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Canton Public Safety taps deputy chiefs

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Two seasoned Canton Public Safety officials have reached new career highs after they received promotions to become deputy police chief and deputy fire chief, respectively.

Police Lt. Scott Hilden, a 21-year department veteran, assumes his new role as deputy police chief Sunday, while longtime firefighter Chris Stocklein has reached an 18-year ca-



Hilden

reer milestone by becoming deputy fire chief. Hilden joins Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr as the police department's second-in-rank leaders. Hilden's promotion came after Canton filled the job following a four-year vacancy fueled by budget cuts.

Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler and other officials chose to fill the vacant post to allow sergeants, who had

picked up the deputy chief duties, to return to their focus on street patrols.

"We wanted to make sure our street-level supervision was at its proper level," Kerr said.

Taking command

Hilden serves as patrol division commander over 65 officers and 18 civilians and oversees school resource



Stocklein

and accident investigation efforts. Kerr's focus is on the detective bureau, ordinance officers and the records bureau.

Hilden rose through the ranks from police officer to sergeant to lieutenant to deputy chief. He has served as a field training officer, a department instructor, a bike patrol officer, school resource officer, road patrol supervisor, crime prevention analyst, shift

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Liz Carlson, Jordan Taylor, Nick Winslow and Ned Borninski work on the farm exhibit.

HARVESTING HISTORY

Exhibit plows Canton's farming roots

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Long before busting roads, retail shopping centers and sprawling subdivisions altered Canton's rural landscape, farming families built barns, plowed fields and harvested crops using tools now relegated to history.

One local couple, Henry and Lucy Anderson, wrote in their journal in August 1872 of taking their apples to a Detroit market, while farmer Orrin Kenyon penned in 1859 that he spent much of one August day cutting oats and tending to his rye.

Canton's farming stories, tools, barns — indeed, this community's bygone way of life — is lovingly celebrated by local historians and students who have created a slice of Americana, "Remembering Canton's Rural Heritage," on display Aug. 1-27 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

History-minded college students Jordan Taylor, Ned Bor-

Liz Carlson holds a tool used to cut bales of hay. PHOTOS BY BILL BREZLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



ninski and Nick Winslow and Plymouth High School junior Charlie Hou have volunteered their summer to help the Canton Historical Society honor this community's past.

Campaign topic

Borninski, a University of Michigan history major, recalls how presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan, during a speech in 1896, paid tribute to farms like those shown in the Village Theater exhibit.

"If it hadn't been for farmers like those who are displayed in this exhibit, where would the powerful people be? Farmers were just as important to the development of this country as the industrialists, the bankers and the business people were," Borninski, a Canton resident, said.

Liz Carrison, Canton Historical Museum director and former history teacher, marveled at how the students have made a lasting contribution to local history. They spent weeks meticulously cleaning old farm tools such as a hay bale splicer; a log-roll cant hook; a spoke shave used to carve wooden spokes; a 6-foot cross-cut saw; a leather stitcher; a grain flail; a fruit picker; and many other utensils on display.

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Cops warn of rash of auto crime

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton authorities are warning residents to lock their cars and remove their belongings after a rash of stolen vehicles and thefts of GPS units and other valuables from unlocked autos.

Detective Sgt. Craig Wilsher called the string of auto crimes one of the worst he has seen in Canton in recent memory — incidents he said can be avoided or made more difficult for thieves by taking precautions.

Canton residents have reported at least six stolen cars within the last few weeks, and Wilsher said police have received "at least" dozens of reports of larcenies from autos.

"It's happening at night," he said. "Everyone should make sure their vehicles are locked — and if they have any question, double-check it."

Residents should remove items such as GPS units, laptop computers, cell phones, purses — anything that might tempt thieves roaming neighborhoods or parking lots looking for valuables.

"They're taking stuff like GPS units — anything of value," Wilsher said. "If the car is unlocked and they get in, they can find things. It's like a fishing expedition."

An area that has been particularly hard hit by larcenies from autos includes neighborhoods bounded by Cherry Hill to the north, Palmer to the south, Sheldon to the west and past Lotz Road to the east.

Crime studies have indicated that Canton has a comparatively low crime rate compared to other communities of its size in Michigan and across the nation.

However, Wilsher said residents still can become victims of crimes, especially if potential thieves have easy access to cars.

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Dems talk women's health at forum

By Brad Kadrich
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State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, said Monday night that women's access to health care is necessary for the well-being of all Michigan residents.

And, while access was the topic of the night, many of the 30 or so folks also wanted to talk about subjects as varied as how Obamacare will affect their current health care situation to

potential fraud in the health care process.

"Some of the concerns were more about, with the health care act, 'Am I going to have to get rid of my Blue Cross?'" Slavens said. "There were some questions and concerns, and we'll take those back to Lansing and get answers, and then get back to people."

Slavens said some of the questions were about potential fraud and, while the Medicaid

expansion bill includes protections against fraud, Slavens said there's no harm in checking again.

"We have some provisions on preventing fraud," she said.

"We'll double-check and strengthen that to make sure we eliminate as much fraud as possible."

Canton resident Sommer Foster wanted to hear about

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Members of the audience and the House Democrats' Women's Health and Economic Security Task Force listen to Meghan Green, director of government relations for Planned Parenthood of Michigan, speak about access to women's health care Monday in Canton. COURTESY OF HOUSE DEMOCRATIC COMMUNICATIONS



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Canton has used sunflowers to beautify an area along Sheldon Road while saving mowing costs. CANTON TOWNSHIP

Canton uses nature to trim costs

No mow, let it grow plan a winning idea in township

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Everything's coming up flowers in Canton. And it's reducing mowing costs. Canton employees planted a sunflower field by the public works facility on Sheldon Road south of Michigan Avenue, creating a one-acre garden that has

trimmed this season's mowing costs by an estimated \$625, Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Paas said. "Mother Nature works it for us," he said. Public works employees completed the project this year. In another move to beautify Canton, reduce pollution and save on maintenance costs, Canton has finished installing a bioswale along Michigan Avenue near the Haggerty Road/I-275 area. Paas said the bioswale includes a variety of plants designed to

capture and treat stormwater runoff from rain — a move that helps protect the Rouge River. The project was done with a grant from the Alliance of Rouge Communities, a voluntary public watershed entity that includes 35 municipal governments in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties. Local officials have said the bioswale beautifies one of the gateways to Canton.

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commander and special events coordinator, among other duties. "I'm very excited about the new position," Hilden said. "It's a great opportunity to help the director (Mutchler) take our organization to the next level of professionalism and excellence."

Kerr said he believes Hilden "will work out exceptionally well" because "he has always been thorough and conscientious in his work and is always looking out for what's best for the department."

Kerr said some police positions, including a command officer post, remain vacant amid cost-cutting measures. Two other police department employees — Detective Sgts. Dave Schreiner and Craig Wilsner — have been promoted to lieutenant amid ongoing changes within the department.

Climbing the ladder

Stoeklein has started his job as deputy police chief after his predecessor, Gregory Spys-Telner, was among 11 fire employees who recently retired.

Stoeklein, a Canton

High School graduate, began his career as a Summit on the Park maintenance worker and a local dispatcher before he became a local firefighter. A longtime union board member, Stoeklein rose from the rank of firefighter to deputy chief. "I'm an outstanding deputy chief," Fire Chief Joshua Meier said. Stoeklein conceded his new role marks "a big change" because, as a firefighter, "I was used to working 24-hour shifts and not going home at night."

"Stoeklein remains on call around the clock as deputy chief, a position that oversees fire prevention efforts and training for emergency medical services and fire suppression. He also is in charge of battalion chiefs and captains.

Stoeklein credits much of his success to his time working with the Canton Professional Firefighters Local 2289. "I'm looking forward to serving the citizens and working with the administration," he said. "I also want to work with the firefighters to ensure that our department moves forward."

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"I think when people are able to see these objects and see how rustic they are, it will teach them about Canton's history and the value of hard work that goes into agriculture," said Jordan, a Canton resident and University of Detroit-Mercy history student who also works at Greenfield Village.

Public viewing
Sue Dyer, Village Theater art curator, said the exhibit is open for public viewing 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, one hour before any theater performance or by appointment by calling (734) 394-5308.

The exhibit reveals Canton's barns in photos, including the red Cady-Boyer Barn from the early 1900s that was moved a few years ago



Jordan Taylor demonstrates use of a yoke that distributes weight, such as two buckets of water, across the shoulders instead of the arms. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

from the Joy Road-Canton Center area to Preservation Park, just north of the Village Theater. Carlson said the Cady family settled here in 1827 after arriving from the New England area. One photo shows Amish workers taking the Cady-Boyer barn apart, piece by piece, before it was rebuilt on its new site. "They numbered each board so they would know where to

put it back," Carlson said. Winslow, a Canton resident and Schoolcraft College biology student, said he enjoyed working on the farming exhibit and talking with local folks such as Sarah Gill, who still lives on the Gill Farm where she grew up near Ridge and Cherry Hill roads. "She told us how she worked 16 hours every day," Winslow said.

Antique tools

Carlson said most of the 20 tools shown in the Village Theater exhibit come from the late 1800s and early 1900s. They are accompanied by some 20 barn photos and farming journal entries from the mid-1850s to the 1980s.

Carlson said she is encouraged by the students' work on the exhibit, saying it shows young residents intend to carry on the traditions of longtime Canton historians. She said it's important to preserve the community's history. "They are volunteering their time," she said. "It makes me feel good that there are people to do this."

For more on the Canton Historical Society, go to www.cantonhistorical.org. For more on the Village Theater, visit www.villagetheater.org.

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Nick Winslow compares a corn knife to a sickle.



After hosting a task force meeting on women's health issues Monday in Canton, State Rep. Dian Slaven, D-Canton, "making sure women — our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters — have access to quality health care should be common sense." BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

WOMEN'S

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what the state Legislature is doing to help women reach their health care goals. She said she was satisfied with information she got on how legislators are working with Affordable Care Act exchanges and expanding Medicaid.

"That's going to help women," Foster said. "I have been without health care in my life, and I know how difficult and expensive it is if you get sick. I think whatever can be done to make sure people have the opportunity for health care and to be able to see a doctor is a good thing."

Slavens, whose professional background is in health care, said the health of residents is "central to the health of the state." "Making sure women — our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters — have access to quality health care should be common sense," she said. "Sady access to women's health has not seen nearly enough attention in the Michigan Legislature."

Slavens was joined by House Democrats' Women's Force co-chairs Reps. Marcia Hovey, Wright, D-Muskegon, and Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor, along with Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan Director of Government Relations Meghan Groen.

Task force members heard from their guest and members of the audience at the meeting held at the Canton Township Administration Building.

Hovey-Wright said it's important to protect the "safety, emotional well-being and even the lives" of women across the state.

"We have to make sure that women, men and their families have the resources and tools to make informed choices about their health and family," she said. Irwin called ensuring quality, affordable health care "one of our most important tasks as legislators."

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Though there was a threat of rain Sunday during this year's Concours d'Elegance at St. John's, people continued to arrive and enjoy a spectacle of vintage cars. PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMAZANO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Auto enthusiasm

Even rain can't dampen mood at Concours

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Storm clouds and an occasional drizzle didn't stop thousands of people from visiting Plymouth Township Sunday for one of the country's top auto shows.

Hundreds of rare, collectible and innovative cars — from an 1889 Edison Electric Runabout to a 2014 Cadillac ELR — graced the grounds at The Inn at St. John's Sunday for the 35th annual Concours d'Elegance of America. It was the third Concours at St. John's, the event moved from Rochester Hills' Meadow Brook Hall beginning in 2011.

"It's a beautiful show. Unbelievable cars, cars you're never

going to see anywhere," said Philip Brown of Oak Brook, Ill. "The level of cars is phenomenal."
"It was a lot of fun," said Julia Machacek Cordes of Leavenworth, Kan. "We met a lot of people, learned a lot about other cars."

Festival of cars

Brown was showing off his 1957 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Roadster, a car he owned for nearly 30 years before its 2004 restoration.

"It was all the money I had back then," said Brown of his purchase of the sports car in 1975. "This was my dream car." Cordes was exhibiting a 1962 Chrysler 300 H, which she stores in Michigan, where



Canton resident Joe Quinlan and his 15-year-old son, Bryan, look over a 1959 Fleetwood Cadillac.

she has family. "It's a muscle car, yet its kind of luxurious," Cordes said.

Sunday's exhibition capped several days of Concours events, including an Automotive Hall of Fame induction and awards event on Thursday, tours of two private car collections in the area on Friday, an auction of collectibles on Saturday and a Saturday night gala. The Concours offered cars of every era and style, including many from long-defunct manufacturers, such as Gardner, Graham, and American Austin.

Supped up, stripped down

Show classes included Gaslight (the 1906-1914 era), Detroit Iron (early Cadillacs,

Chryslers, Lincolns and Packards), American Postwar 1946-1959 (Chrysler, Pontiac, Buick, Ford) and Muscle Car, which was weighted toward Corvettes and Camaros.

The display Electric Cars: Past, Present & Future attracted a lot of visitors, who saw models ranging from the Runabout Thomas Edison built, later acquired by Edison admirer Henry Ford, to a 1916 Detroit Electric Brougham, to a two-seat General Motors Corp. concept car from 1970 (top speed 25 mph, with a 58-mile battery range).

"There was also a collection of antique 'bobbers,' or stripped-down ('bobbed') motorcycles.

"Cars are really well-presented. I love the way they lay it out," said Bob Gardner of St.

Paul, Minn., who was showing his 1928 Gardner Model 85 Sport Roadster. "It's not easy to put on a show of this caliber, and they really do a wonderful job."

