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Rental inspections could cost tenants

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton rental property owners are likely to push their costs onto tenants as the township implements a rental inspection ordinance affecting thousands of apartments and single-family homes, an industry official said Friday.

"There's no other way to recover it," said Clay Powell, director of the Grand Rapids-based Rental Property Owners

of Michigan. Those costs could further strain renter budgets, Powell said, as a healthy rental market already is pushing up what tenants pay every month.

His remarks came as the Canton Township Board of Trustees is expected Tuesday to give final approval to a rental inspection ordinance as officials move to identify potentially unsafe living conditions and force property owners to fix problems.

Powell criticized Canton's plan to inspect rental properties every two years, calling it "absolutely not necessary" and saying RPOM favors inspections every four to six years. "That sounds like a money-maker to me," Powell said.

Safety first

Canton officials disagree, saying the program is intended to protect property values and ensure renters have a safe place to live.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the township has calculated a fee structure only to cover the costs the township is expected to incur as it begins inspections early next year. Under state law, he said, Canton cannot use the program to generate revenue.

"You cannot make money on these kinds of services," Faas said, adding Canton has adopted a fee structure to cover "what we call the true cost of

service." Faas outlined two sets of proposed fees the township board will consider Tuesday. First, rental property owners would face a one-time registration fee of \$100 for single-family homes and \$200 for multi-tenant properties such as apartment complexes and duplexes. Owners could be forced to pay an additional \$200 penalty – and potentially

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Canton High School grad Chase Woolner is a puppet master, having earned his bachelor of fine arts degree from the California Institute of the Arts.

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Canton man leaves jail in attempted murder case

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton man accused of trying to kill his wife by running her down with a Ford F-150 pickup truck has been released from jail as he awaits the outcome of his case, court records show.

However, 54-year-old James Martin Hoffman has been placed on an electronic tether and ordered to stay away from his wife after Wayne County Circuit Judge Vonda Evans reduced his bond from \$500,000 cash to \$75,000, authorities confirmed.

Barring a plea deal, Hoffman could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted on charges he tried to kill his wife while he was drunk during a domestic incident that occurred shortly after 7 p.m. June 25 at the Preserve on Fellows Creek, a usually quiet condominium neighborhood near Palmer and Lotz.

Hoffman's trial hasn't yet been scheduled, court records indicate. He next appears before Evans for a final conference set for Sept. 29.

Hoffman was charged with assault with intent to murder, felonious assault involving a motor vehicle and having a blood-alcohol level that, according to police, placed him under the state's so-called super drunk law.

Defense attorney James Michael Menna, during an earlier hearing in 35th District Court, argued felony charges should be dismissed, saying Hoffman didn't mean to harm his wife and alleging there



Hoffman

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PUPPET PRODIGY

Canton graduate loves bringing creations to life

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Chase Woolner has spent time as Kermit the Frog's right-hand man. Literally.

Woolner, a 2008 Canton High School graduate who is building an impressive resume as a puppeteer, is

coming off an appearance on *The Tonight Show* with Jimmy Fallon earlier this year. The world's most famous frog was on the show to sing his signature anthem, *It's Not Easy Being Green*, and his handlers needed someone to work the frog's right hand.

Considering it's not a one-man job to work the Muppet, Woolner was more than happy to take a hand. After all, for a budding puppeteer, working with Jim Henson's most famous creation is top-of-the-mountain stuff.

"It was amazing," Woolner said of

his *Tonight Show* appearance. "Jim Henson revolutionized puppetry. He's the reason puppets came into the 20th century."

The Tonight Show appearance wasn't the first time Woolner, who earned his bachelor's degree from the California Institute of the Arts, has helped the Muppets. He's appeared in two of their movies, including *The Muppets Most Wanted*, credited as an "additional Muppet performer," and

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Network takes aim at school funding

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Four years ago, before she became a Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education member, Sheila Paton helped launch the Legislative Action Network as a means of educating parents about the effects of Proposal A on school funding.

After a couple of years of dealing with the district's increasing financial struggles, Paton decided it was time to regenerate the LAN.

The group, which has no connection to the Board of Education and is run by Paton, fellow parent Denise

Zander and others, is designed with short- and long-term goals in mind.

In the short term, Paton hopes simply to help parents understand the financial struggles of the district aren't all locally centered.

Ideas wanted

"We want people to understand this isn't Plymouth-Canton not managing its budget," Paton said. "This is a state funding problem."

More long term, the group hopes to help local families become engaged with their legislators in Lansing, who will have to spearhead any potential change to the way

the state funds its school district. Paton also hopes the group can come up with some ideas how to fix the problem.

"We can't just say, 'We don't like Proposal A, fix it,'" Paton said. "You have to give (legislators) a way out, a way to fix it."

Problems within the district that most agree have been caused by funding issues contributed to the restart of the LAN. For instance, parents at Bird Elementary School have complained because class sizes have caused some crowded and uneven split classrooms.

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Royalty crowned



Homecoming Queen Tara Quigley and King Christian Mayberry are Canton High School's royalty for 2014. Friday night's halftime festivities continued with a dance Saturday night.

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he's been the lead puppeteer in three other movies.

Career moves

It's probably not a surprising career trajectory for a kid who grew up in Chicago and then in the Detroit area, where puppeteering is – if you'll pardon the expression – an art form.

"Chicago has a strong puppeteering history and the Puppeteers of America started in Detroit," said Woolner, a 24-year-old Canton resident. "The Detroit Institute of Arts has the largest collection of puppets this side of the Mississippi."

Influenced by his exposure to puppets – a ton of puppets coming to television and the Marshall Fields Christmas display made use of them, as well – Woolner got started at a young age.

"There were a lot of puppets on TV and that caught my eye," Woolner said. "I started perform-

ing when I was about 5."

He worked as an apprentice to other puppeteers and, at the tender age of 8, became the youngest member ever of the San Francisco Puppeteers Guild, a group started by the parents of Frank Oz, the puppeteer who created and voices Muppets like Fozzie Bear and Miss Piggy.

Creative mold

That experience helped shape Woolner's career, because even at such a young age it made him realize he could make a living.

"It was a great place for me as an 8-year-old to meet adults," Woolner said. "From an early age, I knew (puppetry) could be done as a job."

He comes by the creative urge honestly, since both parents were graphic designers in Chicago. He was always performing with puppets at home and he even took them to school, where he overcame his introverted side by performing for his classmates.

"It's an easier form of communication for some-

one who has a difficult time socially," Woolner said. "I think I was in my own world. I was performing for them. My friends and classmates were always very supportive. I was entertaining them."

Classmates were supportive enough that Woolner even started a puppet club when he got to Canton High School.

He said the club drew a couple of dozen interested students every year and continued for a few years even after he graduated.

Class by himself

English teacher Leola Gee, who also runs the student newspaper *The Perspective*, was the faculty sponsor for the club and Woolner said she was very supportive.

Gee said she was pretty sure Woolner was interested in puppetry when she met him as a ninth-grader. He wore a Jim Henson jacket, had sketches of unfinished puppets and made class presentations involving custom-made puppets.

When he approached

her about the puppetry club, she agreed, with the provision that Woolner did all the work, including getting sponsors and doing the fundraising. Woolner agreed.

"When he showed up one day with a list of corporate sponsors and a bank account with paperwork detailing their donations, I wanted to put him in charge of my 401(k)," Gee said. "As a ninth-grader, he was more mature, more driven and more capable than many accomplished adults. He certainly was the driving force behind what became an exemplary high school puppetry program."

He would, of course, like to do bigger and better things. Like the minor league player trying to make the major leagues, Woolner would love to get a character onto a television show of his own – "I've pitched a couple of TV pilots," he said – but understands it will take time.

Up next

In the meantime, Woolner is supplementing his

appearances in movies by teaching. He's doing Puppetry 101 at Wayne State, and he's in the "Bright Futures" program at Eastern Michigan University. He's also teaching a variety of classes at the Plymouth Community Arts Center, where his film-making class this summer drew 18 students ages 8-16.

"Teaching and performing are the same to me," Woolner said. "The script is the syllabus and there's still an audience. You're trying to captivate the audience. Teaching and performing feel the same to me. I'm living in the moment. In no other area have I found that."

Even at the still-tender age of 24, Woolner has done much of what he set out to do in the puppetry field.

But he wants to do more.

"I've done all that. I've reached my (original) goals," Woolner said. "I'm trying to not let that be the peak. I'm rewriting my goals."

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Funding inequity

The district initially cut its kindergarten para-professionals (before deciding to eat the cost and find funding elsewhere) before restoring them. And, of course, there are the transportation issues at the start of the school year, which are more organizational than funding, though cutting bus routes to save money likely contributed to the problem, according to transportation officials.

The problem, as the group sees it, is the inequity in levels of funding. For instance, benchmark school districts in Northville and Livonia each get nearly \$8,100 per pupil, while Plymouth-Canton's funding is only \$7,251. Ann Arbor gets some \$9,100, but it's a "hold-harmless" district under Proposal A.

"We should be getting at least the same funding as Northville and Livonia," Paton said. "We're not trying to drag those districts down. We're trying to bring ours up."

Mike Pare of Canton, a parent who is a regular at board meetings, was at this week's LAN meeting and hopes parents understand there "isn't a 'money tree' to pay for what the district needs."

Decades of change

"The 'money thing' is pretty important, especially when you don't have enough to do what needs to be done," Pare said. "And it is clear P-CCS doesn't have enough. I think Proposal A could be amended to allow P-CCS to bring the district in line with Northville and Livonia, because we are competing with them for administrators and teachers."

Districts around the state had a chance to approve "hold-harmless" millage levies when Proposal A was passed; Plymouth-Canton voters turned down the chance. Paton understands that, but said the community has changed so much in 20 years that a new opportunity should be afforded it.

The LAN has met twice now, most recently Wednesday night. Pare was at the Wednesday meeting and said the network can be a good source for parents.

"I think the LAN can help educate parents on the current realities of school funding and how it works," Pare said. "Only educated parents advocating for their children will solve the current funding issues."

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RENTALS

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be taken to 35th District Court – if they fail to register their properties during a two-month window from Oct. 15 to Dec. 15.

Fee schedule

Mobile home property owners are exempt.

"We don't have a lot of jurisdiction in mobile home parks," Faas said.

A second proposed set of fees applies to actual inspections to check for faulty furnaces, blocked fire exits, plumbing problems, electrical is-

suages and other safety hazards. Those are proposed at \$200 for single-family homes and \$200 for each apartment building, duplex or multi-unit building. The fee covers inspections of exterior and common areas such as hallways.

Moreover, owners would face an additional \$60-per-unit inspection fee for interior inspections of apartment buildings, duplexes and other multi-unit buildings.

Faas provided an example, saying the owner of 10 duplexes would face a total of \$3,200 in registration and inspection fees.

Canton officials have

earlier indicated they could tweak the fees after they implement the program and have a better handle on the time – and cost – it takes inspectors to do their job.

Others do it

Official say the program is patterned after similar efforts already adopted by some communities, saying it protects property values and tenants.

Faas indicated Canton is expected to start its inspections as early as January on the north side and move south over a two-year period. Faas said most of the older and larger apartment

complexes are on the north end.

Property owners will be notified in advance of inspections so they, in turn, can advise tenants.

If Canton finds a multi-unit complex is in good shape after inspecting 50 percent of residences, inspectors will waive the remaining inspections until the next two-year cycle begins, Faas said.

Full-time job

Powell, meanwhile, said he is hopeful Canton has a uniform approach to its inspection program. Some communities have found certain inspectors become too involved in aesthetics

rather than simply looking for code violations or unsafe conditions, he said.

"That's where we get really scared," Powell said, adding inspections should be kept "reasonable and consistent."

Canton officials have said Canton has as many as 8,000 apartments or multi-family units and 2,000 single-family home rentals. The township has decided to hire two full-time inspectors and part-time clerical workers to move the program forward.

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JAIL

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was no testimony to prove he even knew she was in the driveway where the incident start-

ed.

However, his wife, Jennifer Frohock-Hoffman, testified during the July 11 preliminary exam that Hoffman struck her, backed up and tried to hit her again before the truck crashed into a

Ford Mustang inside the garage, pushing it through a wall into the condominium.

Police have said Frohock-Hoffman yelled for help.

"I couldn't believe my husband was trying to

kill me," she testified in court.

Her testimony indicated the couple had argued after she confronted him and indicated he had a drinking problem. She said the truck struck her right

leg and nearly pinned her against the Mustang, but she managed to get out of the way before she said the second attempt was made to hit her.

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League of Women Voters to host school board forum

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will host a candidates forum 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at the Plymouth City Hall for the eight candidates running for three positions on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board.

All eight candidates have agreed to attend the forum.

There are six candidates running for two six-year seats: Kate Borninski, Drexel Morton, Amy Fava, Michael Siegrist, Estelle Oliansky and Donald Turner. Two candidates are running for one four-year seat: incumbent Kim Crouch and Tom Kelly.

The public is invited to attend the forum and submit questions for the candidates that will be asked by a League moderator. The public can also submit questions in advance through the League's email address lwvmail@yahoo.com.

The forum will be taped and will appear on the League's website, lwvwww.org, within a week after the forum.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. It never supports or opposes any political party or candidate.

I-96 event generates social media buzz

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey remembers the last time he rode a bicycle on Interstate 96.

Kirksey, who was into his first term in 1977 as a state representative at the time, said he remembers the moment fondly as work wrapped up on the freeway's initial construction. He said he was with then-city Councilman Bob Bennett. A photo of the two of them even appeared in the *Livonia Observer*.

Now, almost 40 years later, the opportunity to traverse the freeway is present again and many area residents, as well as Kirksey, are excited for the opportunity.

"We were on our bikes enjoying it," he said. "It's certainly an exciting time."

The announcement earlier this week of a "family fun day" on I-96 has left many people excited at the opportunity to see the freeway in a different light before it reopens to traffic. The event is scheduled to take place 2-4 p.m. Sunday on

westbound I-96 between Stark and Newburgh.

Parking for area residents looking to walk, run, jog or bicycle the freeway Sunday will take place at Madonna University's parking lot along Schoolcraft. Dogs are allowed, but must be on a leash and owners must pick up after them.

Social media abuzz

Several people have expressed interest in the event, posting comments to the hometownlife.com Facebook page and tagging friends they'd like to bring along.

"I remember riding my bike on that freeway before it opened. I should come and relive a memory," one reader posted.

"Sounds like fun. Might have to check it out," another wrote.

Dave Varga, Livonia's director of administrative services, said feedback on the city's Facebook page has been nothing but excitement from local residents looking forward to Sunday.

"We posted on Facebook last night and there were a lot of comments on there," he said. "A lot



FILE PHOTO

Excitement is building for Sunday's "family fun day" planned on I-96. The event will run 2-4 p.m. and the public is invited to come and walk, run or bicycle on the freeway before it is expected to open to traffic later this month.

of positive stuff."

He said a record number of people saw the post, with it reaching more than 15,000 people.

Jeff Horne, an engineer for the Michigan Department of Transportation, echoed the statement, saying the project's social media accounts have seen a slew of positive messages

sharing about the event.

"It seems pretty positive. We're pretty pleased and excited for what's going to happen," he said. "It could be a great event."

In addition to people being able to traverse the freeway, Kirksey said the city's restored 1953 fire truck is expected to make an appearance in the Madonna University parking lot for residents to enjoy as well.

Several driverless cars are also expected to do demonstrations during the event, Horne said. He said they will most likely begin in the parking lot, but could then move down to the freeway to show off their capability.

Joe Neussendorfer, a Livonia resident, builder and historian, has sent multiple requests to MDOT, asking it to hold such an event. He was elated Wednesday morning when he heard the news of the family fun day.

The opportunity to have a family photo standing on I-96 is something that many area residents, especially those with children, could

come to cherish in future years, he said.

Freeway open earlier?

Even more good news: construction could wrap up earlier than the anticipated Sept. 30 date announced earlier this month. Horne said work is continuing and moving along quicker than expected, though he could not confirm a specific day or time the closed seven-mile stretch through Redford and Livonia would reopen.

Having the expressway open, Kirksey said, is yet another thing to celebrate, especially as area businesses continue to suffer without the increased traffic near their shops. He said he's looking forward to having the city operate with the freeway open again.

"It's not only affected our traffic in town, it's put more wear and tear on our roads," he said. "The wait has been well worthwhile."

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Canton Youth & Teen Center will host Block Party

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center is celebrating the start of its new fall semester with a Block Party 6-8 p.m. Oct. 3, weather permitting. Plenty of family-friendly activities are scheduled to take place in The B.L.O.C.K. parking lot, located behind the Canton Administration Building (the building's west side).

The evening festivities will include field day activities, pickup basketball games, bounce house, cupcake deco-

rating and karaoke. Plus, music will be provided by Silver Sounds DJ. Party-goers are encouraged to tour the Teen Center and check out all of its amenities, including Foosball, video games, computer lab with Internet, The B.L.O.C.K. café, lounge, quiet study room, pool table and more.

