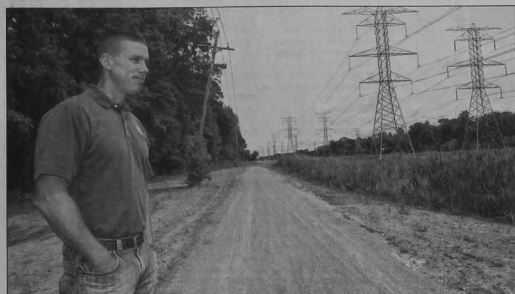


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Bob Belair shows where the new recreation trail leads. ALL PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Taking to the trail

Expansion under way for Rouge path

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A 3.5-mile expansion of Canton's trail system has begun, as work crews spend the season carving out a path linking the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail to Flodin and Griffin parks.

"I think it's a great idea," Canton resident Alex Rahill said, pausing from a marathon-training run along the Lower Rouge trail. Canton residents have long placed recreation trails high on their wish list for local amenities and Rahill said the emerging expansion marks a commendable effort by local officials to improve the community.

"This system of trails really helps that," Rahill, pastor of Canton-based Lifechurch, said as he trained Monday afternoon for the Detroit Free Press marathon in October. "I think this is one of the best kept secrets in Canton."



Wildflowers along the trail attract a sphex pensylvanicus, commonly known as the great black wasp.

Trail tour

Public Works Manager Bob Belair this week gave a tour of the area where work has begun. From just east of the Lower Rouge trail head, which is located off Morton Taylor north of Michigan Avenue, the new section stretches north along the International Transmission Co. utility corridor toward Flodin and Griffin parks.

"We'll probably have the path in this year so people can use it, but we probably won't have a grand opening until next spring," Belair said. "It will be late fall if we do get it open this year."

"We're connecting three of the biggest parks in the township and the neighborhoods along the way," he added.

The latest section expands the Lower Rouge trail, which already allows residents and visitors

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Firefighters ratify concessionary new contact

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton firefighters will have gone five years without a pay raise after they approved a concessionary contract that also trimmed pension and health care benefits, a union leader said.



Stoeklein

Deputy Fire Chief Chris Stoeklein, president of the Canton Professional Firefighters Local 2289, said Tuesday that "hopefully things will be looking better" during the next round of negotiations.

Union members ratified the new contract by a two-thirds majority after voting ended Saturday, Stoeklein said. The decision continues

an era of negotiated pay freezes until a 2-percent wage increase takes effect Dec. 31, 2016, when the latest pact ends.

"I'm very happy to have it behind us and very happy to move forward with the township," Stoeklein said, though firefighters are hopeful the latest pact brings an end to concessionary contracts.

Lengthy talks

The union voted to accept concessions similar to those already negotiated for employee groups such as Canton police officers. Township Trustee John Anthony commended bargaining teams for "long and arduous negotiations" that, after 16

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Child predator pleads guilty

Walled Lake man could face 20-year sentence

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A 34-year-old child predator pleaded guilty Wednesday to charges he tried to have sex with a Canton woman and her 3-year-old daughter.

Jesse Hermann of Walled Lake could face penalties ranging up to 20 years in prison after his plea to one count each of child sexually abusive commercial activity and using a computer and the Internet to communi-

cate with the girl's mother to commit a crime.

The latest developments came after Canton police arrested Hermann Feb. 13 outside the Holiday Inn



Hermann

Express near Lotz Road and Michigan Avenue, where police say he had gone to meet the mother and child.

"This was a great effort by our patrol officers and our investigative group," Canton Detective Sgt. Chad

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Former Salem High School Assistant Principal Dr. Patrick Fitzpatrick, who retired in 2010 after 40 years serving students in the Plymouth-Canton schools, died Saturday. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



'Fitz' remembered as loyal leader

Former Salem administrator spent 40 years with school

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Dr. Pat Fitzpatrick was considering a career move from the Willow Run school district to the fledgling Plymouth-Canton Educational Park around 1970, he visited the site of the \$11 million high school Plymouth-Canton officials were building on Joy Road near Canton Center.

After that visit, Fitzpatrick, who would become the new school's first assistant principal, felt like he had something to contribute.

"I just wanted to be part of it," he said 40 years later, when health issues forced him to retire in 2010.

And he was. For four decades, Fitzpatrick filled an office at Salem High School where, by his count, he worked some 7,600 days, saw some 15 million kids go through the cafeteria and watched more than 23,000 seniors graduate.

Those people – and all of the people with whom he worked all those years – are mourning the loss of Fitzpatrick, who died early Sunday morning from the heart-related issues that nudged him into retirement three years ago.