Clouds hung overhead for much of the show, and there were brief periods of light rain before it began to fall more steadily, for about 10 minutes, around the Concours' 4 p.m. closing time.

Organizers said an exact figure won't be tabulated for a week, but estimated the crowd at more than 10,000.

The Concours is contributing a portion of its proceeds to Hospice of Michigan, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and the College for Creatives Studies.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Domestic assault

Canton police arrested a 40-year-old Oak Park man following accusations he entered his ex-girlfriend's residence and assaulted her on River Meadow Circle, on Geddies between Canton Center and Beck.

Police received a phone call around 9:50 p.m. July 24 that the 50-year-old woman was yelling for help after she tried to leave her residence but was pulled back inside by the suspect, a police report said.

Witnesses went to the woman's aid and held the suspect until police arrived. A police report indicated the victim was shaking and crying.

The woman told police she had been in her bed when she heard a loud noise in her bathroom apparently from a window through which her ex-boyfriend entered. She said he grabbed her, threw her down and covered her mouth when she screamed, a police report said.

The victim's phone rang and he told her to answer it, then began asking her to reveal the name of the caller, the report said. The woman finally managed to break free from him and get to the door where others heard her pleas for help.

The victim told police she had broken up with the suspect a couple months earlier, but she said he won't leave her alone. Possible charges were pending.

Car stolen, found

A 41-year-old Canton woman notified police after her Chrysler Sebring was stolen from her driveway sometime between 10 p.m. Saturday and 6 a.m. Sunday.

The woman told police she left the car unlocked with the keys in the igni-

tion. She also said her house keys were on the key ring.

The incident happened on Willard, north of Cherry Hill between Sheldon and Lilley. It occurred as Canton police Detective Sgt. Craig Wisler has reported a spike in car thefts and larcenies from autos.

A neighbor of the victim reported hearing someone start the car and drive away from the home about 4:50 a.m. Sunday.

Canton police later received a call from Westland police that the car had been found in Inkster. It didn't appear to be damaged and was turned over to the owner.

Wallet swiped

A 20-year-old Garden City man's wallet was swiped after he left it in the restroom of the Pobelly Sandwich Shop on Ford Road west of Lilley, a police report said.

The incident happened about 8 p.m. The worker told police he left his wallet, which doubles as an iPhone case, on the sink as he left the restroom. When the worker realized his mistake, he returned to the restroom but someone already had swiped his wallet, which also contained a bank card.

Hit and run

A 51-year-old woman notified police after she said her car was struck by another driver who fled the scene shortly before 11:30 a.m. Saturday on westbound Warren near Canton Center.

The woman was turning into a PNC Bank branch when her vehicle was struck in the rear by a black Pontiac Sunfire. She said the other driver sped away.

Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Pair pleads guilty to armed robbery of Family Dollar

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Two Detroit men have pleaded guilty to charges of robbing the Canton Family Dollar store on Joy Road near I-275 in February — just one incident authorities say involved a suburban crime spree.

Raymond Maurice Whately, 19, and Eric Anthony Reed, 21, are facing prison when they are sentenced Aug. 29 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Gregory Bill.

Their sentencing comes after Whately and Reed pleaded guilty July 23 to one count each of armed robbery, felony firearm and conducting a criminal enterprise, according to circuit court records.

Their plea led to the dismissal of other Canton charges. Reed no longer faces charges of second-degree criminal sexual conduct.



Reed



Whately

following allegations he had fondled a woman working at Family Dollar when the robbery occurred shortly before 9 p.m. Feb. 6.

The pair had been charged with crimes in Canton, Taylor, Allen Park and Westland.

Whately and Reed are accused of seizing cell phones from Family Dollar workers and taking money from the store, Canton police Lt. Dave Schreiner has said.

Westland police arrested the pair Feb. 16 outside a Cash Advance store on Merriman Road.

Once Westland police had Whately and Reed in custody, they were identified as suspects in the Canton robbery.

"One of our dispatchers remembered an article in the Observer from Canton (about an armed robbery)," Westland police Sgt. Dan Serrano said at the time. "We printed out the photos. One of the suspects was wearing the same clothes he was arrested in."

A relative of Whately — suspended Detroit police officer and Canton resident Clifton Jermaine Whately — is still facing charges arising from the alleged crime spree. The conclusion of his preliminary examination still hasn't concluded in Taylor District Court.

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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

A Northville man arrested on a shoplifting charge in Plymouth Township told police he was merely shopping for corn on the cob at an outdoor display and had intended to return to the store to pay for a cart full of groceries and other items.

But two employees at Busch's Market said they had already questioned the man inside the store about the cart full of bagged merchandise, for which he had no receipt, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The man told them he intended to pay, the report said, but one witness, the manager, confronted him a second time after he left with the groceries through a door that was marked as not an exit. Police were called.

The incident at the Busch's on Sheldon Road near Five Mile occurred on July 19. The suspect, 51, was arrested on a second-degree retail fraud charge, and police impounded the Chevrolet HHR he had arrived in, the police report said.

Police said the items in the cart totaled \$266.97 and included ribs, ice cream, pizza, strawberries, three bottles of vodka, 30 cans of beer, toiletries and cat food.

School break-in

Nothing was stolen during the break-in of a portable classroom at Allen Elementary, on Haggerty north of Ann Arbor Road, late last month. The break-in occurred some time between 1 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. July 22, a police report said. A door was damaged, but police said entry appeared to have been made through a window from which the screen had been removed. Police later learned that 34 window screens on the structure had been cut.

Tobacco theft

A can of hookah tobacco was reported stolen July 26 from Cigar & Liquor Emporium, on Five Mile near Beck, police said. The store owner told police a man browsing the tobacco selec-

tion picked up a can of apple-flavored tobacco and put it in the pocket of his shorts, then paid for some hookah coils and left. The same man, the owner said, had stolen a tin of the same kind of tobacco about a week prior.

Vehicle thefts

The in-dash stereo and navigation system was stolen from a Chrysler Town & Country early on July 19 as the minivan sat in the driveway of a house on Thornridge Drive, south of Five Mile and west of Haggerty.

The rear window had been broken out, police said.

Police said there were three other thefts of electronics from Chrysler vehicles in the same neighborhood on the same day. A small amount of cash and a suitcase full of clothes were reported stolen July 24 from a car parked at a township apartment complex.

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Motorcyclists who choose not to wear a helmet are required to have two years of riding experience and safety classes.

New helmet law

Fatalities steady, but insurance claims on upswing

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

It may be too early to determine any correlation or impact from the 15-month old state helmet choice law on crashes and injuries, but it appears insurance claims and associated costs have increased.

"Right now we only have one year of data," said Lt. Garry Megge of the Michigan State Police Traffic Services Section. "We are speaking in general terms, we don't have a lot of data."

In April 2012, Michigan's longstanding law requiring helmets for all motorcyclists was scrapped for leaner riders aged 21 years and older to legally ride without a helmet if they carry at least \$20,000 in medical payments insurance coverage and have at least two years of riding experience and special safety training.

Today, only 19 states require all riders to wear helmets, while 28 require helmets for some motorcyclists. Illinois, Iowa and New Hampshire don't have helmet laws. The move was taken in an effort to boost tourism for Michigan. Advocacy organizations, such as ABATE of Michigan, maintains that Michigan was losing a lot of potential tourism dollars because out-of-state motorcyclists avoided the state because of the strict helmet law.

"The new law has increased Michigan travel," said Vince Consiglio, ABATE president. At a motorcycle tour in Muskegon, Consiglio said, it was evident that attendance was up 30 percent and participants witnessed license plates from 25 states.

Despite any potential increase in tourism, the Highway Loss Data In-

stitute (HLDI) conducted a study of the new helmet law on insurance losses. Researchers compared losses under medical payments and collision coverage during the 2010 and 2011 riding season with the 2012 riding season.

HLDI's study showed that overall medical payments were 50 percent higher than expected for Michigan after the law changed in April 2012. HLDI researchers qualified that result by adding that some of the increase may reflect an increased crash risk because collision claim frequency on its own increased about 12 percent.

The research group made it very clear that the increase in medical payment overall losses stems from a definite 36 percent increase in the severity of claims. Following the change in the law, motorcyclists who chose to ride without a helmet increased their medical payments policy limits to the required \$20,000 minimum.

Yet even with the change in policy limits, HLDI found that medical payments claim severity is estimated to have increased — just in 15 months — by 22 percent. HLDI said the results are "consistent with the expectation that crashes after the law change resulted in more severe injuries as a result of less helmet use."

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation, which advocates safe motorcycle riding, holds fast to its

The move was taken in an effort to boost tourism for Michigan.

belief that helmets work, just as different types of helmets work in sports and other professions, including construction, football and the military.

As far as increased insurance costs, Consiglio points out that in Michigan motorcyclists pay into the state's catastrophic fund, while many other states, including those in HLDI's study, don't even have catastrophic funds.

"We are covered when a car or truck hits us," he said.

In 2012, Megge said, the state had 112 motorcycle fatalities. In 2011, the total was 109. Curiously, in 2008, 125 fatal motorcycle accidents were reported. In 2009, there were 103 fatalities. Based on these statistics, it is difficult to determine the impact — yet — of the helmet law.

"It appears we don't have hard numbers. The fatalities are comparable," Megge said. "The injuries are up over 2011 but down from 2008." The only factor Megge said he believes affected 2008 statistics is that gas prices that year reached an all-time high, sending more auto drivers to save gasoline by riding motorcycles.

"The more exposure on motorcycles, the more apt you are to have a crash," Megge said. "When you are on a motorcycle, you don't have a lot of protection."

That's why motorcycle safety classes, as well as improved awareness of motorcycles on the road on the part of car and truck drivers goes a long way in creating safe riding for motorcyclists, Consiglio said.

"We strongly encourage motorcycle safety and training," he said. "I think this (new) law came out as good as it can be."



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help recognize and reward youth participation in urban agriculture, is an investment in our future," Bowman continued.

"Our next challenge is to quickly spread the word that this program has been launched and connect with those youngsters who qualify for consideration."

The Detroit Shriners Organization and Metro Detroit CVB have each contributed \$5,000 to the 2013 Urban Youth Farming Scholarship Program. "We are very enthusiastic about this important initiative to encourage and empower urban youngsters to learn agricultural practices," said Craig Stigelman, chairman of the Detroit Shrine Circus and executive committee member of the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair.



"We feel this is one of the most important initiatives that the revival of the State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace can contribute at this time, to inspire and encourage the next generation to continue the legacy of the great agricultural industry in our state," said Blair Bowman, manager of The Michigan State Fair, A Private Entity, LLC and operator of the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair.

"This commitment of \$10,000 in scholarship resources, dedicated to

State fair boosts urban farming with scholarships

The future of urban farming in Detroit and other Michigan cities has just received a big boost in the form of educational scholarships aimed at rewarding the efforts of students who are participating in revitalization.

The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair announced that, in collaboration with the Detroit Shriners and the Metropolitan Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau, the fair will award \$10,000 in educational scholarship funds to deserving youth in cities across the state.

The Urban Youth Farming Scholarship Program is aimed at increasing involvement and awareness of youth agriculture programs, and to promote farming, agriculture, and livestock management within the state of Michigan.



ABATE, an organization that supported the change in Michigan helmet law, supports and sponsors motorcycle safety courses.

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This 1928 Gardner Model 85 Sport Roadster, owned by Bob and Kim Gardner of St. Paul, Minn. — the owners are no relation to the Russell Gardner who founded the car company in St. Louis — won Best in Class in the "American Popular 1928-1942" category during Sunday's Concours d'Elegance of America.

IF WHEELS COULD TALK ...

Concours car owners share their stories

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Naif Makol Jr. waited decades to find just the right classic Lincoln, while Philip Brown waited even longer to finish his dream car — a Mercedes-Benz 300 SL convertible. Bob Gardner, meanwhile, bought his rare roadster after researching its long-defunct manufacturer, the Gardner Motor Car Co., and ended up with a bonus: The man who sold him the Gardner also introduced him to the woman who is now his wife.

The 1928 Gardner, the 1956 Lincoln Continental and the 1957 Mercedes-Benz were among the nearly 400 cars on view Sunday during the 35th annual Concours d'Elegance of America, an exhibition of antique and collectible vehicles that brought thousands to The Inn at St. John's. Their owners spent a few minutes talking about the three cars and how they acquired them.

A bright gem

Brown's 300 SL, in the postwar sports car category, brought compliments Sunday for its color: Fantasy Yellow. The bright car body, offset by a dark green convertible top, really "pops," and has a greenish hue in a certain light, said Frank Serafino, the car's co-owner.

The look got admirer Bill Galida thinking about his own Mercedes, which is painted black.

"I'm looking at this color, I'm thinking about going and getting it changed," said Galida, who was visiting from Uniontown, Ohio.

Brown, of Oak Brook, Ill., bought the car in 1975 for "all the money I had back then," he said. He worked on two other cars, a Beetle and a Porsche, but wanted the Mercedes done right, he said. "I knew I was in way over my head doing it myself," he said.

Conversations about restoring it led him to a guy in Vancouver, B.C., and Brown sought him out. They hit it off, and the restoration was done in 2004 — 29 years after Brown bought the car. "It needed everything," Brown said.

Brown and Serafino take the six-cylinder Mercedes out frequently; nearly 29,000 miles have been put on it since the restoration was done in 2004 — 29 years after Brown bought the car. "It needed everything," Brown said.

They even drove it up to Plymouth Township from Oak Brook, a Chicago suburb.

"It's so much fun to drive," Brown said.