"We're excited to throw our first outdoor Block Party, which will feature an evening of fun activities for the entire family," said Laura Mor-

tier, recreation specialist.

Light refreshments will also be served, including pizza, pop, chips and veggies. This event is free and open to the public. Teens, their families and anyone interested in learning more about The B.L.O.C.K. are encouraged to attend. Overflow parking will be located at the Canton Public Library lot. If inclement weather is possible, participants are asked to call 734-398-5570 to confirm if the event will be held.

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth



CANTON TOWNSHIP

Canton's B.L.O.C.K. Teen Center is throwing a Block Party to celebrate the new semester.

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W-W considers request on property transfer

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Citing such things as academics and the welfare of their children, a group of homeowners in southwest Canton Township is asking Wayne RESA to make a block transfer of their neighborhood from the Wayne-Westland to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Seventy-five resident property owners of the Parkview Estates Subdivision Homeowners Association filed petitions Aug. 25 for a Block Transfer of Property with Wayne RESA, citing convenience, the welfare of their children, economics, academics and private schools as reasons for their request.

The residents live on Lancelot and Amber Drive in the subdivision, which is located between Sheldon and Lilley, south of Palmer.

Wayne RESA must take action on the request within 60 days of the petition being filed. According to Wayne County Superintendent Chris Wigent, the intermediate school board has asked for the position of Wayne-Westland and Plymouth-Canton on the request before it takes action at its Oct. 15 meet-



Plymouth-Canton's Board of Education members came to the consensus they're against the property transfer.

ing. "The board's decision will be based on the recommendation of the two districts," Wigent said. "If both boards say no, it will go to the Michigan Department of Education for a decision. The (intermediate) board will receive their positions and, if they are both no, I will recommend that it be sent to the state."

Making a decision

Plymouth-Canton has already made a decision not to recommend the transfer, with Wayne-Westland taking up the request at Monday's school board meeting. Wayne-Westland Superintendent Michele

Harmala is recommending the board oppose the petition.

In making her recommendation, Harmala pointed out that Wayne-Westland is "providing quality educational opportunities to all of its students" and, like the Plymouth-Canton district, has received the color yellow on the Michigan Department of Education scorecard.

In a first reading of the resolution last Tuesday, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education came to a consensus that it would be against the property transfer.

"The general sentiment is that the board would not be in favor of this request," Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen

said.

Gary Collins, general counsel for the Board of Education, said districts have been opposing these kinds of transfers for "the last 20 years."

"One of the issues districts have is if you look at a transfer, it's based on a student population that you have at the time," Collins told the board Tuesday. "Within 5-10 years, you could have a different population that could be better served by the residual school district. Generally, school districts are against property transfers."

Reasons for transfer

In requesting the block transfer, residents maintain that Plymouth-Canton has Bentley Elementary within one mile of the subdivision, as opposed to Wayne-Westland's Walker-Winter Elementary, which is four miles away. They also contend that their children live in Canton Township and use its services, but are separated by the educational setting. They called the separation "forced segregation" that disconnects the children from their neighborhood friends and peers and "denies our children

the ability to truly belong to the Canton community."

Likewise, the residents contend that their children are being placed at an economic disadvantage by being sent to a "less effective academic program," based on the MEAP scores at Bentley School, which, they said, average 20 percent higher than Walker-Winter.

They also indicated that many students in the neighborhood attend private and public charter schools and that the transfer would "encourage residents to reassess their current choice to pursue an alternative to public schools, potentially bring funds back to the local public school system."

It has been many years since Wayne RESA has received a petition for block transfer.

"I used to see these when I was with the Calhoun ISD; it used to happen a lot, then schools of choice came in," Wigent said. "I've been here seven years and this is my first. It's just not as prevalent as it used to be."

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Canton college student makes second trip to Ireland

Talk about Irish blessings.

This summer, Saint Mary's College senior Sarah Lipinski of Canton was in Ireland again, this time in Dublin, after studying abroad in Maynooth in her sophomore year.

Lipinski is a global studies major with concentrations in global business administration and international higher education administration. She took a creative writing course at the Dublin Writers Centre and volunteered and interned at a number of places, including the U.S. Embassy.

The experience was thanks to an Independent Student Travel Grant through the College's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership. Li-

pinski and other students will share their experiences abroad at the International Learning Showcase in November.

"I've always had a great yearning to travel and learn as much as I could from the world," Lipinski said. "While I ended up studying abroad in Ireland in my sophomore year, I had the opportunity to travel to Berlin and Munich during spring break of that year and was star-struck by everything I saw, mostly because everything I had learned in the classroom was made real."

After graduation, she hopes to work in the field of international higher education as she hopes to mentor domestic and international students in their

journeys abroad and be a resource as they discover more about the world and about themselves.

"My return journey to Ireland over the summer was a whirlwind and a completely different experience than the first trip," she said. "I am thrilled to be able to share my experience with the Saint Mary's College community at the Intercultural Learning Showcase and encourage my fellow Belles to explore their world and never give up the fight for their dreams, even in the midst of uncertainty and doubt."

Lipinski, a 2011 graduate of Father Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor and daughter of Jennifer and Paul



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Sarah Lipinski of Canton (right), with her friend Christine Lazorchick, recently made her second trip to Ireland. Here they're visiting the Cliffs of Moher in Co. Clare.

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Runners can sign up for Heroes on Hines 5K or half-marathon

Wayne County, in partnership with Running Fit, will host its second annual Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Proceeds from the annual race will go to support and maintain the First Responders Memorial in Hines Park, located at the corner of Hines Drive and Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township.

"The memorial and the annual Heroes on Hines race are powerful tributes that honor the heroic men and women who lost their lives while serving as first responders in Wayne County," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said.

The half marathon begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K begins at 8:45 a.m. The registration fee for the half marathon is \$59 through Oct. 2 and \$70 on race weekend, Oct. 3-4. The registration fee

for the 5K is \$34 through Oct. 2 and \$40 on race weekend. Entry fee includes a technical race shirt for all distances and finisher's medal for half marathon distance.

The Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run offers an opportunity for registered participants to create teams to compete against each other during race challenges. First Responder divisions are able to create their own teams for camaraderie and friendly competition.

Police, fire and EMS departments throughout Wayne County's 43 communities can promote a healthy lifestyle by gathering co-workers to get fit, come out and show some team spirit.

The Heroes on Hines course travels through the western Wayne communities of Plymouth and Northville at the northwest end of Edward Hines Drive. Both

the half marathon and 5K start and finish at the memorial site. As a security precaution, all bags and backpacks will be prohibited at the race start/finish area and along the race course.

The memorial contains 403 names of police, fire and EMS personnel from the Wayne County communities who died in the line of duty. The memorial includes monuments, seat walls, concrete walkways, a paver plaza, site furnishings, plantings as well parking and lighting.

Sponsors for Heroes on Hines include Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Skyway Precision, Argent International, Hines Park Lincoln, Durr, Burroughs, Observer & Eccentric and Friends of Wayne County Parks.

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Runners crowd the gate at the start of the inaugural Heroes on Hines half-marathon.

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Anyone stressed by the demands of balancing work, home, family and friends in today's hyper-connected world could benefit from a mindfulness class being offered by Madonna University's Psychological Services Clinic.

This nine-week class, from Sept. 25 through Nov. 20, will help participants learn to defuse stress, cultivate inner peace and promote self-reflection.

The class meets 4:30-6 p.m. each Thursday and costs \$90. The deadline to

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Mindfulness training is based on a variety of skills derived from con-

templative and meditation practices to help people better deal with anxiety or depression, respond effectively to physical health challenges and boost attention and concentration.

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Hire a professional to handle your estate

Dear Rick: I am a widow with two adult children who do not get along. Currently, each child gets half my estate and both are named as executors. I realize this is a mistake and is going to cause problems. I'm afraid that if I name one of them, there would also be hard feelings. I don't have a large estate. I love my children equally and I just want to do what's right. Do you have a suggestion?

A: You may be surprised to hear this, but your situation is not out of the ordinary. We all know that family relationships are hard and as much as we'd all love an Ozzie and Harriet family, they very rarely exist.

In reviewing your situation, I agree that it is a prescription for disaster to have your two sons as co-personal representatives. When personal representatives don't get along, inevitably their disagreements end up in court and the only winners are the lawyers. I also agree that to name one child may also cause problems.

There are two alterna-



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

tives. The first is to name another friend or family member, who has the respect of both of your sons, to act as personal representative. Even if they don't have all the skills necessary to be a personal representative, they can certainly hire someone to assist them.

If there is no family or friend, then the next option is to hire a professional. You can consider either an attorney, such as the one who is drafting your will, or you can use a bank. Professional trustees, whether an attorney or a bank, have certain advantages such as they will not let emotions sway their decision. However, professional trustees can be expensive.

I generally prefer to name another family member or a friend as the personal representative. It makes sense to have a loved one in charge of one's estate. After all, if they need

professional help, they can hire someone.

If you are going to hire a professional, understand the costs involved. I believe that whenever you hire a professional, you should talk costs. You would be surprised at the difference in fees between different entities.

Whom you name as personal representative of your will or trustee of a trust is an essential person to how that entity will be managed. The trustee and personal representative are key people in assuring that, upon your death, your family gets their money without undue aggravation or excessive costs.

As difficult as this may be, you have to be honest with yourself. If you do not have family or friends who can handle your estate, hiring a professional is the next best way to go.

Good luck.

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Local woman's ArtPrize project challenges race views

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Imagine an artist creating a piece which draws attention to a social issue that winds up forcing the artist to rethink the issue itself.

Ironically, that's what has happened to Novi native Veronica Kirin, now a resident of Grand Rapids, with her ArtPrize project titled The Gradient of Humanity.

It started out based on the idea that wonderfully beautiful skin tone is only skin deep. Kirin wanted to show a light-to-dark gradient of skin tones, but soon realized that would require a call for certain demographics – a form of racial profiling that her piece was meant to challenge.

"I began to feel very awkward," Kirin said. "I actually had to start profiling my friends, family and acquaintances in order to fill the project. That made me back off for a while, leaving the final project a little sparser than I'd hoped."

After graduating in 2009 with a bachelor of arts degree in social anthropology from



Kirin

Grand Valley State University, Kirin has made her mark as a freelance photographer, consultant and web designer.

One can view her entry in progress online (<http://gradientofhumanity.com/>) before the first public viewing Sept. 23. That kickoff party – free and open to the public – will be at the Boardwalk Condominiums (904 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids). At 16 feet wide by 3 feet tall, the final print will take up a full wall at the complex.

"Participants are arranged from lightest skin tone to the darkest,



One can see Veronica Kirin's ArtPrize entry in progress online (<http://gradientofhumanity.com/>) before the first public viewing Sept. 23.

literally a human gradient," as stated on the website's home page. "It is a reflection on the beauty of us all, both skin deep and beneath the skin. Meant as a celebration, this piece will challenge its viewers to see beyond their first impressions and address the essence of what we are."

While the project's first purpose is not to address social and racial issues, according to Kirin, viewers are encouraged to feel challenged in that way.

"That is, so much of our society is based on hard lines, black and white and far extremes," she said. "By arranging participants in a linear coloring with no discernible separation, it is

hoped that preconceived notions might be dissolved."

Kirin had initially hoped to have a greater group of participants to demonstrate a more gradual gradient.

"To me, this was integral to the integrity of the project, to displaying the lack of drastic differences between us," she said. "Unfortunately, I encountered an awkwardness I could not overcome."

Because requested participation eventually required racial profiling, the participants in the project remained a bare minimum. Still, she hopes that it's enough to prove her point – "that our skin is beautiful in all its variation and race is terribly subjective."

Participate

Up to the project's printing and public viewing – and even afterward – Kirin welcomes participants. Of course, not everyone will be pictured in the final print for ArtPrize, but all the participants will be recognized on her website's Participants page.

Although the project is based in Grand Rapids, participants aren't required to live there. By the basic premise of the piece, people from any and everywhere are encouraged to participate. (It's pretty simple – shoot a photo of yourself in a black shirt from the shoulders up in front of a light background; sign a waiver and send her your photo.) If you live

locally, contact Kirin to schedule your shoot. See her website's Get Involved page for details.

Participants are also asked to fill out a short bio online. "I feel those stories add an important dimension to the piece, bringing religion, gender and world-view into what was once only visual," Kirin said. "I hope that this project will challenge ArtPrize goers, if only a little. Overtly, the project is about the beauty of human skin. But covertly, it is obviously about race and gender."

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Student's artwork bowls over Livonia business

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Novi High School junior Adam Huber looked to the past to give his winning art design the look it needed.

Huber's depiction of downtown Detroit with bowling pins standing in as skyscrapers will decorate the inside of Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia as the winning piece of art selected by new owner Richard Glomb. Huber will be recognized for his work Friday at a special reception.

"It's exciting to be part of a competition like this, but it's even more exciting and surprising to win it," said Huber, whose love for art took hold as a freshman when he took his first drawing

class.

According to NHS art teacher Melissa Edmunds, Glomb asked Novi High's art department to conduct a competition for art/design work to be created for his unit mskts at the end of each bowling lane. It was a last-minute competition before the school year ended this past June, but that didn't deter the students from entering their pieces.

Livonia Churchill High School was asked to conduct a competition for the business' new logo.

"Two weeks before school came to an end, my graphic art/design classes and my digital imaging/computer art class worked very hard on creating some outstanding work," Edmunds said. "Richard and his team came in to view and pick their winning design."



Novi High School junior Adam Huber created this graphic design of old Detroit and bowling pins for Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia.

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Huber won the client's business by taking into

consideration what themes it wanted and being creative with them. Because of this, he will be awarded a cash prize of \$100 by Merri-Bowl.

For Edmunds, this was a great learning and real world experience for the students that can't always be duplicated in the classroom.

"All of the students did an outstanding job," she said. "This was an exciting opportunity."

Glomb will have an opening reception in the newly renovated Merri-Bowl (30950 Five Mile Road) that will include Livonia Mayor Jack Kirskey cutting the ribbon. After, he will recognize Huber for all of the printed art work that will be placed from one side of the building to the next.

The NHS art department will also receive a \$500 check as a donation. "We are very excited to have a student have his art work bought, printed and put on display in a business for decades to come!" Edmunds said.

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Students visit ITS World Congress



William D. Ford Career Technical Center teachers Jim Shirmer and J.C. Irvine took students to the recent ITS World Congress in Detroit.

Students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland received an invitation they couldn't refuse: Display their IVD (innovative vehicle design) vehicle at the World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems.

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The vehicle was designed and built by the students at the center as part of Square One's Innovative Vehicle Design Challenge. The chal-

llege allows students, with the help of an industry partner, to create a vehicle which is put to the test at the Michigan International Speedway.

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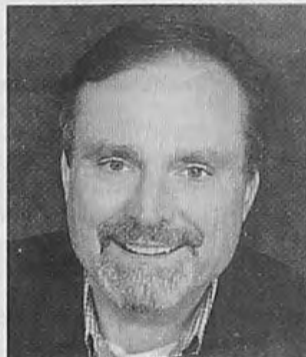
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By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

Scotland voted against independence from the United Kingdom this week, but it still has its own ancient, rich heritage – and nobody around here illustrates that better than Ackroyd's Scottish Bakery in Redford.

Celebrating its 65th year in business this year, Ackroyd's is, if anything, more popular than ever.

"The power of the Internet," has increased business over the past few years, according to Megan Ackroyd, daughter of the current owner and granddaughter of one of the founders of Ackroyd's.

It began as a Scottish butcher shop in Detroit in 1949 started by Megan's grandfather and great-




Brian Rorai chats with Joe Hakim and Megan Ackroyd at Ackroyd's Scottish Bakery in Redford.

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uncle. Then the bakery side of the business was started as traditional savory pies were added. "And we haven't really looked back from there," Ackroyd said.

Ackroyd's, which moved to its Redford location on Five Mile east of Beech Daly in 1972, has nine employees.

Along with Megan Ackroyd and her father Allan Ackroyd, who is the owner and head baker, is Anne Johnstone, great-niece of master baker John Lindsay, the man who introduced his sweet pie recipes in the early days of the shop.

"I started working here when I was a teenager," Johnstone said. And lots of her family members, including her sister, grandmother and

kids, have worked there.

Destination Ackroyd's

"It's a wonderful business," she said. "Customers come from all over. On a weekly basis, we have people saying they drove for an hour or two hours to get here."

Now, in addition to Lindsay's savory meat pies, there are all sorts of sweet-baked goods, including tea cakes and shortbread, grocery items, gift shop items such as T-shirts and, of course, the traditional favorites like haggis, blood sausage and black pudding.

Joe Hakim, who has worked at Ackroyd's for two years, has taken the shop online though a website and social media.

"We have 9,000 followers on Facebook," he said.

"Shipping has increased a lot," Ackroyd said. They ship a minimum of 10 packages a week, she said.