"He was such a class act," said

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ARRANGEMENTS MADE

What: Funeral arrangements for Dr. Patrick Fitzpatrick, former assistant principal, Salem High School.

When: Visitation 2-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9; in state 10 a.m., Mass 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10.

Where: Visitation at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth; Mass at St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile, in Novi.

Donations: In lieu of flowers, mourners may make a donation to the Dr. Patrick Fitzpatrick Memorial Fund, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI 48170.



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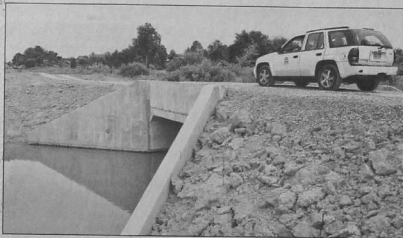
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Sturdy bridges are built over drains. ALL PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

TRAIL

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to walk, jog or ride their bicycle along a woods-shrouded, gravel path that stretches from Canton Center Road to I-275. There, it connects to the Metro I-275 Trail.

Public notice

Belair notified about 180 property owners living near the new trail to educate them about the project. Most welcomed the idea, he said, though a few residents had concerns. Canton intends to use landscaping as much as possible to provide a buffer between the trail and homes.

The idea for the newest recreation trail arose as Canton was planning to install along the ITC corridor the latest phase of a massive, \$45 million sanitary sewer project, which is nearing completion. The path also gives township employees access to perform maintenance on that system.

To be sure, the scenery along the ITC corridor includes tall utility towers a distance from the trail, but the path also passes near wetlands, cattails, wild milkweed flowers and state-protected, three-awned grass, among other nature attractions. Work crews are installing two concrete bridges with handrails over the Truesdell and Huston drains between Palmer and Cherry Hill.

Canton hired Stante Excavating Co. as the main contractor and the township has worked closely with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to ensure the trail didn't disrupt protected natural areas.

Natural beauty

"There are quite a few wetlands along here," Belair said. "There's a ton of nature stuff in here."

Because the new trail crosses Palmer, Cherry Hill and Sheldon roads, Belair said the project includes road-crossing amenities allowing pedestrians to activate stop lights for traffic. The Lower Rouge trail system and its offshoot also are slated to receive educational kiosks and better signage.

Canton had hoped to open the new trail by late summer, but Belair said rainy weather has caused work delays. During earlier talks among township officials, Canton Leisure Services Director Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz called the new trail section "a significant benefit to the community" that connects parks and neighborhoods.

Looking ahead, Canton still has a vision to extend the trail system west from Griffin Park toward Cherry Hill Village. It's a project listed in the Canton Leisure Services master plan.

"It's really conceptual at this point," Belair said.

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Youth center ready to show off new digs

By Darrell Clem

Staff Writer

After shuttering a popular youth center in mid-June, Canton is almost ready to unveil the new home for The B.L.O.C.K., ushering in a new school year with new digs.

Keeping a promise to revive the program, Canton has announced a public open house 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, inside The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center, between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

"I think everybody is excited to have a new home with a little more permanency to it," said Jon LaFever, Canton Leisure Services recreation and facilities supervisor. "It just looks and feels so much newer than the older location."

Programs intact

The B.L.O.C.K. — Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids — plans to continue its supervised, after-school activities and learning after ending an eight-year run at its former site at Michigan Avenue and Sheldon. The open house gives visitors a chance to register youngsters for fall programming, which LaFever said starts Tuesday, Sept. 2. The new place has a cafeteria, pool table,



After shuttering The B.L.O.C.K. location on Michigan Avenue, it is hosting a public open house inside the center's new home at the Canton Administration Building. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

quiet study room, lounge and other amenities.

LaFever said transportation still will be provided for youngsters who need it, calling it "a major feature" of The B.L.O.C.K. and its success.

Canton Leisure Services Director Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz said an effort has begun to get the furnishings in place before Aug. 22. "We're in the process of moving now," she said. "Right now we've got a lot of the furnishings on site."

Noting the task of organizing the new place has begun as program employees prepare to renew their ties with Canton youngsters, ages 11-17, who attend the program.

'Great start'

"We're looking forward to having the kids

come out and we're looking for a great start to this new location," Bilbrey-Honsowetz said. "We're sure the kids are going to enjoy the space and the activities they'll be able to experience there."

In June, some youngsters described themselves as excited to move to the new center, which gives them easier access to places such as the Canton Public Library, Summit on the Park and Heritage Park. Others said they plan to adapt even though they had sentimental ties to the old site.

Making friends

Stephanie Pavlo, Canton recreation specialist, has said The B.L.O.C.K. typically serves about 60 youngsters each weekday while teaching them "tolerance and understanding" and allowing them to make new friends.

