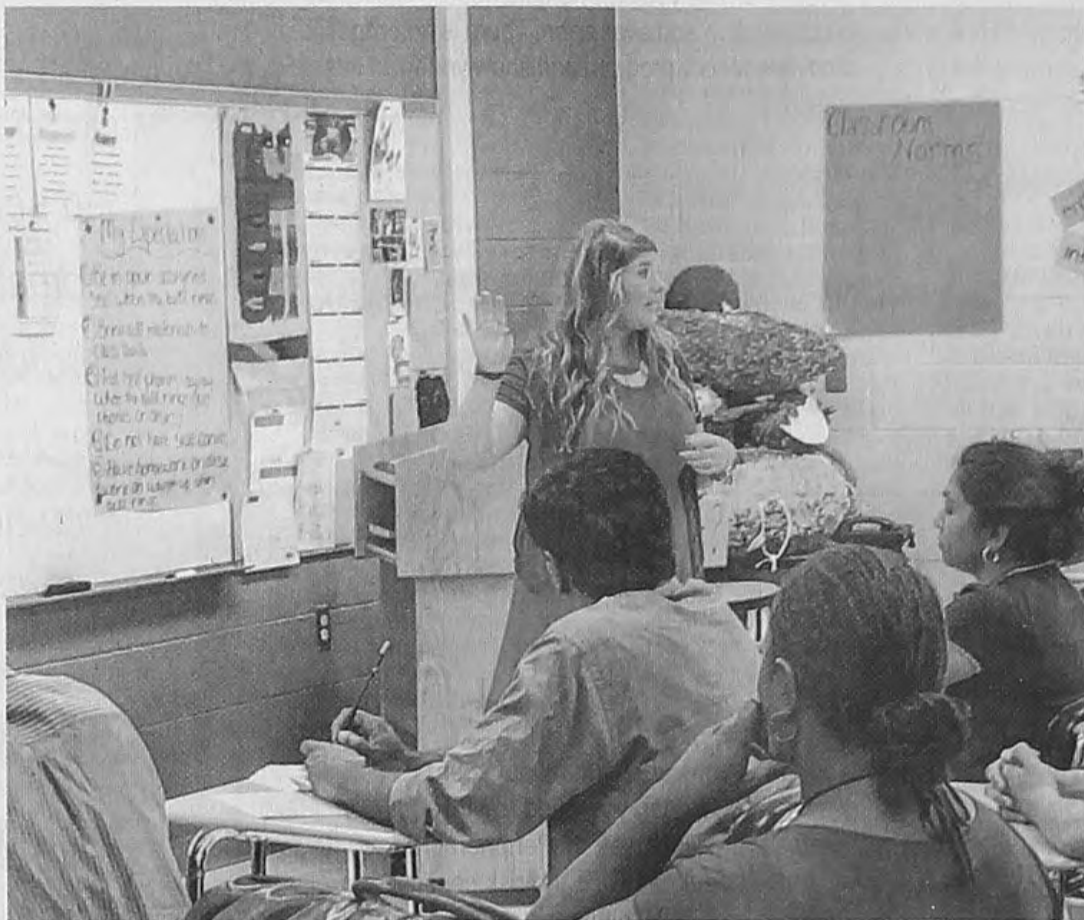
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials hoped the series of open houses they conducted at their various schools for parents of incoming students would help ease kids and parents into the school year.

Mission accomplished.

Hundreds of parents took part in the series of open houses in the weeks leading up to the start of school earlier this week.

With school improvement projects underway at many schools, courtesy of the \$114 million bond passed by voters in 2013, the open houses also gave parents, students and even staff a chance to see the upgrades and improvements made at each school over the summer months.

District officials called open houses "a great way to meet your child's teacher and for children to meet their classmates and get familiarized with the school, if it is a new school for them."



MARY HOLALY
 Plymouth High School teacher Molly Dishmon talks to parents Thursday at the Plymouth High School open house.

ON CAMPUS

AP scholars

Officials announced Detroit Catholic Central High School had 90 students who earned AP Scholar Awards in 2014. The AP program offers several different levels of the awards to recognize high school students who have demonstrated college-level achievement through AP courses and exams.

The National AP Scholars include **Joseph DiFranco** (Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth), who is now attending The University of Notre Dame.

"We are very proud of the hard work put forth in our classrooms every day, and we are excited to see it paying off for these students," said Dave Lewis, assistant principal at CC. "We're blessed to have incredible students and teachers here at CC, and to have almost 100 young men named AP Scholars is a great confirmation of the academic environment we have cultivated."

Merit scholarship

Shawn May of Plymouth is among the 21 students to earn an A.O. Smith merit scholarship for 2014.

The scholarship recipients are sons or daughters of A.O. Smith Corp. employees and were selected based on their academic record, participation in school and community activities, work experience, and honors.

May is entering his third year at Michigan State University in East Lansing, where he is majoring in supply chain. He is a member of the Supply Chain Management Club and was a National Honor Society member as a high school student at Canton High School.

He is the son of Linda and Rick May.

Linda May works in the Detroit office of Lochinvar, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of A.O. Smith Corp.

University of Findlay

Latifia Demps and **Jacob Boucher**, both of Canton, have been admitted to the University of Findlay as members of the 2014 incoming class. Approximately 730 new students began their studies Aug. 18.

Demps will major in nuclear medicine technology. Boucher, whose major is education, is a graduate of Canton High School.

Welding expert speaks at career center

Dean R. Wilson, president of the American Welding Society, an organization with nearly 70,000 members worldwide, will speak at William D. Ford Career Technical Center at 1 p.m. Sept. 11.

Wilson - who will be joined by Don DeCorte, counselor for AWS and vice president of RoMan Manufacturing, Inc., and Robert Wilcox, AWS District 11 director - will speak about continued cre-

dentiaing of AWS programs and introduce a new program operating under AWS.

Headquartered in Miami and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS has 22 districts with 250 sections and student chapters.

Wilson has been active in AWS for more than 30 years and has served on numerous standing committees, including serving as chair in

2005 of WEMCO, an Association of Welding Equipment Manufacturers.

As president, Wilson manages the affairs of AWS, presides at all board of directors and executive committee meetings and represents the society at many of its local section meetings, as well as other technical, national and international meetings.

"The focus of my presi-

dency is continuous improvement through innovation and the many forms it can experience," Wilson said. "AWS is devoted to advancing the science, technology and people of welding by providing lifelong professional development and, in doing so, aims to improve everyone's safety, productivity and career satisfaction, leading to continuous improvement through innovation."

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— Dr. Sol L. Cogan, DC

Symptoms of Peripheral Neuropathy:

- Tingling or numbness
- Feels like something is in your shoe but there's not
- Abnormal sensations
- Feels like you have socks on, even though you are barefoot
- It is becoming harder and harder to walk
- Losing your balance more often
- Stumble into things
- Unbearable foot pain
- Feels like pins and needles
- Restless legs
- No longer can feel hot or cold sensations
- Spontaneous pinching, sharpness, or electric shocks



If you suffer from just one or from many of these symptoms, you might have Peripheral Neuropathy

Many patients who come to HealthQuest have tried any and all treatments available. Some have found temporary relief with medications or other short term solutions while others have found no relief at all. Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy is one common form of Neuropathy. Over time, uncontrolled sugar levels can damage your nerves. This nerve damage causes different symptoms and the problems first appear in the toes, feet, and hands. The custom treatment program available from HealthQuest has delivered success in a large number of their patients where other treatments or facilities have failed. If you are one of those suffering in pain and have tried other medical options only to have them fail, don't give up hope. You deserve to live without the excruciating pain or discomfort of neuropathy.

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Neuropathy may contribute to emotional stress and depression

Many who suffer from peripheral neuropathy don't realize what they have or that it can be treated. Often the condition can be misdiagnosed or even ignored until it is unbearable. This can affect every aspect of your

life and may even cause emotional stress or depression. Why suffer longer than you need to? If you feel that your symptoms may be caused by Peripheral Neuropathy, call today and schedule a FREE, no risk consultation with the Doctors and staff at HealthQuest.

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Our advanced program for treating Peripheral Neuropathy is a combination of technology and experience that aids in healing the damaged nerves. Where many other treatments only address the symptoms, we address the root cause. Our treatment protocol can help restore, stabilize, and rebuild the nerves in your extremities. The effects are nothing short of miraculous in the eyes of our patients and most feel the results within the first few visits. Depending on your condition, we have many different options including the ReBuilder®. This device works by sending an electrical impulse that travels automatically from one foot, up the leg, across the nerve roots in the lower back, then down the other leg to the other foot. Most people report that the treatment feels soothing as these signals help to repair damaged nerves. The ReBuilder® is found in several prestigious medical facilities including The Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Sloan Kettering, The Cleveland Clinic, and John Hopkins. Our program has also been effective in treating painful symptoms of arthritis, MS, and other forms of chronic pain. Patients generally feel better physically throughout the treatment period and even feel better emotionally after experiencing a reduction in pain.

Why choose Dr. Cogan and the HealthQuest staff?

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— Dr. Sol L. Cogan, DC

What are patients saying?

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**Annual restaurant crawl
offers varied menu**

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

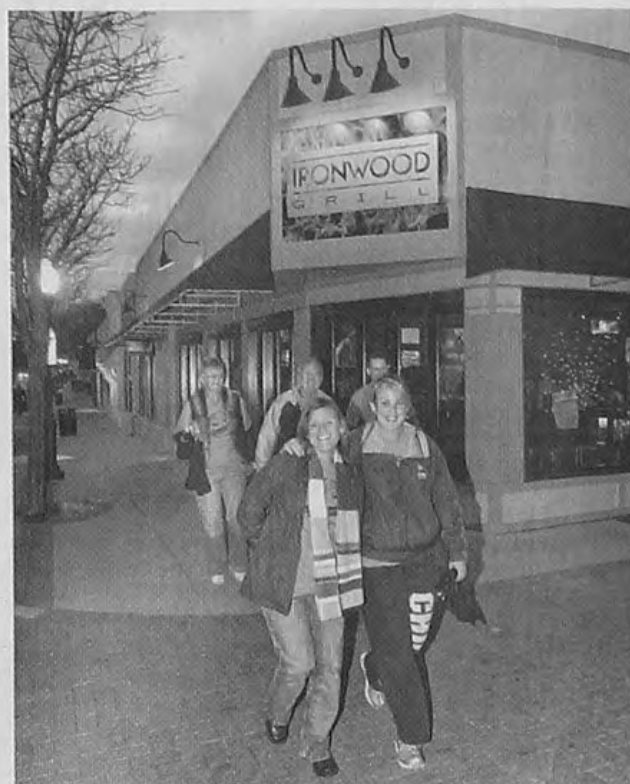
Foodies can get the Cook's tour, so to speak, of 15 different Plymouth eateries 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, during the annual downtown restaurant crawl, Penn-Taste-Tic.

The event will offer a varied food and drink menu, from Italian (Nico & Vali) to Thai (Little Bangkok Cuisine) and burgers (Jay's Stuffed Burgers) to high tea (Sweet Afton Tea Room) to, of course, dessert (Kilwin's, Cupcake Station, Yogurt Palooza and more). New to the crawl this year are Stella's Black Dog Tavern, Post Local Bistro, Alpine Chocolat Haus and La Strovia, which just opened on Forest.

Tickets are just \$20 each for adults and \$15 for children 10 and under. Proceeds benefit the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Penn Theatre.

"Downtown dining is one of the biggest attractions to the Plymouth community and this event is a great way to try a sampling of many different locations," said Wes Graff, the chamber president.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the chamber office, 850 W.



FILE PHOTO

Food from the Ironwood Grill -- to be served at the neighboring 336 Main -- will again be part of this year's downtown restaurant crawl, Penn-Taste-Tic, Tuesday, Sept. 16. Event proceeds go to the Friends of the Penn Theatre and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Ann Arbor Trail, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. They also can be reserved by calling the chamber at 734-453-1540 or by emailing events manager Teri Fry at teri@plymouthmich.org. Payment must be received to secure

tickets; the chamber accepts credit cards. Also participating this year in Penn-Taste-Tic are the Ironwood Grill (with food served at the neighboring 336 Main), Jimmy John's, Fiamma Grill and The Candy Trail.

**Credit union
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Camp Casey**

Camp Casey is one of 60 admirable organizations to receive a 2014 Summer of Sharing donation from Community Financial Credit Union.

Founded in 2004 and based in Royal Oak, Camp Casey is a non-profit horseback riding program for children with cancer. Through donations and volunteers, Camp Casey spreads the healing power of horses to families facing a pediatric cancer diagnosis.

Community relations director Jessica Leroux said the opportunity to receive a donation from Community Financial was very exciting.

"We were all so happy when we found out we had received a Summer of Sharing donation," Leroux said.

Leroux revealed that the donation from Community Financial will fund an entire Horsey House Call for a child with cancer.

"We bring a horse directly to the doorstep of a child who needs to forget about their diagnosis and just have fun for a day," Leroux said.



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Camp Casey is one of 60 organizations to receive a 2014 Summer of Sharing donation from Community Financial Credit Union.

"We also bring a pizza lunch, arts and crafts supplies, a horse treat café and encourage the child and family to invite everyone that has been touched along their journey."

Camp Casey strongly believes in the healing power of horses. Leroux explained that when a child with cancer has the ability to sit on a giant

animal and command it to walk and halt, the child can bring that "in charge" confidence back to the hospital.

Leroux and the rest of the team at Camp Casey make 15-17 Horsey House Calls during a summer season.

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Wayne County seniors celebrate Olympic effort

Canton seniors represented their community well in the 10th annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics by collecting the most medals of any competing city or township.

Canton's Senior Olympians, who competed Aug. 18-22, led the way in participation with 100 competitors, gold medals earned with 42 and total medals received with 85.

Canton's medal-winning seniors included:

» Gold medalists:

Janette Allen - Pickleball; Fran Amico - Trivia; Larry Binstock - Trivia; Janet Brady - Bocce Ball, Football Throw, Marksmanship; Linda Breakie - Scrabble; Lee Camilleri - Trivia; Deborah Chamulak - Baking (Pies), Baking (Cakes); Mildred Cook - Bowling; Louis Cooper - Golf; Hassan Darouie - Bocce Ball, Tennis (Singles); Annette Garner - Softball Throw; Virginia Garner - Basketball Shoot; Jerry Gawura - Bean Bag Toss, Frisbee Toss, Horseshoes, Softball Throw; David Gondoly - Pinochle; Susan Gondoly - Trivia; Edward A. Grimm - Bowling; Mike Hora - Bridge; Savitri Hora - Wii Bowling; Christine Jarski - Trivia; Phillip Jarski - Trivia; Barbara Kemper - Golf; Bud Krukowski - Golf, Golf (Closest to the Pin); Chuck Lebert - Trivia; Ann Lineberry - Euchre; Paul Meador - Frisbee Toss; Stan Michalik - Billiards; Joan Mobley - Tennis (Doubles); Robert Olmstead - Bridge; Bob Porterfield - Pickleball; Deborah Rose - Pickleball; Carolyn Sanford - Bowling; Jean Schwentor - Tennis (Singles); John Tank - Tennis (Singles); and Chris Walis - Golf

» Silver medalists:

Janet Brady - Basketball Shoot, Soccer Kick; Rob-



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Jerry Gawura of Canton added four more gold medals at the Wayne County Senior Olympics.



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Paul Meador of Canton won a gold medal in the Frisbee toss and silver medals in bean bag toss, football throw, marksmanship and soccer kick.