High style, low miles

Collector Naif Makol, of Suffield, Conn., had long had his eye on the '56 Lincoln Continental Mark II Coupe, a stylish V-8 that cost about \$10,000 new in its time — comparable to a Rolls Royce.

But Makol didn't want just any '56, he said, but one with the original interior. The thick carpeting and fine leather, he said,



Kim Spurlock (left) of Detroit and Jordan Dunn of Westland, employees of The Inn at St. John's, load up a burger with all the trimmings. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

could never be duplicated in a restoration.

"I waited 20, 25 years for a car that had the original interior," Makol said.

He finally found one in New Jersey — in Deep Bronze, with just 28,000 miles on the odometer. He's put 3,000 more on it since buying it in 2006.

"We restored the whole car," said Makol, who also had a 1959 Dodge Custom Royal Lancer in the Concours. But the thick maroon carpeting and leather seats in brown and tan, he said, only needed to be cleaned.

"I don't know," how the former owner kept the interior in near-prime shape, said Makol, "but God bless 'em."

2 rare finds

Bob Gardner is the unofficial historian of the Gardner automobile, but, of which only 135 are known to exist in the world. "I think automobile history is an important part of American history," he said.

About 50,000 Gardners were built by the Gardner Motor Car Co. of St. Louis between 1920 and 1931, he said. Gardner said he is not related to the carmaker's founder, Russell Gardner.

Gardner began studying Gardners in 2002, and in 2008 bought one of his own, the Model 85 Sport Roadster convertible. The seller also introduced him to Kim Miller, head librarian at the Antique Automobile Club of America. Bob and Kim married nine months later.

The car was restored, mostly with original parts, at a shop in Illinois; only the hubcaps and some engine parts needed to be re-manufactured, Gardner said. The red-and-cream color scheme, he said, came from a *Saturday Evening Post* ad for the same model.

Gardner's Model 85 has eight cylinders, a rumble seat, elaborate gold-colored decorative scrollwork in the dashboard, and a weight-controlled suspension lubrication system that shoots oil to the shackles during bumpy rides.

"They did a lot of innovative things," Gardner said. The Model 85 took a Best in Class award Sunday in the *American Popular 1928-1942* category.

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Eric Dromowicz, 12, takes picture of a 1967 Ford GT 40. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



1903 Stanley Steamer Stick Seat Runabout. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



This car was an award winner but had to be helped off the field. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton Kroger hosts 'Hockey Fest'

Customers attending Hockey Fest at Kroger's Canton store on Saturday, Aug. 3, can meet hockey legend Ted Lindsay and other Detroit Red Wing alumni, and support autism research and local treatment programs.

Hockey Fest will feature the Hockey Hall of Fame Legends of Hockey exhibit as well as interactive games, including a mini hockey rink, foam puck shooting range and a fast shot radar cage. Admission is free to Hockey Fest attendees and the event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Canton Kroger store parking lot. Ted Lindsay will be present between noon and 2 p.m. to meet fans and sign autographs. The Canton Kroger is located at 1905 Canton Center Road.

As part of the event, Kroger, The Ted Lindsay Foundation, Today's 105.1 and WDIV/Local 4 ClickOnDetroit have gathered prizes that customers have a chance to win, including two pair of tickets for 2013-14 Detroit Red Wings regular season game tickets, restaurant gift cards, theater tickets and more.

Guests will have the opportunity to meet other former Detroit Red Wings players and can purchase a family meal deal, with all proceeds from food and raffle sales benefiting The Ted Lindsay Foundation.

"The Ted Lindsay Foundation



Fans attending Saturday's Hockey Fest in the Canton Kroger parking lot get a chance to meet Red Wings legend Ted Lindsay, here playing golf in the St. Joseph Mercy golfing with Dave Levine a couple of years ago. Lindsay will be there from noon to 2 p.m. **BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

has played a significant role in raising money to fund groundbreaking research in the quest to find a cure for autism," said Jayne Homco, president of The Kroger Co. of Michigan. "We invite customers to join us for the fun and excitement of Hockey Fest while supporting the foundation."

Customers can help Kroger support The Ted Lindsay Foundation by making coin box donations as well as purchasing a \$1 scan

card located at Kroger registers now through Aug. 31. All proceeds will benefit The Ted Lindsay Foundation.

"Autism has reached almost epidemic proportions in our country," Lindsay said. "Because of the commitment of community partners like Kroger, we are able to reach large audiences to help spread awareness of autism and to fund research to discover more about its causes and treatment."

Rec staffer elected to state board

The Michigan Recreation and Park Association has re-elected Jeanette Williams, business operations coordinator for Canton Leisure Services, to the 2013 Michigan Recreation and Park Association Executive Board as secretary/treasurer for a two-year term. An active member of MRPA since 2006, Williams has served on various committees, including: the Aquatics Committee, Certification Committee, Programming Committee (which she chaired in 2011-13), and 2014 Conference Committee.

Williams has shared her experiences as a professional speaker at the Michigan Recreation Annual Conference and has been invited by the Florida Recreation and Park Association to speak at their state

conference this August, where she will share some of her Canton



Williams

experiences on outdoor fitness programs, fundraising, and employee training. In 2006, Williams joined Leisure Services as its aquatics and health & wellness recreation specialist and was promoted to business operations coordinator in 2013. She has helped develop the Summit Swimming program, expand health and wellness, structure staff training programs, and most recently coordinate Canton's national recreation by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies.

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Volunteers from local flower shops helped donate bouquets to area seniors for Teleflora's annual "Make Someone Smile" campaign.

Flowers make seniors smile

Thousands of people most in need of a smile, including hospital patients, residents of nursing homes and many others around Canton, got exactly that recently with Be Happy Bouquets filled with bright flowers compliments of Teleflora and local member florists took part in Teleflora's 13th Make Someone Smile Week.

Residents at Crystal Creek Assisted Living, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill, Crystal Creek and Summit Meals on Wheels all received the keepsake Be Happy Mug filled with bright flowers. Volunteers created more than 200 personally designed bouquets at Flowers + Gifts floral shop.

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Teleflora donated thousands of their mugs to be filled with bright flowers to bring smiles to seniors' faces in the Canton area.

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This year, Teleflora donated 30,000 of its

keepsake Be Happy Mugs for the project.

The florists in turn work with local wholesalers and growers to secure flower donations. With these donations, Teleflora florists create floral gifts in the mugs and deliver them to local hospitals, charities and other organizations.

No deal

The Christian Science Church has informed Plymouth officials it will not sell its property to the City of Plymouth, which wanted the two acres to increase parking inventory for downtown, according to information provided by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

City officials had an outside firm develop an appraisal, which came in at no more than \$700,000. Church officials say they will pay \$1.5 million for the property, and would not accept less than \$1 million. City officials say the price is beyond what they can pay.

The Church has started closing its lot and selling permits to park at \$90 for three months. DDA officials are reminding drivers who may have been parking in the church lot that it's private property and vehicles could be towed if parking hasn't been paid for.

Joining the team

Hub Real Estate Solutions introduced the newest member of its team, Keegan J. Mistry.

Mistry was drawn into the field of real estate due to his affinity for urban development, planning and sustainability. He is a "detail-oriented and proactive agent who projects his positive attitude into every transaction, resulting in satisfied clients that recommend him to friends and family," officials said.

Free yoga

Balance Yoga Therapy moves into its new space every day of yoga on Aug. 10. The new digs feature state-of-the-art flooring for the studio, no voc paint, sustainable bamboo and a lot of amazing energy to share with clients.

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Readers' choice

Industrial Safety and Hygiene News an

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nounced Plymouth-based Facility Results' Flash-Track product won the publication's first-ever Readers' Choice award in the category of "Signs, Labels, and Tags."

According to the ISHN, the objective of the contest was to provide recognition for the "technological advances" and "today's most innovative personal protection equipment and safety products." Thousands of ISHN subscribers participated in the award decisions by casting their votes online between March 1 and May 1 of this year.

Assuming that many of those who voted in the "Signs, Labels, and Tags" category recognize the challenge of balancing the cost of keeping workers safe with the need for tighter budgets, Flash-Track's ability to save companies and independent contractors time and money proved to be a stand-out.

According to Bryan Rupert, co-founder and lead consultant at Facility Results, was extremely proud, but not surprised, to learn that his company's product had come out on top in the ISHN voting.

"We have FlashTrack users reporting electrical safety label installations that are up to 30 percent faster due to FlashTrack's industry first label installation reporting feature," Rupert said. "Employees and contractors can confidently and quickly install arc flash labels by using the photos, documented equipment names, and label install locations that are all conveniently captured using FlashTrack."

Trade show

Barb Jones of Play It Again Sports of Canton recently returned from the Play It Again Sports Summer Trade Show, held July 16-18 at the Convention Center in Denver, Colo.

With a full agenda that provided time for both workshops and one-on-one consultations, the sporting goods reseller's annual summer event is an opportunity for Fran-

chises and their key staff members to address business concerns, learn about the latest trends and regulations in the sporting goods industry, and gain hands-on experience with the latest marketing, advertising and operational tools provided by the franchise organization.

"This summer event is a top priority for Play It Again Sports," said Pat Quinn, director of Play It Again Sports. "Families are already outfitting their kids for the upcoming fall sports seasons, and the information that we provide to our store owners and their employees at this Trade Show helps them have the right mix of gear and accessories available and to feel confident that what they offer meets all the latest safety requirements."

For more information about Play It Again Sports, please visit www.playitagainsports.com.

Revenue performance

John Spensley, owner of SERVPRO of Canton, was among local business owners honored for outstanding revenue performance during SERVPRO's 44th annual national convention, held June 1-21 in Anaheim, Calif.

Spensley received the Milinaire's Silver award. In addition to providing a networking and educational forum for franchise owners in the SERVPRO franchise system, SERVPRO's annual convention provides a platform to recognize and reward franchisees for outstanding success in their businesses.

"SERVPRO Industries, Inc. congratulates all of our award winners on their success," said Sue Steen, CEO of Servpro Industries, Inc. "We know that our leadership position in the marketplace is a direct result of the dedication and professionalism of our franchisees and their staff."

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Member connection

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its next 10-member connection 8-9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 8.

The event is a chance for business owners to make nine new business contacts in one hour in addition to doing a short 3-4 minute presentation about their business. There will also be time for one-on-one networking and to ask questions of the other participants.

Chamber officials said the sessions "are great for building mutually beneficial relationships that can bring new customers, expand businesses or provide referrals for everyone involved."

Attendees will all be from different industries. Owners can also put their name on the list for a future session if this one is full. The event, which fills quickly, is held at the chamber office, 850 West Ann Arbor Trail. Attendees should bring marketing materials to hand out.

To reserve a spot or for more information, call the chamber at 734-453-1540.

Golf outing

The registration deadline is nearing for the Canton Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing, set for Thursday, September 19, 2013 at Pheasant Run Golf Course followed by an awards dinner.

Deadline to register is Friday, Aug. 16. The chamber is offering the opportunity to

CHAMBER CHAT



A ribbon-cutting was held Wednesday, July 10, by Allstate Family Insurance Agency to celebrate their new location in Canton. Allstate Family Insurance Agency is located at 5972 N. Sheldon Road. Family members, employees, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and residents were all among the attendees.

promote local businesses by sponsoring this event. Again this year, golfers will participate in a Ryder Cup-style format (16-20 players per team) where golfers will have the opportunity to show off their skills. Chamber officials hail the event as a "great way to reward employees or invite clients to network with fellow businesses and community leaders."

Find registration forms on the chamber website or call 734-453-4040 to sign up or for more information.

Membership to the Max

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its August "Membership to the Max" event 8:30-9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at the chamber office, 4525 Hanford.

Chamber officials said new chamber members, or folks new to a company that is a member, are invited to "don't want to miss this program." The event will highlight all the benefits of being a chamber member and first-time attendees how to utilize chamber membership to the fullest.

The event is sponsored by RSVP of Elegance. To show off their skills. Chamber officials hail the event as a "great way to reward employees or invite clients to network with fellow businesses and community leaders."

Find registration forms on the chamber website or call 734-453-4040 to sign up or for more information.

The session is designed to show owners how to think and do things differently to make a profit in today's marketplace; what a business model must have to exist; how to bring in more income; and how to take it further and double income.

Admission is free to chamber members and first-time attendees. To sign up, call 734-453-4040.

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Highland Games return to Greenmead this weekend

By David Veselensk
Staff Writer

It's almost time to get out that kilt and bagpipes.

The 164th Annual Highland Games are returning this Saturday to Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park, and event organizers are expecting thousands to come celebrate and watch the Scottish games.

Bagpiper Edgar Bicknell, a Livonia resident and member of the St. Andrew's Society, said he looks forward to attending the games and playing the bagpipes, an instrument well-known for its roots in the British Isles. He's performed at the games for about 40 years.

"I've got Scottish ancestry, and you can't miss from playing the bagpipes," he said. "This particular event is the biggest event for the St. Andrew's Society."

More than 10,000 people are expected to attend the Highland Games Friday and Saturday, located in the historical park at Eight Mile and Newburgh. Attendees will be able to enjoy Scottish dance competitions, music and other entertainment.

Ceilidh is Friday night

The Highland Games will begin Friday night with the Ceilidh, a gathering that mimics one that would take place in a Scottish home. Ceilidh patrons can enjoy music, food, dancing and other entertainment beginning at 5 p.m. Friday at the park.

Competition begins on

Saturday, with opening ceremonies starting at noon. The parade of Scottish clans takes place before the opening ceremonies, where 20 to 30 bagpipe bands take to the field to perform.

"I like the ceremony because they bring out all the Scottish bands," said Gary Pritchard of Livonia, chairman of the opening ceremonies. "They're all together, and they play all together."