LaFever said The B.L.O.C.K. will continue its school year hours, 2:30-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 11 p.m. Friday. The Friday evenings often provided special on-site activities or supervised outings.

For more information or to schedule a private tour, call 734-398-5570.

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A wetland next to the trail has a large frog population.

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Baugh said. "We're pleased with the efforts of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and we're pleased with the outcome."

Hermann and the girl's mother had engaged in instant messaging on Facebook, but the mother notified Canton police after she said the discussion took a terrifying turn. She said Hermann revealed he wanted to have sex with her and her daughter, describing in detail what he wanted to occur.

"It's unfortunate these situations arise," Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said Wednesday, "but it's very important to do

exactly what the mother in this case did — contact the authorities immediately and let them handle the situation from there."

Hermann, a former truck driver and self-employed artist, is facing sentencing Sept. 4 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Lawrence Talon. He had admitted a long-time desire to act on situations he described to the mother on Facebook, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Keith Clark said during an earlier hearing in 35th District Court.

After the mother notified police, Canton launched an investigation that involved having a detective pose as the mother while having an online discussion with Hermann.

Detective Andrew

Kelley testified during the preliminary hearing in May that Hermann confessed "his intention was to have sexual relations with (the mother) and her 3-year-old daughter."

Kelley said police waited in an unmarked car for Hermann to arrive in Canton, where he was arrested. Defense attorney David Cripps had argued during the preliminary examination that Hermann shouldn't face charges for thoughts or fantasies he didn't carry out.

However, Clark said authorities didn't have to wait for a sexual assault to occur to charge Hermann.

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months, brought an agreement.

"It's good news for Canton and it's good news for the members of the fire department," Anthony said. "I think it's a fair contract to all parties involved and I'm glad the fire personnel voted in favor of it."

After the Canton Township Board of Trustees approved the contract in July, Stocklein had predicted the union would likely ratify it "given the financial situation of the township."

Canton officials have said the township still is facing financial challenges due to declining property tax revenues, though there are encouraging signs of a gradual turnaround.

Vacant positions

The 61-member firefighters union had declined to just 49 members following a mass exodus of command officers who recently retired and locked in their retirement benefits, though officials are working to fill positions.

Firefighter union salaries currently range from \$44,014 to \$83,533, according to the township. Only those who qualify for so-called step increases, based on years of service, will see their pay levels increase through 2016.

Among key provisions of the new contract:

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» New hires after July 1 will face lesser pensions and current firefighters have agreed to "bridge down" their pensions, Canton Human Resources Manager Gwyn Belcher said.

» Local 2289 members hired after July 1 will no longer receive retiree health care benefits. Instead, the township will contribute \$50 each pay period into a health care savings plan.

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Pantry chief done packing bags

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

A former Marine brought boxes of hot dogs and buns to the back door at the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps Monday, a donation to the PSA's food pantry, which Tammy Moyer runs.

"When they'd brought in the donation, and she'd given him a receipt, Moyer asked the man if she could hug him. He said yes. When the embrace broke, Moyer told the man, 'God bless you, and thank you for being a Marine.'"

It was one of maybe tens of thousands of such hugs Moyer has given and received — in some 20 years of working in and running the Plymouth Salvation Army's food pantry, a job she's leaving Friday when she joins her husband, Ed, in retirement.

Moyer might miss the hugs as much as she misses the job.

"That's really important to me," Moyer, the pantry director the last 17 years, said of the hugs. "People need to know they matter."

People have mattered to Moyer since the 1990s, when she started volunteering to help out in the food pantry. The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps services Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, so a lot of people have come through the pantry.

Tons of hugs

Pantry volunteers have already doled out more than 3,700 bags of food this year, after providing nearly 4,400 last year. By that estimate, Moyer figures to have provided maybe 85,000 bags of food during her tenure.

More than the food, that's thousands of hugs, thousands of conversations, and millions of words of praise and hope from Moyer, who treats the pantry as more of a mission than a service. The folks who come in for food are often homeless, certainly needy, and frequently go through some of the

worst times of their lives.

Moyer tries to make them forget about that, if only for a moment.

"I do that to show (clients) they can be trusted here, and what they have to say matters," Moyer said.

I tell them it (the food and the love) is not only from me, but from God. I call it my 'back-door ministry.' I pray with them, I get them



Moyer

know whatever they're going through, they aren't alone. God is with them."

The job can be seasonal — donations and requests certainly pick up during Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays — but the need is ever-present.

And the clients have changed over the years. Now there are families, and there are single mothers, and there are grandmothers who are trying to raise their grandchildren.