» Bronze medalists:

Laura Anderson - Golf; Janet Brady - Bean Bag Toss, Softball Throw; Michele Braidwood - Golf; Bob Campbell - Euchre; Virginia Garner - Soccer Kick; Marie Gentz - Creative Writing; Susan Gondoly - Bean Bag Toss; Mike Hora - Wii Bowling; Christine Jarski - Pinochle; Frederick Jasmer - Bowling; Theresa Kain - Golf; Peter Lioi - Basketball Shoot; Roswitha Mann - Golf; Cheryl Moriarty-Davis - Golf; Janis Orman - Pinochle; Dick Reome - Tennis (Singles); Elizabeth Richards - Golf; Harold Shanks - Bowling; Maria Winters - Golf; and Tom Yatch - Billiards.

Other communities competing in the Senior Olympics included Belleville, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville/Northville Township, Plymouth/Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Wayne and Westland. Westland finished second behind Canton in participants (91), gold medals (23) and total medals (77). In total, 566 western Wayne seniors competed and won 483 medals.

ert Campbell - Pinochle; Deborah Chamulak - Baking (Breads); Hassan Darouie - Frisbee Toss; William Farmer - Billiards; Rosemary Fruit - Euchre; Jack Marschak - Tennis (Singles); Paul Meador - Bean Bag Toss, Football Throw, Marksmanship, Soccer Kick; Stella Nadeau - Pinochle; Barbara Rosbury - Wii Bowling; Brenda Rountree - Golf; Curtis Sanford - Basketball Shoot, Bowling; Harold Shanks - Billiards; John Tank - Tennis (Doubles); James Thomas - Golf; and Melvin Wiley - Golf.



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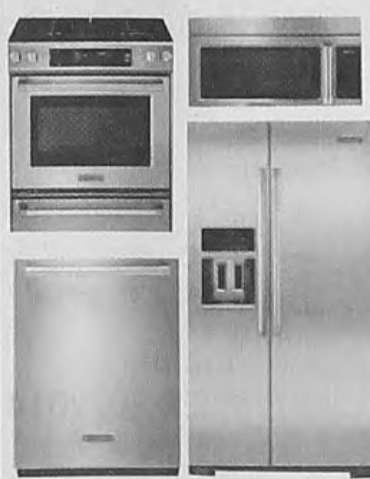
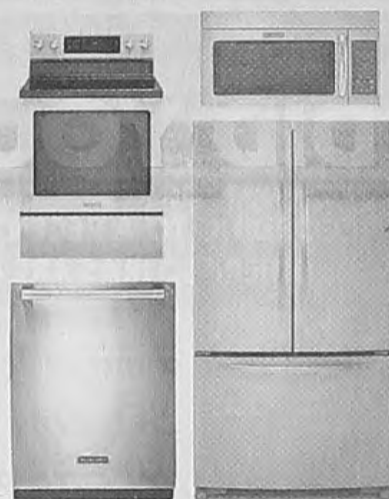
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All recipients must pre-register by calling Plymouth Community United Way at 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or sending email to randi.williams@pcuw.org.

This is a supplemental food program that may be used in addition to other assistance programs. Bridge Card holders automatically qualify, but need to pre-register. Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC and general) must provide documentation including proof of income and residency before receiving food on distribution

days. Distributions continue 9:30-11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of each month at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

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Pilgrims host radio-control air show

The Flying Pilgrims Radio Control Club hosts its 31st annual air show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 13-14 at the northwest corner of Geddes and Ridge roads in Canton.

Organizers point out the event has "a universal appeal to young and old alike," with several hundred people attending each day.

"Our intention is to generate new interest in the hobby, as well as providing entertainment for the casual visitor," said John Lane from the Flying Pilgrims Model Aircraft Flying Club in Canton. "This is definitely a family oriented event."

The airplanes to be displayed and flown are "giant scale," Lane explained. Models must be at least a quarter-inch the size of the real aircraft and include both turbine jet and propeller driven models. Wingspans over 100 inches are common. Most of the models weigh between 15 and 50 pounds. Engine power ranges from 3 to 12 horsepower.

Lane said the models will fly all day during the show and



James Gibboney (from left) and his Curtiss P-40 World War II fighter, James Repp and his Sukhoi aerobatic plane and Jack Kezelian and his turbine BAE Hawk show off the kind of aircraft taking part in the show.

perform many aerobatic maneuvers during their flights. Flying is suspended at noon to allow spectators to inspect the airplanes up close and ask questions of the pilots.

The models feature all the aspects of the full size aircraft as well. Things like retractable landing gear, flaps and "smoke"

systems are common features. The Flying Pilgrims are part of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, a national organization that has approximately 160,000 member's nationwide.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

VETERANS SUMMIT

Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 10, 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Details: The Canton Community Foundation hosts its fifth annual Veterans Summit, a free event open to veterans of all branches of the military, along with their friends and family members. A free lunch is provided.

Veteran Affairs experts will educate attendees as to their entitled benefits in health care, pension, disabilities, VA eligibility and new resources at the MVAA. Following the formal program, veterans will have an opportunity to meet one-on-one with VA representatives and other advocates to help them solve their specific problems and to visit the Veterans Expo to check out area sponsors and their programs for veterans.

Contact: For more information or to register for this free event, go to www.cantonfoundation.org or contact Beth Meade at 734-495-1200.

FIRE OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Fire Station No. 1, 9911 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Community Fire Department hosts its popular Fire Safety Open House. The event, free to the public, will feature the Fire Safety House for kids, free food, fire station and apparatus tours and demonstrations of how to use a fire extinguisher, vehicle extrication and how to handle a stove fire.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 6, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Canton Division of Public Works Building, 4847 Sheldon

Details: Canton hosts its annual Hazardous Household Waste Collection, open to Canton residents only and ID will be required. Examples of acceptable waste include, but are not limited to, fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based and latex paint, paint thinner, turpentine, bug sprays, floor-care products, expired medicine, computers and scanners, dry cleaning solvents, rat poison, household batteries, propane tanks, mercury waste, antifreeze, brake fluid, diesel fuel, kerosene, motor oil and acids.

Contact: To obtain a detailed list of what is and is not acceptable or for more information, call Canton Public Works at 734-397-1011 or visit Canton's Public Works web page at www.canton-mi.org.

VETERANS SUMMIT

Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 10, 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Details: The Canton Community Foundation hosts its fifth annual Veterans Summit, a free event open to veterans of all branches of the military, along with their friends and family members. A free lunch is provided.

Veteran Affairs experts will educate attendees as to their entitled benefits in health care, pension, disabilities, VA eligibility and new resources at the MVAA. Following the formal program, veterans will have an opportunity to meet one-on-one with VA representatives and other advocates to help them solve their specific problems and to visit the Veterans Expo to check out area sponsors and their programs for veterans.

Contact: For more information or to register for this free event, go to www.cantonfoundation.org or contact Beth Meade at 734-495-1200.

HEISE HOURS

Date: Monday, Sept. 8.

Times/Locations: 10-11 a.m., Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road, Canton; noon to 1 p.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady; 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions. Heise is

also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

Contact: Residents are invited to call toll-free 855-REPKURT or email kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

BLUES @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth



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Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

POKER FUNDRAISER

Date/Time: Sunday, Oct. 12, registration 11 a.m. to noon; ride starts at 12:15 p.m.

Location: Motor City Harley-Davidson; 34900 Grand River, Farmington Hills

Details: The Rotary Club of Plymouth AM hosts a Poker Run fundraiser that starts at Motor City Harley-Davidson. Recreational and serious bikers are invited to ride to raise money for military veterans and Blum's Landing, a northeast Michigan Bed & Breakfast for War on Terror military personnel & their families. Registration fee is \$25 per bike in advance, \$30 the day of the event (additional riders are \$15). The ride will be approximately 60 miles with several stops and dinner at VFW Hall in Plymouth included. There will be prize drawings and raffles along with awards for most patriotic bike & furthest traveled.

Contact: To register go to www.plymouthamrotaryfoun-



Run for the Rouge

Friends of the Rouge and Canton Township present the fifth annual Run 4 the Rouge benefiting Friends of the Rouge, set for Saturday, Sept. 27, in Canton Township; registration is now open. Race day festivities kick off with registration at 8 a.m. at Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon Road, in Canton. The run will follow a scenic trail along the lower branch of the Rouge River. Participants should be prepared for a little mud and uneven surfaces. Entry fee is \$35. Pre-register by Sept. 10 and receive a commemorative T-shirt. Register online at therouge.org or download and mail entry form to: Friends of the Rouge, 4901 Evergreen Rd - KM, Dearborn, MI 48128.

For questions call 734-454-7335 or email dschmidt@americanbus.com.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING

Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 17, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste 250, Canton

Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor who will help you understand: Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare, plan options, assistance programs, drug insurance, and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting. Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also provided.

Contact: Heather Pinage, 734-727-2063. Please specify you are requesting an appointment

for the United Home Health location. For MMAP information visit www.mmappinc.org/pages/about.html

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Sept. 30, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Jazz @ The Elks presents Interlochen- and Juilliard-trained Walter White and his Quartet. Walter White plays trumpet, Jeff Trudell (son of Johnny Trudell) on drums, Gary Schunk on keyboard, and Ralphie Armstrong on Bass. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

HEAD START ENROLLMENT

Date: Starts Sept. 8

Location: Plymouth-Canton Head Start, 5880 Canton Center,

Suite 450, Canton

Details: Registration is now open for Plymouth-Canton's Head Start program. The program is open to children ages 2 1/2 to 4 years old (must be 3 years old by Oct. 1). Head Start is a free preschool for low-income families and accepts children with disabilities/special needs.

Contact: For more information and to enroll, call 734-354-5196.

CANTON NEWCOMERS

Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 10, 7:15 p.m.

Location: Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford, Canton

Details: The Canton Newcomers & Neighbors Club is open to all women regardless of how long they have lived in the Canton area, including women who live in any of the surrounding communities. The new season kick-off event, "Grande Reveal - It's so Refreshing," is free to attend. A whole new volunteer leadership team will reveal updates planned for the club, including

changing meetings into events, exploring new event venues and experimenting with day trip destinations. A new Concierge Program designed to foster relationships with new members during their first two years of membership will care for new arrivals. Olga's Kitchen of Canton is providing refreshments and prizes will be given away.

Contact: Space is limited; RSVP to reserve a spot by calling Kathy Cooney at 734-404-5998 or visit CantonWomen.com for more information.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Date/Time: First and third Thursday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Compassionate Coffee Club is an open and ongoing grief support group offering support and socialization for widows and widowers moving beyond the first year of loss. The program is sponsored by Compassionate Care Hospice and is free of charge, although a drink purchase is required for use of the space.

Contact: For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristen@cchnet.net.

CRAFT BAZAAR

Date: Saturday, Dec. 6.

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

Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum is accepting applications for its annual Juried Craft Bazaar. Applicants are required to submit three or four photos of craft items for judges to select participants as there is a limit of crafters to five per category. Table rentals are \$30 each and most are 8 feet wide, although there are some space variations available. The museum is offering free admission that day for both museum patrons and Craft Bazaar shoppers. Crafters are requested to donate an item for the museum's raffle. The application is available at www.plymouthhistory.org/cm/dpl/downloads/events/117/craft_show.pdf.

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Updating estate plan makes good sense

Q: Dear Rick: My husband passed away a couple months ago and I'm just starting to get things organized. He was in his late 60s and was still working. At his death, he had an IRA and a 401(k) through work. I had no problem transferring his IRA to me. My problem is with the 401(k) plan. According to the company which my husband worked for over 30 years, he did not name a beneficiary. Even though I am in the will as the beneficiary, the company tells me that I have to go through probate in order for them to give me the 401(k) money. Is this correct? In addition, my husband owned a rental property and there was a quit-claim deed. The house is now in my name. The tenant would like to buy the house and I would like to sell



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

it. When I sell the property, what is my tax liability? My son told me that I would have to pay tax on the entire proceeds from the sale because the house was fully depreciated.

A: I am sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. I hope as time goes on your pain will be replaced with loving memories.

Unfortunately, I agree with the company's assessment. The company is concerned that the 401(k) goes to the proper individual. Even though you are the spouse and you were named in the will, that doesn't mean you are entitled to the proceeds.

That is why the com-

pany wants you to do a probate, so it can be assured that you are the beneficiary. It certainly would be easier if the company paid the proceeds to you. However, the company would be potentially opening itself for liability.

We've all seen it where upon death, families fight. A perfect example is the Casey Kasem situation, where the second wife and the children are locked in a bitter dispute.

With regard to the tax situation, here is some good news. Because you inherited the property, you're entitled to a stepped-up basis. That means your cost basis - the number you would use to show purchase price - is the fair market value of the property on the date of death.

For example, if your husband paid \$150,000 for the property and upon his death it's worth \$200,000,

if you sold it for \$200,000 your gain would be zero. Therefore, from a tax standpoint, there is no reason not to sell.

I've always been a believer that being a landlord is a difficult job and not meant for everyone. That is why I agree that it is a good decision to sell the property.

Unfortunately, people not naming beneficiaries or naming the wrong beneficiaries is quite common. There have been many situations where someone passes away and an ex-spouse is named as a beneficiary or even where someone's parents were named and they've been gone for decades.

We name beneficiaries when we open an account or sign up for a new life insurance policy and rarely do we examine it later. I believe that we need to routinely review our beneficiary designations, every year or so. Family situations change and beneficiary designations may also have to change.

Whether it's an IRA, life insurance policy, brokerage account or salary deferral program, it pays to spend a few minutes to confirm that the right person is named as a beneficiary.

There is never a right time for death to occur. Therefore, it is important that an estate plan is up to date at all times. An estate plan is more than just wills and trusts and other legal documents. It is also making sure that you've named the proper beneficiaries.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Inspire School of Art offers new fall classes

Inspire Theatre is offering two new classes for children during the fall semester at the Inspire School of Theatre Arts.

Discovering the Stage is for first-time theater students. The project is *Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown* in December. The class is for youth ages 7-11 and younger upon interview.

Theatre 101 is the advanced class for students who have had previous theater training. The class is for youth ages 12-18. Acceptance into class is by interview.

For more information, contact Len Fisher at inspire@inspiretheatre.com or at 734-751-7057.

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Afghan translator builds new life in Milford

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

When he stepped off the plane in the United States this past April with just a backpack, small rolling suitcase and no money, Mohammed Elham – everyone calls him Elham – wasn't sure he was really in the U.S.

"I was like, 'Am I dreaming right now?'" he said. "It was the coolest time in my life. I felt like I had a heavy weight lifted from my shoulders."

Indeed. Here in the States – here in Milford, where he lives with Scott Hippakka and his family – Elham feels safe from the constant threats on his life in his native Afghanistan.

After just a few short months in the U.S., Elham is working at Palate in downtown Milford. He already has a car and he's hoping to fulfill a dream of becoming a nurse so, one day, he can go home to Afghanistan and help the many poor families who are living without even basic medical care.

For Elham, it's the American dream.

Army translator

It all began in 2007, when a friend in Afghanistan suggested Elham, with his knowledge of the English language, apply for a translator's job with the U.S. Army.

At first he wasn't sure – he had no experience being around military forces – but decided to give it a try.

After he was hired, he found the job was a challenge for many reasons. As a linguist, his task wasn't just translating word-for-word between the Americans and the Afghans. It was important, he explained, to make sure both parties understood the intent behind the words and to make sure the Americans understood the cultural nuances of the Afghan people.

"You got to place yourself as a bridge," he said.

Being thrust into military life wasn't easy either. In fact, it was downright frightening.

"A huge convoy came to pick me up," Elham said, remembering his first encounter with the U.S. military. "A couple



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Mohammed Elham tosses a pizza at Palate in Milford where he works. The Afghan worked as a translator for the U.S. Army.

military guys came in and called my name. I was scared. I didn't know about all the weapons. It was my first time meeting Americans. I was super-panicked. When I sit in the Humvee, I'm like, 'Oh, my gosh, look at all these guns.'"