That's pretty impressive, as far as I'm concerned."

Livonia firefighters will return this year to compete in the tug-of-war against other groups from the Marines, Army and Highlanders.

Returning to the heavy athletics are fan-favorite events such as the hammer throw, stone put and caber toss, where athletes take large logs and flip them over end.

Competitions start Saturday

The amateur heavy athletics competition begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, and the professional competition begins at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Several Scottish clans will have areas set up for

people to learn more about the clans, a group of people from a certain family or area in Scotland.

Pritchard, a member of the Livonia Historical Commission, said learning about the Scottish people's history is a big draw for him.

"There's so much going on, you can't just sit there," he said. "You can spend a couple hours there or you can spend all day."

Bagpipers, such as Bicknell, will have their own competitions throughout the day as well. Pipe bands from as far as Florida will come and compete, and drum majors from all over will participate in a skills contest.

Bicknell said some pipe bands will also perform just for pure entertainment, and their music will vary from what it has been in previous years.

"We've got four or five bands for concerts as well," he said. "It's just a typical piece of Scotland here in Detroit."

For more information, visit the Highland Games website at highlandgames.com



Harrison Bailey tossed the 28-pound hammer 82 feet, 1 inch during the hammer throw, a favorite Highland Game. FILE PHOTOS

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OUR VIEWS

Helmet law

Increased costs, injury severity provide reasons for change

Freedom comes at a price. In the 15 months since Michigan scrapped its long-standing law and allowed certain motorcyclists the freedom to ride without helmets, medical payments for insurance claims based on the severity of injuries have increased. Severe injuries are occurring and driving up costs, which collectively demand a repeal of the weakened law.

Already, statistics show that freedom for a few will likely increase costs for the majority. It's a simple equation. The more insurance companies have to pay out in claims, sooner or later rates will increase to offset those costs. That's how insurance works.

But there is a human cost to allowing motorcyclists to ride without the safety of helmets. No one wants to witness a motorcycle crash in which the rider is not wearing a helmet. And no one wants to witness that crash when a motorcyclist is tooling down a freeway at 70 mph or faster. Logic dictates the consequences.

The weakened law — enacted on the off-chance of beating tough — allows motorcyclists 21 years and older to legally ride without a helmet if they carry a minimum \$20,000 in medical payments coverage.

Today, only 19 states require all riders to wear helmets, while 28 require helmets for some motorcyclists. Illinois, Iowa and New Hampshire have no helmet laws.

Curious enough to find out the impact of Michigan's new law, the Highway Loss Data Institute (HLDI) conducted a study and compared its results with other states, including Iowa, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. It also considered factors including the age and class of motorcycles, rider demographics and weather issues. The study also took into account the motorcycle riding season in Michigan.

The HLDI's results are eye-opening. Overall medical payments were 50 percent higher than expected for Michigan after the law changed in April 2012. HLDI researchers qualified that result by adding that some of the increase may reflect an increased crash risk because collision claim frequency on its own increased about 12 percent.

But the research group made it very clear that the increase in medical payment overall losses stems from a definite 36 percent increase in the severity of claims. Granted, following the change in the law, some motorcyclists who chose to ride without a helmet also increased their medical payments policy limits to the required \$20,000 minimum.

Yet even with the change in policy limits, HLDI found that medical payments claim severity is estimated to have increased — just in 15 months — by 22 percent. HLDI said the results are "consistent with the (expectation) that crashes after the law change resulted in more severe injuries as a result of less helmet use."

Sooner or later, the increased claims and the associated costs will translate into increased insurance costs for all Michigan drivers who have vehicle insurance. The writing is on the wall and at a time when state legislators debate whether to put an end to no-fault insurance.

For some motorcyclists, a helmet is uncomfortable and cumbersome. But for some vehicle drivers, seat belts are equally uncomfortable and cumbersome. Just as the belts have proven to save lives or to reduce the severity of injuries, there is no denying — especially statistically — that helmets reduce the degree of brain injuries.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation, which advocates safe motorcycling, holds fast to its belief that helmets work, just as different types of helmets work in sports and other professions, including construction, football and the military.

Four basic components in a helmet protect the rider: an outer shell, an impact-absorbing liner, comfort padding and a retention system, also known as a secure strap.

ABATE of Michigan, which strongly supported the weakened law, maintains that helmets have done nothing to improve safety, reduce fatalities or the cost of insurance. In fact, ABATE also claims that helmets impede vision and hearing while motorcycling.

HLDI's study proves otherwise. The issue isn't just about fatalities. It is about severe brain injuries that essentially ruin a life, while costing society a lot of money. If a helmet can protect even one motorcyclist from severe damage, while holding down insurance costs, it is worth repealing the weakened law.



Wearing a helmet while riding a motorcycle is still a good idea despite the change in state law.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Training camp has started. How do you think the Detroit Lions will do this season?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Since they have Reggie Bush this year, hopefully they will do a little better than they normally do. I'm hoping."

Crystal Williams
Canton



"I don't get involved in sports. There are too many other important things. It's a waste of money."

Rick Fatyma
Canton



"Good, because they have a new running back with Reggie Bush."

Brendan McLaren
Canton



"Probably the same as last year if not better with Reggie Bush."

Quinn McLaren
Canton

LETTERS

Enough already

I am tired of reading James Huddleston and Mitch Smith's mean-spirited and condescending letters published on the opinion page of this newspaper.

If you noticed, the *Canton Observer* scored a home run on Thursday, July 25, when letters by both Mr. Huddleston and Mr. Smith were published on the opinion page.

I have had enough. I bet these two fun-loving gentlemen would be the life of any party. Nolan Finley these guys are not.

In my correspondence with this paper's editor, I learned that very few people provide opinions to this newspaper.

Actually, they publish all of the letters they get from local residents.

Therefore, ladies and gentlemen (and I don't include Huddleston/Smith in this category) it is time for all of us to rise up and write letters to the editor for the opinion page.

If the *O* observer would get more local letters, then letters from repeat writers would fall to the bottom of the rotation and hence not get published any more often than the rest of us.

I am requesting that other subscribers write letters to the editor.

Send your letters to Brad Kadrich, bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

Please write a letter. Please have your children or high school students write letters.

Please.

Thank you and God bless our republic.

Doug Tomayko
Canton

Harmful farm bill

Regrettably, the House version of the national farm bill includes one of the most dangerous threats to animal protection laws ever proposed on a federal level. The "King Amendment," authored by Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa), proposes a federal preemption of state anti-cruelty laws.

This means that voter-approved laws that regulate, for example, puppy mills, shark finning and farm animal intensive confinement, could all be knocked out.

This would be a real shame and step backwards for our state.

Therefore, I urge Sen. Debbie Stabenow, as member of the deciding conference committee, to please do all she can to remove the harmful language from the final version of the farm bill.

Jennifer Theisen
Canton

Snyder violates oath

Didn't Gov. Rick Snyder take an oath of office to support the Michigan Constitution?

If so, isn't he in violation of his oath regarding the pension guarantee provided by that same constitutional amendment.

So his appointment of an

Emergency Financial Manager is in violation of the state constitution.

Tom Kelly
Plymouth

Empanel grand jury

In regard to the City of Detroit and bankruptcy, I feel that will play out the way it should. What I find troubling is the complete lack of compliance with our state constitution. The framers of this document specifically spelled out the rights of government retirees.

Now, Gov. Rick Snyder and his appointee, Kevyn Orr, are attempting to subvert our constitution through the federal court of government retirees.

The Michigan Constitution is etched in stone and can only be altered by a majority of our state voters.

Gov. Snyder is relying on a law passed by right-wing zealots to justify his actions.

However, the governor and Attorney General Bill Schutte both took an oath, and are required by law, to uphold and defend the entire constitution, not just the parts they approve of.

I would urge the parties that have filed suit in the bankruptcy case to also request that a grand jury be empaneled to investigate and, ultimately, indict Gov. Snyder and Attorney General Schutte for malfeasance, misfeasance and misconduct while holding public office.

James Huddleston
Canton

STAFF COLUMN

Help is available for those with courage to look, ask

My mom's 75th birthday passed a couple of weeks ago. Or it would have, had she not drank herself to death 27 years ago.

Not a day goes by that I don't miss her and think about her. But I had special occasion to think about her Monday, sitting with clinical director Terry Baker and co-founder Joe Paliwoda at the Personalized Nursing LIGHT House facility in downtown Plymouth.

PNLH is a treatment center for addictions, primarily drug and alcohol. At any given time the center is treating nearly 100 people in one program or another. They've got full-time therapists and part-time therapists, peer advisers (folks who've kicked an addiction and come back to help others do it).

They use group therapy and individual sessions. They have a model that works; according to Paliwoda, some 86 percent of the clients who leave PNLH Plymouth feel better about their lives six months after discharge. It makes me wonder: Where were all these people when my mother needed them?

Truth is, they were right there, as they are for anyone who needs their particular kind of help. They're there for the court-ordered clients, the hospital referrals and the ones who just walk in off the street, finally recognizing they have a problem and need help dealing with it. It's Pop Psyche 101 that the



Brad Kadrich

first step toward getting help with a problem is recognizing there is a problem. But a footnote to that adage might be overcoming this common misconception. Asking for help is something to be ashamed of.

"It's a matter of shame, especially for women," said Baker, who owns a master's degree in social work and has worked at PNLH-Plymouth for 20 years. "They won't seek treatment as often. They'll try to muddle through."

It's not just addiction. People have trouble asking for all kinds of help. And there's all kinds of help out there. The need is constantly growing for the services — food, utility and rent help — of the Plymouth Salvation Army, whose director of community and family ministries Laurie Aren's door is always open.

For the last couple of years, in fact, the Salvation Army has seen a spike in a particular kind of help needed: Requests from folks who, until recently, were some of the Corps' biggest donors. The Plymouth Community United Way, Open Door Ministry in Canton, countless civic and church groups ... they're all out there to help. They help thousands of people every year, and

yet there are surely scores more out there, too embarrassed or too unaware of available avenues to know where to look.

I watched a grandmother, my mother, father and stepfather battle addiction. None of them sought help, and all of them lost the battle. I could have talked until I was blue in the face, and none of them would have asked for help. And if they had, I believe another truth would have triumphed: The addiction simply had too firm a grip on them, and none was strong enough to break it.

I thought about all of that while talking to Baker and Paliwoda. I thought about it while talking to "Freedom," a client at PNLH who did have the courage to at least ask for help. "Freedom," whose name we're not using to protect him, knows the battle isn't over; he's failed at treatment five other times. But he "graduated" from PNLH Monday, and he's hopeful.

At the end of *We Bought a Zoo*, Matt Damon's character talks about needing "20 seconds of courage" to accomplish anything. It takes a lot more than that to get this kind of help, but that 20 seconds is a good start.

Like I wish my mother had done.

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Going to the extreme

Nurses accept TV show's challenge to lose their weight

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Trina Miller doesn't see herself as a celebrity, although her appearance on TV last week had a total stranger driving to the Detroit area from Port Huron just to meet her. Miller, a contingency nurse with Oakwood Healthcare, was featured on ABC's *Extreme Weight Loss*. The two-part show documented her year-long struggle to lose weight. She shed 145 of the 290 pounds she weighed at the start of what she called "an emotional journey."

"It takes my breath away when I look at myself in the mirror," said Miller who lost the weight with the help of trainer Chris Powell. "I knew it was time, I needed to do something for myself and better myself. I'm getting older and I wanted to take care of myself. It was a long year, a lot of hard work."

Powell helped Miller lose her weight in three-month increments. She managed to get down to 145 pounds in nine months, but backslid, gaining back 32 pounds in three weeks. Powell put Miller through a workout in Kellogg Park in Plymouth where she finally admitted that the weight gain was due to a return to her stress eating habits. A candidate for skin removal, she recommitted to losing the weight and finished the 12-month program at a svelte 145 pounds.

An admitted yo-yo dieter, the Grosse Ile resident had pinned her hopes of losing

weight on being picked by Powell for the TV show. Because nursing is one occupation in the U.S. with the highest obesity weight, she was able to bring along a group of fellow nurses who also worked out and dieted with her.

Her team

"When I was chosen for the show, I was asked if I could bring in other nurses to do it," Miller said. "It was hard to find people. They'd get offended when I asked them to join in my weight loss journey."

The nurses - Jamie Fineran of Westland, Kristin Quint of Garden City, Ebony Gibson of Romulus, Vicky Schell of Ypsilanti, Lisa Rigma of Southgate and Wynema Timmons of Southgate - worked out and changed their eating habits to collectively shed 363 pounds.

"Trina asked and I said yes," said Schell, who grew up in South Lyon. "It's been a good journey, a really good journey. I'm honored she asked. It's something I never would have tried on my own."

"I'm a work in progress," she said. "I stopped and screwed up, but I'm back on the power train."

The team copied what Miller did in Arizona with Powell. When she came back to Michigan, Powell arranged for Miller to work with David Finley at his CrossFit in Canton. Understanding that the team was good support for Miller, he



Working out at the Oakwood Physical Therapy and Wellness Center in Dearborn are Vicky Schell (from left), Trina Miller, Jamie Fineran, Kristin Quint and Ebony Gibson. The group lost a total of 508 pounds as part of Miller's involvement with ABC's *Extreme Weight Loss* show.

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allowed her to bring them in to work out at no charge.

"The hardest part was fitting it all in, fitting in the diet and exercise and creating a balance in my life," said Quint who went from a size 22 to a size six. "I'm still fighting that battle in my head, it's an everyday fight, but I'm winning."