Hakim also attributes the rise in popularity of food shows on television. "Foodies want to try new things," he said.

Besides those just interested in trying Scottish food are the longtime patrons who are usually British, Irish and, of course, Scottish.

"We have a really great customer base," Hakim said.

Expansion plans

Although it has a website, Ackroyd's doesn't yet take orders over the Internet, but the plans to start after the first other

year and that has prompted expansion into the vacant storefront next door.

"As it is, we're squeezed back here," Ackroyd said.

Right now, workers are using the extra space for storage, but are looking at plans to expand their retail storefront, Ackroyd said.

Hakim, who also works on a food blog called thehungrydudes.com, hopes they will be able to offer food demonstrations.

The grocery area in the front carries items imported from the United Kingdom.

One popular item these days are Jelly Babies, because of the popularity of *Doctor Who* and his habit of eating them during some episodes, Hakim said.

Some items are expected by customers at different times of the year, such as corned beef pasties and Irish stew pies near St. Patrick's Day and pumpkin spice shortbread in the fall.

'Auld Lang Syne'

"Our food is comfort food for many people," Hakim said. "Our pies are filling, so they tend to be eaten more during cold weather."

Business really picks up in September until the end of January, including Robert Burns' birthday Jan. 25, at which time the Scottish celebrate their famous national poet with "Burns Night" and "Burns Suppers."

Haggis is really popular then because of Burns' poem *Address to a Haggis*, Johnstone said. "They do a whole ceremony ... and drink a lot of Scotch," she said.

Speaking of celebrations, an anniversary celebration "beer dinner" featuring Scottish food is planned for 7-10 p.m. Sept. 30 at Grand Trunk Pub in Detroit.

It will feature five courses pairing Scottish food with different beers, "an elevated look at our food," Hakim said. Tickets are \$40. Grand Trunk Pub is at 612 Woodward. Call 313-961-3043 for more information.

Ackroyd's is at 25566 Five Mile Road in Redford.



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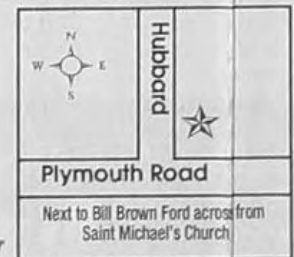
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Farmers market receptive to family recipe

What do you do when you are asked to be the guest "celebrity chef" at the Northville Farmers Market and you are neither a celebrity nor (and this is the important part) a chef?

Well, in my case, you accept the challenge and then rely on a family staple – grilled cheeseburgers. You also bring along your 11-year-old daughter Maggie to act as your assistant just in case you bomb. I figured they couldn't heckle me if she was there, no matter how bad the food turned out.

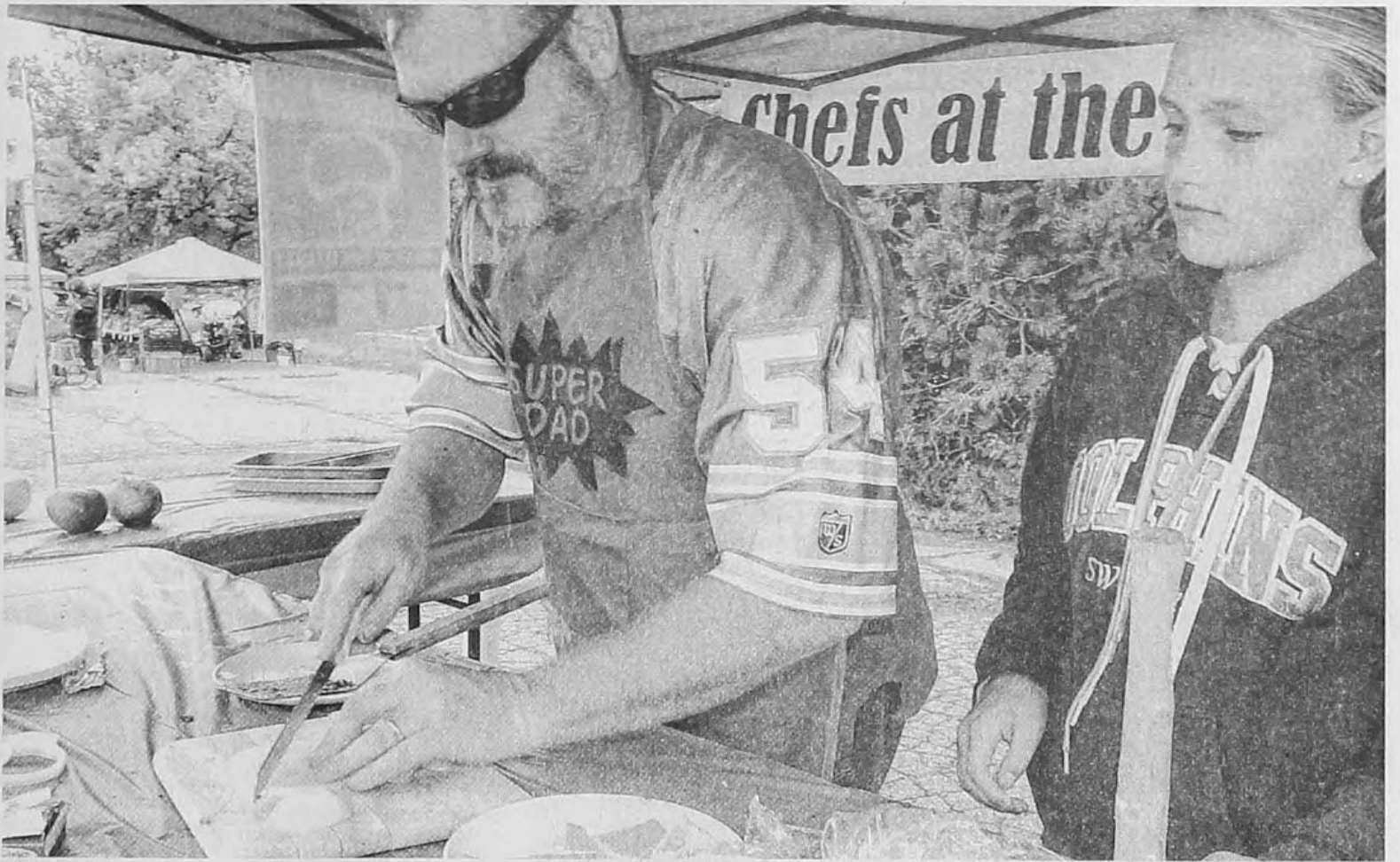
Actually, I felt fairly confident with the recipe, which was handed down to me by father and his father before him – both of whom have passed and were probably looking down on my efforts last week with amusement.

I have to say, ours aren't your average cheeseburgers on the grill. No. 1, I only use a Weber kettle grill – yes, charcoal over gas. That way you can use mesquite wood chips – and plenty of them – to add a smoky flavor that, in my opinion, is hard to beat.

When I got started, the crowd was a bit small, but as the smoke and aroma of grilling burgers started wafting across the market, people started gathering around. The chilly, autumn-like weather probably didn't hurt either, as the cheeseburgers are great for tailgating or having friends over for a Lions game. I even decided to wear my Lions jersey (hey, they're still in first place).

After I added a slice of Swiss cheese to each of the burgers, pulled them off the grill and put them on a bun with a slice or two of onion, the line of people had gotten a little longer. Before I knew it, every one of the burgers was gone and I actually put a second batch on the grill, which also disappeared in a hurry. They went so fast, I never even got a burger for myself.

All in all, I have to say it was a successful debut. I'm happy



Northville Record editor Kurt Kuban, joined by his daughter Maggie, 11, preps cheeseburgers using the Kuban family recipe Sept. 11 at the Northville Farmers Market for the Chefs at the Market series.

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to report I wasn't heckled (though Maggie was a strong deterrent). However, I'm not sure I stacked up with last year's celebrity chef, Mayor Chris Johnson, who prepared his popular omelet in a bag – something he makes while tailgating before Michigan football games. But we did have a lot of fun and it's always cool to hang out at the farmers market, which is held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Thursday over at the Northville Downs parking lot at the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon.

If you haven't been to market, you should try make some time to go before the season ends Oct. 30. Market master Sher Watkins does a great job with the variety of vendors and activities going on weekly at the market. There are dozens of vendors selling Michigan-

grown produce and Michigan-made products. It's a great mix and, with the harvest season upon us, there are wonderful fruits and veggies currently available.

The Chefs at the Market series also takes place each week at 10 a.m. And unlike last week, when it featured a hack like me, the series spotlights some outstanding chefs, who give cooking demonstrations, as well as provide recipes and samples – all at no cost to market-goers. Some of the upcoming chefs include Renee Chodkowski of The Great Foodini, Cas Chirco of Verace et Olio, Chef Paul Penney of HAP, Chef Mary Spencer and, on Oct. 16, Andy Genitti of the popular Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall restaurant.

The series is just one of the reasons why the Northville Farmers Market is such cool

place to hang out each Thursday. The community has really embraced it. And, in fact, it draws many people to the community. Many of the people I spoke to were visiting from other communities.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce deserves a lot of credit for putting it on, because it definitely adds to the quality of life here in Northville.

All right, for those of you who might want to try out the Kuban family recipe, use the following instructions:

- » ¼ to ½ pound of ground chuck per patty
- » Spices: Lawry's Seasoned Salt, Italian seasoning, dried basil leaves
- » Swiss cheese (can be substituted with others)
- » Onion or sesame seeded bun
- » Onion (tomato, lettuce, pickle can also be used)

After making patty, liberally sprinkle on Lawry's, Italian seasoning and basil leaves. Once coals are ready, place wet wood chips directly onto the coals (soak chips in water for at least half hour – the longer the better). Place patties on grill and cook as desired (I prefer rare to medium rare). About 1-2 minutes before taking off, add cheese (if desired) to each patty. The bun can also be grilled for a minute or so on each side. Add slice or two of onion.

Hopefully, my dad and my grandpa aren't too unhappy with me for passing on the family secret. Enjoy! And remember, support your farmers market.

Kurt Kuban is editor of the Northville Record. We welcome your feedback (especially if you try the recipe) at kkuban@hometownlife.com or 734-716-0783.



Sen. Glenn Anderson displays a Breast Cancer Awareness license plate that became available Sept. 15. Money raised by the sale of the plates helps support the Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program administered by the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Anderson's pink ribbon license plate now available

The Michigan state Senate has passed Senate Resolution 108, introduced by state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, to establish October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Additionally, the Michigan Secretary of State began making available last week the new Breast Cancer Awareness license plate that was established by a bill introduced by Anderson.

Since Senate Bill 101 was signed into law in last December, Anderson has been working with the Secretary of State's office to finalize the preparation of Michigan's Pink Ribbon license plate. On Sept. 15, the specialty fundraising license plate became officially available to order through any Michigan Secretary of State office.

In 2011, Anderson introduced a bill to create a Pink Ribbon license plate to help fund the Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program, which is within the Michigan Depart-

ment of Community Health. This program and the funding that the fundraising plate will generate will provide much-needed breast cancer screening and treatment to uninsured and underinsured citizens across Michigan.

After the bill was signed into law, the Secretary of State required a \$15,000 start-up fee for the initial creation and implementation of a new fundraising license plate. Anderson worked with local hospitals and organizations to raise this money privately.

"This license plate truly raises money for a good cause and will help save lives in Michigan," Anderson said. "It took a lot of hard work to get the idea through the Legislature and make it a reality and I am excited that we will now see these plates out on the road and start raising money for cancer screening and treatment."

For the initial purchase of each fundraising plate, a \$35 fundraising fee in addition to any

applicable registration fee is charged. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program will receive \$25. If an owner already has a plate on his or her vehicle, the registration cost already paid will be credited toward the fundraising plate. In this case, only the \$35 fundraising fee is due. Therefore, there is no need to wait to purchase this plate until expiration of a current plate.

When renewing a fundraising plate, a small \$10 fundraising fee in addition to the annual registration fee is charged. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Program will receive the \$10. To order your fundraising license plate, contact a local Secretary of State office or go online to print out an order form at www.michigan.gov/sos.

Anderson represents the state Senate 6th District, which includes the communities of Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford Township. He also serves as the assistant Democratic floor leader.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ISSUES FORUM

Date/Time: Wednesday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m.
Location: Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center
Details: The third Canton Township Issues Forum will consist of factual presentations, solutions not slogans, affecting the residents of Canton Township, the Plymouth-Canton School District and other local communities. The two primary issues to be discussed are Michigan Jobs Growth Strategy and Patient-Centered Health Care Solutions. Presentations will be made by local, district, county and state level personnel.

TUTOR TRAINING

Dates/Times: Thursday, Oct. 16, 6-9 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 23, 6-9 p.m.
Location: 39750 Joy Road, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council provides volunteer tutors to adults with literacy skills below a ninth-grade level. Interested volunteers are invited to attend the October training session consisting of 12 hours of training spread out over the course of three days. Once trained, volunteers spend just 1 1/2 hours/week helping in a setting of their choice. Some volunteers work with a student one-on-one, while others help in a small conversation group or assist in an adult classroom. No prior experience is needed. Register online to reserve your spot in the training class today.
Contact: For more information or to register to become a tutor, visit <http://www.plymouth-cantonliteracy.org/get-involved/tutoring>

HEISE HOURS

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 19, 7:30-9 a.m.
Location: Panera Bread, 400 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise is hosting coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally and discuss state or local issues. No appointment is necessary. 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-REP-KURT or email kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Date/Time: Sunday, Sept. 21,

11:30 a.m.

Location: Living Peace Church, 684 Deer St., Plymouth
Details: Everyone is invited to celebrate the International Day of Peace. It will begin at Living Peace Church with the dedication of a peace pole and then proceed to Kellogg Park, with a prayer vigil remembering the kidnapped school girls in Nigeria. The names of the girls will be written on pinwheels and placed in the church yard.
Contact: For more information, contact Randy Short at 419-572-1411.

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

Date/Time: Wednesdays, starting Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to noon
Location: International Friendship Center at Living Word Church, 46500 N. Territorial, Plymouth
Details: An International Friendship Center is being established at Living Word Church in Plymouth to serve international refugees and immigrants from all backgrounds in the Detroit area. The center will offer free English as a Second Language classes, with each class session providing a hospitality time for students to enjoy a snack and practice English conversation with friendly volunteers.
Contact: For more information or to register, contact Cynthia 248-659-2063 or first-needs@gmail.com. or contact Karim (for Arabic speakers) at 716-381-1301.

WOMEN'S EXPO

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 4, 2-4 p.m.
Location: Midwest Tai Kwan Do, 584 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth
Details: Midwest TKD hosts a free Health & Wellness Expo for girls, women and seniors. Dr. Kavitha Chinnaiyan will talk women's heart health as the keynote speaker at 3 p.m. Vendors include experts in heart health, dermatology, chiropractic, massage, yoga, counseling services, senior care, nutrition, education and fitness and safety programs.
Contact: For more information, call 734-459-4183.

DKG CRAFT SHOW

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Road (at Sheldon), Plymouth
Details: Delta Kappa Gamma is an international society of



PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Terrific taste

An eager crowd of diners took advantage of Tuesday's Penn-Taste-Tic Downtown Restaurant Crawl, tasting the cuisine offered at a variety of restaurants, including the Sweet Afton Tea Room. The annual event is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. The chamber sold 220 tickets; the event earned approximately \$4,300. The proceeds will be split evenly between the Penn Theater and the chamber. The total proceeds will be approximately \$4,300. The people's choice for their favorite was Nico & Vali on Wing.

women in education that provides scholarships for Plymouth-Canton students pursuing a degree in education. Its biggest fundraiser for scholarships is its annual craft show. More than 65 juried crafters will be featured, displaying unique jewelry, hand-crafted soaps of natural ingredients, seasonal decor, gourmet foods, hand-painted scarves, pottery, unique pet supplies and more. The event will include a surprise drawing every hour as well as a drawing for several big prizes, including a hand-stitched quilt, a round of golf at Fox Hills and at Pheasant Run, a 932 Bed & Breakfast certificate, framed Tigers memorabilia, a \$50 gift certificate from Focal Point, two \$25 gift certificates to Vanessa's Flowers and many local restaurant gift certificates. The American Association of University Women, which also provides scholarships to students, will again join the show with its annual used book sale. Admission is \$2.
Contact: Debbie Cortellini at debortellini@comcast.net

734-787.9954 or kwittner@gmail.com.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING

Date/Time: Thursday, Oct. 9, 1-3 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 Pina, 734-727-2063. Please specify you are requesting an appointment for the United Home Health location. For MMAP information visit www.mmmapinc.org/pages/about.html

ONE-STOP OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: Wednesday, Oct. 15, 5-8 p.m.
Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 Canton Center
Details: To help current and new residents integrate into the community, the Canton Newcomers & Neighbors Club has created Canton Resident One Stop Open House. A lineup of Canton leadership organizations and Canton Township direct service departments will be on hand to answer questions and provide more information. The police department will provide safety tips and Leisure Services will have information on the free, quality of life aspects of living in the township. The Partnership for the Arts, Canton Community Foundation, Canton Moms 4 Community, Historical Society and the Canton Public Library will be on hand. The event sponsor, Community Financial Credit Union, will provide an interactive experience for children to learn money management.
Contact: For more information, go to cantonwomen.com or contact Linda Obrec at Obrec@wowway.com or 734-945.6685.