Along the way, Elham met Hippakka, a U.S. Army lieutenant colonel who was a task force commander with teams dispersed though northern and western portions of Afghanistan.

Elham began going along on various missions with the U.S. forces – translating and lending a hand as the U.S. teams he was working with helped to deliver medical assistance to remote villages, develop schools, water sources, community infrastructure and also worked to support the Afghan Border Police.

Early on, Elham found himself in a particularly frightening situation as the team he was working with received word that an Afghan National Army unit had been ambushed by a group of Taliban or other insurgents.

"(The insurgents) killed them all," Elham said. "I saw the bodies on the ground; it was the first time I saw people who were killed in a very terrible condition. I was so, so scared. I couldn't translate. They were telling me 'Can you ask the guy what happened?' Mentally, I wasn't there. It was the first time and I was so scared. After that incident, I got used to it. I

got hard. I got strong."

But that doesn't mean it got easy. Elham said he did a lot of thinking about the fighting in his country and had a difficult time understanding why it was happening. The Afghans he knew and grew up with, after all, were good people. Many, many good people.

"Then you get contact – someone is shooting at you – you are under fire, by the same people from that village," he said. "I am confused."

Threats made

After his first year on the job, Elham became a senior linguist and over the next seven years, while he was translating for the U.S. forces, his face became recognizable – he'd been shown on local television channels – and things began to get especially dangerous for him.

On numerous occasions, he was told by intelligence officers that threats had been made against his life – common for Afghan translators.

"He was my senior linguist and he was the senior linguist for a lot of different people," Hippakka said. "Because of that, he was out and about. Early on in the war in Iraq, a lot of the translators would wear masks so their face couldn't be seen. In Afghanistan, most linguists didn't wear a face mask."

It's culturally disrespectful for an Afghan man to cover his face, Elham said, and other

Afghans won't talk with a man who does. Covering one's face indicates a lack of trust.

Even as things got more dangerous, Elham kept his fears to himself.

"Anything that was happening or I was seeing, I wouldn't tell to my family," he said. "I was telling my mom I'm working in the office, I'm not even going outside. Don't worry about me, I'm safe. I'm OK. It's not good to lie, but I didn't want my mom to (worry)."

But his family – Elham has five brothers, four sisters and a fiancée – knew something was going on.

Once, when he came home to visit his fiancée, he stayed one night at his mother's home.

"She did not sleep the entire night because she was so, so worried about me," he said. "She was thinking that maybe that night someone would come and kill us. There was a chance, too."

As the threats increased, Elham knew it wasn't safe for him to stay any longer in Afghanistan. His life, as well as that of his family

and his fiancée, was in imminent danger and because of his work for the U.S. military, he was eligible to come to the United States. He had, in fact, submitted his application more than a year prior.

So he sold his family's car, packed two small bags and took a huge step toward freedom and safety.

A new life

Elham arrived April 1 in the United States. He knew he had a home waiting in Milford.

"In January 2013, before I left Afghanistan, I told Elham when you come to the U.S., just let me know what I can do," Hippakka said. "If you need a place to live, you can come live with me. The choice was his."

Another Afghan linguist who'd also worked with Hippakka's team arrived in Michigan several months earlier, while another is currently working toward the same end.

For Elham – who is currently working to bring his fiancée to Michigan, as well – it's a dream come true.

He has his struggles, certainly, like finding his way through all kinds of red tape in order to get federal assistance with schooling. Hippakka, he said, has been a huge and consistent help in teaching him about things like credit cards – there are none in Afghanistan – interest, credit ratings and paying bills online, as well as car insurance – none of that in Afghanistan, either – and rules of the road.

Getting a little help while he gets on his own two feet has been a bit of a challenge, as well.

Recently, for example, he went to the Department of Human Services to find out about getting some medical coverage and was told he could not

get full coverage because he was not a refugee.

"I told her, 'I am not a citizen (either),' he said. "'If I am not a U.S. citizen and not a refugee, than who am I? Explain it to me.' I was so confused. For the first couple months, it was so hard because all the rules and regulations came at once on top of my shoulders. I was trying to stand on my own two feet."

The slow pace of things has been difficult. Elham said he wants to get on track to make a difference. Still, even while the pace of things is slower than he'd like, Elham is happy at his job at Palate and determined to move forward.

"The people are so, so friendly. I love to work with them," he said.

At his new home in Milford, where he's staying until he can afford his own place, Elham lives with Hippakka and his family: wife Susan and children Abby, 14, and Alex, 11.

"I told my mom, 'Don't worry, I have a second family, they are well taking care of me,'" he said. "My mom asks, 'What are you doing, what are you eating, how are your living conditions?' I tell her, Scott's family, they are so awesome to me. They are so good to me."

Elham's favorite thing about living in America is his security. And the people. And the nation itself.

"When you come from a country such as Afghanistan, you would understand how blessed you are here in the U.S.," he said. "I am so blessed that I came to this great nation and I will (eventually) become a U.S. citizen. My family is proud of me because I am in the best country in the world."

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

A special meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

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A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on the following proposed 2015 budget:

General Fund	\$5,274,720
Debt Service Fund	521,102
TOTAL	\$5,795,822

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

The proposed 2015 budget documents are available for public examination at the Plymouth District Library on the upper level at the Reference Desk during regular Library hours.

Carol Souchock, Director
Plymouth District Library

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to her mom Suzanne and that was the expectation. Considered an older mother at 36, Suzanne Williams had genetic testing done and everything came back normal. But when Erinne was about 7 months old, she hadn't yet mastered gross motor milestones, like pulling up to standing and cruising along furniture, and she started losing the ones she had mastered - crawling normally and sitting up.

A worried mother, Suzanne started having her daughter tested, but the tests didn't tell her much. Some doctors told her she was "expecting too much" and measuring her too closely against her siblings, Claire and Kevin, who had both learned to walk at a young age.

Wrong solution

Three doctors came back with the same diagnosis: A tumor on the spine. But Suzanne wasn't buying it.

"It didn't sit well with me, so we kept pursuing it," Suzanne said of the tumor diagnosis. "There were clues to me that something was wrong. It just didn't feel right."

She took Erinne to see Dr. Michael Nigro, the doctor who runs the MDA program at Children's Hospital. His diagnosis - spinal muscular atrophy - came almost immediately.

"I was numb," Suzanne said. "I had no idea what SMA was and what her prognosis was."

Turns out the prognosis wasn't good. Doctors didn't figure Erinne would make it to her eighth birthday and Suzanne was encouraged to just take her home and "love her for however long I would have her."

So much for doctors and their predictions. Erinne celebrated her 17th birthday in May, though it certainly hasn't been an easy road. She's



Erinne and Latte wait in the main office at Plymouth High School.

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had pneumonia 21 times, 14 surgeries and 25 hospitalizations. She spent summer 2001 on life support due to unforeseen post-op complications and was not expected to survive. She was hospitalized for 101 days and spent 85 of those on a ventilator.

"She was just 4 years old. I was told that I needed to accept reality and that my daughter was never going to come back as the child she once was," Suzanne wrote in her blog. "I was told to let her go. But I couldn't - I knew it wasn't her time."

Ozzie fan

And it wasn't. Erinne picked up Kevin's love of hockey and is a huge Detroit Red Wings fan who asks her mother frequently to drive past the Plymouth home of retired goalkeeper Chris Osgood, her "favorite person in the entire world." (According to Suzanne, "Ozzie" was

Erinne's first word after "mama" and "da-da.")

She's a defenseman, one of just four girls in her 50-player wheelchair hockey league (she was also the only girl chosen for an elite team). She now beats Kevin in video games to the point where "he hits the reset button" when he begins to lose, according to Erinne (it's a charge at which Kevin only smiles). She's fully integrated at school, where Plymouth High School staff and students accept her as a friend.

But she'll never drive - "I really want my driver's license, but it's not going to happen," Erinne said - and there are days when she can't breathe on her own or feed herself. There are also days when she can and Suzanne loves those days.

"The days she can feed herself breakfast are good days, because there are days she can't," Suzanne said. "The days she can sit in her chair are a blessing, because there are days she can't even get out of bed."

Good and bad

Those are the days that are particularly hard on Suzanne, although none of the days is easy anymore. A former director of a child care center for Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn with a degree in elementary education and early childhood development, Suzanne had to give up her job to take on the 24-hour-a-day care of her daughter (though she gets a nurse for 16 hours).

The physical strain of lifting and caring for her daughter has taken a toll on Suzanne's body. She has three bulging discs in her back and suffers from spinal stenosis. While physically she's a candidate for surgery,



Suzanne Williams and Beverly Wheeler use a lift to raise Erinne from her bed and transfer her to her wheelchair.

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Suzanne won't have it, because it would force her to change the way she takes care of her daughter.

But it has forced her to stop working and money is becoming a big issue. Erinne and Suzanne both get Social Security disability money and Erinne gets "a little bit of child support," but income is at a premium these days.

"We are bare-bones," Suzanne said. "There's no room for extras."

"Extras" don't even figure into the equation. Taking care of Erinne is not only a physical battle, it's a financial struggle, as well. Insurance doesn't cover much of her care; for instance, the feeding tubes she uses cost about \$200 a month. That's just one example of an out-of-pocket expense.

Most of the machinery that dominates Erinne's existence is powered by electricity, so Suzanne's utility costs are high. The conversion van necessary to accommodate her wheelchair guzzles gas. Her medications are costly.

Helping out

Beverly Wheeler is a friend who's trying to help with all of that. Wheeler, a Canton resident who met Suzanne six months ago through her daughter Sydney (Sydney and Erinne are friends), noticed there was no curtain in the doorway leading to the hallway from the living room to Erinne's bedroom.

So Wheeler made one. Since then, Wheeler has been a fixture in the Williams home, helping Suzanne help Erinne. She has seen the toll it has taken on Suzanne.

"I kept seeing more and more need and I have the background to help," said Wheeler, a retired paramedic. "I think Suzanne needs my help more than Erinne does. Erinne gets help from elsewhere; Suzanne's help comes from me."

Wheeler's daughter doesn't have the limitations Erinne faces and can do more things. Wheeler said she sometimes feels a little guilty telling Suzanne about

"Erinne is a gift. I know she's not going to be here forever, so every day is a gift. She has affected my life more than any other person in my life."

SUZANNE WILLIAMS

Sydney's exploits, knowing Erinne won't ever do those same things.

"Sometimes I feel I shouldn't tell Suzanne what Sydney is doing, because her child can't," Wheeler said. "It makes me feel bad to share with my closest friend the things I can do, because her kid can't."

Suzanne, of course, pooh-poohs Wheeler's concerns, because self-pity has never entered into the equation.

"One thing I've never done is ask God, 'Why me?'" Suzanne said.

"Erinne is a gift. I know she's not going to be here forever, so every day is a gift. She has affected my life more than any other person in my life."

No pity party

Likewise, though she might be the one person entitled to ask the question, Erinne doesn't spend much time wondering, "Why me?" She wants to be a veterinarian and her dream car would be a Camaro, if she were ever going to drive one. Those things might not happen, so Erinne focuses on the things she can control. Like video games.

"That's the one thing where I'm on a level playing field," Erinne said. "SMA has given me a lot of perspective on the things in life that are taken for granted."

It's the kind of attitude her brother admires. Kevin, now 23, said he loves how his sister takes every day and makes it the "best it can possibly be."

"We all have our moments, but at the end of the day, you can't do anything about it," he said. "What I admire most about her and my mom is they ... literally have an indomitable spirit."

Suzanne knows she's going to lose Erinne and faces the fact head-on. She's done the unthinkable things parents with terminally ill children have to do, like planning for the end. But that doesn't mean she's not having trouble facing it.

"In my mind, I've planned her funeral, but I just can't imagine going through that," Suzanne said. "I'm just trying to be there for her every day. I can't imagine what my life is going to be like without her."

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When physicians first move from written to electronic records, the scheduling of patients also shifts. If a medical practice before EMR had each doctor seeing 4 patients an hour, the initial scheduling with EMR is 2 patients/hour. If the physician can keep that pace it means the practice, at best, will see half the number of patients/day that it saw when using traditional charting. Usually an office keeps this temporary schedule for a week; to do so longer means a loss of income too great to sustain and delay of patient care too long to accept.

Usually the office returns to the previous 4 patient/hour schedule. But the old efficiency is never regained as added documentation requirements plus unexpected breakdowns in the electronic equipment cause disruptions that can last minutes to hours.

Nationally, the purpose of the change to electronic medical records is to build a system of transmitting information that physicians and hospital can tap into as needed. The country is just at the start of this initiative. All patients see at this time is delay, but eventually patients and physicians will benefit from timely relay of information and an end to duplication and fragmentation of care.