Quint went to Florida in March and bought a bathing suit. "It's too big now, but she still wears it. She has found that she isn't losing weight now, she's losing inches."

"I'm focusing on performance in the gym," she said. "I'm the same weight or a few pounds less, but my clothes fit differently. It's now about maintaining - not losing weight, but losing inches."

She added that she's now "shopping at stores I never knew existed."

sending daily inspirational text messages to the group and in keeping the communication flowing among the entire team.

"Kristen is always sending encouraging text messages," said Schell.

She helped Gibson who was the heaviest team member at 478 pounds. She has lost 90 pounds and has gone from buying size 34-36 to size 22-24.

"I've been very open about my struggles with my weight," said Gibson. "I text my team if I'm having trouble and they come and give me support."

Being the largest team member, she worries that when the others have reached their goal, she'll still be fat. "That made me wonder if I wanted to do it," said Gibson. "But after they're done losing, I'm still going to do it. We're all made major strides in our lifestyles. I have tons of clothes I can't wear anymore and that's fine with me. Those clothes are not coming back into my closet again."

Fineran, who works at Oakwood Healthcare in Garden City, had just had her second

child and was still struggling to lose the weight she gained with her first pregnancy when Miller asked her to join the team.

She started at 217 pounds and has dropped 45 pounds. She wore size 20-22 and now is in a size 12.

"It's hard not eating what my children eat, but I'm transitioning them so they make healthy choices," she said. "The best part is the weight loss. I feel better, I feel more confident. I can't pinpoint the number of pounds I want to lose, I just want to look my best."

"I have clothes that I find I'm saying I need to throw away," she added.

Staying together

The team has stayed motivated since the year ended and get together for workouts at different Oakwood facilities. They try to get together four to five days a week.

Miller is at a different fitness level because of her work with Powell. She can jog eight miles in one hour 10 minutes and do an 8 minute 57 second mile. She also spends two hours in the gym. Her favorite apparatus is the stair stepper.

"I love it, it's the greatest work out for me," she said. She also has found she has changed inside. On the TV show, she admitted Powell had taught her to "love me and put myself first."

"Since I've lost weight, I've opened up to people," she said. "When I was heavy, I was sad and hid behind my smiles and my weight. This has been amazing and inspiring and maybe now I can spark that change in others."

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Understand impact of tax laws but focus on net worth

Sunday, July 28, marked the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 16th Amendment which basically gave the federal government the power to tax income.

At first, the law only affected the wealthy and the average American didn't even have to file a tax return. It wasn't until World War II that the tax law affected the great majority of Americans. It was thought at the time with the cost of World War II there should be shared sacrifice. That is why the tax law was then applied to the great majority of Americans.

Because it's the 100th anniversary of this law, I will highlight certain aspects. Currently, tax law is 73,954 pages. Those 73,954 pages were written by politicians and



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Lawyers mean that for the majority of Americans it is unreadable.

Tax law changes
It's important to recognize tax law is not static - it is constantly changing. In fact, in the last decade there have been nearly 4,700 changes in the tax law - one tax law change per day.

In addition, it's just not new laws that affect taxpayers but it's also parts of tax law that are considered temporary.

This year alone there are more than 50 parts of the tax code which are set to expire. Over the last 15 years, Congress seems to have made more of our tax laws temporary. In fact, during that 15-year period the number of temporary provisions in our tax law has more than tripled.

That is why when it comes to tax laws consumer have to deal with a professional; someone who is dedicated to staying current on the changes in tax law. Someone who reads something about taxes once or twice a year is not a person to trust on tax advice.

Tax facts
A few other interesting tidbits about tax law.
» 44 percent of the federal

government's revenue comes from personal income taxes.

» The number one tax break in the tax code is that taxpayers are not taxed on the cost of healthcare provided by an employer. It is estimated this break costs over \$150 billion a year.

» It is estimated that between individuals and businesses, Americans are spending over six billion hours a year preparing their returns. That is equivalent to 3,000 people working full time the cost of healthcare provided by an employer.

I've always told investors never let the tax tail wag the dog. In other words, don't do anything for tax reasons alone. Do things that make good economic sense.

It is important that as Americans we understand tax law

and take advantage of it where we can.

However, always remember as investors the goal is not to lower taxes but rather, to increase net worth. Unfortunately, in too many instances if you focus solely on taxes you'll find that you have lowered your tax bill but at the same time you have not increased your net worth.

Take taxes into consideration, however, don't let them be the driving force.

Good luck.
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Pro champion Michael Sitko of Farmington Hills holds one of his five huge smallmouths from Day Three on Lake Erie. PHOTOS BY BRETT CARLSON/FLW

Reeling them in

Farmington Hills angler Sitko rules EverStart bass event

By Brad Emmons
 Staff Writer

Michael Sitko is still pinching himself. The 39-year-old ATE&T outside repairman from Farmington Hills relied on his instincts and familiarity with the waters of Lake Erie to score his biggest victory in 19 pro starts as he captured the Walmart FLW EverStart Series Detroit River event last weekend. Bringing in a total weight of 61 pounds, 15 ounces of smallmouth bass during a three-day period, Sitko earned a first-place check of \$33,071 along with a new boat, a Ranger Z518 with a 200 horsepower engine. His combined two-day catch on Thursday and Friday was 40 pounds, 9 ounces followed by a 21-pound, 6-ounce haul on Saturday as he leaptfrogged all the way from

seventh to first place. Sitko has enjoyed success locally during numerous tournaments on the Great Lakes, but he'd never been victorious in an event of this magnitude. Two weeks ago he finished third in a Walmart Bass Fishing League event coupled with fourth earlier this year at an MVC walleye tournament on the Detroit River. "I'm still up on Cloud Nine even up until this point and time," Sitko said. "It was kind of a big tournament to win. I was shocked for sure. I didn't think I had a shot at it, but I ended up pulling it off I guess." The waters were calm during the first two days, but Saturday's finale proved to be challenging to say the least with rain and high winds.

Strong whitesops
 "I'd say every bit of 5-to-6 footers, but some guys were saying 6-to-8," Sitko said of the waves. "My co-angler (Steve Sorrell) got



Michael Sitko of Farmington Hills proudly holds his first-place trophy after winning the EverStart bass tournament last weekend.

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Kroll takes Big 10 5K

Michigan State University senior Sara Kroll (Livonia Churchill), the 2012 Big Ten Women's Cross Country Runner of the Year, captured Saturday's Big Ten Network 5-kilometer race in Chicago with a clocking of 17 minutes, 15 seconds.

The BTN 10K and 5K races attracted more than 11,000 runners.

"I think since I haven't done a road race in the last five years, I was just coming out to really have fun and test how my summer training has been going," Kroll told Lisa Byington of the Big Ten Network. "I wouldn't say I'm displeased with my time by any means. I think I ran a pretty good time. I beat a lot of guys, so that's always exciting."

Kroll is the defending Big Ten women's champion, but said she may red-shirt this fall.

Kroll's mother, father and sister also participated in the 5K.

Bucks fall

The Michigan Bucks' season ended Saturday with a 1-0 loss to the Premier Development League (PDL) regular season champion Thunder Bay (Ontario) Chill at Fort William Stadium.

The visiting Bucks dominated from start to finish, but couldn't get a goal past Chill goalkeeper Stephen Patterson, who made, as the Bucks' coach Demir Mufdari saves to send his top-seeded team into the elite eight match-up.

In the other semifinal, London defeated the Real Colorado Foxes in penalty kicks after playing to a scoreless draw.

Sunny Omergie scored on Bucks goalkeeper Adam Grinwis (six saves) in the 38th minute, as the Chill defeated the Bucks for the third straight time in the playoffs.

After center back Nick Walker was hit in the groin and had to leave the game in the 20th minute, the short-handed Bucks were also missing eight other players who were either injured or ineligible to enter Canada due to visas.

Bucks coach Demir Mufdari moved Latif Alashe and Stew Givens to handle the center back position, the first time either has played that position. The outside back positions were handled by Quincy Thomas, making his third start of the season and Zach Schewee making his inaugural start.

Rams squeak through into postseason

NABF tourney on tap in Toledo after 3-2 victory

By Brad Emmons
 Staff Writer

There was plenty at stake for the Michigan Rams in their Livonia Collegiate Baseball League regular season finale late Monday night at Bicentennial Park.

With a postseason playoff berth hanging in the balance, the Rams pushed across a run in the bottom of the ninth to beat the Michigan Red Sox, 3-2.

The win sends the Rams, who finished 21-13-2 (44 points) in the LCBL, off to the National Amateur Baseball Federation 22-and-under tournament beginning Thursday in Toledo along with the first-place Michigan Bulls, the defending NABF champion.

But the Rams missed out on returning to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament, Aug. 4-10, in Johnson, Pa., after losing a second-place tiebreaker based on a run

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Perfect follow through

Plymouth grad Rodes realizes 'Mr. Golf' dream with blend of confidence, skill

By Tim Smith
 Staff Writer

When Kyle Rodes geared up for his senior season with Plymouth's varsity golf team, he didn't just think about playing well enough to help the Wildcats enjoy team success.

He thought about winning the Michigan Golf Coaches Association's "Mr. Golf" award — an annual award given to that year's elite high school performer.

"I just thought, you know, might as well end my high school career trying to get the highest award I possibly could," said the 18-year-old Rodes, who recently graduated from Plymouth High School.

"I just always thought it would be really cool to be Mr. Golf."

Sure enough, having nabbed Division I individual medalist honors thanks to a playoff victory at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West, Rodes pulled it off.



This year's 'Mr. Golf,' recent Plymouth grad Kyle Rodes, is right at home at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Course. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

Rodes (71.4 average) won the coveted individual title after finishing 72-71-143 to edge Alex Kleckner of White Lake Lakeland on the third playoff hole. He also nearly led the Wildcats to the DJ team championship; Plymouth fell just short on a fifth-player tiebreaker to lose the trophy to Battle Creek Lakeview.

Extra edge

"It feels really, really good to win it," said Rodes, who will golf at Eastern Michigan University. "It's pretty humbling, to be honest, because there were a lot of really good golfers that are good friends of mine

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

O&E men's golf

The O&E men's tournament, a 36-hole, two-day medal play event, will be Sunday, Sept. 1, at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 W. Seven Mile, and Monday, Sept. 2, at Whispering Willows. Tee times will start at 8 a.m. The cost is \$95 for two days (power cart extra) with four different flights offered including championship, first, senior (55-and-over) and junior (17-and-under). You must have a current USGA index to participate (maximum handicap

of 20). There will be \$2,500 in guaranteed prizes, including both low gross and net winners. Entries, open to the first 120, will close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24. To download a registration form, visit www.golfinvonia.com. For pairings and starting times, call 248-476-4493 (Whispering Willows) or 248-471-3400 (Fox Creek).

CYO soccer signup
The St. Edith athletic program is accepting registrations for its CYO

fall soccer teams. Boys and girls entering grades four-eight are eligible to play. The program is open to those who attend St. Edith, St. Colette, St. Aidan and St. Kenneth parishes. For additional information, contact Ron Wolnenweber at stedithsoccer@gmail.com or visit www.stedithcyo.com.

Beat the heat
Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton has some offerings to help folks beat the heat. Open skate is 4:55-5:50 p.m. Sunday (admission

\$5 adults, \$3 children 14 and under) with Sticks & Pucks slated to follow 6-6:50 p.m. (\$5). Both offerings also are on tap Friday and Saturday, albeit at different times. On Friday, Sticks & Pucks is 6-6:50 p.m. followed by open skate 7-8:50 p.m. Saturday's schedule is Sticks & Pucks from noon to 12:50 p.m. and open skate 1-2:50 p.m. For the open skate sessions, skate rental is \$3. Children age 3 and under skate free. Arctic Edge is located at 46615 Michigan Ave. For more information, call 734-487-7777 or go to www.articaredge.com.

Rec soccer openings
The Michigan Hawks under-11 girls recreational soccer team needs a couple of players to complete its roster for the

upcoming fall season. The team plays in the WSSL and practices Monday nights (starting after Labor Day) at Jaycee Park in Livonia. The cost to play is \$75. Players should contact Doug Landefeld at either 660-473-6604 or dbradley1315@bcglobal.net.

Chiefs golf outing
The 11th annual Canton Chiefs Football Golf Outing will begin at noon Saturday, Aug. 3, at Salem Hills Golf Course. Plenty of great prizes will be on tap, along with an opportunity to win \$10,000. For more information or to sign up for the festivities, contact Julie Baechler (734-645-7777) or Enza Lanava (313-300-1173).

Franklin girls tennis
Girls interested in playing high school ten-

nis for Livonia Franklin during the 2013-2014 school year are asked to contact coach Rick Clack immediately at 734-945-5762 or email him at clackr@comcast.net. Potential players are asked to leave their name and contact number in a voice message. There is off-season conditioning and off-season play during the summer and school year before the season begins.

Coaching jobs
Mercy High School has an opening for assistant varsity swimming coach. Mail or email resumes to Nancy Malinowski at: Athletic Director, Mercy High School, 29300 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Coaches can call her at 248-893-3510 or email her at nmalinowski@mhsmi.org.