FIRE STATION TOURS

Dates: Oct. 5-11, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Plymouth City Hall fire station
Details: The city Fire Department celebrates Fire Prevention Week by hosting a daily open house at the City Hall Fire Station. Firefighters will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, Oct.

6-11, to give tours of the station and provide fire prevention information. The department is also now scheduling tour groups for Fire Prevention Week. The department has tours geared to both youngsters and adults, so all groups are welcome.
Contact: To schedule a tour time during Fire Prevention Week, call the city Fire Department at 734-453-1234, ext. 280.

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 extraction and how to handle a stove fire.

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Dates: Sept. 26-27
Location: NorthRidge Church, Beck and North Territorial, Plymouth
Details: For one weekend at NorthRidge Church, bestselling author and nationally known speaker Gary Thomas will be holding the conference "Sacred Marriage," where attendees will learn how to transform a "tired" marriage into a relationship built on love and respect. Thomas explains and expands on how a marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God and each other at this conference.
Contact: To purchase tickets or learn more, visit NorthRidgeChurch.com/SacredMarriage.

CHOCOLATE AFFAIR

Date/Time: Sunday, Oct. 5, lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; chocolate affair 2-5 p.m.
Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Details: The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Elizabeth Fagan Division, hosts the 10th annual "A Chocolate Affair and Luncheon" to benefit First Step, the program for counseling and emergency housing for victims of domestic and sexual violence. Luncheon tickets are \$25, as are tickets for the "Chocolate Affair."
Contact: For tickets or more information, call First Step of Plymouth at 734-416-1111, Pat at 734-981-1702 or Kittie at 734-646-5212.

ZUMBA GOLD

Date/Time: Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to noon
Location: Plymouth Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft, Plymouth Township
Details: The Plymouth YMCA will offer Zumba Gold fitness classes free with participating health plans or \$39 annual YMCA fee, plus \$25 per six-week session. Sessions run continuously year-round. Zumba Gold is a specialty dance inspired fitness class that takes the Zumba flavor

and modifies the moves and pace to suit the needs of active older adults, baby boomers and the beginning fitness person.

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 A.M. 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 and 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 and furthest traveled.
Contact: To register, go to www.plymouthrotaryfoundation.org. For questions, call 734-454-7335 or email dschmidt@americanbus.com.

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 Julliard-trained Walter White and his Quartet. Walter White plays trumpet, Jeff Trudell (son of Johnny Trudell) on drums, Gary Schunk on keyboard, and Ralph 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.

WIDOWED FRIENDS

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

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 achristensen@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/cmv/dpl/downloads/events/117/craft_show.pdf.

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QUARTER AUCTION FRIENDZY

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PREP FOOTBALL

Chargers put 42-0 hurt on Wildcats



Livonia Churchill's Steven Szymanski (front) closes in on Plymouth running back Cameron Stella during Friday's game.

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Churchill jumps out to big lead as Plymouth surrenders yards in chunks

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It was appropriate that, on a night when Plymouth got knocked off 42-0 by Livonia Churchill, one of the Wildcats would get hit so hard his helmet flew off his head.

On that same play, with less than four minutes to play in the first quarter at Churchill, Plymouth senior middle linebacker Shane Raymond injured a knee and had to leave the ballgame.

For all intents and purposes, the rest of the Wildcats left the gridiron at the same time. Churchill improved to 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the KLAAs South Division, while Plymouth dropped to 3-1 and 1-1.

"No excuses, they kicked our tail, they came (and) they out-physicaled us," Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said. "And I'm not a very good coach right now. I got to get better and coach my kids up."

Sawchuk stressed that there were "no excuses" for the lopsided loss, not even an injury to his middle linebacker — who was on crutches while the game continued.

No answer

Defensively, with or without Raymond, Plymouth had no answer against Chargers senior running back Paul Romain, who gained 259 yards in 16 carries and scored four touchdowns.

Romain bolted through the

left side of the line and breezed down the sideline for a 72-yard score just two plays after Raymond left the contest.

That gave the Chargers a 7-0 lead, following the first of six extra points by senior quarterback and jack-of-all-trades Brian Alsobrooks.

Just 26 seconds into the second quarter, Romain scored again. This time, it was a burst through the mid-

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Whalers' Milano knocked out of action

Sonny Milano showed during the Plymouth Whalers training camp and preseason games why the Columbus Blue Jackets selected him in the first round of the 2014 National Hockey League Draft.

Unfortunately, Milano's regular season debut with the Whalers could be delayed because of injury.

Milano suffered facial injuries recently while playing for Columbus in the Blue Jackets' opening game of the 2014 NHL Prospects Tournament in Traverse City.

"My back was turned toward the glass and I tried turning around and kind of got low and the (opposing player) kind of got my head and smashed it against the glass (left cheek first)," Milano told NHL.com. "He got my orbital bone and cheek bone. I thought maybe I could put on a cage and play, but that won't happen."



Milano

Plymouth general manager Mark Craig gave Yahoo! Sports Junior Hockey an update.

"He's actually pretty doing well," Craig said last week. "They believe it's a fractured cheekbone. They also think he may have a slight fracture of the orbital. Columbus is going to take him back to Columbus and have him see their specialist."

"The first X-ray they took was read by a doctor up in Traverse City. They want a specialist to look at it and determine what he has, but they don't believe he will need any surgery. So that's good."

Still waiting

On Thursday, Whalers coach Don Elland said he did not have any new information about Milano to report.

Elland did say the Whalers do not yet know for certain just how long Milano will be sidelined.

Plymouth opens the 2014-15 regular season Friday at London before returning to Compuware Arena for the home opener at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, against Erie.

Staff writer Tim Smith contributed to this report.



ED WRIGHT
Plymouth's Olivia Beyer (No. 7) slams the ball over Livonia Churchill blockers during Thursday's game.

NO ROOM FOR ERROR

Plymouth outlasts Churchill in nail-biting five-set showdown

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

A popular bubbly, clear soft drink would have been the perfect sponsor for Thursday night's Livonia Churchill-Plymouth volleyball thriller, which featured carbonated action from beginning to end and a "7" who was always up.

In a match in which neither team could muster much breathing room, the host Wildcats survived with a rarely-dull five-set victory over the Chargers: 25-20, 22-25, 23-25, 25-23, 15-9.

Both teams were within five points of each other — and usu-

ally separated by just one or two — all night except for the final tally in the decisive fifth set, when the Wildcats capitalized on the Chargers' constant nemesis — shaky serving — while riding a serving hot streak from junior Brianna Risi.

The two-hour-plus barn-burner left both teams with a 2-1 record in the hotly-contested KLAAs South Division standings, which are currently ruled by 3-0 Canton.

Plymouth senior Olivia Beyer, who wears No. 7, was the brightest star on a night that produced a galaxy of sparklers. Beyer piled up a truck-

load of stats — 20 kills, six blocks and 19 digs — but her never-wavering positivity may have been the Louisiana State University-bound standout's most notable contribution to the Wildcats' success.

"We like to make things interesting," Beyer said, smiling, when asked for her thoughts on the tension-packed match. "I enjoy playing in game fives, but I'd prefer getting it done in just three. Game fives seem to bring us together more as a team. We play more aggressively and with more confidence."

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COLLEGE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Schoolcraft spikers lose match to Macomb

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Momentum proved fleeting Thursday night for Schoolcraft College's women's volleyball team against Macomb Community College.

The host Lady Ocelots could never really sustain any kind of offensive roll against the Monarchs in the MCCA match-up, which Macomb won in three sets (25-21, 25-21, 25-20).

"Right now, teams are going to have off-days," Schoolcraft first-year head coach Shannon Pummill said. "I thought we fought, we just have to learn to fight through it a little more. It's a battle on those days."

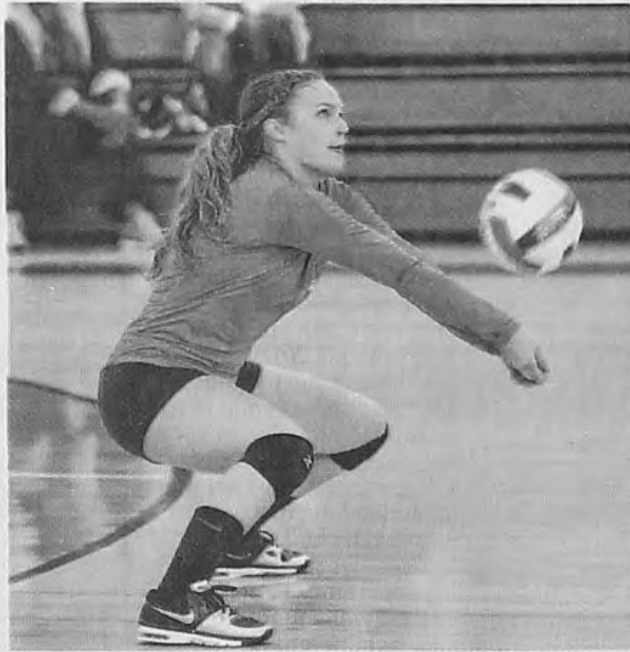
One big reason why Schoolcraft could not muster scoring runs was the strong play in the front row by Macomb freshman outside hitter Karlie Kelly, who tallied 19 kills along with three blocks.

"She's a very consistent player for us," Monarchs head coach Holly Ritchie said when asked about Kelly's performance. "She's real good at getting behind the ball and putting it in an open hole. We're excited; she's a freshman, so we ask her to carry a lot of weight and she does."

Also solid for Macomb (6-2, 3-0) were freshman setter Amanda Crozier (27 assists), sophomore outside hitter Leah Hofmann (13 kills) and sophomore defensive specialist Erica Wilson (seven digs).

For Schoolcraft, now 5-5 overall and 0-2 in the conference, sophomore outside hitter Ajsha Davis (seven kills, seven digs), sophomore setter Lindsey Umin (23 assists) and freshman libero Victoria Vellucci (14 digs) had good showings.

"I thought Victoria, our libero, played really well," Pummill said. "I thought Sydnee Miller



Bumping the ball back during Thursday night's contest is Schoolcraft College's Julene Pummill, a Garden City alum.

had a good game and I thought Lindsey made some good decisions setting. So I did see some positives."

Livonia Stevenson alum Morgan Copperstone, a sophomore outside hitter, tallied five kills and four blocks,

while sophomore setter and Garden City product Julene Pummill chipped in with two kills and an ace.

"A lot of this was just our own errors. We let ourselves down," Copperstone said. "A lot of it was communication errors as well. We really need to talk to each other."

Momentum stalls

For much of the match, the Lady Ocelots just could not get over the hump.

The teams were tied for much of the second set, but Kelly hammered home a feed from Crozier to put the Monarchs up 22-21 and Macomb wrapped up the set with a service ace by freshman middle hitter Amauri Greenfield.

The third set went back and forth in similar fashion, with the Lady Ocelots briefly taking the lead several times only to relinquish the edge on

the next serve.

An ace by sophomore middle blocker Caroline Scott put Schoolcraft up 14-13, for example.

But Macomb earned a defensive side-out point on the next serve to even things up again.

The Lady Ocelots' inconsistency continued when Julene Pummill followed a service ace with a service error — stopping a potential rally and upping the Monarchs' lead to 19-16.

Coach Pummill lamented that Schoolcraft could not muster more of an offensive surge, but added that "we're working on keeping balls and serving aggressively" every day during practice.

"Every team in this conference is going to have a really good serve-serve," Pummill said. "We just have to learn to serve aggressively."

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COLLEGE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Geile sisters spark MU victory

Despite missing two key starters, the Madonna University women's volleyball team continued to roll in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play Wednesday with a 25-18, 25-21, 25-22 win over host Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.

The Crusaders, ranked No. 9 in the latest NAIA poll, improved to 15-2 overall and 5-0 in the WHAC as the Geile sisters combined for 23 kills.

Breanna, a junior,



Breanna Geile

Samantha Geile

finished with 11 kills and 16 digs, while Samantha, a senior, added a team-high 12 kills.

MU was missing top hitter Casey Gates (215 total kills) and Emily Johnson (119 kills), both out with injuries.

Also picking up the

slack was senior Kayla Vogel, who added eight kills and five block assists, along with freshman Amanda Hawkins, who also contributed eight kills.

Junior setter Spencer Stokes collected 41 assist-to-kills, while senior Amanda Obyrcki paced the defense with 22 digs. Sophomore Payton Maxheimer added 12 digs.

Aquinas (7-4, 2-3) got 28 assists from setter Brooke Wieland and 19 digs from Camille Means.

BOYS TENNIS

Plymouth boys netters remain on hot streak

Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team rolled to a pair of victories as the Wildcats remain unbeaten this season.

After a 7-2 triumph Tuesday against campus rival Canton, Plymouth blanked Brighton 9-0 on Thursday.

Against the visiting Bulldogs, junior Jordan Lu defeated Erik Schellenberg at No. 1 singles (6-1, default) to continue his outstanding season.

Every other Wildcat followed suit.

Victorious at No. 2 singles was sophomore Matt Decker (6-0, 6-3 over Jason Fannin), followed by Charlie Hou at No. 3 singles (6-0, 6-2 over Alek Anuzis) and Deven Patel at No. 4 singles (6-1, 6-0 over Matt Vallencourt).

In doubles play, Plymouth swept the proceedings as follows: No. 1, Kevin Hou-Yogesh Mon-

hanraj over Ethan Curtis-Zach Wurtz (7-5-6-1); No. 2, Ramana Ramanathan-Justin Kapke over James Helwing-Zach Polen (6-0, 6-3); No. 3, Matt McDonald-Alex Tsakoff over Ryan Andrews-Zach Kupa (4-6, 6-3, 6-1); No. 4, Nathan Tseng-Evan Kopp over Mike Bonomo-Alec Brennan, 6-4, 4-6 (10-6); and No. 5, Adam Sochacki-Ani Hadagali over Ryan Midick-Joey Valenti, 6-2, 7-5 (10-8).

Plymouth won all singles match-ups against the Chiefs, too.

Lu bested Canton senior Rohan Vaishnav (6-4, 6-4) at No. 1, with Decker getting past senior George Zhou (6-1, 6-4) at No. 2. At No. 3, Hou defeated senior Noah Lindbauer, 6-2, 6-4 and Patel bested junior Athul Rao 6-4, 6-1 at No. 4.

Plymouth kept the momentum going in the

first two doubles match-ups.

Hou-Mohanraj defeated Canton junior Howard Zhang and senior Shivang Shah by identical 6-4 scores at No. 1.

At No. 2, Ramanathan-Kapke prevailed 6-2, 6-1 over Canton junior Matthew Mukhtar and senior Chandler Larimore.

The Chiefs mustered victories at Nos. 3 and 4 to avoid a shutout. At No. 3, Canton freshmen Sri Narayanan and Jacob Paton defeated McDon-

ald-Tsakoff by a 6-4, 7-6 score. At No. 4, Canton seniors Aaron Cannon and Kailash Saravanan won 6-3, 6-1 over Tseng-Kopp.

Plymouth then took No. 5, as Sochacki-Hadagali bested sophomore Sreyas Narayanan and Joey Mosca by a 6-4, 7-5 tally.

The Wildcats are 7-0 overall and 6-0 in the KLAA.

BOYS SOCCER

Canton kickers pour on the offense, 8-0

One night after holding off a campus rival, the Canton varsity boys soccer team had a laugh against Wayne Memorial.

The Chiefs built up a 7-0 halftime lead and mercied the Zebras a few minutes into the second half, 8-0. Chris Dooley's goal invoked the eight-

goal mercy rule.

Canton improved to 10-0-1 overall and 6-0-0 in the KLAA South Division.

Matthew Causley and Hunter Olson got the romp started, each scoring two goals and assisting on another during the first half. Also scoring in the first half were Sam

DeLoy, Bailey Riegel and Jason Ren, with assists collected by Andrew Murphy, Beau Hoffman, Mohamad Miri, Alex Yokely and Jimmy Walkinshaw.

Andrew Loehnis was the victorious goalkeeper for Canton.

On Tuesday, the Chiefs nipped Plymouth, 1-0.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Chiefs crank up the offense in 56-12 rout

By Evan Paputa
Correspondent

Jakob Wickens (162 yards) scored via the Chiefs' prolific rushing attack to finish the first-quarter scoring.

"I give credit to our offensive line, a lot of credit. Coach (Bob) Williams is doing a phenomenal job," Newton said. "He's really picked up the intensity in practice."