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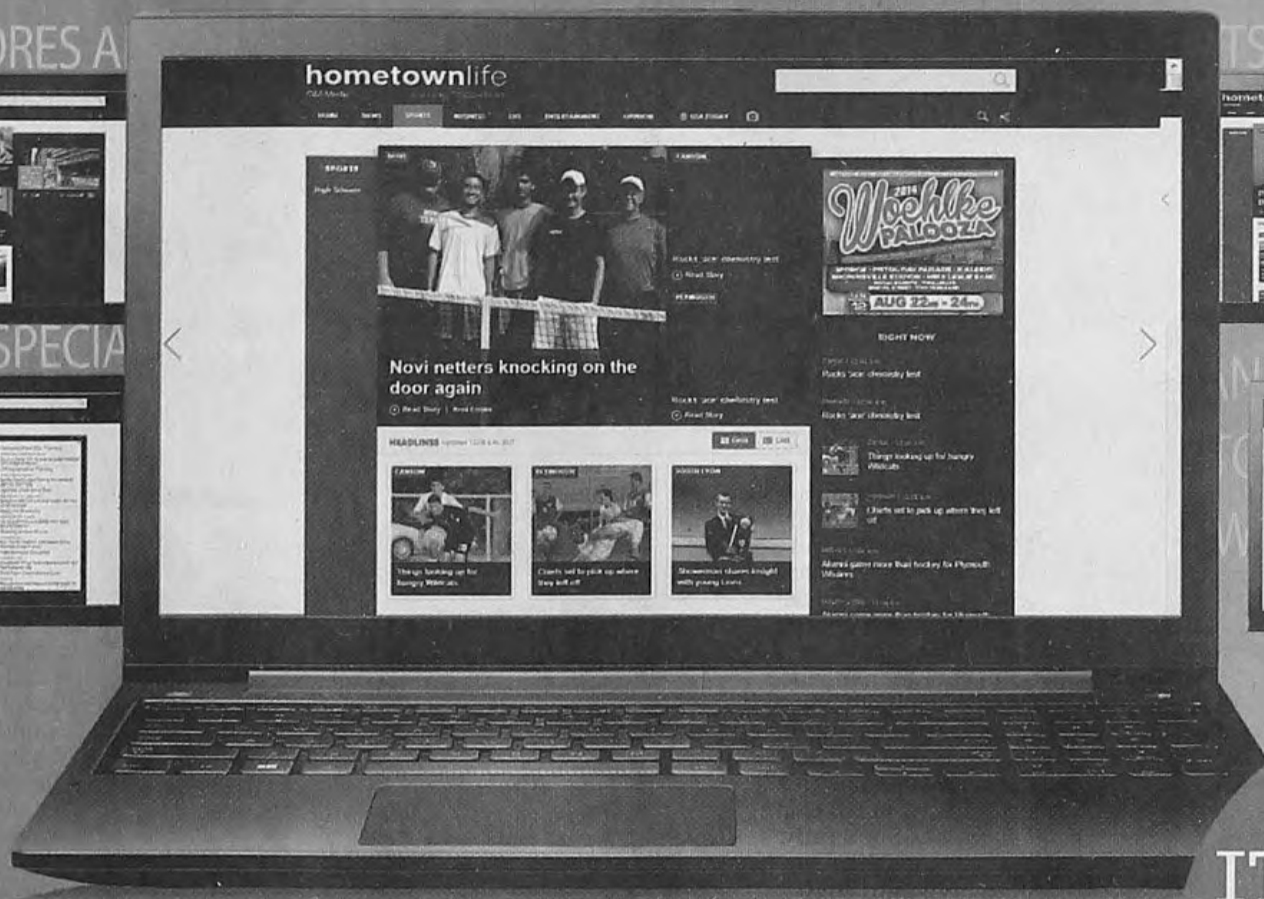
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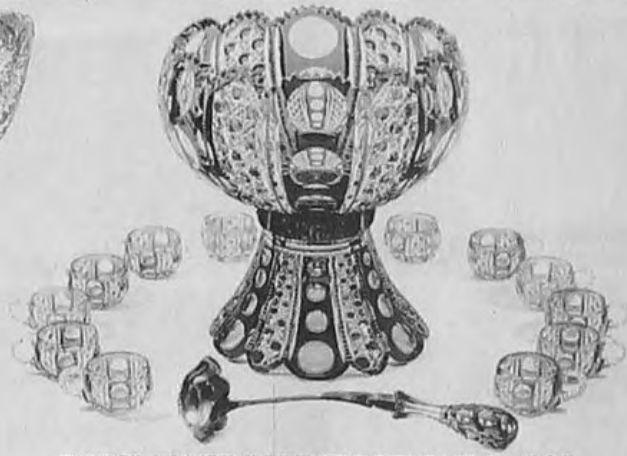
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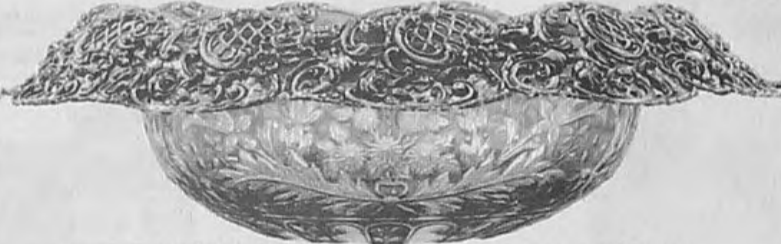
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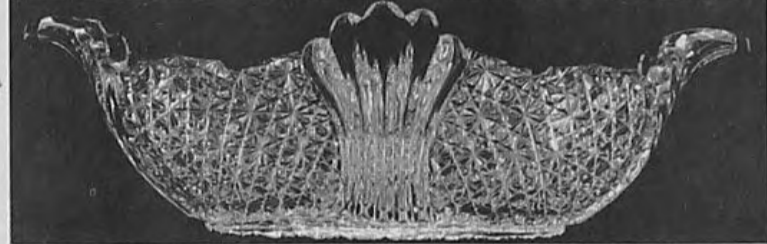
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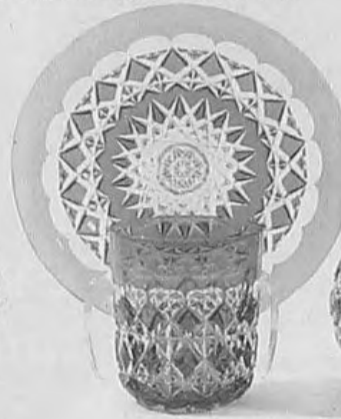
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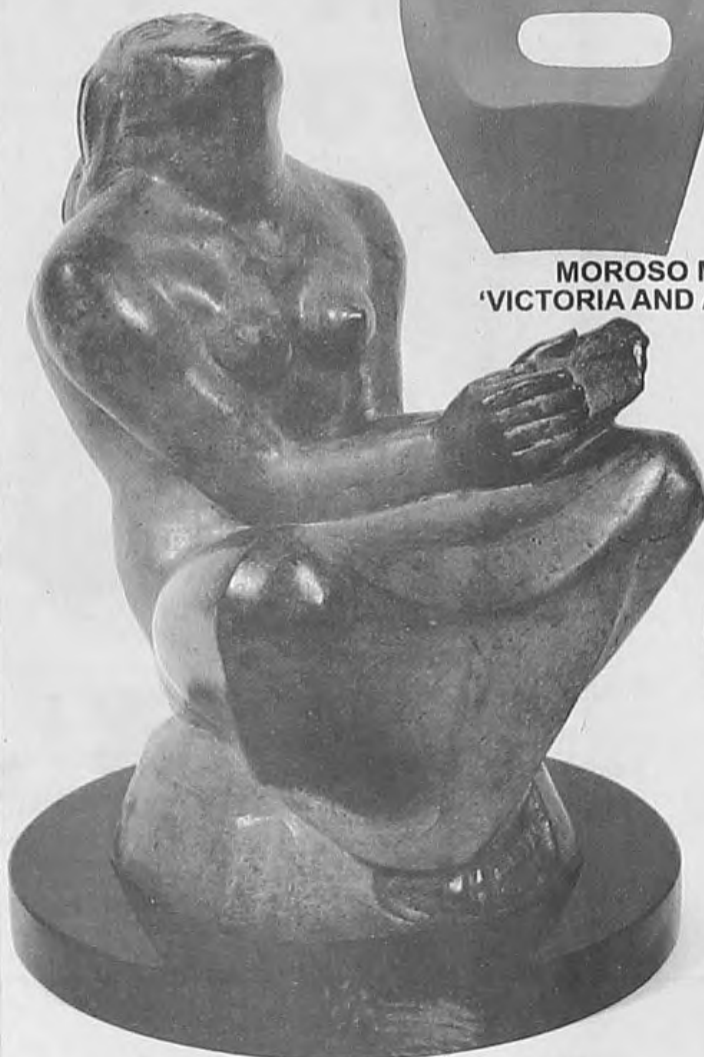
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Canton's Chelsie Huz floats a disc toward the basket at Cass Benton Park in Northville. She began playing disc golf several years ago.

Wicked weather delays games

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For the football fans who ignored the weather forecast Friday night, they did enjoy an eventful six minutes between the host Canton Chiefs and Hartland.

Canton senior running back Chuck Turfe blew past the Eagles' defense on the first play from scrimmage for a 69-yard touchdown.

On the ensuing kickoff, Hartland's Brett Oliver answered with a 98-yard TD return to make it 7-7 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park before 30 seconds had elapsed off the scoreboard clock.

Moments after the Chiefs went up 14-7 following a conventional 61-yard march in 10 plays, the skies darkened. Lightning bolts were spotted in the distance, play was stopped and fans were evacuated from the aluminum bleachers to ensure their safety.

Next came 45 minutes filled with a non-stop light show, 60 mph wind and hail — not to mention yard markers, first-down sticks and end zone pylons flying all over the varsity turf field.

Officials from both high schools agreed to resume the game Saturday, midway through the first quarter.

"We really want to get out here and we want to play," Turfe said, waiting with teammates in front of the field house at the north end of the varsity turf field. "Hartland's a

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Canton running back Marcus Sanders (No. 2) scores the go-ahead TD in the first quarter Friday. Storms followed shortly thereafter.

DISC-OVERY

She finds Cass Benton is perfect spot for disc golf, relaxation, friendship

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

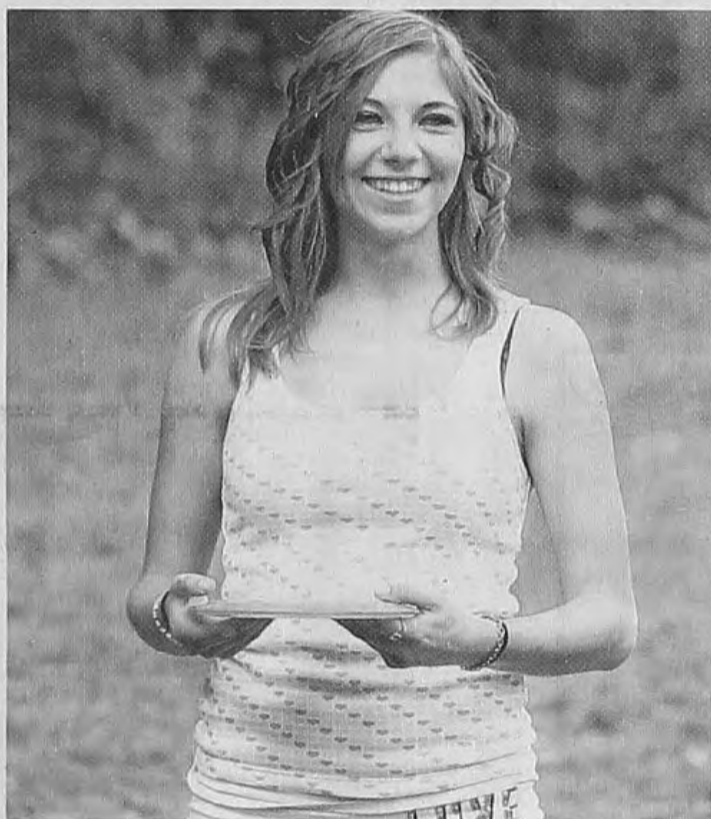
Chelsie Huz eyes the basket some 250 feet away from the disc golf tee pad at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

Then, with a flick of the wrist, she artfully sends the plastic disc through a stand of trees, where it bounces some 50 feet short of the intended target at the course's 12th hole.

The 22-year-old Canton resident then sends her next shot into the basket for a birdie.

"I can zig-zag my way through," says Huz (whose actual name is Huzband), a 2010 Canton High School graduate and video production assistant for Schoolcraft College's cable broadcasts of Plymouth Whalers home games. "If it hits the trees, it will pinball, so you need to know how to curve it or keep it straight. It takes a lot of practice."

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It's hard for Chelsie Huz not to smile when she is playing disc golf at Cass Benton Park.

GIVING IT A SPIN

Who: Chelsie Huz (last name actually is Huzband), 22 years old. She is a 2010 graduate of Canton High School, where she competed on the varsity gymnastics, girls bowling and softball teams.

College: After high school, she went to Schoolcraft College and earned an associate's degree in video production; she is beginning this fall at Wayne State University.

Work: Huz is entering her sixth season working as a video production assistant for Schoolcraft's cable broadcasts of Plymouth Whalers home games.

Cass Benton: The Northville park features an 18-hole disc golf course, free of charge. There are varying pro and amateur distances from tee pad to basket. Many of the holes are in the 200- to 400-foot range. The course is located off of Cass Benton Parkway, between Northville Road and Edward Hines Drive.

Info: To find out more about disc golf, go to the Innova Disc Golf website, www.innovadiscs.com.

New era dawns for PCA kickers

High-scoring Albrecht leads impressive cast for Eagles' new coach

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

There's plenty for new Plymouth Christian Academy varsity boys soccer coach Kris Warnemuende to like about the 2014 Eagles team of which he is taking the helm.

First off, there is senior forward and captain Lucas Albrecht — a player Warnemuende figures to be driven to score goals and lead the Eagles to wins in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference.

"He is fast and has a knack

for finding holes in the defense," Warnemuende said. "After our first game against Clarkston Everest Collegiate, Lucas already has three goals to his name."

PCA's other starting striker is promising sophomore Austin Andres, who the coach said "makes a perfect match for Lucas with his speed, physical presence and powerful shot."

Another reason for Warnemuende and assistant coach Mark Willis to feel good about the 2014 season is how motivated the group is to take the next step after a 2013 season in which many games were closely contested defeats.

"Last season, the team fought hard and their losses were only a one-point differential," Warnemuende said.

"Already, this team is playing a better passing game and is learning how to develop an attack."

"Each of the seniors on the team are working hard to make this their best season yet and I believe they will lead the team to victory."

The front line isn't the only area of the pitch where PCA will be bolstered by players with experience, talent and drive.

Backing it up


Three solid seniors return for defensive duties, namely captain Guiseppe Iacopelli, Torre Crown and Joey Fanelli.

"Guiseppe knows how to read the field and keep his line

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Plymouth Christian's Lucas Albrecht (No. 15) shows his speed during a recent contest. He is one of the Eagles' key offensive weapons.



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Campus clash: Rocks come up short against Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It is always a hard-

fought battle whenever two Park teams get together and Wednesday night's volleyball tilt

between Salem and Canton was no different.

The visiting Chiefs came away victorious in four sets, 25-27, 25-27, 27-25 and 21-24.

"As you can see by the scores, it was just a few plays a game that we let slip by," Salem head coach Amanda Nies said.

Although the Rocks lost three of four, "it was a tight match the whole time and could have gone either way," Nies said. "My team has improved so much in just a matter of weeks since we last played Plymouth. We are really starting to jell and are just working out the unforced errors and focusing on big plays during big times in a match."

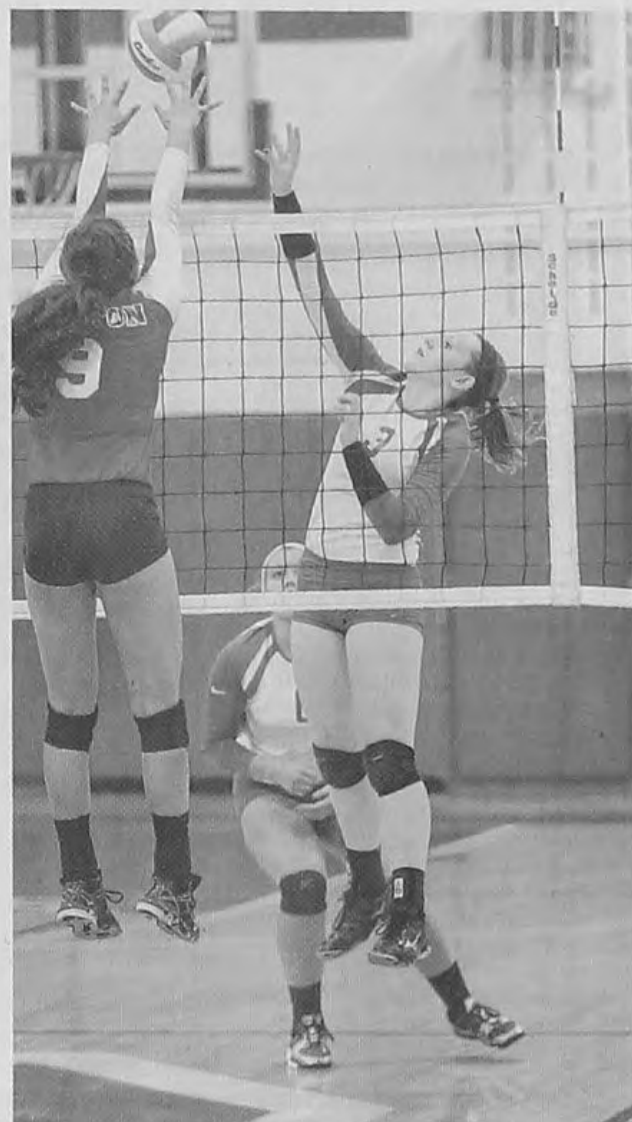
Nies said inconsistency in serve receive hurt her team in the KLAAC crossover match-up.

"When you are playing a good team like Canton, you cannot keep giving them free balls," she said. "It makes it that much harder for us to get a point and win the play when we are not setting up an attack."

"We had a very hard time getting the tip from their setters. As a coach, you want the opposing team to tip because it's a free play for us to set up. So believe me when I say that is something our



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Salem's Lauren Wylie reaches to bat the ball up during Wednesday's contest. Waiting on defense for Canton is Hannah Madis.