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Karmanos named to US Hockey Hall

Plymouth Whalers owner Peter Karmanos Jr. is part of the United States Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2013, it was announced last week. In addition to Karmanos, other selections include former Michigan State hockey coach and athletic director Ron Mason, Warren's Doug Weight, Bill Guerin and Cindy Curley. The date and location of the induction event will be announced later this summer. "This is a class that represents extraordinary contribution and success in many different areas

of our sport," said Ron DeGregorio, president of USA Hockey. "It's a truly remarkable collection of individuals, all so very deserving of their place among immortals in the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame." Karmanos, also the owner and chief executive officer of the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes, has used his business acumen to build an empire of hockey at all levels of the game in the United States for more than five decades. In 1994, he acquired the Hartford Whalers and two seasons later moved the team to Raleigh, N.C. Since the team's arrival in North Carolina, the Hurricanes have enjoyed success both on and off

the ice, highlighted by winning the Stanley Cup in 2006. As retired executive chairman of the board for Detroit-based Compuware, he has sponsored one of America's most successful youth hockey programs of the same name. Karmanos also owns the Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League, the ECHL's Florida Everblades and several arenas (including Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township). In 2012 he received USA Hockey's Distinguished Achievement Award. In 1998 the NHL honored him with the Lester Patrick Award for his outstanding service to hockey in the United States.



Karmanos, Warren's Doug Weight, Bill Guerin and Cindy Curley.

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On tap Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. is the annual Customer Appreciation Day, complete with plenty of free events for families and friends who work up an appetite with all the fun.

Events include free "Sticks & Pucks" (11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for all ages) and free open skate (2-3 p.m. for all ages). Those wishing to take part in "Sticks & Pucks" must pre-register.

Snowplow Sam, the figure-skating bear, and hockey-loving Suburban Steve will be in attendance or kids to have pictures taken with. Plus, there will be free hot dogs at the concession stand for those youngsters who work up an appetite with all the fun.

In addition, there will be information about the upcoming Learn to Skate programs and other fall programming, along with special raffle prizes and drawings throughout the day.

Give it a try

In addition to Customer Appreciation Day, SIFH will offer kids 12 and under who have never skated the opportunity to take part in a Try Hockey for Free Clinic (10-11 a.m.).

Kids will get the chance to experience the joys of the first time and learn the basics of



Two youngsters are shown meeting "Suburban Steve" during last summer's Customer Appreciation Day at Suburban Ice Farmington Hills.

hockey in a fun, safe environment. And my parents (Lisa and Joe), too. My parents helped me with everything, supporting me, driving me everywhere."

stick and skate around. Pre-registration is required. Contact the SIFH office at 248-888-1400.

Suburban Ice Farmington Hills is located at 23996 Freeway Park Drive.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Miguel Cabrera baseball camp

Triple Crown batting champion Miguel Cabrera will be joined by former Phillies minor league pitcher Mark Rutherford (Livonia Churchill/Eastern Michigan University).

The camp is open to boys and girls ages 6-14. Cabrera will talk about the finer points of the game. Participants receive an autographed team photo with Cabrera and a ProCamp T-shirt, among other items.

The camp fee is \$99 and space will be limited. Visit www.Miguel-CabreraCamp.com for more information.

Hawks-Wolves soccer camp

The Michigan Wolves and Hawks will offer a summer soccer camp for boys and girls (ages 5-15) from 10 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, Aug. 12-15, at Jaycees Park, 19800 Mayfield Street, Livonia.

The camp staff includes Doug Landefeld, Adil Salmoni, Sam Cheah and Lars Richters. The cost of the four-day camp is \$75 (if registered before Aug. 5) or \$95 (after). Included in

the cost is camp T-shirt. For more information, email dbradley1515@bcglobal.net; or visiting michigan-wolveshawks.com.

Soccer mini-camp for ages 5-12

A soccer mini-camp for boys and girls ages 5-12 (all skill levels) will be from 6:30-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Aug. 5-8, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$15 (includes instruction, snacks and a soccer ball to take home). To register, visit www.christsavior.org. For more information, call 734-522-6830.

Madonna University athletes applauded by NAIA, CoSIDA

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics named its 2012-13 Scholar Teams, and for the first time, all 11 Madonna University squads, led by men's coach (3.63 grade-point average) and women's softball (3.60), were honored.

For a team to be considered for the NAIA Scholar Team award, it must have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) as defined by the institution. The MU teams on the list marks a new record for the department, surpassing the total of nine from the 2011-12 school year. "We are thrilled at the overall academic

success of all our student-athletes this year," MU athletic director Bryan Rizzo said. "Having 11 Scholar Teams is truly impressive and the ranks within the sports reflect the tremendous commitment these students have made to school."

"Our coaches deserve a huge amount of credit for this emphasis on academic excellence." Meanwhile, the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), along with Capital One, recently announced its 2013 Academic All-America cross country and track teams with MU's Tim Boes (Westland John Glenn) earning second-

team Academic All-America. Boes is the fifth Madonna student-athlete to earn the CoSIDA honor for the recently completed 2012-13 school year.

He is joined by fellow second-team selection Bobby Naubert (men's basketball), a junior guard from Livonia Stevenson.

First-team honorees include Nastia Baranovska (volleyball), Michelle Hall (women's golf) and Plymouth High's Brad Linberry (baseball).

The five Crusaders honored this year surpass the 2011-12 record of four set just one year ago.

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that were going for the award, too."

Keeping his eye on the prize proved to be a winning blueprint. "If I had a bad round going, I'd think about 'OK, Mr. Golf, I don't want to get my average too low,'" Rodes continues.

"Just determination to just try to have the best average and best finish I could every tournament."

He also acknowledged that prevailing in the playoff against Kleckner probably helped his cause.

"Yeah, that's what most people I talked to said," Rodes noted. "A lot of the guys that were in the running I talked to and they said 'Yeah, I thought you were going to win it (Mr. Golf) after you won states.'"

That definitely had a big part in it, also the fact I was in a three-hole playoff helped show I could handle the pressure when needed."

Giving thanks

Yet Rodes emphasized that he couldn't have enjoyed such success without a lot of faith, not to mention family and friends.

"I don't want to be a cocky Mr. Golf," Rodes said. "I want to be known as someone that won the award and was very respectful to other golfers. I thank my Lord, Jesus Christ, because without him

I couldn't have done it.

And my parents (Lisa and Joe), too. My parents helped me with everything, supporting me, driving me everywhere."

According to Plymouth head coach Nick Brandon, who succeeded Chris Moore before the 2013 season, Rodes fully deserved the lofty honor for a number of reasons.

"No player in the state deserved that honor more than Kyle Rodes," Brandon said. "Not just for the way he performed on the course but the way he led his team and this program off the course."

"Kyle Rodes is one heck of a golfer. But he is also an incredible young man and he and his family should be proud of this accomplishment."

Changing course

Not bad for somebody who didn't get serious about golf until his middle school years.

During eighth grade, Rodes played football in the autumn and basketball in the winter. He was undecided on whether to play baseball or golf in the spring.

Fate intervened. He broke his femur and quickly realized he was down to one option.

"When I broke my femur, that decided it for me," Rodes said. "So I decided to try out for the golf team because I couldn't play baseball any more. I played golf instead."

The way Rodes managed to make a seemingly seamless transi-

tion and not miss a beat is something Brandon marvels about.

"Most people don't know that Kyle was a great baseball player," Brandon said. "Competition's been in his blood his whole life. He has a terrific family and they have helped him overcome some obstacles and they supported him along the way."

Rodes isn't resting on his laurels, either. All summer, he is getting reps in at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

He is competing in tournaments, with the next one the Randy Wise Junior Open later this month at Waverly Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc.

Balancing act

From there, he'll officially start getting his swings in at Eastern Michigan.

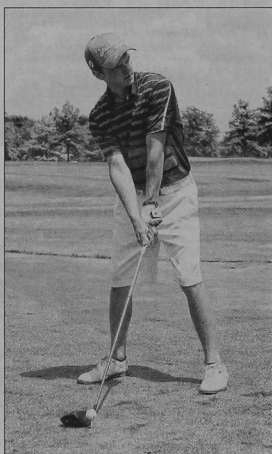
Don't be surprised if Rodes carries the same supreme level of cool confidence and long-off-the-tee talent to the college ranks.

"Kyle strikes that perfect balance between believing in himself but also knowing what it takes to achieve great things," Brandon said.

"I think one of his many gifts, as a golfer and as an athlete, is knowing how to get where he wants to get and believing in himself the whole way. While also staying very humble."

"And in golf, you've got to be humble because it's a crazy game."

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Kyle Rodes gets his practice swings in at Pheasant Run Golf Club. He soon will be teeing off for Eastern Michigan University. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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a pretty bad case of sea sickness and spent most of the day laying down in the boat."

Sitko was able to navigate through Lake Erie thanks to the only boat he owns, a Ranger 621VS, which is more suited for national walleye tournaments.

And while his pro competitors zipped by him in their smaller bass boats during the first two days of competition, Sitko took advantage on Day Three and was able to withstand the choppy conditions.

While the other nine finalists headed west toward Lake St. Clair, Sitko did the opposite and ran 35 miles east along the western shore. He boated a quick limit that included one 4-pounder and four others that barely measured. By 9 a.m. he had the best fish in the lake as well and all the other tournament boats around

him had vacated.

He eventually headed back too, but stopped after 12 miles to sample another spot. There he caught a 4-pounder and a 3½."

"You need to be able to withstand the conditions," Sitko said. "The secret to fishing out there is that you've got to put in the time. The water is just so expansive and so fast that you just can't go out there and expect to catch it. And many a years of going out there and not catching anything you will realize, 'Oh, no. That's not working.'"

No limitations

Ironically, the waters were wide open and there is no actual area range of fishing. "I believe it was unlimited, nothing was closed off," Sitko said. "Some guys turned around, decided to get gas and go to Lake St. Clair. I was in Canadian waters. All the waters are open — some guys going to Ohio waters,



Michael Sitko shows off two of his catches during Saturday's EverStar Series bass fishing event on the waters of Lake Erie. BRETT CARLSON | FLW

some are going to Michigan waters. It's depending on where you feel comfortable and where you think you have fish."

Sitko was able to race back in time by the 12:30 p.m. deadline Saturday and win the Central Division event by four pounds over runner-up Rick Taylor of West Olive, Mich.

"I wouldn't really say I'm a professional fisherman," Sitko said. "I have a full-time job. I just happen to fish a lot, but I feel confident enough in myself in the amount of time that I put in that when the bigger tournaments come to town, I say 'Hey, anybody has a shot at it, why not me.'"

Sitko used two standard Erie presentations to catch his fish — a drop-shot and a tube. His drop-shot setup consisted of either a ½- or ⅞-ounce

weight with a Poor Boy's Erie Darter or a Berkley 3-inch Twitch Tail Minnow. His tube was 4 inches long and green pumpkin in color. Sitko estimated he weighed nine fish this week on the drop-shot and six on the tube.

His biggest bass, weighed on Thursday, tipped the scales at 2 pounds, 2 ounces.

Young angler

Sitko, a native of Flat Rock, got started fishing in junior high school.

"I used to skip school and go down to the Huron River in Flat Rock and fish," he said. "Whenever my mom got the call finding out why I wasn't in school, she knew where I was. I was down at the river fishing."

And Sitko admitted he had home water advantage.

"I've fished that water ever since I've had a boat," he said. "I've fished that water with my uncles."

Sitko has now doubled his career bass earnings,

which now stand at \$85,437.

"I'm going to definitely give Uncle Sam some money and pay for these tournaments because I put a lot of money into them, too, and pay off the bills I've racked up for fishing," he said.

"I pretty much fish the stuff they come around here locally. I don't have the time off work to travel and do a lot of the out-of-state stuff."

Meanwhile, Sitko's wife, Marilee, was also able to celebrate at the victory weigh-in. "She was extremely excited," Michael said. "She's very proud for me. She is one of the most understanding wives. We've been married for 12 years now and she has been very, very understanding."

"She allows me to do that. She's my biggest sponsor/supporter because she does allow me to do that."

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12U Canton Cards capture AA World Series

Nothing could stop the 12- and Under Canton Cards travel baseball team down the stretch.

That's something opponents found out at last weekend's 12U AA World Series at Canton Sports Center.

The Cards went 7-0 in World Series play to finish 37-6 in overall tournament play and 15-6 in the USSSA.

Head coach Doug Spencer lauded the entire team for deserving World Series award recognition, but the overall MVP went to Robby Begley with the offensive MVP award going to Ben Spencer.

"We had key hits at the right time from players like Garrett Colasinski, Justin Kuhn, Jake Amato, Thomas Harvey, We had (to) pitch 10 of our players over the weekend with impressive performances from each."

Spencer listed Sam Cassatta, Robby Begley, Ben Spencer and Lucas Binguin as the top pitchers during the tournament.

"We worked very hard this past season and had plenty of struggles," Spencer continued. "About a month ago, things began to click for this team. The players became focused, disciplined and aggressive on the field."

"Off the field they became very good friends who have a lot of trust for each other. As these players are getting older and stronger, the coaching staff was hoping to get this team in the right frame of mind to overcome anything that baseball was going to throw at them."

He added that "Well, they got there. This championship is well-deserved by these players."

Also helping Spencer lead the Cards were assistant coaches Fred Binguin, Rich Harvey and Bob Begley. The bat boy is Paul Cassatta.



The 12- and Under Canton Cards travel baseball team celebrates after winning last weekend's 12U AA World Series in Canton. Pictured in the front row (from left) are Thomas Harvey, bat boy Paul Cassatta, Ben Spencer, Garrett Colasinski, Robby Begley, Guido Costantino and Kyle Aniol. In the middle row (from left) are Sam Cassatta, Jake Amato, Michael Mullenax, Justin Kuhn and Lucas Binguin. In the back row (from left) are coaches Fred Binguin, Rich Harvey, Doug Spencer and Bob Begley.

Michigan Generals

The Michigan Generals travel softball program is back in business and will be running 12-and-under and 14-and-under teams beginning this fall and heading into the spring and summer of 2014.