Wickens scored twice in the second quarter, Newton once, and the Chiefs forced a Wayne Memorial (0-4) safety to put Canton up 49-0 at half.

Shutout spoiled

Wayne Memorial got on the scoreboard 3:52 into the third quarter, when quarterback Joe Bob Walker connected with Jamon Higgins.

The Zebras capped the scoring (after another Sanders rushing touchdown) on 65-yard Lonyell Desjarnet touchdown. Defensively, the Chiefs

intercepted Walker three times. Micah Rinke had the first one that thwarted a Wayne Memorial drive deep into the Canton red zone.

The Chiefs' special teams were led by senior kicker Brocton Baechler. He played as a freshman in 2011, but had to stop playing due to medical issues. Baechler was added to the roster Monday due to an injury preventing the regular place kicker, Andrew Loehnis, from kicking long distances.

Although he had a busy night, Baechler made the most of the opportunity to perform under the Friday night lights with his father right beside him.

"It's the greatest feeling in the world to be out here with my dad," Baechler said. "Coach Ferras (Isa) has been helping me out a lot the past week."

Canton took the energy of the homecoming crowd and used it to score early and often Friday night en route to a 56-12 pounding of Wayne Memorial at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"Our offensive line executed well. Defensively, we played our tails off. Our kids competed and I was very happy with both sides of the ball," Canton veteran head coach Tim Baechler said.

Canton (3-1) got on the scoreboard right from the get-go in the first quarter, building a 28-0 lead.

Quarterback Greg Williams found Nolan Gilo for a 62-yard touchdown just 50 seconds into the game.

Marcus Sanders (158 yards), Brian Newton (70 yards) and



CANTON LIONS
During Saturday's freshman game, Canton Lions defensive end Derik Watson (left) and defensive tackle Brandon Keen (right) stop a Railsplitter.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Canton Lions teams hammer Railsplitters

It was one shutout after another for the Canton Lions, who won three in a row against the Ypsilanti Lincoln Railsplitters in youth football action Saturday.

The junior varsity, freshman and junior freshman teams all were victorious, with the varsity team inactive because Lincoln does not have a varsity team.

Following is a recap of the three games that did take place:

Junior varsity

C.J. Brown's 63-yard touchdown run in the first play of the game was a sign of things to come in the Lions' 61-0 rout. Preston Long also scored in the first with a 35-yard quarterback keeper.

Touchdowns in the second quarter came from Josh Bergevin and Ezell Snipes. George Faris had his first-ever touchdown, a 68-yard run, in the third quarter; Marco Johnson scored the extra point. Tywayne Williams added six more points on the board with a 58-yard run in the third. Snipes scored another touchdown in the fourth quarter, along with a touchdown from B.J. Nichols, who also scored two extra points.

The Lions' defense was led by Carter Buck and Briar Vendlands.

Freshman

A pair of touchdowns in the first quarter, by Jeffrey Shipp

(45 yards) and Aaron Alexander (15 yards), set the pace for a 42-0 Lions victory. Shipp scored again in the second quarter on a 33-yard quarterback keeper.

Also in the second, quarterback Avery Satterlee threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Derik Watson.

In the third quarter, Ryan Goodson ran for two of his three touchdowns in the game, 16 and 40 yards respectively. He put six more points on the board in the fourth quarter with a 48-yard touchdown run.

The Lions' defense dominated the Railsplitters, including two sacks, from Watson and Brandon Keen, and Shipp with a fumble recovery.

Junior freshman

The Lions scored six touchdowns against the Railsplitters.

Strong blocking by the offensive line paved the way for two 60-yard touchdown runs early in the first half by Kristopher Easley and Caleb Williams.

Running back Bralen Willis contributed two more touchdowns, with additional trips to the end zone by Brandon Willis and Oronde Patterson II. Not to be overlooked was the Lions lockdown defense, with a pair of powerful sacks by Diego Hernandez-Ramirez and Zachary Devergilio.

Helping the team with strong tackling were Kyle Kyle and Devin Kaigler.



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Plymouth's Vctor Abraham is tackled hard by Livonia Churchill's Jamal Allen. At right for the Chargers is Aaron Kerr (No. 6).

WILDCATS

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dle for 11 yards.

"I just need to give props to my line and my receivers," Romain said. "I couldn't do it without them. They were blocking well all night. They just opened up holes for me."

Romain, who last year scored five TDs in a game, said the Chargers knew they would have to be on top of their game right from the start.

"We knew they were going to be a physical team," Romain said. "They came out in the first half and they were hitting. We knew on the O-line that we had to step it up."

"We weren't making blocks at first, but our coaches talked to us and they said, 'Hey, we just need to pick it up.'"

Sawchuk did give credit to Romain, but added that the Plymouth defense "just didn't squeeze, we didn't tackle. Our ends dipped their heads inside and he bounced it."

Fired up

Midway through the second quarter, some strong-armed passes from Alsobrooks (10-of-18 passing, 107 yards) resulted in Churchill's third touchdown to go up 21-0.

Alsobrooks connected with

senior slot receiver Steven Szymanski (four catches, 61 yards, two TDs) for three receptions during the 57-yard scoring march.

After the quarterback rolled right and hit Szymanski down the right sideline for a 19-yard gain, the Chargers were down to Plymouth's 21.

Then, on third-and-14 from the 25, Alsobrooks fired a laser over the middle that Szymanski reeled in near the goal line for the score.

"He's one of the best quarterbacks in the area," Churchill head coach Bill DeFillippo said. "He's a smart kid with a good arm and he can run. He knows our offense."

"He doesn't make many mistakes, he makes a lot of plays for us. We're blessed to have some big guys up front with some skilled kids and a nice quarterback, for sure."

The Churchill defense then came through to stop Plymouth's best chance at a touchdown with about 4:30 left in the half.

Plymouth senior quarterback Deji Adebisi (5-of-14 passing, 68 yards) moved the Wildcats down inside the Churchill 10. On third down from the 9-yard line, he saw senior receiver Kalen Dunham open in the end zone.

But Chargers senior cornerback Shakur Lockett tipped the ball away from

Dunham to force the Wildcats into a field-goal try. A low snap foiled Plymouth's chance to put three on the board.

Then, in the final minute of the half, the Alsobrooks-to-Szymanski combo worked for a 6-yard TD to give the Chargers a 28-point edge at the intermission.

It was more of the same to open the second half, with the Chargers taking the kickoff and moving the ball 58 yards in five plays.

Again, it was Romain, with a 15-yard TD run through the left side of the line. Romain capped off the night's scoring with a 45-yard run early in the fourth.

Meanwhile, Churchill's defense kept the pressure turned up high, with Plymouth receivers covered at every turn leaving Adebisi with few options.

One productive player for the Wildcats was junior running back Cameron Stella, who ran the ball 14 times for 95 yards. Adebisi gained 87 yards in 11 carries.

"Hats off to our defense," DeFillippo said. "To throw a shutout on those guys just tells you how many strides we've made defensively and that's a credit to our defensive staff and our kids."

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EXTREME SPORTS

'Try Tami's Tri' to offer something for everybody

Registration is still open for PGA Professional Tami Beal's third annual "Try Tami's Tri" slated for Sunday, Sept. 28, at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Twp.

Try Tami's Tri is a walking/running, biking and golf event designed to promote a healthy lifestyle and is open to participants of all athletic abilities, ages 13 and up. More information about the event can be found below:

» **What:** Third Annual Try Tami's Tri; 5K walk/run, 20K bike and 9 holes of golf.

» **Where:** Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Rd., Superior Twp., just west of Canton.

» **When:** Free golf clinic for participants: Friday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m.; triathlon: Sunday, Sept. 28.

The schedule for the triathlon features registration 8-8:45 a.m., followed by the 5K Walk/Run 9-10 a.m. Next up at 10 a.m. is the 20K bike competition (gravel surface, helmet required).

After lunch will be nine holes of golf 12:45-2:45 p.m., with a shot-gun start and four-person scramble. The golf is limited to 18 foursomes.

To cap off the big day will be an "After Glow" 3-4 p.m., when prizes for first and second place teams will be awarded at the Greenside Tavern.

Registration is continuing and is \$75 until event day. To sign up, go to TrainwithTami.com through Active.com or contact Beal at 734-731-0238 or through Tami@TrainwithTami.com.

The event course is designed to allow participants to enjoy the fall scenery, while making their way to the Plymouth Orchards for a cup of cider and visiting a local corn stand for a honey stick halfway through the biking portion of the event.

The event has both competitive and non-competitive divisions. The golf portion of the event will be calculated based on lowest score, not speed.

PREP GIRLS GOLF

Salem wins back-to-back matches

It was a good week for Salem's varsity girls golf team, with dual match victories over Livonia Churchill and South Lyon East.

The Rocks opened the week Tuesday with a 191-229 victory over the Chargers at Whispering Willows in Livonia.

Junior Kiley Flynn was match medalist with a 45.

She was followed by junior Hope Warkoczeski (47), sophomore Keista Elder (48), sophomore Darby Scott (51), senior Kahrlee Kozan (58) and sophomore Grace Grelak (59).

Wednesday against South Lyon East at Fox Hills, Elder and Scott shared match medalist honors with scores of 44 each as the Rocks won 181-193.

Flynn and Warkoczeski followed with tallies of 46 and 47, respectively.

Rounding out the Salem scorecard were Grelak and junior Amy Lawler, each tallying 56s.

Head coach Ryan Nimmerguth said the team is making strides, now 2-0 in the KLAA Kensington Conference and tied for third.

Hall key link in Blazers' victory

Sophomore Carley Hall fired a season-best 35 to take medalist honors Wednesday and lead Livonia Ladywood to a 166-167 Catholic League girls golf triumph over Warren Regina in a match at St. John's Golf Center.

Other scorers for the Blazers, who improved to 4-1 in the Catholic League, included sophomore Jordyn Rioux (41),

sophomore Lydia Cranmer (43) and freshman Gabriella Scopone (46).

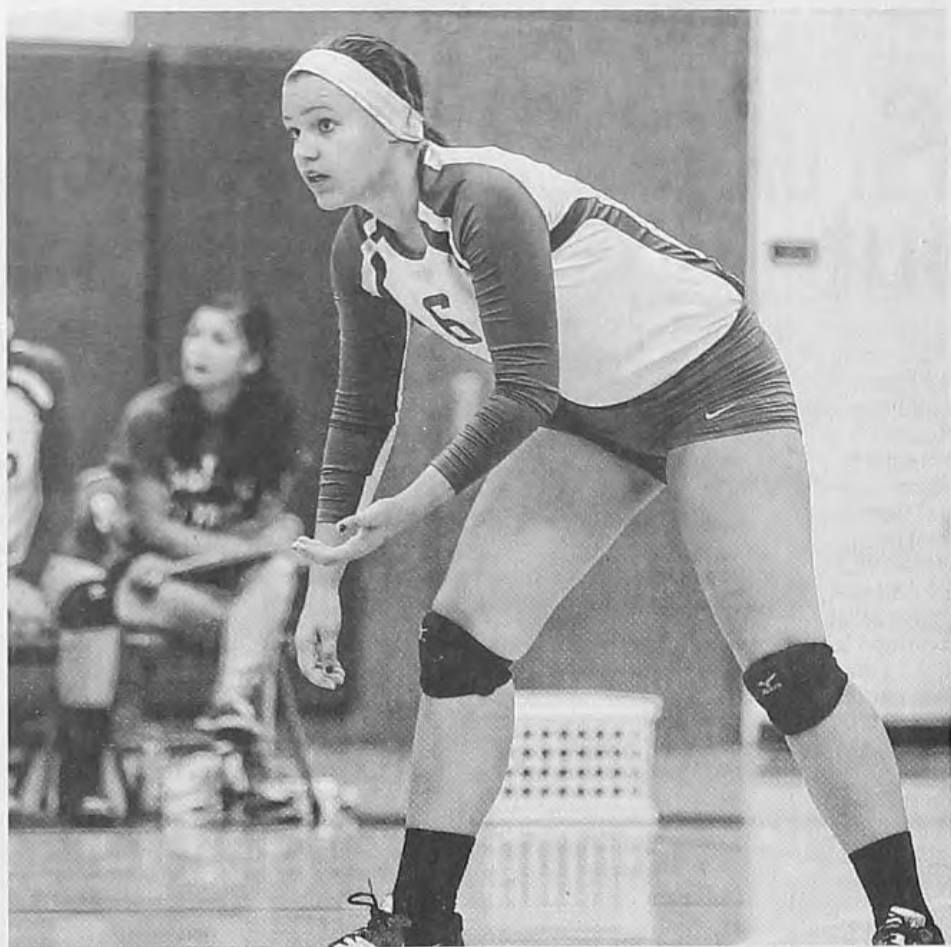
The Blazers non-scorers were sophomore Sydney Malek and freshman Brooke Spiegel (both with 60).

On Tuesday, Ladywood defeated Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart, 198-212, in a Catholic League match at Stonecroft Golf

Course.

Ladywood scorers included Cranmer (48), Rioux (51) and Hall (53). Senior Laura Hureski added a 60, while freshman Anna Francone contributed a 69.

The Blazers will tee off again beginning at noon Monday in the Rochester Invitational at Great Oaks Country Club.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Salem's Tess Ganich, shown from earlier this season, was stellar in Thursday's win.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Salem overcomes slow start, defeats Lions

With an assist to players stepping up to overcome injuries, Salem's varsity volleyball team Thursday got past host South Lyon in a five-set match.

The Rocks (6-5 overall, 2-1 in the KLAA Central Division) roared back with three straight wins (25-18, 25-22, 15-6) after dropping the first two sets (25-21, 25-16).

"Once we got our serving under control and started causing South Lyon's receive to struggle, things really opened up for us," Salem head coach Amanda Nies said.

"We took a good lead in each game after Game

2. In Game 5, we came out strong and never looked back."

Tess Ganich led the way with 27 kills, 26 digs and four aces.

"She ran it well for us offensively from every part of the court tonight," Nies said. "She was hitting at a very high percentage that they could not stop her."

Also contributing four aces was Madison Saal, who excelled in a reserve role.

Nies noted that Michelle Dierker "did a great job filling in" for Madison Fairchild, who was out with a shoulder injury.

Other players who

chipped in were libero Kelly Lidzbarski (26 digs), Sarah Soltis (36 assists), Hannah Moote and Audrey Boike (combining for six blocks).

PCA victorious

Plymouth Christian Academy needed just four sets Thursday to defeat Lutheran Westland.

The Eagles lost 25-19 in the opener, but came back with 25-20, 25-14 and 25-20 victories to close out the match.

Main contributors were sophomore outside hitter Olivia Mady, senior middle hitter Abby Wyman and freshman Grace Kellogg.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Jeffress leading way for Rocks

Salem junior wins Holly Invite, then finishes first against South Lyon

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem junior Chaz Jeffress continues to set the pace for the Rocks varsity boys cross country team, following one individual championship with another in the span of three days.

On Tuesday, Jeffress posted the fastest time at the Salem-South Lyon dual meet — an 18:42 victory for the Rocks — with a time of 17:09.

That followed his first-place showing Sept. 13 at the highly competitive Holly Invitational, where he posted a personal best of 16:02.

Jeffress now is the fourth-fastest junior and eighth-fastest runner in Salem school history.

"This meet sets Chaz up very well to continue to improve throughout the course of the season," Salem head coach Steve Aspinall said.

"He looked very smooth in running 16:02 and will continue to drop time as the season progresses."

Also against South Lyon, senior Noah Enger was runner-up with a time of 17:44.

Senior Jason Rogers, junior Jacob Kubinski and sophomore Alex Kroll rounded out the scoring, all finishing in front of South Lyon's second-fastest runner.

Rounding out the varsity crew against the Lions were junior Griffin Skaff and senior Nabil Ahmed.

Enger and Ahmed also excelled at the Holly Invite, placing second and third among Salem team members.

"These guys did a fastastic job moving up throughout the race," Aspinall said.

The Rocks will look to continue their success this weekend at the Jackson Invitational.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Pack running spearheads Salem to victory

Led by medalist Anya Cho's first-place time of 20:42, Salem's varsity girls cross country team bested South Lyon, 16-47, Tuesday at Island Lake.

The Rocks were strong as a pack, taking all but one of the top eight spots in the race.

"Beautiful day for racing today and we had a few kids step up," Salem head coach Dave Gerlach said. "Sierra Bowden ran a great race. Pack running was our goal and the girls ran

relaxed in the victory."

Lauren Arquette nearly caught Cho at the front of the course, with a second-place time of 20:43.

Bowden came in third with a 21:04, followed by Madalyn Simko (fourth, 21:06), Elizabeth Tripp (sixth, 21:29), Erin McCann (seventh, 21:30) and Kayla Hughes (eighth, 21:36).

Wildcats falter

Despite Annie Bonds earning medalist honors

with a 20:17 mark, Plymouth dropped a 20-35 decision Tuesday to Livonia Churchill.