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Canton's Courtney Kurkie (No. 9) jumps to try and block this scoring bid by Salem's Hannah Moote (No. 3) during Wednesday's game.

team is going to continue to work on."

Several Salem players had strong outings, including Tess Ganich (14 kills, eight digs), Kelly Lzdbarski (27 digs), Sara Soltis (18 assists), Lauren Wylie (14 assists), Audrey Boike (three kills, three blocks), Madison Fairchild (five kills, four blocks) and Kendall Green (four kills, four aces, eight digs).

As of press time, game stats for Canton were not available.

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DISC

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When she started playing the fast-growing recreational sport at Cass Benton about four years ago, she'd routinely bounce the hard plastic disc off of trees.

Now, Huz is so accomplished that she brings a gym bag stuffed with all different types of discs — good for tee shots, mid-range flings and putting.

Breaking it down

Yes, disc golfers are no different from traditional golfers who amass a collection of woods and irons to handle every kind of situation that might arise.

"They're all different in weight, just depending on what kind of plastic it is, if it's a mid-range or maximum distance," Huz said, displaying several of her collection on a picnic table near the 12th hole's basket. "I think I even have a putter (disc) in my car. Those are funny looking."

Huz tries to break down what a novice disc golfer might encounter in deciphering how to proceed on the course.

"Pick your first shot with a maximum distance or any kind of driver and then do your second shot with a mid-range or a putting (disc), depending on how far you are," she said. "This one is a mid-range and the lip is a little different. Usually the maximum ones, they are more flat (like a saucer)."

Mid-range discs feature more of a ridge, while putters are flatter, heavier and tend to wobble more.

"And there's different ways you can throw it, too," Huz said. "You can throw it forehand (extending your arm away from your chest as you throw) or sidearm. That's how I throw."

"If it's so many trees in the way and you don't think you can get through them, you can tomahawk it" and send it on its way from an up-down position rather than horizontally.

Decisions

According to Huz, it is important to decide what disc to throw and how to dispatch it — just the way a traditional golfer opts to use a 9-iron or wedge when approaching the green.

"First, you got to think of what kind of shot you want to shoot," Huz said. "Like, if you want to throw forehand, sidearm or tomahawk, (it) depends on what kind of course you have in front of you."

"If there's trees blocking you or whatnot, you got to think like, 'OK, I want to cut it around one tree and go around another or just straight through.' Like, when I throw this one, I try throwing it to the picnic table, because it will go a little bit further."

Then, of course, all that's to be done is "pick it up right where you found it and throw it again," she said with a smile.

Huz isn't at Cass Benton just for the disc golf. She also enjoys the outdoors, exercise and a chance to socialize with people of all ages who flock to the course.

It's also where she met her boyfriend, 2013 Canton High School grad Nate Hurley.

"This is actually where I met him," Huz said. "I met him at Hole 2. We've been discing since."

Another challenging, but favorite, spot of hers at Cass Benton is the sloping, 215-foot 15th hole, where she registered her only hole-in-one.

"It literally drops straight down," she said. "You kind of have to throw it down, to go down with the ground."

Otherwise, the disc gets caught in the current and can



Chelsie Huz demonstrates one of her throws. She is proficient with forehand, sidearm and tomahawk shots. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



From long range, Chelsie Huz sends the disc through a stand of trees toward the target some 250 feet away. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



This disc is the first one Chelsie Huz ever used when she took up the popular recreational sport. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

fly anywhere.

To be credited with an ace, the golfer needs only to hit the chains that comprise the basket — the disc does not need to drop into the cylinder.

At Cass Benton, golfers who tally a hole-in-one take out a Sharpie and inscribe their name on wood blocks located next to the tee pads.

"So if you ace it, you can write on the pad, too, so everyone can see it," Huz said. "A lot of people write on the tables, too."

Free and easy

She took up the sport about four years ago, although she can't remember what prompted her initial interest.

"You come here and you can play for as long as you want," Huz said. "It's free. There's some parks in Ann Arbor that I think on the weekends they charge. But you can come out here with as many people as you want. It's not like there's any rush. "If people are playing

faster than you, you just let them play through. And I find it relaxing. When I'm having a really stressed out day, I just come and spend some time out here in the woods. It relaxes me. And I have fun with my friends, too."

Another plus is all it takes to get started is a place to go and a disc or two to throw.

She says newbies can visit Amazon or Innovadisks websites to shop for discs or perhaps stop by Play it Again Sports to find used ones.

A three-disc starter kit on Amazon sells for about \$20, for example. Yet she does favor one particular version of the flat plastic.

"To start off, you'd probably want to use a Buzzz," Huz said. "Although it is a mid-range, they fly so far."

"It can be used as a distance, mid-range or putter. Kind of like a universal disc; if you really don't know what to do, this is kind of like your 'go-to.'"

Yet even if someone doesn't have such a one-size-fits-all disc, it's still all good.

After all, what could be better than being out at Cass Benton for several hours of fresh air, sunshine and disc golf? For Chelsie Huz, that's what go-to means to her.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

Chiefs gear up to get over hurdle

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Intense summer training could be the 'X' factor for Canton's varsity girls cross country team as it looks to make that final step toward a state meet.

Last fall, the Chiefs captured the KLAAs South Division with a 5-0 record in dual meets and nearly made the cut for the Division 1 state meet, Canton head coach Eric Pahl said.

It helps that this year's squad again features sophomore Kate Cotham, who as a freshman earned a spot in the state meet, as well as juniors Mary Galm and Sam McGrath.

But Canton's fortunes won't be decided merely by that trio.

"We have a lot of depth this season and hope to have a number of these girls really develop as the year goes along," Pahl said. "If that happens, we will be a pretty strong team."

"A lot of the girls put in a lot of miles over the summer and that should pay dividends as the season progresses. We hope to avoid some key injuries like those that hurt us last year."

Canton's roster includes returning seniors Alli Putz, Keara Sullivan, Monica Rufe, Pooja Amin, Chloe Cross and Paige Calvert.

"All of these girls are expected to contribute to the team this year," Pahl said.

Potential rests in the legs of sophomores Katie Carr and Sam Rohrbach, who the coach said "have looked strong early on and figure to contribute as the season goes along."

Back from a one-year absence and looking good so far is sophomore Grace Grimes, while other newcomers include junior Kayla Neme, sophomore Elaine Bradlee and freshmen Shilpa Pindolia and Anika Patel.

"It's always a fun time as we try to figure out what kind of team we will be this season," Pahl said.

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GIRLS GOLF

Lions snag conference tourney, best Wildcats

Despite a brilliant round turned in by Sydney Murphy, the Plymouth varsity girls golf team placed second at the recent KLAAs Kensington Conference pre-season tournament held at Fox Hills.

Murphy registered an 18-hole score of 74, good for second overall at the tournament.

But the Wildcats' total of 324 was still behind the scorching 308 turned in by first-place South Lyon. Leading the Lions to victory with a 73 score was tourney medalist Caroline Harding.

Finishing third with a 331 total was Northville, followed by Novi (fourth, 334), Salem (fifth, 358), Livonia Stevenson (sixth, 369), South Lyon East (seventh, 379), Canton (eighth, 394), Livonia Franklin (ninth, 410), Livonia Churchill (10th, 451), Westland John Glenn (11th) and Wayne Memorial in last place.

Also having an excellent showing for Plymouth was Katie Chipman, who scored a 78 for sixth overall.

Other Wildcats on the scorecard were Alaina Strzalka (10th, 84), Ariana Strzalka (22nd, 88), Maren Wizniewski (35th, 94) and Justine Berry (37th, 98).

Salem's top performer on the day was Darby Scott, who finished 15th with an 86. She was followed by teammates Hope Warkoczkeski and Keista Elder (tied for 24th with 90 each), Kiley Flynn (29th, 92), Grace Relak (41st, 102) and Genevieve St. Jean (51st, 113).

For the Chiefs, Alyce Krumm and Madelyn Mans each scored 86 to tie for 15th place.

They were the lone Canton golfers who broke the 100 mark, however. Avery Ralston (48th, 110), Meghan Meredith (49th, 112), Lauren Luyet (53rd, 115) and Manasa Potluri (55th, 116) rounded out the Chiefs' lineup.

GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Strong start for Salem tankers

Salem's varsity girls swimming and diving team opened KLAAs action Wednesday with a 147-39 rout over Livonia Churchill.

Seven girls won individual events for the Rocks, with sophomore Katie Xu leading the way with two firsts. She claimed the 100-yard butterfly (1:03.51) and 100 backstroke (1:01.26).

Single wins were turned in by junior Patricia Freitag

(200 free, 2:03.47), senior Stephanie Solterman (200 IM, 2:23.95), junior Linda Zhang (50 free, 24.80), junior Lisa Zhang (100 free, 54.36), sophomore Molly Rowe (500 free, 5:48.79) and freshman Jenna Chen (100 breast, 1:14.85).

The Rocks also were strong on relays, going 1-2-3 in two events and 1-2 in the third.

Winning the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:53.14

were Rowe, Linda Zhang, Xu and Lisa Zhang. In the 200 free relay, the quartet of Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang, Solterman and Freitag were victorious in 1:44.06. Salem's 400 free relay comprised of Linda Zhang, Solterman, Freitag and Lisa Zhang placed first with a time of 3:48.02.

WAYNE STATE RELAYS: Salem head coach Chuck Olson was enthused about the way the Rocks competed last weekend at the Wayne State Relays, finishing tied for second with 70 points. Salem had three first-place showings and three

runner-up finishes to garner a good chunk of the team total.

Victorious in the 200-yard medley relay were sophomores Molly Rowe, Jessica Zhang, Katie Xu and junior Cassidy Sargent. They finished in 2:00.80.

The Rocks' other first-place finishes (each worth 10 points) were turned in by the quartet of Rowe, Jessica Zhang, freshman Jenna Chen and Xu in the 400 medley (4:26.60) and by the 200 backstroke relay team of senior Stephanie Solterman, sophomore Kate Cousins, senior McKenzie Maurice and sophomore Heather Stoliker (2:03.59).

Placing second (good for eight points in the standings) were as follows: 400 relay, junior Lisa Zhang, Solterman, junior Patricia Freitag, junior Linda Zhang (3:45.41); 600 relay, Freitag, Rowe, Linda Zhang (6:16.01); 200 relay, Lisa Zhang, Solterman, Freitag, Linda Zhang (1:43.55).

New chapter beginning for Willette

He's moving from athletics into classroom

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Back in the 1980s, Tom Willette planned on graduating from college and embarking on his dream career of teaching history.

Unfortunately, the profession then was too tough to crack and Willette found himself working in the recreation department with the city of Plymouth.

One job led to another, then finally to the job he held for some 14 years, athletic director at Salem High School — where he had been a high school baseball star back in the day.

Willette pushed his original career choice to the back burner.

But an unexpected opening late last month in the history department at Canton High School gave Willette the rare opportunity to rekindle his vocational flame. He resigned his Salem job in order to finally become a history teacher.

"One thing I do regret is losing that relationship with my coaches and student-athletes," Willette said during a telephone conversation Wednesday evening. "But this was just an opportunity. I said, 'I'm doing it.' I'm excited about it, too."



Willette

"This is what I always wanted to do. Most people go from teaching to administration and I'm going the opposite way."

Beth Savalox, director of K-12 activities and athletics in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, said the job at Salem (officially assistant principal of athletics and activities) has been posted.

She said longtime district administrator Jerry Sullivan will help with the Salem athletics department during the interim and Willette added that he plans on being around

to assist during the transition.

"Tom has resigned to pursue an unfulfilled dream of classroom teaching," Savalox wrote in an email to the *Observer*. "Thus, while we lost him in athletics, the district will still benefit from his work ethic and passion as he teaches ninth-grade world history at Canton."

Also open is the athletics/activities position at Canton, while a personnel matter involving longtime athletic director Sue Heinzman is concluded.

Couldn't resist

According to Willette, he acknowledged that running a high-profile athletics department is a "grind" with long hours that extend into weekends and summer months.

Over the past couple of years, he started thinking out loud about getting the chance to do what he always wanted to do. When the Canton history job opened up, he could not resist.

"I just looked at it as some intervention or something," Willette said. "I talked about

wanting to teach and all of a sudden, boom, here's a teaching job. I don't know if a situation like that would have opened up a year or two from now."

Willette said the recent restructuring of the district's athletics department did not factor into his decision, which he called voluntary.

Last year, Savalox took the job of overseeing athletics districtwide; for a while each of the three high schools at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park had assistant principals doing tasks traditionally done by athletic directors.

Kyle Meteyer was hired during 2013-14 to handle those duties at Plymouth High School.

Also last school year, Heinzman unexpectedly left Canton (the district remains steadfast about not commenting on her situation). For the start of fall sports season, at least, Brian Samulski is filling in at Canton.

"When Sue and I were doing things for seven years, that was a pretty hectic time," Willette said. "We were trying

to do it for three schools. I think it's more of just, you know what, it was a lot of time and effort. And I certainly know it's not easy to teach, but it's just a different thing."

"Fourteen years in athletics is a long time for a lot of people. There's a lot of turnover in athletics and I think a lot of the changes that are going on (at the Park) are really good. We're doing a better job communicating with kids and parents and we're trying to roll out our new website, that's going to be a good thing for kids and coaches."

Now that becoming a teacher is scratched off Willette's checklist, next might be the chance to coach baseball. That could be in his future, but not for at least the 2014-15 school year.

After that, who knows? "Maybe someday I'd love to be a JV or freshman baseball coach or something," said Willette, who almost sounded as energized and pumped up about that possibility as he is about helping kids learn.

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great team, it's a hard-fought game so far and I'm really excited to get back out there.

"Of course, the weather's a huge factor. But whether we play tonight or tomorrow, I'm going to be ready, the Chiefs are going to be ready and we're going to come out here and get this win."

A similar fate played out over at the junior varsity grass field. Plymouth and Pinckney were knotted up at 7-7 with about 6:30 left in the second quarter when that game was suspended, to resume the following morning.

There was no update about Salem's game at Walled Lake Western by press time.

Mutual agreement

According to Canton interim athletic director Brian Samulski, it wasn't a surprise that weather interrupted Friday's proceedings. Bad weather was forecast all day.

But until the storms arrived, there remained hope that somehow the game would get played on the scheduled date.