There are senior citizens who are struggling, and veterans trying to make ends meet. The common denominator: They're all living their lives under tremendous stress. Moyer worries about that.

Need changes

"I'm seeing a lot less hope," she said. "Hope seems to be dropping. They seem to think it's not going to get any better. I try to give them that hope."

Maj. Keith Bailey has been the corps officer for about a year now, and he said Moyer's personality makes her good at the job, and helps clients feel better when they walk out the door.

"Tammy has a wonderful Christian spirit," Bailey said. "That's a ministry to her back there. We're really going to miss her."

Laurie Aren has worked with Moyer for several years. One of her earliest experiences with Moyer, she said, was watching her teach a young mom how to make a baby bottle and get

the air out so the baby wouldn't get colicky. The young mother, who had little support, was struggling.

She's a repeat client, and each time, Aren said, Moyer "takes that same 'motherly approach' with her."

"We have dubbed her the 'silent saint' because she does what she does quietly and with tremendous compassion," said Aren, the PSA's director of family and community ministries. "A lot of (clients) have troubled lives, and they need to leave here feeling good about themselves, at least for a little while. Tammy does that for them."

So why give it up? For the last few years, Moyer's husband, Ed, who retired after being injured on the job a couple of years ago, has lived in the couple's East Tawas home, and Moyer has driven up every weekend. She's been willing to make the drive because "I've always felt there's more to do" on the job, she said.

But recently, she was looking out at her East Tawas back yard and thinking, "This is beautiful." So she told God to "let me know when it's time."

"Suddenly, I was filled with a beautiful peace," Moyer said. "I argued with God a little and told Him, 'If I feel anxious, I'll know (retiring) is my will and not yours.'"

The anxiety never came, and the following morning her letter of resignation was on her boss' desk. While Bailey and Aren were both stunned at the sudden news, Moyer knows it is — finally — the right thing to do.

"I'm still not anxious about it at all," Moyer said. "God just said, 'It's time to stop. I haven't even thought about it since. I'm at peace with it.'"

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FITZPATRICK

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Frank Ruggirello, who spent 12 years, including Fitzpatrick's last nine, as director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "He gave his whole life to Plymouth-Canton. They don't make them any better than Fitz."

Fitzpatrick spent 46 years as an educator, the first six at Willow Run. That district wanted Fitzpatrick to stay and fill an open principal spot at the high school. But Fitzpatrick, who said his tenure at Willow Run (he started there in 1964) was marked by racial unrest and violence, listened instead to Mike Hoben, who would eventually become superintendent in Plymouth-Canton, and made the career shift.

Hoben told Fitzpatrick about more than 300 acres Plymouth school officials had purchased at Joy and Canton Center, where they would build a new "park" complex that Hoben said would eventually house four high schools and some 8,000 students.

Chosen, he said, from some 60 applicants, Fitzpatrick was installed as an assistant principal at what was then just Plymouth High School. He would be there when the name was changed to Plymouth Salem High School when the district also opened Plymouth Canton High School. And he was there years later, when the third school — the new Plymouth High School — went up over on Beck Road.

"I knew I had to make a career move," Fitzpatrick said when he retired. "I came out here to see this building and I thought I had something to contribute."

Former Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Jim Ryan remembers his first graduation ceremony at Eastern Michigan University. Fitzpatrick, who was running the show, told him he had two minutes to make his speech. Ryan, an extrovert who loves a good conversation, was surprised.

"I told him, 'C'mon, Fitz, it takes me two minutes to clear my throat,'" Ryan said Monday. "He said, 'You've got two minutes.'"

As he began, Fitzpatrick held up two fingers as a reminder and Ryan did his speech in one minute, 45 seconds. When he sat down, he looked over and saw Fitzpatrick, who nodded.

"I knew I had done OK," Ryan said. "I got the nod from Fitz."

When former Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostoin suffered a stroke some years back, Fitzpatrick came to Ryan and said he wanted to

be the interim principal until Ostoin could return. And he wasn't doing it as a suggestion, according to Ryan.

"He wasn't really negotiating with me, he was telling me," Ryan said with a smile. "He stepped in admirably. As I think of Fitz now, my focus is on his loyalty, his love of Salem High School, his fairness and leadership. All the positives you could say about a man, you could say about Pat Fitzpatrick. I truly admired him and I learned a lot from Fitz."

When Fitzpatrick retired in 2010, he did so, he said, without a single regret, proud of the students he'd shepherded through the massive park, which now houses some 6,200 students. He said his biggest "high" came when struggling students turned themselves around, then returned years after graduation and let him know he made a difference in their lives.