"We had a nice pack at seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th with Hailey Foster, Charlotte Clark, Claire Curvin and Emma Radke, respectively," assistant coach Alice Ahern said.

"Unfortunately, Churchill got in between, taking second through sixth and winning the meet."

PREP VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

Is eight enough? HVL to find out

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Quality — not quantity — will be the point of emphasis for this season's Huron Valley Lutheran volleyball team.

With just eight players on the varsity roster, head coach Mike Dest will be counting on a solid nucleus of returning seniors to lead the Hawks down the road to success.

"We only have eight players, but four of them are returning seniors, so we'll be all right," said Dest, whose program has captured two consecutive Class D district championships. "We're still trying to find out who fits where and we're working on changing our setters out. The girls are working hard and everything is starting to click."

With no six-foot kill machines dotting the Hawks' roster, Dest said he'll rely on hustle and the Hawks keeping the ball on their side of the court.

"I think our strength is our quickness on defense," he said. "We're not overly big, for sure, so ball control, smart

serving and serve-receive will be the main part of our game."

Dest has already seen flashes of brilliance from his team during its 5-3-3 start. Even in the Hawks' Michigan Independent Athletic Conference opening-match 3-1 loss to Lutheran Northwest last week, the team showed long stretches of solid play.

"We were ahead 17-9 in the third game, but ended up losing, and the fourth set was tied 22-22 before we lost it," he said. "We're right there. We just need to clean up our unforced errors and we'll be OK."

All four seniors — Madison Dest, Anne St. John, Nikki Alcini and Bethany Schaffer — will serve as captains this season. Dest and St. John are both four-year varsity performers.

"Madison and Anne are great leaders and outstanding players," Dest said. "Madison plays all around, but she's especially good on defense. Anne is an all-around great player, too, who will do some setting for us."

"Nikki is a three-year varsity player and a very

good leader as well. She'll do everything for us; she's great defensively, as an outside and middle hitter, and she can set."

"Bethany was actually a libero for two years, but we just don't have enough players this year to not have her on the floor all the time. She's another great athlete who can do everything for us. Her biggest strength is her defense."

The Hawks' quartet of non-seniors — juniors Ashley Setian, Brynn Brown and Lydia Gutierrez; and sophomore Andrea LeFevre — will be solid contributors as well, Dest emphasized.

"Ashley is doing a good job for us — all while learning and getting the rotation down," Dest said. "Brynn has that volleyball look to her — long and athletic. It's all starting to come together for her; I'm excited to see how far she can get."

In addition to their lone conference match, the Hawks have competed in tournaments hosted by Concordia University and Bad Axe High School.

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VOLLEYBALL

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The Chargers misfired on a whopping 23 serves — a statistic head coach Anna Gatt would like to toss into the recycling bin as soon as possible.

"I honestly don't know why we're serving so poorly," Gatt said. "We've been working extra hard on serving in practice, but then we go out there tonight and give away 23 points. That's like one entire game. During one timeout tonight, I told the girls to just lolly-gag the ball over the net if that's what it took. I trust my defense enough that I think we'll be fine if we just get the serve over the net."

"It just comes down to we need to focus more when we're serving."

After winning the opening set 25-20, the Wildcats were on the verge of earning a comfortable two-set advantage when a Beyer kill gave them a 21-20 lead.

However, powered by a trio of kills by Rayna Yetts (two) and Maddie Darling, the Chargers went on a 5-1 surge knot the match at 1-1.

The third set was deadlocked at 23-23 before Churchill took the lead for good on a Natalie Panek kill, which was made possible by Alyssa Facione's jaw-dropping point-extending dig.

Sophomore Sam Zonca, who was promoted to the varsity just a few hours before the match, sealed the deal with a set-ending throw-down.

Fueled by stellar defense from Brianna Risi and Charley Irvin, and productive front-row play by Jordan Schamp, Plymouth appeared well on its way to forcing a fifth set when it seized a 24-19 lead in the fourth. However, Churchill went on a 4-0 spurt thanks to two Panek kills and pulled to within 24-23 before a hitting error by the visitors ensured the deciding set.

"I told the girls I loved the way they fought back at the end of game four, but unfortunately we

started fighting a little too late," Gatt said.

With the 'Cats leading 4-3 in the fifth set, Risi went on a seven-point service run — which included a pair of floor-indenting swings by Schamp — to spark the 15-9 triumph.

"This win will help us later in the season, because it will give us the confidence we need to know we can stay composed in matches where every point matters," Beyer said.

Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody said her team has displayed a steely resilience twice this week.

"Tonight's match was a lot like Tuesday's (against Westland John Glenn)," she said. "We were down going into game four, but we found a way to fight back. The girls never quit and found the drive it took to get the win. Our seniors made a huge impact tonight."

Irvin finished with 24 digs. Payton Petruski chalked up 18 assists.

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Grant funds aging research at University of Michigan

The University of Michigan recently received a \$3 million grant from The Glenn Foundation for Medical Research to establish a national center in biogerontology research.

The Paul F. Glenn Center for Aging Research at the University of Michigan has been established as a part of the U-M Geriatrics Center and Institute of Gerontology.

The award recognizes U-M as part of a select group of elite members of The Glenn Consortium for Research in

Aging.

"To be named as a member of the Glenn Consortium for Research in Aging is a highly-prestigious designation by the foundation," said Steven L. Kunkel, M.D., U-M Medical School senior associate dean for research.

"The award is a testament to the quality of the U-M's



Richard A. Miller, M.D.

biogerontology research program and the excellence of our faculty."

Researchers at the Glenn Center for Aging Research at U-M hope to better understand mechanisms of aging that can help develop medications to help people live longer.

"It is a tremendous honor to have been invited to join the Glenn Center consortium," said Richard A. Miller, M.D., Ph.D., professor of pathology and the Geriatric Center's associate director for re-

search. "We are confident that this newly inaugurated research program will let us show how work involving cells, worms, flies, and mice will lead to major advances in our understanding of aging and disease, and we expect that the program will help Michigan attract students and fellows who want to make biogerontology the focus of their own research careers."

The Glenn Center at U-M will have two components: The Model Systems Unit will ana-

lyze pharmaceuticals using worms, flies and cultured cell lines, and will be directed by Scott Pletcher, Ph.D., professor of molecular and integrative physiology and research professor of the Institute of Gerontology. Miller will direct the Slow-Aging Mouse facility, which will use mice to discover the pathways by which the drugs slow the effects of aging and postpone disease.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Upcoming

American Red Cross

Upcoming blood drives:

Canton — 1-6:45 p.m. Sept. 24, Friendship Church Canton, 1240 N. Beck; 1:30-7:15 p.m. Sept. 29, Geneva United Presbyterian, 5835 Sheldon

Farmington Hills — 1-6:45 p.m. Sept. 22, 25 and 29 and 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sept. 27, at the Farmington Hills Blood Donation Center, 31150 Haggerty

Livonia — 1-6:45 p.m. Sept. 22-25, 29-30 and 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Livonia Blood Donation Center, 36650 Five Mile, Livonia; 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Sept. 21, Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail; 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Sept. 24-25, Madonna University, 14221 Levan; 1:30-7:15 p.m., Sept. 24-25, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty; 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sept. 28, St. Aidan Catholic Church Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road
Call 800-RED CROSS to make an appointment.

Gynecologic cancer

Presented by the Foundation for Women's Cancer, the 2014 Gynecologic Cancer Survivors Course runs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, 6777 W. Maple, west of Drake, West Bloomfield. Presentations on ovarian and uterine cancer by Henry Ford Health System physicians. Register at foundationfor-womenscancer.org or call 312-578-1439.

Healthy eating

Upcoming nutrition workshops and cooking demonstrations from Botsford Hospital and Busch's Fresh Foods Mar-

ket:

» 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 loss support

The Hearing Loss Association of America will present information on induction loops and hearing aide telecoils, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297.

Ladies Night Out

St. Mary Mercy Hospital presents a Ladies Night Out with the focus on "Keeping Women Healthy," 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, at Levan, in Livonia. The event will include massage, health screenings, cooking demonstrations, vendors and speakers. Free. Register at stmarymercy.org or call 734-655-1182.

Sleep seminar

Punitha Vijayakumar, M.D., will discuss how a woman's sleep is unique and will talk about its effect on quality of life, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, in the North Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan

in Livonia. Free. Register at 734-655-4640.

Women's health expo

Kavitha Chinnaiyan will talk about women's heart health at the expo, which runs 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at 584 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Vendors will have information on fitness and safety programs, nutrition, senior care, massage and more. 734-459-4183 for more information.

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 eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, bingeing and purging, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An AB-ANON meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

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.

Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of each month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, at Wayne Road in Westland; 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City; and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

Choir therapy

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org for additional information.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free CPAP/BIPAP mask fitting clinic, 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover new supplies. No appointment needed. For more information, call 734-458-7251.

CPR classes

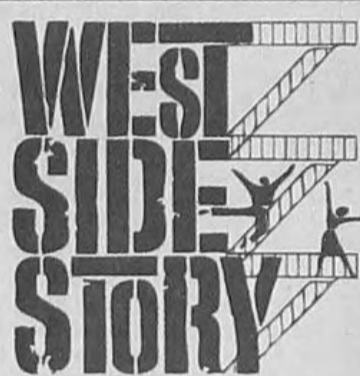
Classes range from basic CPR for people who want to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. First aid classes are also available. Classes are offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Preregistration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call 248-937-3314.

Diabetes support

An adult diabetes support group sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will facilitate. Call 734-454-0859.

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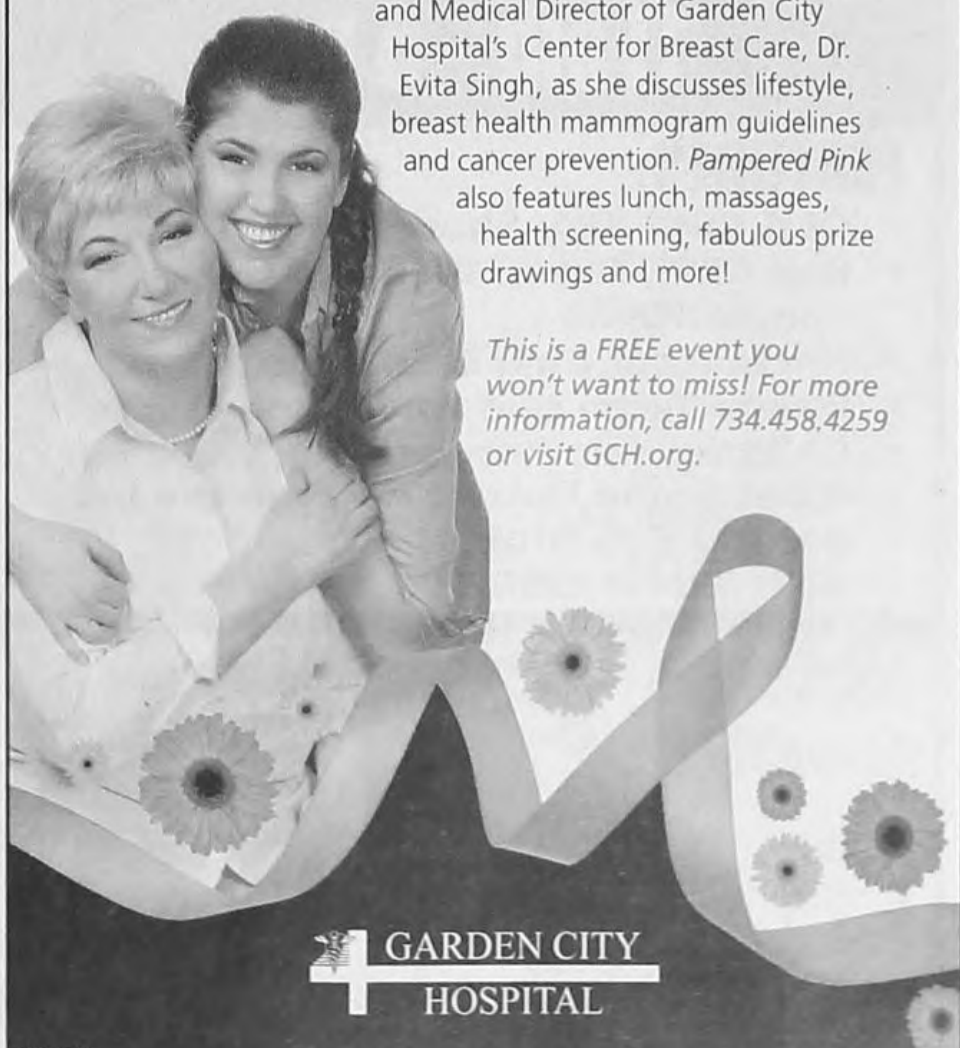
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GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

New book tells how social media empowers women's lives

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Annette Rochelle Aben is fluent in Wordpress, Blog Talk Radio, YouTube, Facebook, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Google+, MySpace, and Twitter.

She shoots video, hosts a weekly podcast program, and connects with her audience through social media.

And she doesn't even own a smartphone.

"All you need is a computer and blogtalkradio.com," Aben said, describing a few of the tools she uses to produce her weekly podcast, "Attitude of Gratitude." "You can send the link to your show anywhere people can find you. All they do is click on your link and listen."

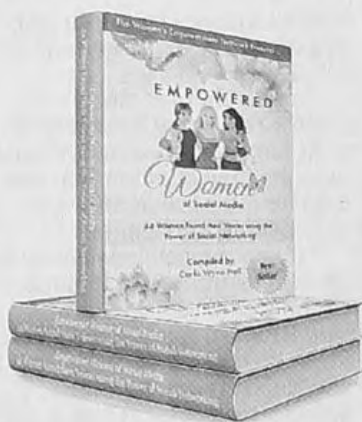
The Westland woman says listeners can find her just about everywhere on social media these days. Next month, her essay on social media and self-expression will be published in a book, *Empowered Women of Social Media*, available Oct. 5 — for 99 cents that day — through Kindle and as a paperback on Oct. 16. The book is a compilation of stories by 44 women from 20 countries on becoming empowered by using social media. Each writer tells



SUBMITTED
Annette Rochelle Aben of Westland is among 44 writers of a new book about women becoming empowered by social media.

how she discovered her "voice" through the use of social media.

For Aben, a 1985 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1985 graduate of Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts, social media has helped her re-discover her communication skills. In the past, she worked as a freelance journalist, gave live traffic reports on radio, wrote commercials,



The book focuses on social media.

designed and ran the public access television in Monroe, produced shows for Body Mind Spirit Radio, performed in dinner theater and sang with a variety of bands.

Opening new doors

Falling on a piece of loose carpeting in her home eight years ago made her re-think how and where she would work in the future. The accident left her bedridden for a few months that year until she learned to walk again, with the help of a walker, which she still

uses today. During her recuperation, she longed for social interaction and found it via the Internet.

"My biggest outlet was social media. I thought I would build a network and keep relationships going," said Aben, who was living in the Toledo, Ohio, area when she was injured. "It was as much a tool keeping me in the loop as much as it was getting myself out there."

"It helped me a lot. It helped me find people and meet new people. The slip and fall pointed me in a new direction, opened up a whole new world."

New projects

Through Facebook connections she joined a group of indie artists and produced art work that ended up in gift bags at the Sundance Film Festival and Country Music Awards in Canada. She discovered blog talk radio and started a talk show, and eventually was hired to train and produce Internet shows for other podcast hosts. Meanwhile, she wrote two books, *Perspective*, a collection of poems and photography, and *Choose*, which focuses on seven basic choices individuals make. One of her shows included an interview with a

writer involved in the *Empowered Women of Social Media* project. That led to an invitation to write her own story for the book.

She hopes readers will realize that social media can be a forum for camaraderie and a way to both seek help and offer help to others.

"A lot of women still think life is about being in competition with other women. One thing I hope readers take away from the book is that there is a lot of support out there. A lot of other people are willing to help you succeed."

"If you pour your heart and soul out there you'll touch someone. You can make a difference in a life. And that's something everyone wants."

Find Aben's book, *Choose*, on Amazon. Her blog spot is annetterochelleaben.wordpress.com and her podcasts are at blogtalkradio.com/perspectivepower. Follow her on Twitter @YouAreTheExpert and @SisterAngel. She also regularly writes at themagichappens.com and offers daily "Angel Messages" at sesamechi.com.

Get creative with needle, thread at Novi sewing expo

Bernadine Vida, costume designer from Redford Township, will be among the instructors at the American Sewing Expo, Sept. 26-28 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Vida, who has created costumes for film, television and theater, will teach a class in the "Power of Spandex," 12:15-1:15 p.m. Friday-Sunday. She'll talk about different kinds of Spandex, how to determine which weight fabric to use, and where to buy.

She'll also demonstrate fast and easy costume making 8:30-

10:30 a.m. Sunday. Vida will show how to create costume pieces using thrift store garments that won't break your budget.

Her seminar on Living the Life of a Costume Designer, 4-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, will include stories about her experiences designing for the performing arts.