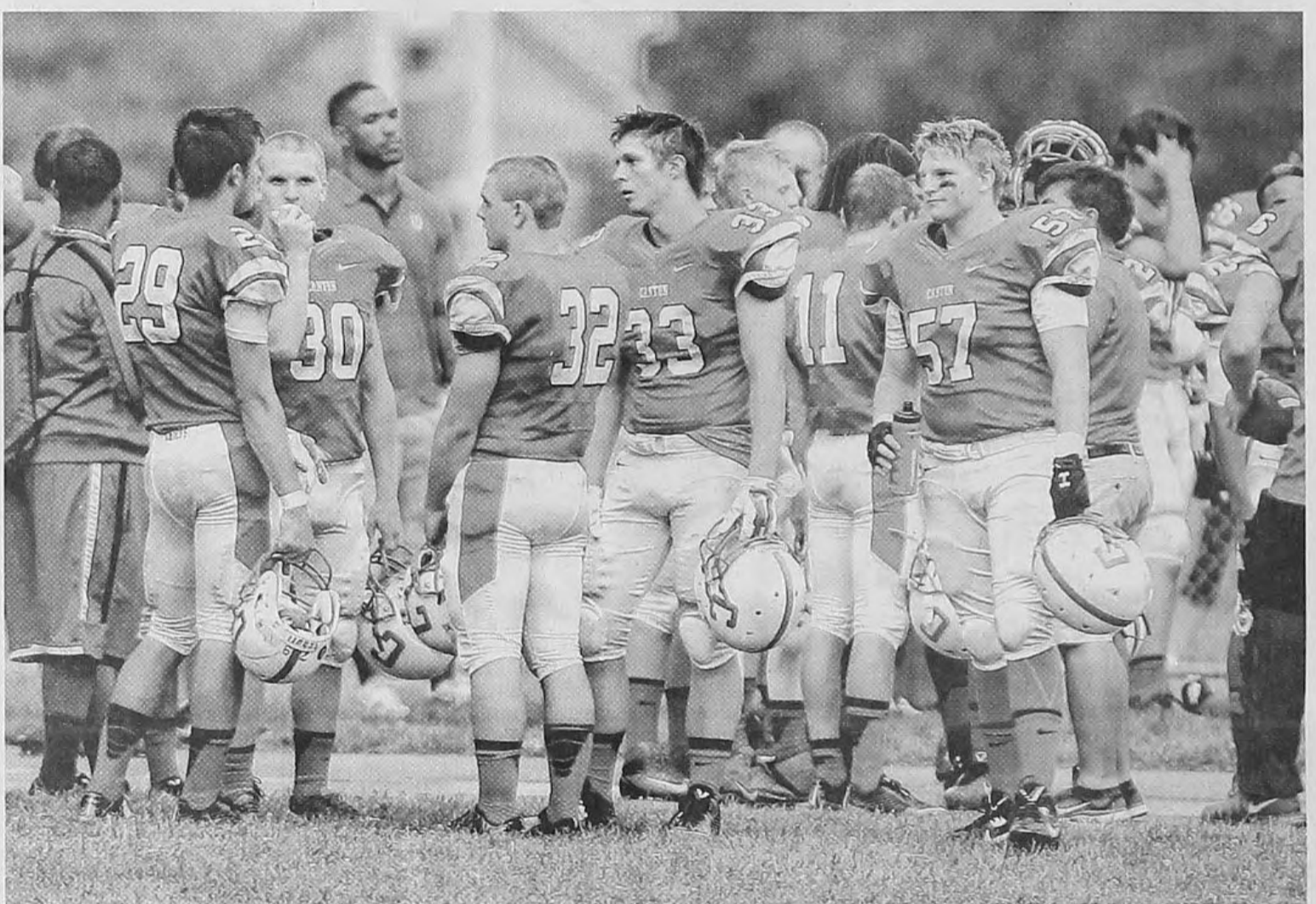
"We checked the weather all day and we knew it was a possibility," Samulski said during the delay. "But you just roll with it. It's normal procedure, everyone in the state's doing it. You're on delay and we already got a makeup time if we have to."

According to the Michigan High School Athletic Association, the first time lightning is spotted yields a 30-minute delay. With each successive lightning bolt, the half-hour clock is rebooted.

"The determining factor, usually you only get an hour and a half delay total," Samulski said. "But because there's no school tomorrow, there's no limit. So it will be a mutual agreement between us and Hartland."

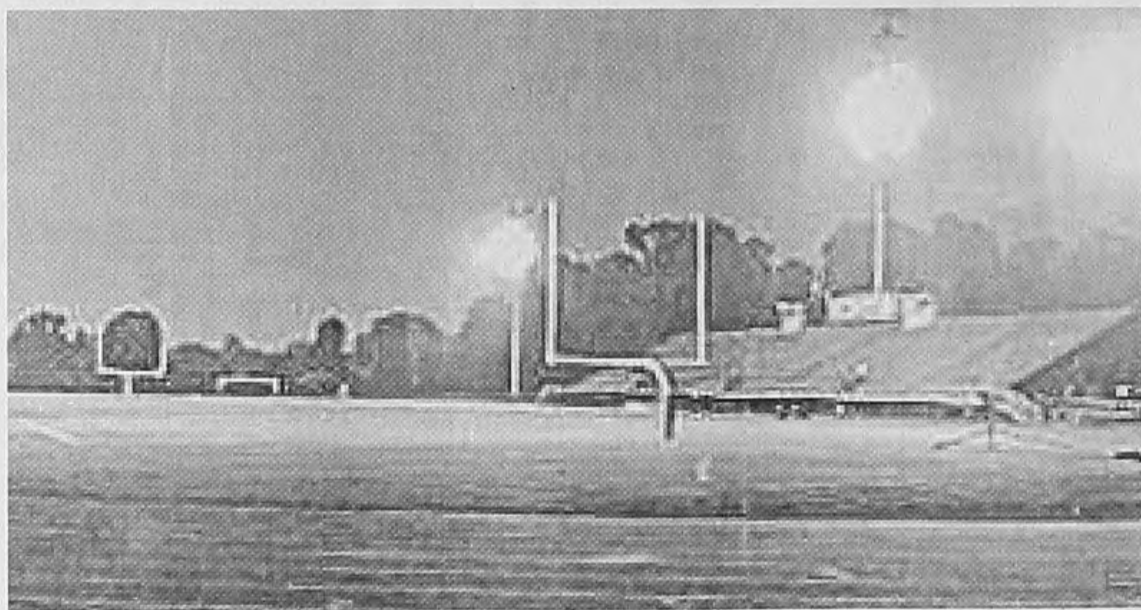
Ultimately, after the weather turned particularly nasty, with sheets of rain blowing sideways while equipment littered the field and its surrounding track, coaches and officials concurred to try again Saturday.

The weather spoiled what was looking to be an intense, hard-fought match-up between two KLAA power-



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

After lightning stopped Friday's Canton-Hartland game, Chiefs players gathered to wait near the field house.



TIM SMITH

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf field was desolate during Friday's strong storms.

houses.

After Turfe and Oliver traded touchdowns in the first 30 seconds of the game,

the Chiefs took control at their own 39-yard-line and went on an impressive scoring drive.

Senior quarterback Greg Williams ran a bootleg around right end for one key first down, moving the football to

near midfield.

On the next play, 5-6 sophomore running back Marcus Sanders shot through the middle for a 14-yard gain into Hartland territory.

Hartland's helmet-pounding defense stopped Canton's next two running plays.

But on third down and long from the Eagles' 37, Williams stepped back and connected on a 21-yard completion to senior wide receiver Robert Guajardo near the left sideline stripe.

A personal foul against Hartland moved the ball inside the 10-yard line and Sanders muscled in from 7 yards out to put the Chiefs ahead. An extra point by Andrew Loehnis made it 14-7 with 6:40 remaining in the quarter.

Two Hartland plays later, however, that was all for the evening.

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ready for action," Warnemuende said. "Torre's size and strength is an intimidating force to reckon with. Joey is fast and maintains his poise, even under pressure."

"All of them have stepped up their play to the next level and are not just looking to just clear the dangerous balls, but integrate with the midfielders and begin an attack from the back line."

The Eagles will also boast a strong midfield.

On the wings will be junior captain Luke Yakuber, along with sophomore Ethan Willis and freshmen Nevin Ruiterdiaz and Levi Yakuber.

In the middle will be sophomore Brian Schlientz, senior Lance Allen, senior Isaac Middleton, sophomore Ben Fuller, sophomore Matthew Cusmano, junior Samuel Spada, freshman Seth Windle and freshman Andrew Myers.

"Brian and Ben are both great at reading the defense and feeding great passes to our forwards," Warnemuende said. "Lance and Isaac are tall and strong and great at getting and keeping possession of the ball."

"Matthew is a great all-around player who played defense last season and has a great passing game as well."

Handling goalkeeping duties will be junior Nick Andres, with backups sophomore Brendan Hess and senior Evan Horne.

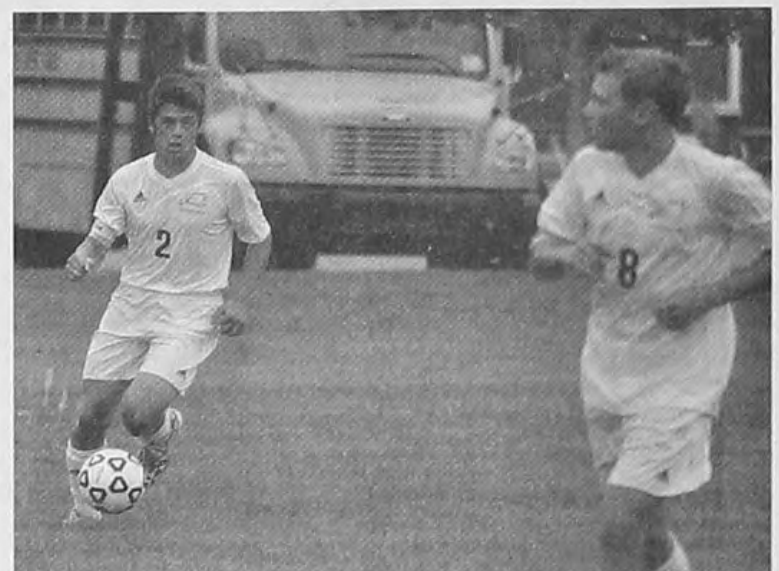
"(Andres) is a very compe-

tent goalie, good with both his hands and feet," he said. "He played keeper on his club teams, but mainly played defense last season with the Eagles."

Warnemuende is pumped up to take over the Eagles, after coaching PCA middle school teams for seven seasons. A number of his former players are once again under his watch.

"It is an honor for me to step up to varsity and to be able to coach most of these young men again," he said. "I am also grateful for my assistant coach, Mark Willis. His experience and knowledge of the game are a great asset for the team. I am sure this will be a great season."

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PEGGY PAULSON

Controlling the ball Thursday for Plymouth Christian is senior Joseph Iacopelli (No. 2), while teammate Luke Yakuber (No. 8) keeps pace.

'Safe at Home' work boosts independence

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

When "Tasha," a 43-year-old woman, returns from a hospital stay to her home in Farmington Hills, she'll be able to maneuver her walker more easily through the doorway.

She'll find a new ramp, installed courtesy of Evangelical Homes of Michigan, where porch steps used to be.

The disabled woman and her wheelchair-bound mother who lives with her, received help recently through Evangelical Homes of Michigan's Safe at Home Charitable Fund program, which repairs and modifies homes without charge for hundreds of physically handicapped and elderly persons annually.

"We do about \$2,500-\$3,500 a month in services. Sometimes we're just putting in a Lifeline (Medical Alert) service in a house," said Berge Avesian, Safe at Home director. "But the truth is, a lot of times you walk into a person's home and there's a leaky faucet or a broken fixture. It's a little problem, but if left alone it can become a big problem. We've replaced water heaters for people."

Evangelical Homes of Michigan is a faith-based, nonprofit organization with offices in Farmington that runs assisted and independent senior housing communities in Detroit, Saline and Sterling Heights. It also offers dementia care, health care services including skilled nursing and rehabilitation, hospice care, and an extensive program to help seniors remain independent at home.

Safe at Home Charitable Fund helps seniors and those with physical disabilities remain independent at home. The program is aimed at individuals who can't afford to pay for home repairs and modifications.

More than a ramp

"Tasha," who declined to use her full name, called Avesian after hearing about Safe at Home, hoping the program would pay for a ramp at her house.



Evangelical Homes President and CEO Denise Rabidoux (left) chats with two of 100+ Women Who Care Motown Chapter's founders, Karen Rashid Balow of Beverly Hills, and Nancy Sullivan of Northville.



A wheelchair-bound mother and her daughter, who uses a walker, will have an easier time getting around their Farmington Hills home, after Safe at Home replaced steps with a ramp.

"He came out and looked at everything I needed. They not only did the ramp, but other things, including replacing my dryer, which has just conked out," she said. "They are very good, warm and receptive,



Tom Reuter, an employee of Evangelical Homes of Michigan, installs a grab bar in a bathroom, making the home safer for its residents.

outstanding people. He also bought my (eye) glasses for me. They had been sitting there (at a store) because I couldn't pay for them."

Mary Griffin, executive and marketing assistant, said the Safe at Home Charitable Fund is a part of Evangelical Homes

of Michigan's philanthropic division and is funded by donations and through fundraising appeals.

100+ Women Who Care Motown Chapter, a group that exists to help charitable causes, recently gave the program \$15,000.

Unique philanthropists

Denise Rabidoux, president and CEO of Evangelical Homes of Michigan, is a member of the chapter and suggested Safe at Home Charitable Fund as a potential funding recipient. Chapter members sign a commitment form when they join, agreeing to pay \$100 at each quarterly meeting toward a charitable cause that the group selects by vote. Any member of the chapter may suggest a charity. All suggestions are placed into a hat and three are drawn. The "winners" then have five minutes to advocate for their suggestion.

"There's five minutes for questions and answers and after the presentations everyone votes," said Nancy Sullivan of Northville, one of the chapter founders along with Molly Williams and Karen Rashid Balow, both of Beverly Hills. "We tally up the votes and say who the winner is. At that point everyone writes a check for \$100 directly to the charity."

Women who are absent have five days to make good on their pledge.

Past funding recipients have included Matrix Theatre, St. Patrick Senior Center, Lighthouse PATH, Sweet Dreamzzz, Mercy Education Project, Humble Design, and Common Ground.

"We've served seniors, the homeless, the fine arts. Lighthouse PATH is about abused women. Mercy Education is tutoring and Sweet Dreamzzz teaches kids the importance of sleep. And now Evangelical Homes of Michigan," Sullivan said. "My mother had a hip replacement recently. She's 85, so it (Safe at Home) was something close to my heart."

Balow said the Safe at Home concept resonated with many of the women.

"Letting people stay in their homes is really important," Balow said. "People's hearts go out to older adults."

For more about Safe at Home and Evangelical Homes of Michigan, call 866-979-9109 or visit ehmchoices.org. For more about 100+ Women Who Care Motown Chapter, visit 100pluswomenmotown.com.

Change is the only constant in life during pregnancy

It's crunch time. About six weeks left before baby's due date, and everything is coming into place. I have her nursery all put together and have really started the "nesting phase" of organizing all the rooms in the house. I'm anticipating meeting my little girl and getting both excited and nervous about what is to come.

I think one of the biggest changes I have begun to see is the closeness of people in my life. Some family members and friends have gone out of their way to help me prepare for this life-changing event, while others have simply vanished or almost vanished from my life. I have found that I'm not the one to invite to the drinking festivities with all the unmarried couples or single friends, yet I'm also not quite on the list for the play dates and kids'



Sarah Davies

THEN THERE WERE TWO

birthday parties. I'm kind of in a "middle-phase" where it's just me. Perhaps spending all this time alone is preparation for this miracle to come into my life. After all, it will just be the two of us at home together and at least for a little while, my daughter won't be much for conversation. I think I will continue to discover a lot about myself during those first few months, just as I have during the last few. I am eagerly anticipating the joys of learning things just as much as I am of teaching them. I cannot wait to hold this little baby in my arms, and try my hardest to

protect her from the negativity and scariness the world sometimes offers.

Important considerations

There is a point in pregnancy when you realize that everything you have done up to this point in your life is both incredibly valuable, and invaluable. It is fantastic that you have learned so many things that you can pass on to your child, yet the dreams that you have thought about accomplishing really don't matter anymore. Now, the important thing is providing a safe and nurturing home for your child to grow up in, a place where she can be loved fully and given opportunities to become successful and happy. You think about missing all the parties with your friends last-

ing late until the night, but you are easily distracted when you are reminded that you have much better parties to look forward to and you won't even have to stay up late to attend them. Things change in your life, but they still remain great.