Coaches affiliated with the organization include Larry Thiede, Al Land, Al White, Tom Hillsey, Dave Trubaker, Gary Arnold and Jeff Simpson.

Tryouts will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 7-8, at North Farmington High School.

Interested players are encouraged to arrive early to fill out registration papers.

M.C. Riversharks

The Motor City Riversharks 13-and-under and 14-and-under travel baseball teams will be holding tryouts in August for the 2014 season.

Players must be will-

ing to commit to playing between 40 and 50 games, including weekend tournaments.

The season runs from April through July.

To preregister or for more information, send an email to motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

It is recommended, but not required, that players attend all three tryout dates.

Tryouts will be held at Jaycee Park, which is located at the corner of Hunter and Wildwood in Westland.

Tryouts for the 13-and-under Riversharks will be held from 12:30-2 p.m. Aug. 3 and Aug. 4; and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 11.

Tryouts for the 14-and-under Riversharks will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 3 and 4; and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 10.

Canton Cardinals

Baseball tryouts for the GCYBSA travel team (Canton Cardinals) and

competitive program are scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 3, at Heritage Park, 1010 S. Canton Center Road.

Tryouts will be as follows: 11:30 a.m.-9-and-under; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.-10-and-under; noon to 2:30 p.m.-11-and-under; 3:30 p.m.-12-and-under; 3:50 p.m.-13-and-under; 4-6:30 p.m.-14-and-under.

Players should arrive in proper baseball attire, bring all of their baseball gear and bring a water bottle.

They are encouraged to attend the tryout session and be prepared to attend a combine style workout following the week (date to be determined by head coach).

The age group is determined by the player's age as of April 30, 2014.

Visit www.gcysba.com to register for tryouts. Those who cannot attend tryouts should contact a zidzik@bcglobal.net prior to the tryout date to make alternate arrange-

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Motor City Chiefs

Tryouts for the 2014 Motor City Chiefs 12-and-under travel baseball team will be at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at Don Massey Field, located at 790 Plymouth Road, Plymouth.

The Chiefs compete in the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association Open Division and various tournaments.

Players should arrive 30 minutes early to warm up.

To preregister or obtain information about the team, contact the Chiefs at motorcitybaseball@gmail.com or call either Ken Gaffney at 734-395-4058 or Tom Dono at 586-381-3740.

Michigan Blue Jays

2014 Michigan Blue Jays 10-and-under White travel baseball team will be holding open and private tryouts for the 2014 season at 9:30 a.m. Sat-

urday, August, Aug. 3-4,

at the Eastern Michigan University fields.

Participants must be 10 or younger on May 1 to play on the team. Private tryouts also are available.

The team will play in the KVBSA in addition to six to eight tournaments.

Michigan Bulldogs

Open tryouts for the Michigan Bulldogs 10-and-under, 11-and-under and 12-and-under travel baseball teams are scheduled from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 and Sunday, Aug. 11, at Bicentennial Field (fields nos. 2 and 3), located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads in Livonia.

Interested players should note that the Bulldogs will be looking for players to also fill out a second 11-and-under team.

For further information please contact Mike Heard at 734-834-6950; mikeheard734@yahoo.com.

Canton Cobras

The 2014 Canton Cobras 13-and-under travel baseball team will be holding a pair of tryouts for experienced players.

Tryouts are from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 in Massey Field in Plymouth; 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14 in Hager-

Drive west of Higgins. Players should arrive 30 minutes early to register and warm up.

For more information, e-mail head coach Jack Murray (jacmurray92@gmail.com) or call 734-968-5808.

Oakland Reds

Tryouts for the Oakland Reds Baseball Club for Youth Division (under-8 through under-13) will be Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 3-4, and for High School Division (under-14 through under-18) Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 10-11.

To register online and for more information, visit oaklandreds.com.

Off to Siena Heights



Recent Plymouth High School graduate Taylor Rieckhoff (middle, front row) signed to join the Siena Heights women's track and field team. She earned athletic and academic scholarships. Flanking Taylor in this photo are her mom, Colleen (left) and her dad, Paul (right). In the back row (from left) are Siena Heights head coach Kirk Richards, Plymouth pole vaulting/jump coach Kevin Palmer, Plymouth high jump coach Dean Clements and Wildcats' head coach Ricky Styes.

RAMS

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differential to the Michigan Monarchs (22-14, 44 points), who got the nod after splitting a pair of games Monday at Ford Field.

The Rams and Monarchs split their four games this season, but LCBJ director Erin Knipper ruled there was no over-leeway time between the end of the LCBJ season and the NABF and AAABA tournament stage, a second-place playoff game on Tuesday.

The Rams victory pushed the Michigan Sting (21-15, 42 points) into fourth place and out of postseason contention.

"I've been in this league 10 years and it's the first time it had to happen," said Rams manager Rick Berryman, who guided the Rams to a third-place finish in last year's AAABA Nationals

"Whether I like it or not, I have to respect her (league director Erin Knipper) decision. She made it. I understand why she made it, but I just don't have to like it. She's under the gun. She truly does a wonderful job. I understand her dilemma."

In the extra inning leadoff, the Rams got a leadoff double in the ninth by Griffin Harms and he scored the game-winning run from second base when Matt Avromov's infield grounder to third was mishandled by Red Sox first baseman Christian Holder.

Chris McDonald (Livonia Stevenson/Hillsdale College) got the win in relief for the Rams. The right-hander allowed one run on two hits in 3 1/2 innings after coming on for starter Mike Kanitra (Stevenson) with two outs in the sixth.

Kanitra, who has signed with Madonna University, gave the Rams 5 1/3 quality innings

allowing just one unearned run on four hits. The 6-foot-4 right-hander walked four and struck out three.

"Pitching hasn't been an issue all season, but this week we were tested," said Berryman, whose team went 4-2 over a six-day stretch.

"Mike Kanitra, in a Collegiate League, came in and gave us six innings of four-hit baseball. He did a great job. But he was our freshest arm. I thought he did a nice job and Chris McDonald came in and gave us three innings. And that's after he pitched on Friday."

The Rams trailed 1-0 through four innings, but took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the fifth on an RBI triple by Miles Sorise followed by an RBI single from catcher Brett Ramirez (Salem/MU).

The Red Sox, trying to play spoiler, tied it with a run in the top of the seventh.

Dylan Cooper, who

Dodgeball showdown



Canton's Sky Zone Trampoline Park (42550 Executive Drive) will be hosting a pretty exciting event 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Sky Zone parks around the county are hosting their local qualifiers to find the next best teams for the final showdown Sept. 21-22 in Las Vegas. Over 100 teams across 35 Sky Zone parks will be vying for the title and a \$20,000 grand prize. Teams of 5-8 players, ages 16-and-up, are welcome to sign up and duke it out.

came on for starter Mike Burgher in the sixth, allowed the one unearned run and struck out three.

Blake Smith paced the Red Sox (14-2) offensively, going 2-for-4 with a run scored.

Three teams — consisting of five pools of four — will compete in the NABF Tournament, with the top two teams in each pool advancing to the elimination round.

Berryman said he will start Donnie Eaton, a 6-4, 200-pound right-hander from the University of Michigan, in the tourney opener.

"He's one of our better, harder-throwing pitchers, but I couldn't throw him," Berryman said on the regular season finale. "But to get to here, I threw him 44 pitches, and on short rest, threw him 105. He'll be the most rested going Thursday for us."

The Rams rebounded to earn a postseason playoff berth after dropping below the .500 mark

midway through the LCBJ season.

"We started out hot, then did poorly in the middle," Berryman said. "We made errors. The pitching was consistent all year. We made some errors, didn't hit well, then all the sudden we stopped making errors and hit well. That's how we came at the end and caught everybody."

RAMS VS. RED SOX vs. Ivan Fichtel (Livonia Stevenson/Madonna University) threw a complete game Sunday at Bicentennial Park as the Rams (20-17) downed the Michigan Red Sox (14-20).

The victory gave three earned runs, while continuing to lead in the series. He struck out eight. Chris McDonald led the Rams' eighth-inning rally and struck out 10 to lead the attack going 2-for-2 with three RBIs, while first baseman Miles Sorise went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

He won last Thursday over Michigan Rams. Also knocking in runs were Griffin Harms (12-2) at Ford Field.

Vasilakias walked two and allowed his 117th straight hit in the fifth inning to Mike Sorise.

Only hit in the fifth inning to Mike Sorise. Winning pitcher Chris McDonald went the full 9 1/2 innings before getting relief help from Jake Gardner.

Victor Barron (2-for-4, RBI) and Ryan Leach (two RBIs).

Winning pitcher Justin Hicks went into seven innings to pick up the victory. He struck out 10 hits, walked four and hit one batter while earning eight.

MU starter Jake Balkas, who gave up nine runs in nine hits in 2 1/2 innings, took the loss.

The Rams were paced offensive by J.P. McDonald (three RBIs) and Ryan Leach (two RBIs).

RAMS 5, STEEL 2 On Friday, the Michigan Rams (19-21) scored twice in the bottom of the sixth inning to pick the game away in a victory Friday over Michigan Steel (15-18) at Ford Field.

Ben Yvonnek in two runs, while Mike Kanitra (Stevenson) went 2-for-3 with a run scored.

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He won last Thursday over the Michigan Rams (19-21) at Ford Field. Vasilakias walked two and allowed his only hit in the fifth inning to Miles Sorise. Losing pitcher Donnie Eaton gave up just one earned run on two hits over six innings. The Rams starter struck out eight and walked six.

John Kuhn (MU) and Jeremy Robinson (each knocked in a run for the Bulls.

AUGUST BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11
Location: Our Lady of Loreto Church Family Center, corner of Six Mile and Beech Day, Redford
Details: Blood is urgently needed. Walk-ins are welcome or make an appointment
Contact: 313-534-9000 or www.hivonaismichael.org

CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24
Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 1581 Merriman, Livonia
Details: 12th Annual Charity Car Show will benefit Angela Hospice. All makes of cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome. The entry fee to show a vehicle is \$15. No charge to view the organizers also are seeking sponsors for the show
Contact: 734-427-874

CATHOLIC SINGLES

Time/Date: Meet for carpooling, 3 p.m., Mass, 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 10
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 1141 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Faith Uniting Neighbors (F.U.N.), the church's new adults group for ages 18-30 from throughout the northwest suburbs, will meet in St. Michael's parking lot to carpool to Sweetest Heart of Mary Church in Detroit for Mass, followed by the Perogi Festival. RSVP by e-mail to catholic.singles@livoniaismichael.org by Aug. 3 in order to insure adequate transportation
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200; www.livoniaismichael.org

CHOIR DIRECTOR WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Aug. 12
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: The three-day workshop at Holy Cross Lutheran Church is designed for choir directors and music educators, led by Michael Burkhardt
Contact: www.heartsandvoices.org; 734-427-1414 for more information.

C.L.E.A.P. FROG

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, Aug. 5-21
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This learning program in a Christ-centered environment is designed to sharpen a child's skills and give them a leap into the coming school year. C.L.E.A.P. FROG - which is not a VBS program - will offer the basics, including math, reading, music, science and more. This free program is for children entering grades 1-6. A class for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten also is offered. All children must be pre-registered
Contact: Mary at 248-471-1322 or Melissa at 734-466-8694 to register.

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 3
Location: Covenant Community Church, 25800 Stevant, one block north of Five Mile, off

Beech Day, Redford
Details: Features the church's praise band, One Accord, opening for Redemption Road. A cookie reception will follow the concert
Contact: 313-535-3100

CONCERT

Time/Date: 5:30-6:30, barbecue buffet, 5 p.m. concert, Saturday, Aug. 3
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Annual Christ is Our Rock summer concert will feature three Christian bands and a barbecue buffet. Get meal tickets in advance by calling the church or visiting its website
Contact: 248-553-3380; http://www.princeofpeacefills.org

CONCERT AND FUNDRAISER

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: The Canton Chord Band will perform a free outdoor concert to benefit Open Door Ministry, Canton. Attendees may bring donations of non-perishable food items for Open Door. A case of inclement weather, concert will be held inside the church
Contact: 734-459-3333

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 7
Location: Clarendenville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, just south of Eight Mile in Livonia
Details: Livonia Mayor Jack E. Kirksey will share his insights about the current state of the city.
Contact: Pastor Don Sperling at 248-474-3444; www.clarendville-umc.org

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Time/Date: 11 a.m., Sundays, through Aug. 18
Location: Grounds at Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton
Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church offers a worship service in a casual atmosphere. Attendees should bring their own lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Contact: 734-459-3333

PARENTING PROGRAM

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, from Aug. 5-21
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The class for adults is based on the book "Have a New Kid by Friday" by Dr. Kevin Leman. It focuses on changing a child's attitude, behavior and character. It provides practical and feasible strategies for gaining control and being the parent you want to be. Cost is \$8, payable upon enrollment. Pre-registration is required
Contact: Mary at 248-471-1322 or Melissa at 734-466-8694

SOCCER CAMP

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Aug. 5-8
Location: Christ Our Savior

Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Soccer mini-camp is for boys and girls, 5-12. Students making their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items not required or enrolled. Cost is \$15 per student and includes instruction, snacks, and a soccer ball to take home.
Contact: www.christsavior.org; 734-522-8830

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 5-8
Location: Fellowship hall at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Designed for children, 3 through those entering fifth grade in the fall. Cost is \$10 per child and \$25 for families with three or more children. Each child will receive a free CD with all of the music from the week. Registration forms are available in the church office.
Contact: Pam Gunderson at 960-333-3333; www.christsavior.org or 734-422-0484, Ext. 14