The American Sewing Expo will run 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and will include the Passion for Fashion Sewing Challenge, sewing classes, celebrities such as David Tut-

era, fashion designer and host of WFTV's reality event planning series *David Tutera's CELEBRATIONS*.

The 21st annual show features accessories, embellishments, one of a kind fabrics and supplies, fashion sewing, drafting, fitting, home decorating, costuming, fashion accessories, machine embroidery, needle arts, quilting, sergers and wearable art. Visitors will see 17 exhibits, fashion style shows and sewing challenge competitions and can shop for sewing machines, notions, threads, patterns,

yarn, technology, kits, gadgets, embroidery designs, tools and other products from 25 states, Australia and Canada. Techniques and tips will be taught at more than 260 seminars, hands-on workshops and demonstrations including professional and industrial sewing.

Admission is \$14 for adults, free for with children 15 and under. All-day workshops are \$130. Parking is \$5. The Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Ave. Novi; 248-889-3111; americansewingexpo.com.



ARCHIVE
Bernadine Vida will be among the instructors at the American Sewing Expo, Sept. 26 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. She is shown in the costume department on the set of a 2011 movie.

19th Annual
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Sunday, October 5, 2014
11 am - 5 pm

FEATURES:

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- Children's activity area
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HEROES ON HINES HALF MARATHON AND 5K

Wayne County's
2nd Annual
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Half Marathon and 5K



Saturday, October 4, 2014
Half Marathon: 8:00 a.m.
5K: 8:45 a.m.

Hines Park in Plymouth Township, MI

Entry includes technical race shirt for all distances and a finisher's medal for half marathon distance

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Unexpected changes in life bring big blessings

Less than 30 days until my daughter's due date. I cannot wait to meet her. I am looking forward to seeing her first smile, to holding her in my arms, and to teaching her all the things that are important in life. I have spent a lot of this pregnancy wondering how I will do all of the parenting, and questioning if I am going to make the right decisions or choices along the way. I pray that I can be as good to my daughter as my parents are to me, and I have faith that I will figure things out as I need to. My parents provided me an incredible life full of love, and I only hope that love will be something I can pass on to my daughter as



Sarah Davies
THEN THERE WERE TWO

well. Recently, I was visiting with my sister and my niece, when out of the blue my niece came and ran up to me and hugged me. She is only 19 months old. It was the best feeling in the world, and I felt so incredible knowing that she just decided to do that all on her own. My heart melted. Maybe I am just extra emotional, all hormone affected and all, but I couldn't help but think of how amazing that is going to be when it's my daughter who wants to hug me. I

am so excited to see how she will act and think and am so curious about the person she will become. If my pregnancy has anything to do with it, she will love music and dancing, as she just loves to kick and move around when a good song is playing.

I wonder if I will forget all these feelings about pregnancy once my daughter arrives. Will I remember the back pain and the rib cage kicks? Will I remember what it's like to wake up in the middle of the night, arms frozen from carpal tunnel and legs cramping from charley horses? Will I recall how it feels to walk to the mailbox and feel exhausted when I get

there? Or will I just be so overjoyed with my new love that I will forget about it all?

Unexpected, life-changing

Very soon, I am going to be a mother. I feel almost like I am crossing-over to some other world that I have only read about and haven't yet experienced. I'll get to have play dates, and mommy-daughter days, and most likely many sleepless nights to go along with them. There will be stories to be told, and pictures to be taken, and memories to make together. When I think of my own childhood, and life up to this point, my family is such a huge part of it, and I cannot

wait to build that for my own child. I feel so blessed for this unexpected, life-changing opportunity, and am excited to begin this journey. It is crazy to me now that a year ago my life didn't have these things in store for it. I didn't know if I would ever have children and certainly didn't see any in my near future. And now, I patiently wait for the arrival of my daughter with excitement and anticipation.

You really can never be too certain about your life. You cannot plan too much, and you have to be willing to go with the flow sometimes. There is a bigger plan than what we set out for ourselves, and it's best to have faith

in that and just accepts things as they are. You should never feel down about your accomplishments, or lack thereof, as one day, you just might wake up and everything will be different. Life can change in the blink of the eye, and many times we are not expecting it. And sometimes, just sometimes, it is that unexpected change that makes life really worthwhile.

Sarah Davies of Livonia writes about her journey toward single motherhood in her column, Then There Were Two. Contact her at sarahmari Davies@gmail.com.

Lace up your sneakers, walk, run for a cause

Get ready to walk or run to help raise awareness and funds for melanoma research and patient support

The ninth annual KDB Melanoma 5K Run/Walk starts at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, at Martindale Beach at Kensington Metropark, 2240 Buno, Milford. Registration opens at 9 a.m.

The family-friendly event will include a face painter and balloon twister. Dogs on 6-foot leashes are welcome. Prices will be awarded to top finishers in the 5K race for all age categories.

Melanoma strikes all ages, all races, all economic levels and both sexes. Eight-six percent of melanomas can be attributed to ultraviolet radiation from the sun, according to AIM at Mel-

anoma, a cancer research organization.

All proceeds from the walk will benefit AIM at Melanoma (www.aimat-melanoma.org). For more on the KDB visit melanomawalk.org. A sampling of other local fundraising walk/run events:

For the Rouge

Friends of the Rouge and Canton Township present the fifth annual Run 4 the Rouge, starting with registration at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, Canton. The four-mile run, which is timed and includes prizes for various age categories, will start at 9 a.m. and follow a scenic route along the Rouge River. The event also includes a two-mile walk. Entry fee is \$35. Call 313-792-9900 or visit therouge.org.



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Run 4 the Rouge follows a scenic trail along the lower Rouge River.

NAMI Walks

The 11th annual Walk of the Minds starts with registration at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Heritage Park, 46202 Heritage Park Road, Canton. The 5K walk will start at noon. NAMI Walks is a nationwide fundraising and mental health awareness program that is being held in nearly 100 communities around the country. For more information, call

Shelene Hahn, Walk manager, at 800-331-4264; shahn@namimi.org.

Heroes on Hines

Wayne County, in partnership with Running Fit, presents the second annual Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run Saturday, Oct. 4, in Plymouth. The half marathon begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K starts at 8:45 a.m. Registration runs from 6:30 a.m. to 15 minutes before the start of each race, at Burroughs, 41100 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Registration fee is \$59 through Oct. 2 and \$70 from Oct. 3-4 for the half marathon and \$35 through Oct. 2 and \$40 Oct 3-4 for the 5K. Proceeds will go to support and maintain the First Responders Memorial in Hines Park, at Hines Drive and Haggerty. Register at heroes onhines.com.

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ONE APPOINTMENT TWO DIAGNOSES

When a person comes to a physician with a problem, the person expects that a single diagnosis will explain the matter. The physician also feels that way because medical training emphasizes that a single diagnosis comes from bringing a number of different findings into a single entity. For instance: fever, cough, muscle aching and fatigue all fit together as defining a viral illness.

However, when a physician deals with someone with hand pain, the doctor must keep his mind open to looking for more than a single condition to answer all the concerns the patient brings up.

The patient may start by saying that he thinks that the problem is arthritis because his hands hurt all the time. That will get a physician's attention because a characteristic of arthritis is that the pain worsens with activity and is relieved by rest. Night pain doesn't come from inflamed joints but from disordered nerves.

Yet the doctor's examination may show that the patient's knuckles are enlarged, that the wrists don't move well, and that the hand joints are enlarged and hurt when the physician palpates them, all features of arthritis.

What the patient is experiencing is two problems: arthritis of the hands and neuropathy of the fingers. Likely, each problem alone is mild and represents a mild nuisance to the patient. The two problems together create impairment that the patient cannot ignore.

Treatment can be difficult. The doctor must explain to the patient that two problems exist in the hand and each one requires a different approach and therapy. The arthritis pain may recede with aspirin like therapy. The nerve ending dysfunction requires more diagnostic studies and a different medication.

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Foster of St. Helen. Jessica and Kenneth both graduated from Western Michigan University and work in Seattle, Wash. She is a teacher and he is an engineer. An October 2014 wedding is planned in Warren.

Send school reunion information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

DETROIT CENTRAL HIGH CLASS OF 1954

60th reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Knollwood Country Club, 5050 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Includes dinner and entertainment. For more information, call Elaine Cohen Bass, 248-626-0146, Marion Carel Kantor, 248-661-0507, or Sandra Rogers Brenner, 248-200-7783.

DETROIT EASTERN HIGH ALL CLASSES

Annual reunion set for 1-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren. Cost is \$35 per person, which includes a meal. Reservations deadline is Sept. 26. For more information, call Judy Elias Thun at 586-296-2949 or Nancy Germain Linhard at nancylinhard@comcast.net.

DETROIT SALESIAN CATHOLIC CLASSES OF 1963-66

Mass at Holy Rosary Church followed by dinner at a midtown Detroit location, Nov. 8. Cost is \$35 per person. Reservations deadline Oct. 7. Contact Jim Moryc at 734-425-2666.

IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964

50th reunion set for Friday-Saturday, Oct. 10-11, at the Dearborn Inn. Meet and Greet, 5-8 p.m. Friday and luncheon, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Call Julie Nounce McEvoy for more information at 734-427-2633.

LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1984

30-year reunion, 7 p.m. Sept. 27, White Lake Inn, 3955 Ormond Road, White Lake. No need to RSVP for this casual night of conversation and catching up. For information, email heyboxman@wideopenwest.com.

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BUCHANAN, RICHARD H. "BUCK"
86, of Garden City, passed away September 17, 2014. He is preceded in death by his wife, Willa and children: Sandra, Richard, and Steven. Survived by daughters: Jude Leonard and Stephanie Buchanan, eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren. Family service will be held in Sheridan, Arkansas.
www.santeiufuneralhome.com



MARASHESKI, GERALD "SKI"

September 15, 2014 Age 75 of Westland. Beloved husband of Rosalie. Dear father of Kelly (Al) Meadows and Scott (Linda). Brother of Arline (John) Maksiwicz, Robert (Tracey), and the late John Jr. Grandfather of six and great-grandfather of five. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral services were entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Cremation rites were accorded. Family suggests memorials to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com



KORTE, ELSIE

Age 90 resided in Livonia for 50 years. Beloved wife of the late Fred for 30 years. Loving mother of Fred Korte Jr. and Susan Kon. Cherished grandmother of Elise Schenk, Michael Korte, David Korte, Kelly Prokes, and great grandmother of 7. She also leaves behind many other loving family and friends. Memorial gathering Sunday, September 28th 11:30am-1:30pm with a memorial service at 1:30pm at Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan). In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Assoc. and/or Michigan Humane Society. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com



Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Beekkeepers

Join a free group, 6:30 p.m. Oct. 14, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor, to talk about honeybee management, care, production and related topics. The session is open to beekkeepers and bee enthusiasts. 734-647-7600; lsa.umich.edu/mbg

Bug hunters needed

Friends of the Rouge needs volunteers to help look for stoneflies, mayflies and other aquatic insects at the annual Fall Bug Hunt, beginning at 9 a.m. Oct. 25, at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. Pre-registration deadline is Oct. 10. Volunteers are assigned to teams of four-eight individuals that each travel to two sites where they look for living organisms in samples collected from the river under the direction of a trained team leader. The number and kind of bugs found is used to assess each site. Children may attend if accompanied

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR



ARCHIVE
The Friends of the Rouge seeks volunteers to help find river bugs, like this stonefly.

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.

Livonia Garden Club

Paul Wingert, a member of the Southeastern Michigan Bromeliad Society, will show how to care for and propagate bromeliads and will explain why they make great houseplants, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia; livoniagardenclub.org or email rmo78jsa@aol.com.

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.
» Hayrides run 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, through Oct. 24 and Saturday,

Nov. 1. Rides are approximately 30 minutes. The fee is \$5 per person. Pre-register 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. Wednesday through Oct. 8 outdoors, in front of the Heritage Park Visitor Center. Designed for adults of all skill levels. \$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 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

by a participating adult. Sign up at www.therouge.org.

English Gardens

» 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.

» Learn about indoor gardening, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at a free presentation.

» Store experts explain how to put your garden to bed for winter, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, in a free presentation.

Classes are held at all English Gardens stores. Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-

REUNIONS

LIVONIA STEVENSON CLASS OF 1974

40-year reunion, planned by Linda Armstrong, Kim Geiger and Jack Karbowski, 7 p.m. to midnight Nov. 29, Corsi's Restaurant, 27910 Seven Mile, Livonia. Includes dinner, photo booth, disc jockey, pizza. Reservations and payment with Karbowski, 313-530-9634; karblitski@yahoo.com.

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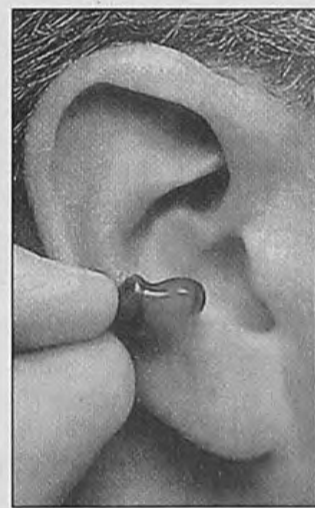
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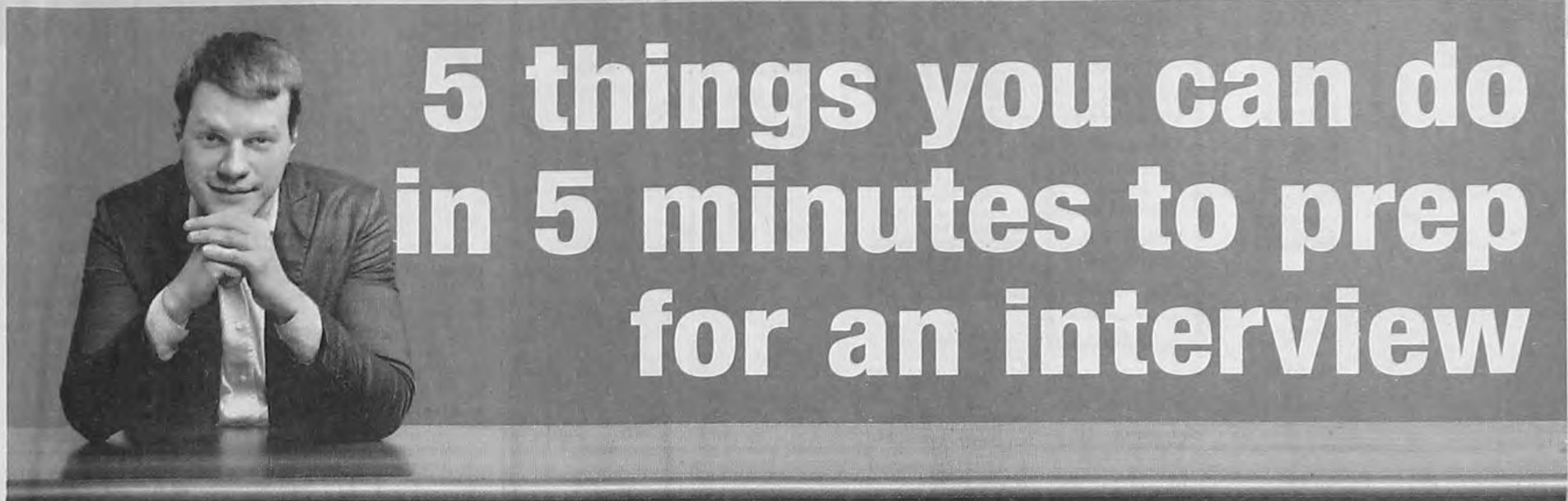


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5 things you can do in 5 minutes to prep for an interview

By Debra Auerbach
CareerBuilder writer

Things that take around five minutes to accomplish: making popcorn, showering, ordering coffee (depending on the line), paying a bill online and prepping for an interview. Yep, that's right. There are some simple things you can do in a short amount of time to ensure that you're confident from the moment the interview begins.

Here are five ways to prep for an interview in five minutes:

1. Select a winning outfit

First impressions are important, and your appearance is part of the first impression you make on hiring managers. It only takes a few minutes to pick out an outfit, but what you choose can actually speak to the type of worker you may be. According to a CareerBuilder survey, when asked to advise job seekers on the best color to wear to a job interview, employers most often recommended blue (23 percent) and black (15

percent). Not only did orange top the list of the worst color to wear, but it was also most likely to be associated with someone who is unprofessional.

Also consider factors such as fit, accessories and other elements of your appearance (nails, polished shoes, etc.). You want to stand out, but you don't want it to be because of a bad outfit choice.

2. Read the company's "about us" section

While you should invest time in researching the company and role before an interview, if you only have five minutes, head to the company's website and give its "about us" section a good read. There you should find information such as the company's mission statement, its core values and general company facts. A quick read like that can

impress interviewers

when you demonstrate how your approach to doing business aligns with the company's.