Everything changes

If you're like me, when you are pregnant, one of the things you learn is that the only thing that stays the same is change. Your whole life changes when you are busy building your baby. Your house will change. You may not physically move, but the house itself will change as you prepare a room for baby and make the necessary changes to have space for all her stuff. Your friends might change. You may become closer with friends who have children already or are expecting,

while your closeness with others may gradually fade. Your body will change. Your belly will get bigger, and your brain a little smaller and things you never thought could grow will grow. But your heart will grow too, and that makes it all worth it.

Change will happen. Sometimes you will expect it, sometimes you won't. But life will bring you change every day. You cannot plan who you will be your whole life but you can follow your heart and adjust as need be. Sometimes, we will find, the things we cannot change end up changing us for the better.

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GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

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Butterflies

Brenda Dziedzic, author and co-founder of Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, will talk about winter garden maintenance and overwintering of butterflies, 7 p.m. Sept. 17, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Nonmembers pay \$3. Annual memberships are \$15. www.sembabutterfly.org.

English Gardens

» Learn what it takes to keep your lawn healthy over the winter at a free presentation, 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13.
» Get information on designing, planting and maintaining flowers and plants in outdoor containers at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. Free.
» Learn the basics of designing a bulb garden at a free presentation 10 a.m. Saturday,

Sept. 27.

» Get tips on dividing perennials and pruning plants to ready them for winter, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4. Free.

Classes are held at all English Gardens stores. Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

Heritage Park

The park is located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Pre-register for programs online at recreg.fhgov.com.

» Take a full moon hike 7:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 10 and 7-8 p.m. Nov. 7. The Friday night hikes are for families and children, 5 and up. Cost is \$3 per person payable online or at the door. Meet at the nature center in the park.



Learn what you need to do to help your lawn survive the winter at a free presentation, Saturday, Sept. 13, at English Gardens stores.

» Hayrides run 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Oct. 24 and Saturday, Nov. 1. Rides are approximately 30 minutes. The fee is \$5 per person. Pre-regis-

ter online. A limited number of tickets will be sold at the event. Includes the hay wagon ride, marshmallow roasting over a campfire and apple

cider.

» Practice yoga 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sept. 10-Oct. 8 outdoors, in front of the Heritage Park Visitor Center. Designed for adults of all skill levels. Cost is \$45 for five classes paid online or \$10 per class paid at the class. Bring your own mat and blanket.

» Junior Naturalist Club, for ages 5-11, meets 10-11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month from September through June at the nature center. The fee is \$10 per class in advance and \$12 per class, paid at the door. Register online. The topic is Trees 101 on Sept. 13 and Wilderness Skills on Oct. 11.

Meet critters

See some of the animals, such as turtles and snakes, that make the Kensington Metropark Nature Center their home, 2 p.m. every Sunday. The program is free. To register or for more information, call 810-227-8917

Rescue sets pet adoption at Farmington Hills cleaners

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Andy and Sandy Dubin have rescued five dogs over the past 25 years, including three from Michigan Animal Rescue League.

So, it's no wonder when they staged their first animal adoption two years ago, they teamed up with MARL, inviting the Pontiac rescue to bring dogs and cats to their dry cleaners and laundry in Farmington Hills.



PET PROJECTS

"Our history with MARL goes back. We just got our third dog from MARL," said Sam, 22, the couple's son and fourth generation to work in the family business. "We like to be involved in the community and we are definitely animal lovers here."

"Well before I was born my dad had a store in Detroit, Rosedale Park. A man dropped this dog off in front of my dad's store. The dog walked into the cleaners and my dad brought him home that night. That was the start of their

rescuing." Dubin said the animal adoption is just one way his family gives back to the community. During the winter, his parents also collect winter clothing for donation to charity. They're currently collecting "wish list" items and money for MARL, as a prelude to the third annual adoption, which will run 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, at Dubin Cleaners & Laundry, 29975 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

"We had one customer come in the other day who brought in probably a whole shopping cart (of items) for the pets."

Dubin said customers like the adoption event and some even share their own pet stories with his family. The Dubins own Max, a boxer-shepherd-border collie mix, and Archie, a golden retriever.

"We have a lot of people show up to support the cause. A lot of kids and babies come. All the pets we have here are adoptable," Dubin said. "It's a community-wide event. It's a fun thing to do with the kids."

He said MARL will bring a mix of dogs and



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Andy (left), Sam and Sandy Dubin show off an adoptable puppy at their second annual pet adoption last year. The family owns Dubin Cleaners & Laundry in Farmington Hills.

cats to the event.

For more about MARL, visit michigananimalrescueleague.org. For more about Dubin Cleaners & Laundry, see dubincleaners.com

Animal festival

If you've ever wanted to scurry along in a human-sized hamster ball, see exotic animals up close or have your photo taken with a horse, Creature Feature Fest is where you'll want to be, 5-8 p.m. Sept. 10 at Inglewood Park, 20901 W. 12 Mile, between Evergreen and Lahser, in Southfield.

Visitors will get a chance to come face to face with farm animals from The Barnyard Express and small animals

from Little Creatures. They'll learn the history of horses in industry and watch Disc Dogs of Michigan and Southfield's K-9 Team demonstrate their skills.

Canton-based Wildlife Safari will bring a menagerie of creatures.

"We work with over 100 animals so anything can come out, from the cute and cuddly to the creepy and crawly, said Teron Erchenbrecher, Wildlife Safari office and show assistant, as well as zookeeper. He said the outdoor temperature and animal disposition help determine which creatures the company brings to an event.

"They're like people. Some days they have



The Wildlife Safari of Canton will surprise and entertain visitors at Creature Feature Fest in Southfield.

good days and some days they have bad days, so they let you know, 'I'm not working today. I don't feel like going out,'" he said, noting that the animals are trained, so they're accustomed to music played during presentations and most can interact with people.

"Most of the time they're relaxed and they know what the routine is so they're calm and they're good to go about it," he said.

Erchenbrecher said Wildlife Safari generally doesn't want the audience to know which creatures will appear at a presentation.

"We don't want every-

body to know, 'hey, there's a 6-foot alligator coming out to the box.' We like to keep the element of surprise with our shows."

Parking for Creature Feature Fest will be available at the park and at Highland Park Baptist Church, 28600 Lahser, south of 12 Mile. Take a free shuttle to the park; 248-796-4617.

Ribbit, ribbit

Want to become the next mayor of the Detroit Zoo's Amphibiville?

Kids, 7-12, who want to rule the two-acre wetland "village" that is home to the National Amphibian Conservation Center, may submit an essay of 100 words or less to the zoo by Oct. 3. The piece should explain why they should become mayor.

Submit entries to PR1@dzo.org or to Mayor of Amphibiville, Detroit Zoological Society, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak, MI 48067. Entries must include the candidate's name, age, address and daytime telephone number. The winner will be announced in November.

—Diana Wing, correspondent, contributed to this column.

Metro Detroit author luncheon set for Livonia Oct. 20

Five authors will talk about their latest books at the Metro Detroit Book & Author Society's fall book luncheon Oct. 20 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The event starts at noon; book sales open at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$40 and are available online at www.bookandauthor.info and by phone at 586-685-5750.

The authors are:



Lisa Jackson SUBMITTED
Craig Johnson

» Kathy Reichs, a forensic anthropologist, has turned her knowledge and experiences in criminal cases into 16 best-selling novels fea-

turing fictional forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan. She is also a producer of the Fox television series *Bones*.

» Gary Shteyngart, a Russian-born writer, has lived much of his life in New York. His experiences became the basis for three novels, *The Russian Debutante's Handbook*, *Absurdistan* and *Super Sad True Love Story*, that mix reality and humor.

» Lisa Jackson has written more than 85 novels of romantic suspense. Her new novel, *Close to Home*, is a story of buried secrets that come back to haunt many lives.

» Craig Johnson authored eight novels in the Walt Longmire mystery series. The books, several of which have been best sellers, are the basis for the A&E television series *Longmire*. His new

novel, a collection of short stories, is titled *Wait for Signs*.

» Hampton Sides is a bestselling historian and journalist. His works of narrative history and literary nonfiction include *Hellhound*, *Ghost Soldiers* and *Blood and Thunder*.

Authors will autograph books after the luncheon.

Two grants also will be awarded at the event.

The Society will present the Dick Johnston Award to a Metro Detroit library to help improve its collection. The Elaine R. Irvin Friends Award will go to a Friends of the Library group, to help support a program or project. The Howell Carnegie District Library received the Johnston Award last year. The Wayne Public Library's Friends group won the 2013 Irvin Award.

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The City of Farmington is accepting applications for a Maintenance Worker in the Water and Sewer Department until 4:30 p.m., September 19, 2014 at the Public Works Office located at 33720 W. Nine Mile Road. Applicants should have three to five years of experience relating to construction, maintenance, or repair involving underground utilities, experience operating heavy equipment involving underground utilities, along with valid Michigan driver's license and CDL-B certification with air brakes. Starting pay at \$21.52/hr plus benefits.

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Farmington Hills Greenlaw Landscaping Maintenance Co., of Farmington Hills is accepting applications for a full-time mechanic.
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Part-Time position Mon., Wed. & Fri. 2:45-7:30pm and Saturday 8:45am-1:30pm. Must have exp. communication skills, basic general office knowledge, energetic & able to multi-task. Westland. Call: 734-522-5501

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RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER BIBLE PROPHECY

Time/Date: 7:15 p.m., beginning Sept. 15
Location: Metropolitan Church, 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth, and multiple other locations
Details: An in-depth Bible prophecy series called Unlocking Revelation will examine prophecies of Scripture. Visit the website to see all locations and to pre-register and receive a free Bible Prophecy DVD on the first night. Snacks will be served
Contact: www.UnlockRevelation.com

FITNESS CLASSES

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 15
Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Joe Mason, certified personal fitness trainer, instructs a 10-week series of classes that include aerobic movements, strength training with light hand weights and yoga stretching, followed by abdominal and back exercises. Cost is \$70 with a portion of proceeds going to the parish.
Contact: 734-455-5910

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21-Jan. 4, 2015
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Weekly seminar and support group designed to help participants rebuild their lives after losing a loved one. The group is led by individuals who have experienced grief and who want to help and encourage others
Contact: 313-682-7491

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Sept. 10
Location: St. Priscilla's Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia
Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" is a five-week series for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. The workshop is conducted by Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. For more information and registration details, visit the Good Mourning Ministry website at www.goodmourningministry.net or contact Kay at St. Priscilla.
Contact: 248-476-4700, kay@saintpriscilla.org

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sept. 14
Location: Prentis Apartment Community Room, located on 10 Mile, east of Greenfield in Oak Park
Details: Anne Greenstein will lead the group in creating cloth bears for charity. Bring sewing gear. The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan studies and creates Judaic needlework
Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

RALLY DAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sept. 14
Location: First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman Road, at Maplewood, Garden City
Details: Worship, food, games,
Contact: 734-421-8628

REVIVAL

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sept. 7, 7 p.m. Sept. 8-10
Location: Palmer Road Baptist Church, 33740 Palmer, Westland
Details: Worship with praise and music, along with messages of repentance, renewal and revival with the Rev. Charles Ozment
Contact: 734-729-2434

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21
Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth
Details: Widowed Friends, a peer support group, invites all widowed men and women to celebrate Mass together. Refreshments follow the Mass
Contact: Angie at 734-905-7262

OCTOBER CRAFTERS WANTED

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11
Location: St. Theodore Parish Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available. Each costs \$25.
Contact: Mary at 734-425-4421 (voice mail #10)

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491
Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000
St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY MEAL
Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER
Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.
Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.
Contact: 248-374-5920

SONG CIRCLE
Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God
Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry offers an activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

St. John Neumann
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesdays
Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Overeaters Anonymous meets
Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154 or Jennifer at 734-812-6077 for additional information

St. Thomas a' Becket Church
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good.
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322 for additional information

Unity of Livonia
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebratercovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE
St. James Presbyterian
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church
Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth
Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month
Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. He provided soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled and a healing touch for the ill. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP
Adat Shalom Synagogue
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-851-5100

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills
Contact: pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@mi.rr.com; 248-478-6520

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Contact: 734-522-6830

Congregation Bet Chaverim
Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month
Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton
Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore
Contact: www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

Due Season Christian Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study
Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia
Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.
Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

Faith Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday; learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages
Location: 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia
Contact: Visit www.livon-faith.org

Faith Community Wesleyan Church
Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., contemporary service, 1:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

Garden City Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; worship service at 10 a.m. Youth Sunday school with child care. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicap parking
Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road
Contact: 734-421-7620

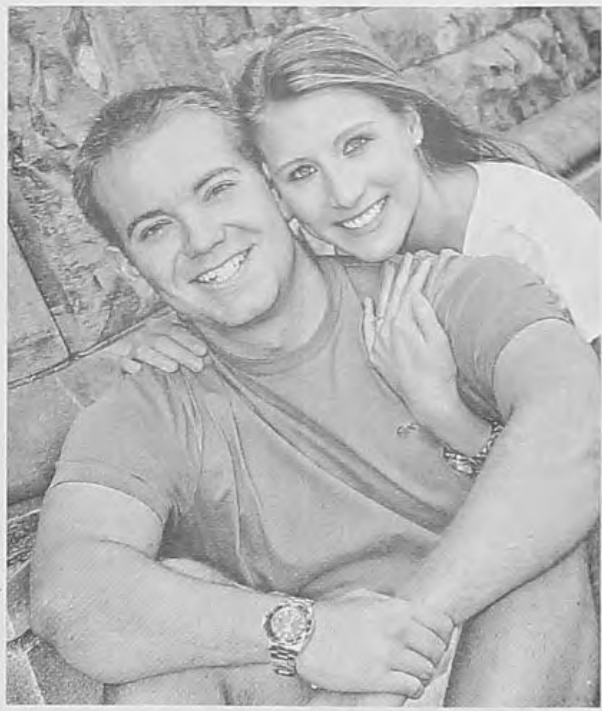
Good Hope Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Contact: 734-427-3660

Grace Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.
Location: 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township
Contact: 734-637-8160

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Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna University
Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican.org; 248-442-0HCA

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Faith Forum; 10 a.m. Sunday school; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday worship in the chapel.
Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-1414

ENGAGEMENT



Tim Kwiecien and Kristie Tamer

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Kristie Katherine Tamer and Timothy Daniel Kwiecien, both of Detroit, announce their engagement. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Susan and Norman Tamer of Coldwater. Her fiancé is the son of Linda and Daniel Kwiecien of Canton. Kristie graduated from Grosse Ile High School and Wayne State University College of Nursing. She is a cardiovascular intensive care nurse at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Timothy is a Plymouth High School graduate. He plans to start a medical residency in anesthesiology after graduating in May 2015 from Wayne State University School of Medicine. A May 2015 wedding is planned at Old St. Mary's Catholic Church in Detroit.

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BIDDINGER, MARGARET G.
 Age 97, September 3, 2014. Beloved wife of the late John "Bill" Biddinger. Loving mother of Gail Powers and the late Sharon Biddinger. Dear grandmother of Carrie (Marvin) Andrews and John (Brook) Pyhtila. Great grandmother of Katherine, Evan, Luke and Ben. A Funeral Service was held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Saturday, September 6th at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Please share a memory of Margaret at www.rgrharris.com

FERNELIUS, EARL W.
 Age 86 passed away August 30, 2014 in Tucson, Arizona. Earl was a real estate broker and appraiser in Birmingham for nearly 50 years before retiring to Arizona in 2001. He loved fly fishing in northern Michigan and was a regular golfer. He taught his daughters the importance of hard work and inspired them to be generous and take care of our planet. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed his time in Arizona. He was preceded in death by his wife Dottie and daughter Linda Fernelius, and is survived by daughter Margi Brooks and granddaughter Emma Brooks-Ward, both of Tucson.