"Kids come from different backgrounds and situations that aren't good," Fitzpatrick said. "A lot of kids come here with a lot on their plate. It makes me proud when a kid comes back and tells me I was a factor."

One of those students was Brandon Bunt, whose last two years of high school were a struggle. Illness kept him out of school much of his junior and senior years and he has having a hard time making academic progress.

Fitzpatrick, Bunt said, made him every accommodation — one-on-one time, a room to study — to make sure he could get his work done.

"He impacted me a lot, in a 'mentor' kind of way," Bunt said when Fitzpatrick retired. "He was just there. He takes a very positive approach to things. It's not a punishment thing for him. He gets to the root of the problem in a very positive way."

Ken Jacobs was Plymouth-Canton's assistant superintendent when Fitzpatrick retired, the only person still in the district at the time who was there when Fitzpatrick started. Between them, the pair put more than 90 years into the district.

Jacobs, who retired two years later, said Fitzpatrick went out with dignity.

"We grew up together and were a team then," Jacobs, who started with the district as a special education teacher at Pioneer Middle School in 1963, said when Fitzpatrick retired. "He's always been here ... there aren't too many stories like Fitz. He can walk out of here with his head held high."

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Passenger dies after SUV crashes into factory

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A 72-year-old man injured in a one-vehicle crash in Plymouth Township last month died Sunday at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Maroun Arnaout of Belleville was hospitalized after the July 24 crash at the Automotive Components Holdings Plant on Sheldon Road at M-14, said Lt. Bob Antal of the Plymouth Township Police Department's traffic bureau. Arnaout had been in a front-seat passenger in a 2013 Jeep Liberty that crashed into a wall at the plant and had suffered injuries that included a broken arm, but was conscious at the crash scene. His death was unexpected, Antal said.

A police investigation continues. Arnaout died of blunt trauma and complications and his death was ruled accidental, according to the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office.

The crash, Antal said, occurred just before 5 p.m. July 24, when a man drove the Liberty on the westbound M-14 exit ramp into a driveway at ACH, over grass and into the building.

"He didn't try to steer around anything. He just went straight ahead," Antal said. Neither drugs nor alcohol were thought to be a factor in the crash. Both the driver and a second passenger, Arnaout's wife, were injured and were also transported to Botsford.

Antal said the Liberty went over two curbs and traveled an estimated 300 feet over grass before striking the building. No other vehicles were involved and the Liberty didn't strike any trees, pedestrians or parked vehicles, Antal said.

Antal estimated the Liberty's speed, based on crash damage, at 40 to 45 mph, but said there were no witnesses to its speed.

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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Laptop stolen

A laptop computer and its case were reported stolen in Plymouth Township by a Dallas, Texas, woman Saturday, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

The woman said the computer was taken from a rented Chevrolet Suburban late Friday or early Saturday while the vehicle was parked in an lot at the Comfort Inn, on Ann Arbor Road near I-275.

The victim told police she was uncertain whether she had locked the Suburban.

Scrapper strikes

The catalytic converter was stolen Aug. 1 from a Chevrolet Trailblazer as the vehicle sat in the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation's park-and-ride lot on Ann Arbor Road at Tavistock Circle.

The victim told police she left the Trailblazer at about 9 a.m.

and returned around 4 p.m. to find it was extremely loud upon starting, a police report said. She looked underneath the car, to find the catalytic converter had been cut out.

Catalytic converters, part of vehicle exhaust systems, are valued by scrapppers for the precious metals inside.

Wallet raised

A woman reported the theft of cash and an insurance card from her wallet at the Kroger supermarket on Ann Arbor Road Saturday afternoon.

The woman told police she left the wallet on a shelf in an aisle at Kroger while she reached for an item, then forgot it, a police report said. She returned a short time later, she said, to find the wallet open and the cash and insurance card missing.

—By Matt Jachman

Wrong way driver

Canton police arrested a Decatur, Ala., woman after she was seen driving the wrong way in a westbound lane of Michigan Avenue near I-275 around 1:10 a.m. July 31, a police report said.

A police patrol car was traveling on Michigan Avenue when the officer noticed the 43-year-old woman driving the wrong way in a black Mazda. The woman stopped her car facing the patrol car, the report said.

The woman, who had her daughter and another child in the vehicle, told police she had turned the wrong way because she was following the directions on her GPS unit. She told police she was driving from Detroit to Belleville during a visit from Alabama.

The woman admitted having two shots of vodka 45 minutes earlier, but she refused to allow police to test her blood-alcohol level, the report said.

She was arrested for operating while impaired and child endangerment and police turned the vehicle and the girls over to a relative.