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Aug. 5-8
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: "Everywhere Fun Fair" is the theme for this program open to children entering preschool through sixth grade in the fall. Includes a morning of praise and worship, games, science, crafts, snacks and more. Registration is \$5 per child or \$10 per family
Contact: Judy at 248-442-8822 for registration; www.emmanuel-livonia.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, Aug. 12-16
Location: Clarendenville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: The program, aimed at children in kindergarten-sixth grade, will include songs, crafts, skits, games and snacks. The child who brings the most friends with them will win a special prize. An offering will be collected daily to help build wells around the world. A family cook-out is set for 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 17
Contact: www.clarendville-umc.org; 248-474-3444

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m., Thursday-Friday, Aug. 22-23 and 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Aug. 24
Location: Fireside Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: "Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep with God" will include water science, crafts, music and Bible fun
Contact: 734-464-9990

WORSHIP & MUSIC CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 12-15
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: "Hearts, Hands and Voices," is designed to help

students in grades two-seven grow spiritually and musically.
Contact: Register at www.heartsandvoices.org; 734-427-1414

SEPTEMBER RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 13 and 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 14
Location: New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, at Puritan, in Redford
Details: Bargains, including dishes, clothing, furniture, toys, seasonal, and miscellaneous. Baked goods will be available for purchase
Contact: 313-255-6330

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ASH PATRICIA ANN

Age 77, a lifetime resident of Livonia passed away July 27, 2013. She was born August 30, 1935 in Livonia, Michigan; daughter of Herbert and Bessie (Westfall) Tarrow. She was united in marriage to Charles L. Ash on June 29, 1956; they were married for 19 years until his death in 1975. Patricia was a 1953 graduate of the Michigan School for the Blind; she never let being blind blind her. She was a member of the VFW Post 4012 Ladies Auxiliary. She was a very kind and intelligent woman who loved helping others. Patricia loved playing bingo at the Livonia Senior Center and also enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles. She was a wonderful mother and a very devoted friend. She is survived by her son Charles (Jamie Seely) Ash, her granddaughter Elizabeth Ash, her sister Elizabeth Hassell; and her brother Linwood Tarrow. She was also loved by Izabella Seely, Jack Warrentin, and many dear friends. A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, August 3 from Noon until 5pm at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Livonia Senior Center or the Livonia Lions Club, 34570 Navin Road, Livonia, MI 48152.

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays
Location: 4220 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: 734-946-4615

Our Lady of Loreto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Day, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7:40 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday
Location: School library, 11411 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200; www.livoniaismichael.org

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Plymouth resident returns to the stage with two roles in outdoor Shakespeare theater

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Kyle Grant hasn't acted on stage since 2005, but he'll make up for his absence by taking on two roles in Water Works Theatre Company's production of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

The Plymouth resident will portray Fenton, a young, romantic lover, and Bardolph, a drunken buffoon, in the Company's 13th annual Shakespeare in the Park, Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 1-11, in Jaycee Starr Park in Royal Oak.

"It's typical of Shakespeare productions these days," Grant said, referring to the double casting. "With Shakespeare, there are so many roles. It would be impossible to employ and pay actors for every character."

Costume and character changes can get a little tricky for actors who work on two roles in the same play. "We spend a long time to make characters different, to walk differently and talk differently. In a lot of cases I exit as Fenton and enter immediately as Bardolph. Sometimes I would forget to enter as Bardolph. If you saw my script, it says 'Do not forget Bardolph' highlighted in three colors. To be honest, it's part of the fun. I don't think any of the actors see it (double casting) as particularly challenging."

Although Grant hasn't set foot on the stage for eight years, the Livonia Churchill High School graduate has been busy



Kyle Grant of Plymouth is Fenton and Jim Ehridge of Eastpointe portrays Mistress Quickly in "The Merry Wives of Windsor," Aug. 1-11 in Starr Jaycee Park. SCOTT MYERS

teaching theater and directing. He was enrolled in the Creative And Performing Arts (CAPA) program while in high school and appeared in his first Water Works production, *The Taming of the Shrew*, during the company's second year in 2002. After high school, he auditioned for several college programs and was accepted into the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts in England.

"(England) wasn't even on my radar, but it was the right fit for me," he said. "I was thinking Shakespeare and that was my primary focus at school, but I really was a lot more interested in

generating my own work, which typically you don't get to do as an actor."

From actor to baker

Grant directed plays, including Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and *Macbeth*, in outdoor summer theater while in England. He also appeared in a few student films and on stage before his visa expired in 2005 and he moved to New York, N.Y.

"New York City is nonstop and you spend all of your time and energy just treading water. I did the starving artist thing for a while and then decided to do something else. My goal was to show up at the same

job every day for a year or two. I was tired of working everything around a career that wasn't happening," he said.

He worked as a whole grain baker for a few years and then moved home to Michigan two years ago to be close to family.

"Since I've moved back to Michigan I've worked nonstop. For someone like me, who is interested in generating my own stuff, I've found nothing but opportunity here. There is so much (theater) space here. In New York everything is prohibitive, you have to pay so much just to rent a dingy church base-

ment. It's so easy to get stuff done here. There isn't a constant fight."

Since returning home, Grant has worked with CAPA students and found a place at Belleville High School teaching theater.

"There was no musical happening here. I started a theater group there and did a musical. I found it rewarding to provide that opportunity for high school kids."

He decided to audition for *The Merry Wives of Windsor* after realizing that he had acquired more experience teaching than performing. It was time to "put my money where my mouth is," he said.

Grant also looked forward to performing Shakespeare's work outdoors, for a company that had "grown" since it was founded in 2001.

"They've become a staple in Royal Oak and with people doing Shakespeare," Grant explained. "I feel like there is something timeless about what we're doing. It's a lot closer to the way Shakespeare would have performed it, in an open-air venue. I think that's pretty special that we get to perform this in the way it was produced."

"I think that's an important tradition to give to the next generation."

The Merry Wives of Windsor cast also includes Sean Paraventi of Redford as Robert Shallow and John Rubgy, Emily Pierce of Farmington Hills as stage manager *Much Ado About Nothing*, Water Works Theatre Company's family-friendly daytime show.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

What: Water Works Theatre Company stages the comedies, *The Merry Wives of Windsor* and "Much Ado About Nothing" outdoors

When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 1-3 and 8-10 and 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4 and 11 for "Merry Wives," "Much Ado" runs at 10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 3-4 and 10-11 and 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Aug. 6-7

Where: Starr Jaycee Park, 1301 W. 13 Mile, between Crooks and Main in Royal Oak

Details: Director Paul Hopper sets "Merry Wives" in pre-Civil War times in the deep south. Director Barton Bund gives "Much Ado" a

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Time/Date: Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday during public performances and by appointment. Upcoming exhibit runs Aug. 3-28

Location: At the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: The Canton Historical Society shows photos and artifacts

Contact: www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org; 734-394-5300

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Aug. 30; gallery opening, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2. The opening reception includes a curator talk at 8 p.m.

Location: 215 W. Gady, Northville

Details: "Collaboration and Continuum: The Carnival Photographs of Bill Rauhauser and Carlos Diaz," curated by Mary McNichols, Ph.D.

Contact: 248-344-0497; http://www.northvillearts.org

DANCE

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Aug. 17

Location: American Dance Academy, 3132 Martin Parkway, Commerce

Details: Farmington Hills-based DDC dances auditions professional male and female dancers for its 34th season. Dancers should have extensive modern dance training, strong partnering skills and quality performing experience. Audition pre-requisite must be submitted by Aug. 14. Visit www.detroitdancescollective.org for details

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GET OUT! CALENDAR



A series of carnival photos is on display through Aug. 30 at the Northville Art House. This piece is by Bill Rauhauser.

Catch Great White Friday, Aug. 2, at the free Rockin' on the Riverfront concert series in downtown Detroit.

around 9:20 p.m., daily, through Sept. 1

Location: 14900 Beek between Five Mile and M-14, Plymouth Township

Details: Cost is \$10 for adults; \$8 for children, 4-12; kids 3 and under are admitted free of charge. Students with proper ID are admitted for \$8 Sunday through Thursday. Patrons listen to the movies on the FM band of the car radio

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 2-3, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8

Location: 760 Pennington Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Now You See Me," admission, \$3

Coming up: "The Kinds of Summer," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 9-10, and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11

Summer Matinee: "Annie," Aug. 1; "The Sound of Music," Aug. 15; "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," Aug. 22; "The Muppet Movie," Aug. 29. Movies run at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Details: "The Long, Low Trailer," with Lucille Ball and

Desi Arnaz, \$5

Coming up: "Jaws," with Richard Dreyfuss and Roy Scheider, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24

Contact: 313-537-2560

HISTORICAL PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The current exhibit, 847V, highlights leisure activities that families and individuals engaged in before television. The exhibit runs through Nov. 10. Admission \$5 for adults and \$2 for students 6-17

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

MUSIC TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

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Group exhibit at Ferndale gallery shows various forms of print art

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Carol Harvath can't think of a better way to spend a Tuesday than with ink, paper and a few creative friends.

The Farmington Hills woman and five other artists get together every week to work on individual projects in a group setting at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, (BBAC).

"That kind of setting just feeds you. We talk about different processes. We look at each others work. It's a lot of sharing," said Harvath, who has been interested in printmaking since she was a child. "It's a setting for growing. We share new ideas."

"The group of women I work with are all printmakers. For the most part we have our own studios in our own homes and work in our own settings, but often we'll bring in something that we've developed in our own personal setting. We've seen each others growth and failures. A lot of the failures are most informative in terms of learning."

Their successes in various forms of printmaking — from etching to collagraph, monotype to silkscreen — are on display through Aug. 30 at Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday. The opening reception for "Printmaker X 6" is 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 and a mid-month reception is set for 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23.

In addition to Harvath, the group includes Laura Whitesides Host of Birmingham, Celeste Roe of Farmington, Judy St. John of Lincoln, formerly of Pontiac, and Lona Swanson-Flores of West Bloomfield.

"We're excited about any kind of printmaking," said Host, who majored in painting and ceramics in college. "We enjoy being together."

Host was smitten by the printing process after taking a class at the



Celeste Roe of Farmington created this print of multiple images. She's one of six artists who meet weekly at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center to work on prints.



BBAC, where she and Roe, and Swanson-Flores also teach.

"I just loved it. You don't exactly know what you have and it will be backwards," she said, describing the process. She works mostly in monotype, creating one-of-a-kind prints.

"I do a lot of textures in my pieces. I save bags from onions and potatoes because they are a cool plastic texture. I ink them up and put them on a plate and through the press."

Harvath has incorporated bark, lace and leaves into her monotype prints. She also etches on zinc plates.

"We're talking about something vaneer thin that can be incorporated into the print. When it goes through the press it's got to be thin. It has to be carefully done or it can damage the press," Harvath explained her use of bark. "Printmaking is a very rich and interesting field. There is no end to ideas. It's an exciting medium."

Host suspects visitors to the "Printmaker X 6" will be surprised by the variety and viewpoints they see in the works. "Some are abstract and some are realistic. It covers the whole map."

The artists have shown their works in group exhibits throughout the country. They also occasionally collaborate on projects. Last spring they worked on a journal project for the Janice Charach Epstein gallery.

Carol Harvath of Farmington Hills is exhibiting this print, "Imagined" and other pieces this month at Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale.



Laura Host of Birmingham created "Vivisections." The print is part of the "Printmaker X 6" exhibit at Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale.



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Created by: Janet Stakoff, St. Louis, Mo.

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4 pretzel twists, crumbled (about 1 tablespoon)
1 small banana, sliced

In a small bowl, mix yogurt and peanut butter together. In a separate bowl, toss walnuts and pretzels together.

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Prep time: 5 minutes
Makes: 1 serving

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Combine all ingredients in blender; blend until smooth and creamy. Serve in tall glass or to-go drink container.

RICOTTA FRUIT DIP

Servings: 2
Prep time: 10 mins
Total time: 10 mins
Created by: Adapted from Better Homes and Gardens

½ cup part-skim ricotta cheese
¼ cup vanilla low-fat yogurt
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon orange juice
1 teaspoon finely shredded orange peel
Assorted cut-up fresh fruit

Combine ricotta cheese, yogurt, sugar, orange juice and orange peel in a blender or food processor. Cover and blend until smooth. If desired, cover and chill up to 24 hours. Serve with assorted fruit like apple, pear, peach and orange slices to dip.



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Servings: 6 (4 wraps/serving)
Prep time: 35 mins
Cook time: 15 mins
Total time: 50 mins
Created by: Midwest Dairy Association

1 pound (about 24 spears) asparagus
2 red peppers, roasted, cut into ¼-inch wide strips
4 sun-dried tomatoes
4 ounces blue cheese, at room temperature
2 ounces light or ½ reduced-fat cream cheese, at room temperature
6 (8-inch) soft flour tortillas

Trim asparagus stalks to 5-inch length. In boiling salted water, cook asparagus until tender, about 5-7 minutes. Rinse under cold water. Dry asparagus and roasted peppers thoroughly. While asparagus is cooking, place sun-dried tomatoes in boiling water for 10 minutes. Drain and finely chop. In a small bowl, mash together blue cheese, cream cheese and tomatoes. Spread each tortilla with about 1½ tablespoons of cheese spread. Cut each tortilla into 4 long strips. Place one asparagus tip and one pepper strip together at end of tortilla strip and roll up tightly into a spiral. Repeat with remaining asparagus and peppers. Serve immediately or refrigerate up to a day before serving.

Tip: To roast peppers, place under broiler or over grill, turning every few minutes until skin is blackened on all sides. Place in paper bag and close tightly for 15 minutes. Remove peppers from bag when cool. Peel, split lengthwise and remove seeds and core. Do not rinse under water.



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