EDMONDS, EDWIN ROY "TED"
 Was born on September 18, 1921 and passed on to his heavenly home on September 4, 2014. Ted was the son of Angus Roy and Sarah Iola (nee Ryckman) Edmonds. He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret "Peggy" Edmonds, who he married on January 26, 1946. A devoted father to Leslyann (Donald) Wisch, Cheryl (Rich) Johnson, Michael (Debra) and Gary (Rusty). Grandfather of Kimberly (Brian), the late Eric, Valerie (Doug), Nathan (Jamie), Darold (Amy), Andrew, Bradley, Ryan, and Tyler. Great-grandfather of Eric, Sophia, Carter and Emma. Brother of Geraldine Dutcher Launstein and Rosemary (Wade) Humphrey. Preceded in death by his siblings Robert, Donald, Keith, Charles, Ilamae and Iola. Ted retired from Coon Brothers after 35 years of dedicated service. He was a longtime member of Newburg United Methodist Church. His love of aviation brought him to be a founding member of the Yankee Air force and the Stearman group. He also enjoyed his time as a member of the Plymouth Elks Club. Ted's love of country music and his caring, loving personality will always be remembered by his family and friends. Visitation will be Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. A Funeral Service will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Friends may visit the church beginning at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be given to either the Newburg United Methodist Church or the Yankee Air Force Museum. Visit www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

May the memory of your loved one... bring you peace.



Get involved in a fundraiser for a health cause



ARCHIVE PHOTO

Bernadine Vida of Redford undergoes chemotherapy. A benefit on Sept. 20 will raise money to help her pay expenses while being treated for breast cancer.

Put on your walking shoes, sharpen your pool cues or get ready to laugh.

Advocates for health causes plan a variety of fundraisers over the next few weeks, starting with St. Mary Mercy Hospital's annual Embrace Life 5K. The run/walk starts at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia.

The race begins on St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds and racers are routed through nearby residential streets. The event is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer and an opportunity for family and friends to honor or remember a loved one. Prizes are awarded to the top three finishers in each age group, as well as top overall finishers.

Race day registration runs from 7-8:30 a.m. Cost is \$30. Proceeds support cancer services at the hospital.

Here's a sampling of other fundraisers:

» A benefit for Bernadine Vida of Redford Township, who is battling breast cancer, will start at 1 p.m. Sept.

20, at Snookers Pool & Pub, 27630 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The event will include a live band, food, raffle, and silent auction. Proceeds will help Vida, who works as a costumer for television, theater and films, pay expenses while taking chemotherapy and radiation treatment. Vida, who travels considerably for her freelance costuming assignments, is unable to work while undergoing treatment. For more information about the fundraiser, call 313-443-0151. Or email bernadine@ameritech.net. Visit her Go Fund Me campaign at gofundme.com/Saving-Bernadine.

» Yoga Shelter will lead a Yoga Mala class, 6-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, at Detroit's Eastern Market Shed 3, to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Cost is \$25 if registered in advance online and \$30 at the door. Doors will open at 5 p.m. The class will consist of 108 Sun Salutations. Visit yogashelter.com or call 248-538-0200.

» Comedian Paul Reiser performs at Kadima's 30th annual Benefit, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 1, at Max M. Fisher Music Center, in Detroit. An Evening with Paul Reiser costs \$100 for adults and \$50 for ages 18-40. The event includes a pre-glow reception with light hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Kadima is a Jewish mental health agency whose mission is to provide psychological services, residential options, supported employment and social activities on a nonsectarian basis. For more information or to register, go to www.kadima-center.org or call Paula Schonberg at 248-559-8235, Ext. 118.

» The second annual Wine, Women & Shoes event, 5:30 p.m. Oct. 9, at The Inn at St. John in Plymouth Township will benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation's Dream, Hope, Discover Campaign. The event will include a fashion show, shopping, auction and wine. Ticket prices start at \$150. For more information, call or email Kate Kesner at 313-745-8814 or kate.kesner@chmfoundation.org. To buy tickets, visit <http://www.winewomenandshoes.com/chmf>.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Upcoming

American Red Cross

Upcoming blood drives:
Southfield — 6:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile. Call 800-RED CROSS to make an appointment.

Blood pressure

Oakwood Healthcare offers free blood pressure screening 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Dearborn Farmers Market, 22100 Michigan Ave. on the corners of Garrison and Mason. For more information, visit Oakwood.org.

Healthy eating

Upcoming nutrition workshops and cooking demonstrations from Botsford Hospital and Busch's Fresh Foods Market:
» Dietitian Denise Cykiert will give tips on

how to keep grilled recipes healthy and nutritious. 6-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Busch's Market, 33300 W. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. Busch's chef Rebecca Wauldron will demonstrate grilled dishes. \$15 admission includes a \$5-off-of-\$50 coupon, recipes, samples and more. Register by calling the store or visiting the Guest Service Counter; 248-539-4581.

» Dietitian Denise Cykiert focuses on desserts, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Busch's Fresh Foods Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$5 and includes a \$5 Busch's coupon, recipes, and samples. Register by calling or visiting the Guest Service Counter in the store; 248-427-7400.

» Dietitian Denise Cykiert teaches quick and easy recipes for the slow cooker, 6-7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 33300 W. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. Cost is \$5 and includes a \$5-Busch's coupon, recipes, and healthy eating tips. Register by calling or visiting the Guest Service Counter at the store; 248-539-4581.

» Busch's chef Rebecca Wauldron will show how to make the most of seasonal produce and dietitian Denise Cykiert will give tips on keeping recipes nutritious, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia; 734-779-6100.

Hearing support

Hearing Loss Association of America will hold an "open mic" for sharing and learning 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Contact Tony at 734-664-3297, afcrack@comcast.net.

cast.net.

Prostate cancer

Farmington Hills-based 21st Century Oncology of Michigan offers a free seminar about prostate cancer, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, 405 E. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. "State-Of-The-Art Update In Prostate Cancer" will focus on the latest advances in prostate cancer detection and care. To reserve a space at the lecture, call Samantha Dedoes at 248-464-3246 or email samantha.schmoyer-de-does@21co.com by Monday, Sept. 8.

Walk with a Doc

Savitha Balaraman, an oncologist at Botsford Hospital, will talk about meditation and will lead a walk, noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 18, at Heritage Park Nature Center,

located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Register for this free program by calling Botsford at 877-477-3621.

Women's health

Paul Makela, M.D., medical director of gynecological robotic surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, will present information about bladder dysfunction and overactive bladder 6-7 p.m. Sept. 24 at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile, Northville. Register by Sept. 19 at 734-655-1980.

Ongoing

Anorexics and Bulimics Anonymous

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with

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Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. Visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

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6 job search tips

helping you regain your momentum

By Robert Half

When your job search drags on for weeks and you feel no closer to landing a job than when you first started, it's easy to get discouraged. But even if you aren't getting the callbacks you were hoping for, now is not the time to call it quits. To stay motivated and focused during this frustrating time, use these six job-search strategies to regain and maintain your momentum.

1. Treat the search like a job

Unemployment often leads to an aimless feeling. The lack of a routine is a major reason your motivation may be waning, as it's a constant reminder of your situation. The key is to treat your search like a real job. Wake up at a reasonable hour and get dressed. Create a schedule with set times for phone calls, emails, social networking and job board searches. Make to-do lists and check off each item as you com-

plete it. After you've completed your to-do list for the day, "clock out" and take part in any leisure activities you enjoy.

In other words, conduct yourself as if a boss were looking over your shoulder. Stay focused on your daily tasks and avoid playing a quick game of Solitaire or Candy Crush when you're supposed to be working. Little indulgences may seem like some of the few perks of unemployment, but they can lead to listlessness and a dip in job-search momentum.

2. Put yourself out there

As important as it is for you to be connected online, you also need to make sure you're occasionally leaving the house. Not only will this help you get out of a rut, but it can also help make you more marketable. Sign up for a class or go to job fairs, workshops, conferences and seminars, where you can meet people and brush up on your skills. Join

professional associations and attend their meetings, where you can learn about trends in your field. Volunteer your time and skills with a worthwhile organization, where you can work on your soft skills like written and verbal communications. All of these things will deepen your network and help you find the right job.

3. Be proactive

Don't wait for opportunity to knock. Instead, take the initiative and knock on opportunity's door. In other words, even if the companies you're interested in don't list any current job openings, contact them anyway and express your desire to work there. This extra effort demonstrates enthusiasm and initiative, and hiring managers may take notice.

4. Track your progress

When you start to feel like you're going nowhere, take some time to create a method to track the efforts you've made. Write up a list of realistic short- and long-term goals with regard to your job search, and work toward them every day. For example, decide how many applications you'd like to send out this week, or this month. Set a goal for the number of networking events you're going to attend, and for the number of new people you're going to talk to about your search. Then keep track as you move toward the goal. That way, you'll have a tangible way to prove to yourself that you've made progress, something that can help keep you motivated as you continue to look for a job.

5. Consider other work options

A full-time job with a check direct-deposited to your account is not the only type of work out there. You can also expand your search to include part-time and contract work or set yourself up as a consultant or freelancer. Maybe you can barter your skills in exchange for goods and services.

Signing up with a staffing agency for temporary or project-based gigs can also be a productive approach. It can bring in extra income while you're looking for full-time work. Even better, some part-time or temporary gigs can turn into full-time jobs or long-term contracts. Even if they don't, though, they'll still allow you to make valuable contacts that will help you in your job search.

6. Relax, recharge, revive

Allowing a job search to take over your life is a sure way to burn out. Give yourself permission to take a break from the



search at night and on weekends. When you make a point to relax and recharge for a few hours at the end of the work day, you'll be able to start fresh the next day. A change of scenery and new experiences may give you a new perspective on your search and even your career.

The key to finding employment is to keep at it. Don't let a lull discourage you to the point of giving up. By following these job-search tips and persevering, you'll greatly increase your chances of finding full-time work that is satisfying and rewarding.

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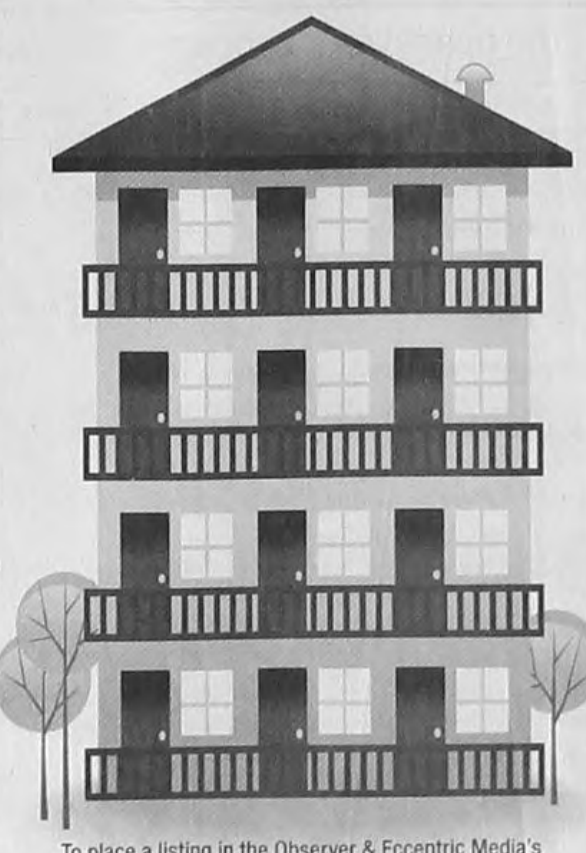
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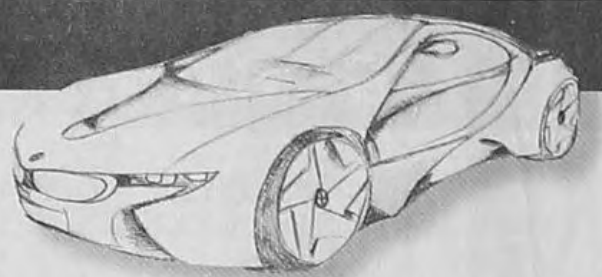


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10 Reasons the Buick-GMC Juggernaut Will Keep On Cruising



By Dale Buss

The feel-good automotive story of the year is emerging from the unlikelyst of brands at the unlikelyst of companies. Buick and GMC are keeping head above water and providing the only solid performances as the company endures an annus horribilis

over the recall fiasco.

Buick and GMC continued to lead the company's sales charts through August, each posting increases of about 8 percent for the year to date while Chevrolet sales rose by just 2 percent and Cadillac sales eased by 5 percent.

"We've got a wonderful convergence of elements right now, all working together — and hence, our sales gains," Tony DiSalle, marketing vice president for Buick and GMC, told me.

Here are 10 reasons Buick and GMC continue

to accelerate:

Great and timely products:

While Cadillac has gotten attention for the 2013 North American Car of the Year, the ATS sedan, Buick arguably has more effectively overhauled its entire product line over the last few years, beginning with the Enclave SUV that was launched for the 2008 model year. Most recently, Buick has scored a direct hit with its new Encore compact SUV, a very timely entry in one of the industry's hottest segments. Encore sales through August were up 65 percent over its launch year.

Meanwhile, GMC has been playing a role in this regard as well, most notably with the new 2015 version of its Yukon large SUV, whose sales were up by 59 percent over 2013 sales of the old version. A new version of the GMC Sierra

pickup truck has raised sales by 7 percent over those of the earlier version a year ago.

Bulls-eye advertising: The Buick ad campaign that launched earlier this year and expanded this month — in which consumers can't believe the slick vehicles in front of them were actually Buicks — has scored heavily for the brand. "It leverages consumers' misperceptions and reels them in," DiSalle said.

Working backward from the test: Major boosts for the brands have come from a recent spate of significant third-party evaluations of perceived quality levels in which Buick and GMC brands and products have outshone all or nearly all other domestic brands, including annual surveys by J.D. Power & Associates and the American Customer Satisfaction Index. Turns out brand managers have looked intently at how such things are graded and have made great efforts to satisfy those specific measurements.

Savvy dealers: Every automaker now is focusing on customer satisfaction at the dealership as one of the last frontiers for boosting sales and market share. But Buick/GMC dealers have found ways to excel — even faced with the challenge unique within GM of having to "dual" the brands in the same facility. "We have a huge focus on the customer at the dealer level," said Duncan Aldred, GM vice president for Buick and



The 2014 Buick Encore hit a segment sweet spot.

GMC. "The way we're treating our customers is top-drawer."

Passing under the recall radar: Buick and GMC have escaped nearly as much notice as Chevrolet has received in GM's radar mess.

Comfort in their own skin: There was confusion for decades about exactly how GM positioned the Buick brand, first vis-a-vis Oldsmobile and more recently compared with Cadillac. Sometimes GM executives would even insist that Buick was a second true luxury brand like Cadillac. But now brand stewards seem comfortable in Buick's true skin: as a "near-luxury" brand that holds down a vast swath of market real estate for GM and serves as the company's most important portal for moving consumers upscale, especially "conquest" customers.

Very little string-pushing: Buick and GMC are the GM brands that don't have to try to arm-twist consumers to buy electrified

vehicles that they don't want.

Connectivity strategy: Buick has a strategy for breaking out of the pack: Soon it will offer high-speed 4G LTE connectivity across its model range, as GM makes this capability available across more of its product line than any other automaker by the end of this year. And Buick will be offering it as a standard feature.

The China factor: GM's design staff in China is increasingly designing Buick vehicles or features that end up in the U.S. market, beginning with the 2010 LaCrosse. The latest: a midsize crossover called Buick Envision that the brand is showing in China.

A promising pipeline: Beyond whether Envision shows up on American shores, Buick's U.S. lineup will add seven new or redesigned models over the next three years. And a beefier Buick lineup will mean only better things for the Buick-GMC juggernaut.



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