Police also got a court order to take the woman to Oakwood Hospital to have her blood drawn for testing.

Walmart 'huffer'

Police cited a 20-year-old Belleville man who was caught "huffing" — or inhaling — from an aerosol computer-cleaning can inside a bathroom stall of the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road, a police report said.

Police went to the store Sunday morning after an assistant manager reported the incident. Police found the man inside the stall and the report indicated he became upset and started yelling.

The suspect was described in a police report as "extremely intoxicated" after inhaling the contents of the can. He refused medical treatment, was issued a ticket at the scene and released.

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Golf course vandals

Canton police have linked damage at the Fellows Creek Golf Course to two juveniles who have been advised not to return to the site.

The latest incident occurred between 10 p.m. Saturday and 5 a.m. Sunday, when it was learned that intruders, ages 11 and 14, had gone onto the property, broken three rakes and one sprinkler and tipped over two portable toilets, a police report said.

The report indicated the golf course has been struck by vandals on several occasions since April 23, leading to the replacement of 15 rakes, four tee sprinklers, portable toilets and other equipment.

An investigation led police to two parents whose sons admitted to causing the damage, the report said. One boy reportedly made a comment that he was bored.

Fleeing driver

Police arrested a 22-year-old man following allegations he led police on a pursuit in the area of Sheldon and Proctor around 8:30 p.m. July 30.

A woman waved down police to report she had seen a silver Taurus speeding dangerously through a subdivision, a police report said. She had last seen the vehicle on Fredericksburg.

Another resident flagged down police to report a similar incident and pointed police to another street, Yorktown, the report said. Police then spotted the car as it nearly struck a curb and tried to initiate a traffic stop, but the driver kept going.

The suspect drove onto Proctor, disobeying a yield sign while driving 30-38 mph in a 25 mph zone, the report said. The driver then ran a flashing red light at Proctor and Sheldon and almost struck another vehicle, which was driven by an under-coverage officer, police said.

Police pursued the driver to Cherbourg and Antietam, where he stopped. Police

drew a handgun and ordered the driver out of the car, where he was placed under arrest for fleeing and eluding.

During a subsequent investigation, his father reported he had been sitting in the vehicle drinking before the incident began.

The driver was arrested for operating under the influence.

Home incident

A 35-year-old man notified police after someone tried to break into his home on Heathmore Court, southeast of Ford and Haggerty roads, a police report said.

The man said the incident happened prior to 12:45 p.m. Friday. He returned from work and found the screen door at his home was slightly open. He also noticed the door knob appeared to be stuck in a half-open position.

It appeared no one gained entry. The resident told police he had seen a shadow on his deck a couple of nights earlier. A neighbor reported a similar incident.

Hit and run

A Canton teen was cited for leaving the scene of a property damage accident following accusations she hit another car and left the scene at the Kroger parking lot southwest of Ford and Canton Center roads.

The incident was reported shortly before 7 p.m. Monday.

The woman whose car was struck told police she was leaving the store when a store employee approached her after seeing a blue Dodge Caravan back into her car, damage it and leave the scene.

The employee got a license plate number, allowing police to track down the 17-year-old driver, who told authorities she didn't believe the accident had done enough damage to warrant calling the police.

Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.



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Demolition of the Scott Correctional Facility was completed ahead of schedule on a \$1 contract between the Adamo group and Northville Township. From left are Northville Township Manager Chip Snider, Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, John Adamo Jr. and Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix.

Demolition of former prison facility creates possibilities

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The demolition of the former Scott Correctional Facility has been completed ahead of schedule and now Northville Township is looking forward to establishing a vision for the future gateway into the community.

The old prison buildings and barbed wire fence that were at the corner of Five Mile and Beck roads are gone and all that's left is some brick and masonry work. The demolition work was done by the Adamo Group, Inc., which agreed to pay Northville Township \$1 for the demolition work in exchange for salvage value of the former prison buildings. The contract agreement stated Adamo had until winter to complete the work.

The agreement with Adamo saved the township a lot of money in demolition costs, according to Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix.

"John Adamo and his construction crew are to

be complimented for their completion of the project substantially ahead of time," Nix said.

The property is 40 acres and is considered to be a prime piece of land that could provide an even better and attractive gateway into the community. This has been a group effort between Northville Township, the state and Adamo.

Nix said this couldn't have been done without the help of state Rep. Kurt Heise, who sponsored Public Act 85 of 2012 that facilitated the site's sale to Northville Township last year. As for Heise, he said this is what can happen when government works efficiently and together.

"The demolition of Scott Correctional Facility is a positive step forward for Northville Township and the surrounding communities," Heise said. "That is why I sponsored the bill a few years back that facilitated Northville's purchase of the property from the state. This is a prime piece of property in Northville Township and they are the best entity

to control what happens next."