3. Practice your "elevator pitch"

The common, "So, tell me about yourself," question or variant of it usually comes up right at the start of an interview. While it may seem like the easiest question to answer, a question that broad can actually be tricky. How do you truly tell this hiring manager who doesn't know you and whom you want to impress everything about your work experience without going on and on? Instead, take a few minutes beforehand to practice your "elevator pitch," or a

15-30 second overview of who you are, what you do and an example of

what you've accomplished.

4. Determine the best route to your destination

You could spend days prepping for an interview, but if you show up late, it could all be for naught. A simple solution is to check out the location's address beforehand, consider what traffic conditions may be like, and plan out the best route and mode of transportation that will get you there on time (or better yet, early).

5. Review your resume

After spending hours updating your resume, you may think you

know it backward and forward. But while you may have added in a section about your current job, did you look back at what you wrote for previous jobs?

It's easy to forget details about earlier work, so don't get caught off guard if asked about a certain project at a former company, especially if it relates to the job for which you're applying.

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33 Boston or Bangkok
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54 Caught red-handed
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The redesigned 2015 GMC Yukon XL SLT.

All-new 2015 GMC Yukon: bold, stylish

By Cars.com Staff

Meet the all-new 2015 GMC Yukon. Its spacious interior offers three rows of seating that can accommodate up to nine passengers. With its bold styling, premium materials and inspiring capability, Yukon creates a new standard in full-size utility. The GMC Yukon and Yukon XL full-size SUVs are redesigned for the 2015 model year after a long stretch without much in the way of updates. The last Yukon update happened in 2007.

Customers needn't worry about getting their hands on one of these new vehicles right away. According to John Jeannotte, one of the owners of Bob Jeannotte Buick GMC in Plymouth, the dealership has many on hand.

"Inventory is available now," Jeannotte said. "Sales have been great on the new 2015 Yukon lineup. Last sales numbers I've seen provided by GM has the 2015 Yukon sales up 230 percent. At Bob Jeannotte Buick GMC, through August we are up 365 percent. That includes a slower produc-



GENERAL MOTORS

New for the Yukons is a fold-flat third-row seat.

tion start-up when production began earlier this year."

Vehicle overview

GMC has thoroughly reworked the Yukon and Yukon XL, the only real difference between the two being the length and the resultant interior volume. Changes discussed here generally apply to both the Yukon and Yukon XL models. Changes start with all-new

sheet metal and a distinctive front end that incorporates the new GMC C-shaped LEDs into the headlights.

"We've engineered the Yukon and Yukon XL from the ground up, building on a strong legacy of capability to take them to the top of the segment with exceptional refinement and purposeful technology," said Tony DiSalle, vice president of GMC Mar-

keting. "And when it comes to the tasks people rely on a full-size SUV for, they do it better than ever - and with more style."

The sculpted fenders stretch a distinctive body character line all the way to the taillights. The Yukon does not share any styling with the GMC Sierra full-size pickup truck. Doors have been redesigned to fit into the body side instead of wrap over the roof, significantly improving wind noise according to GMC. Similar aerodynamic improvements in the rear make for a quieter ride and the squared-off cabin improves interior space as well.

The standard powertrain is GM's new Ecotec3 5.3-liter V-8 mated to a six-speed automatic transmission; optional is the big 6.2-liter V-8 that's available only on the upmarket Denali luxury trim. The Denali gets subtle cosmetic changes as well, including a mesh grille, 22-inch wheels and different interior trim with an 8-inch reconfigurable driver display screen.

Interiors on all Yukons are

more car-like in their styling. The dashboard contains a standard 8-inch touch-screen and GMC's IntelliLink multimedia system with optional navigation. A storage cubby resides behind the articulated touch-screen and cupholders abound throughout the interior.

New for the Yukons is a fold-flat third-row seat - no longer removable, the rear split-bench folds into the floor at the touch of a button, as does the second row, resulting in a relatively flat cargo floor without the need to remove a heavy bench out the rear hatch and store it somewhere.

As one would expect with a major redesign, the new SUVs get a full raft of the latest GM electronic safety equipment. Forward radar for collision and lane departure warning systems, blind spot and rear cross-traffic alert, automatic braking systems, center-mounted side airbags for the front seats, adaptive cruise control and the patented Safety Alert Seat are all available.

"The sale numbers above show how great the new launch is," Jeannotte said.

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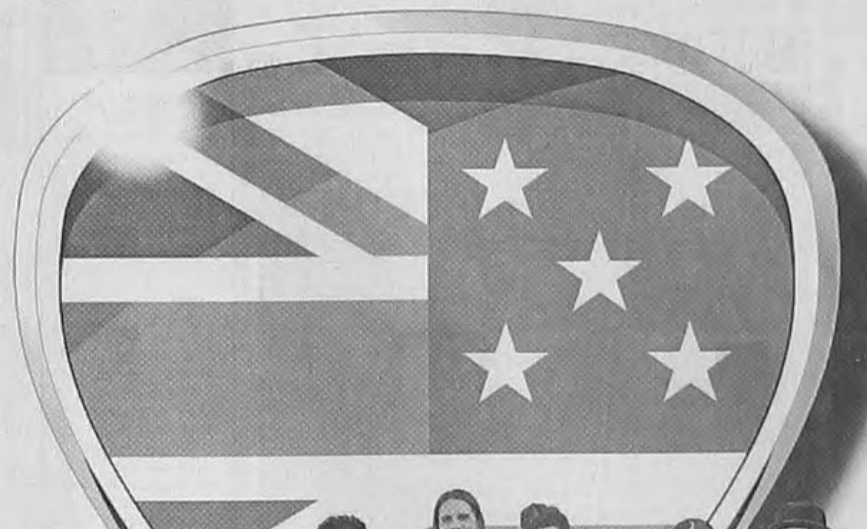
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The 2015 Chrysler Town & Country Touring L model.

Town & Country for 2015 loaded with luxury features, V-6

Competes with Toyota Sienna, Honda Odyssey

By Cars.com Staff

The Chrysler Town & Country is related to the Dodge Grand Caravan, but it's the more luxury-oriented of the two minivans. The Town & Country was significantly revised for 2015 with new exterior styling, a substantially revised interior and a new V-6 engine. The seven-seat minivan competes with the Toyota Sienna and Honda Odyssey. Interested customers can find a full inventory of the new vehicles at Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Clarkston.

New for 2015

Chrysler introduces two new models for the Town & Country for 2015: the LX and Limited Platinum. The LX has leather seats, a backup camera and other special safety features. The Limited Platinum has a sunroof, dual-screen Blu-ray system and other features. A Blu-ray player with HDMI connection is available for all models, however.

Below is a list of highlighted features and not an exhaustive list. Features are standard unless otherwise noted.

Exterior highlights

- » Integrated side-door tracks
- » 17-inch aluminum wheels
- » Chrome grille
- » Power sliding side doors
- » Power liftgate

Interior highlights

- » Leather upholstery
- » Automatic air conditioning

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- » Second-row seats fold into bins in the floor
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- » Available dual-screen Blu-ray system

Under the hood

The 2015 Town & Country features 283-horsepower, 3.6-liter V-6 with 260 pounds-feet of torque and a six-speed automatic transmission. Putting the vehicle in econ mode improves gas mileage by altering shift points and maintaining torque-converter lockup longer. It also features an available load-leveling suspension.

Safety features

The new Town & Country has all the safety features required in every new car: front airbags, anti-lock brakes and an electronic stability system. It also has side-impact airbags for the front seats; side curtain airbags for all three rows of seats; and traction control.

Other safety-related items include active front head restraints, a backup camera, power-adjustable pedals, available rear parking sensors and available blind spot warning system with rear cross-path detection.



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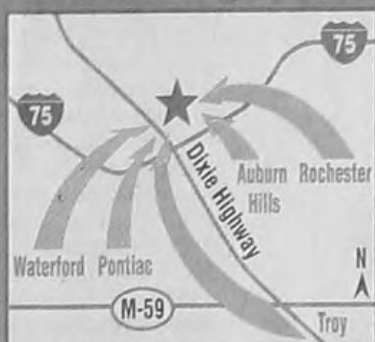
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2015 Lincoln MKC: Arrive in style

By Greg Mullin and Cars.com Staff

Ford's premium brand is entering the luxury compact crossover fray with the 2015 Lincoln MKC.

For the folks at Jack Demmer Lincoln in Dearborn, the move is a game-changer.

"It's a unique vehicle to Lincoln," sales manager Steve Hunsinger said. "It's a brand-new product for us, which is fantastic. The '15 MKC is Lincoln's new flagship for a new style and a new product to expand the Lincoln lineup and target additional customers."

"With our location in the heart of Dearborn and in the heart of Ford country, it's great to have the Lincoln lineup available, not just to Ford employees or retirees, but to the Dearborn market itself and Detroit," Hunsinger said. "And with our ever-increasing product lineup, our store is going to expand and it's going to grow. It's just a matter of time — as our volume grows, our clientele list will grow."

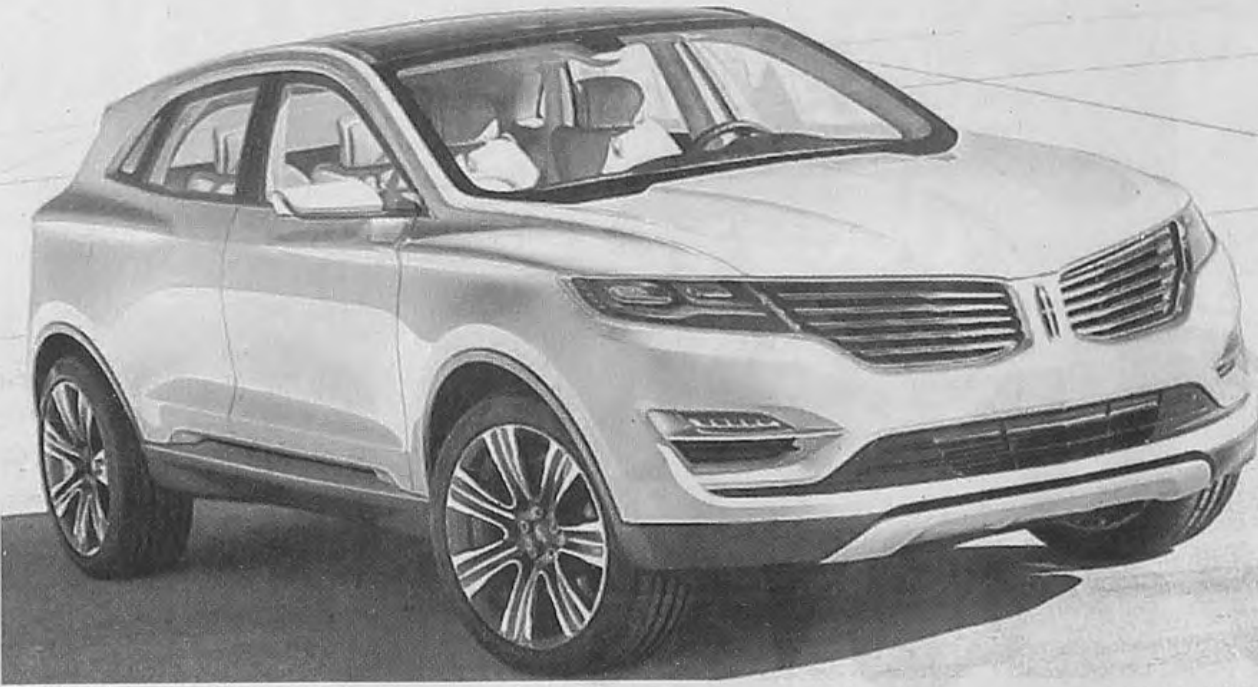
"It's a great day for Jack Demmer Lincoln."

The 2015 Lincoln MKC aims to compete with established luxury compact crossovers like the Audi Q5, Acura RDX and Cadillac SRX and somewhat smaller, new premium entries like the upcoming Mercedes-Benz GLA. The MKC compares favorably, Hunsinger says.

"It's the lowest price of the class, but equipment-wise, it's right up against the toughest competition head to head," he said.

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According to Jack Demmer Lincoln Sales Manager Steve Hunsinger, the MKC is the lowest priced vehicle of its class, but equipment-wise, is right up against the toughest competition.

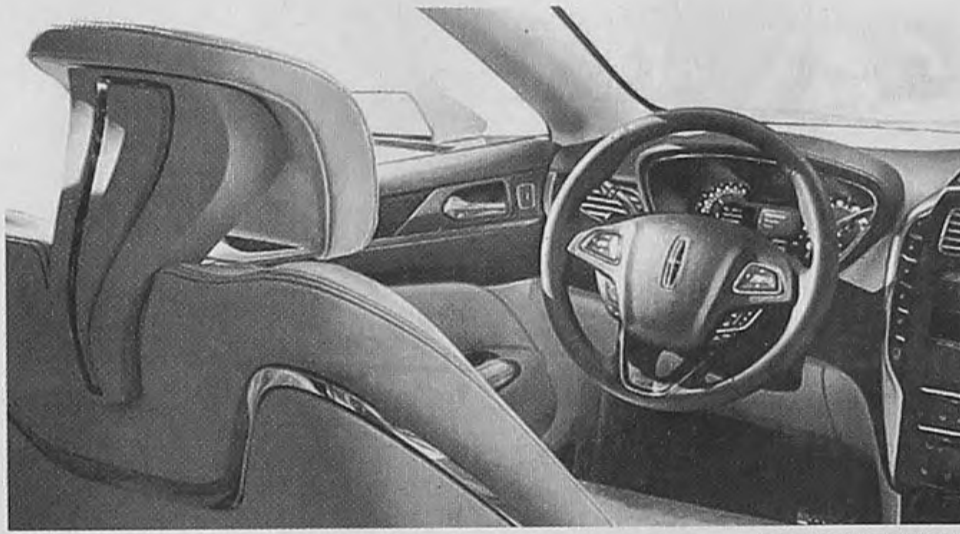
McConaughey — who's appearing in a series of sleek, memorable TV commercials — the 2015 Lincoln MKC is a brand on the rise.

"It shows Ford's commitment to Lincoln and the Lincoln brand with this new product," Hunsinger says. "And tied in with the new spokesperson for Lincoln, it really shows that Ford is standing with a commitment to the Lincoln brand and we're moving forward, which is fantastic."

"It's a nice feeling to know that we're not forgotten and we're expanding our product line to increase our clientele base."

Exterior

The MKC slots below the MKX in size and Lincoln stayed true to the concept car in styling the production version. The MKC retains the concept's prominent winged grille, sculpted body, menacing LED-accented headlamps and full-width LED tail lamps with



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The Lincoln MKC has a base price of \$33,995 for the front-wheel drive or \$36,490 for AWD.

wraparound lift gate.

Interior

Inside, a panoramic sunroof, leather seats with French stitching and real wood trim give the cabin an airy, upscale look. An 8-inch touchscreen that uses Ford's Sync with MyLincoln Touch is front and center. Unlike many vehicles

that use Ford's troubled multimedia system, the MKC's panel also features buttons and knobs for controlling audio and climate functions — a welcome sight.

Connectivity is a highlight. With the MyLincoln Mobile app, drivers can start, lock, unlock and locate their MKC. They also can use the app to

call roadside assistance and check the vehicle's fuel level, tire pressure and battery charge.

Under the hood

Although the MKC shares a platform with the Ford Escape compact crossover, one of its powertrains is new. Under the hood is a turbocharged 2.3-liter Eco-

Boost four-cylinder. Lincoln says it's good for 275 horsepower; fuel-economy figures are not yet out. The standard engine, however, is the Escape's turbocharged 2.0-liter; it makes 240 horsepower in this application. Lincoln hasn't confirmed the MKC's transmission, but we expect it to use the Escape's six-speed automatic. One item carried over from the concept version is the push-button shifter instead of an actual mechanical shifter.

Front-wheel drive is standard; all-wheel drive is an option and includes a new continuously controlled damping system. Drivers can select from Sport, Comfort and normal drive modes, and Lincoln says CCD continually monitors the road and adjusts the suspension according to the mode selected.

Safety features

The MKC is loaded with safety options, including a blind spot warning system, collision warning with brake support, lane keeping system, cross-traffic alert and the class-exclusive park-out assist system. Rather than help guide the vehicle into parallel parking spots, the latter system helps steer the car out of a tight parking spot.

Value in its class

The MKC is a well-rounded luxury car with athletic looks and a driving experience to match, along with all the luxury goods buyers expect in the segment. Lincoln sold roughly 600 MKCs per month during its first two months on sale, May and June 2014. Cars.com's national inventory is quickly populating with MKCs and most run from \$40,000 to \$45,000, a price range in which the MKC should be a serious consideration.

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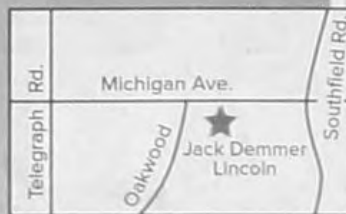
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