The property is situated in the Five Mile corridor and the plan is to develop even more with research, technology and business uses that will help build regional development and an increase in tax base.

"This project represents a tremendous opportunity for the township and I look forward to working with the board of trustees to develop the appropriate uses for the property," Nix said.

The vision and planning process for its future will begin this fall.

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Golf outing will benefit Wounded Warrior Project

What organizers dub the "World's Largest Golf Outing" benefiting Wounded Warrior Project takes place 8 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at more than 110 golf courses nationwide.

Locally the event is being played at Fellows Creek Golf Club, located at 2936 S. Lotz, in Canton.

Wounded Warrior Project works to raise awareness for the needs of wounded service members and helps meet the needs of these service members through direct programs and services.

This event, organized by Billy Casper Golf, helped raise more than \$400,000 for WWP in 2012 by hosting more than 7,800 golfers nationwide. This year, the event has expanded to include more golf courses and has already raised more than \$290,000.

Golfers of any skill level can register for this event by following the link on the FellowsCreekGolf.com home page. The event is \$50, which includes golf, cart, lunch and a chance at

prizes; \$5 of each registration fee is donated directly to WWP. Other donations can be made through the website or at the golf course during the event.

Teams that raise more than \$500 for WWP through this event will receive thank you prizes based on their total team donation that range from water bottles to golf bags. Once registered, teams will be able to collect donations through the event page.

Sponsors are also welcome for this event and 100 percent of sponsor donations go directly to WWP.

This outing is a four-person golf scramble with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Anyone over the age of 13 can register to play and all registered

golfers will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a trip for four to the Nike campus in Beaverton, Ore. This trip includes airfare and accommodations, plus all four will get fitted for Nike Custom Fit irons and receive a hat and shirt package. Other prizes will be awarded for teams with the top score.

Billy Casper Golf began managing Fellows Creek Golf Club in March. Billy Casper Golf manages more than 150 golf courses and country clubs throughout the U.S. Fellows Creek is a 27-hole golf course that also features a banquet room, restaurant, and pro shop.

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The Livonia firefighters team competes in the tug o' war competition. ALL PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Highland Games draw thousands to Greenmead Historical Park

An estimated 12,000 spectators Saturday attended the 164th annual Highland Games at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia, up by about 1,000 from previous years.

Chair Cathy Hasse credits the weather, which she described as beautiful: "We had the best weather we've had in 15 years at Greenmead; I think the weather really did help us (with attendance)."

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit puts on the event.

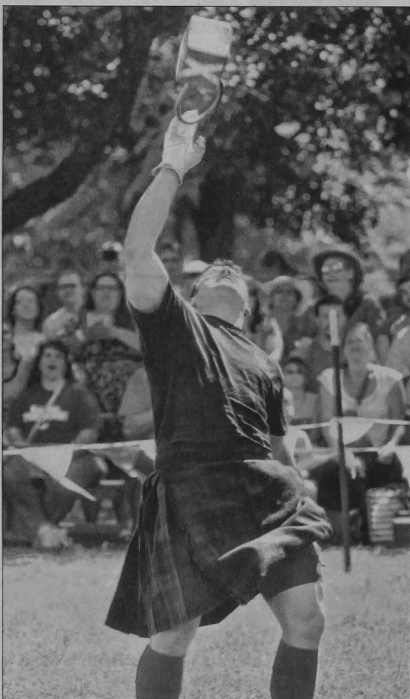
It's a proud tradition featuring annual favorites like the massed bands at opening ceremonies, competitions in heavy athletics like the caber toss and hammer throw, Wee Bairns children's activities, Scotch tasting and tug o' war.

Livonia firefighters competed in the tug o' war, won by a new group this year called the Highlanders. They took home the Loving Cup, a trophy donated by the Wayne County sheriff in 1931.

Hasse said the event rarely changes from year to year: "I think Scots and people that come to this event enjoy the traditions we always have," she said.

The Highland Games are a fundraiser for charity, raising as much as \$50,000 per year. This year's bills are still coming in, so Hasse doesn't know yet how much was raised. The benefiting charities, here and in Scotland, include the Salvation Army and scholarships for students studying the Scottish arts.

— By Karen Smith



Greg Pilling of Saline attempts to toss the hammer over a bar placed about 10 feet above his head.



Jeremy Gillingham, of New Haven, Ind., warms up before competing in the stone throw, similar to the shot put.

Tom Bailey and his mustache represent the Irish at the Highland Games. He's from Detroit.



Ed Nettle of Plymouth plays with the Cabar Feidh band in the massed bands march.



Mitzi VanderHarst, of Troy, warms up before the massed pipe bands march. She plays with the Cabar Feidh Pipe Band, based in Royal Oak. Behind her are band members Ed Nettle of Plymouth and Paul McLeod of Royal Oak.

United Way distributes emergency food

The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 15. The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned, non-perishable and perishable items. All recipients must preregister at Plymouth Community United Way,

960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth. This is a supplemental food program that may be used in addition to other assistance programs. Bridge Card holders automatically qualify, but need to preregister. Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC and general) must provide documentation, including proof of in-

come and residency, before receiving food on distribution days. Distributions continue 9:30-11 a.m. the third Thursday of each month at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, on Haggerty just north of Schoolcraft, in Plymouth Township. For information and to register, call 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or send email to randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Be comfortable but smart with investments

I heard a story the other day of an individual who is in his early 60s, works part time and has all his investments in CDs and money market accounts. He is single, has no dependents, feels very comfortable keeping his money in cash and believes he has more than enough to last him his entire life.

The person who told me the story asked if I thought there was anything wrong and what would I recommend. It may surprise readers, but my initial reaction was there's nothing wrong. After all, the man felt comfortable with his investments and had more than enough to take care of himself for the rest of his life.

It may not be the best financial move that he could make, however, not everything that we do in life is based upon what is good for our pocketbook. If I had an opportunity to sit down with this man, I would discuss the inherent risk in his current strategy.

Most people sit on cash because they think it is the safe way to invest. After all, if you keep your money in the bank, you can't lose it. That is true, however, you do lose something else and that is purchasing power.

Consider risk

Just like carbon monoxide is an invisible gas



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

that can kill you, purchasing power risk is a type of risk that you also do not see until it is too late. It is that risk that I would tell this man that he needs to plan for.

After all, if you leave your money in the bank and get less than a 1-percent return, we both know that the cost of living is going up more than that on a year-by-year basis. Therefore, to choose to leave an entire portfolio in cash, an investor must make sure that he or she does have enough money to last the rest of his or her life.

I always tell people that if you're retiring in your 60s, you must plan for retirement of at least 30 years.

One mistake investors make is they get involved with investments that they are not comfortable with. As a result, when those investments take a downturn, which inevitably happens with every investment, they tend to panic and sell. Of course, they sell near the low, which never makes sense.

One ingredient for successful investing is to make sure you understand your investments and feel comfortable with them. If you don't,

it's a sure sign that you ought to avoid it.

Cash no longer king

Keeping large amounts of money in cash in this environment is not good economically. However, for certain people it may help them sleep at night. I have never met an investment that is worth staying up overnight and worrying about. If you have such an investment in your portfolio, it's a sure sign that you ought to sell it.

It used to be that cash was king; that is no longer the case. With interest rates at record lows, it is impossible to make money on CDs and cash. However, if that is the only type of investment that you are comfortable with, that is the type of investment you should invest in.

However, be smart with those investments and look for opportunities to receive better returns by shopping CD rates around the country.

You would be surprised how much rates differ and, as long as it's a federally insured institution, you're protected.

Good luck.

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



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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Canton shop features DIY yogurt

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

Menchie's. We offer 14 rotating flavors of self-serve frozen yogurt and non-dairy sorbet. With 40-plus do-it-yourself toppings, fresh-baked waffle bowls, syrups and sauces, any mix is possible! We offer fundraisers, birthday parties and field trips, too. The Menchie's Private Label Collection is made exclusively with our own custom blend of flavors that you won't find anywhere else. We strive to offer something for every guest and pride ourselves on using only the highest quality ingredients.

Our product line boasts gluten-free, vegan, low-carb, no-sugar-added and no-high-fructose corn syrup options and we strive to use natural flavors including real cake, cookies, spices, fruits and nuts. Our entire line of frozen yogurt is certified Kosher and is awarded the Live & Active Culture seal by the National Yogurt Association.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Menchie's. In 2010, on a family vacation to California, we visited a yogurt shop and fell in love with the self-serve concept and thought our friends and community back



Joyce and Mike Barszcz opened Menchie's Frozen Yogurt in Canton in November.

home would love it, too. We researched different chains and learned of Menchie's. With a strong business model, terrific branding and values in line with those of our family (health, quality, family, fun, community, education, leadership, long-term relationships), Menchie's was the brand for us.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Menchie's. We've been Canton residents for 15 years and wanted to bring this delicious yogurt and fun experience to our friends and community that we love.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Menchie's. We're in the business of making people smile. We do that by offering a fun, family-friendly experience, top-notch guest service and delicious frozen yogurt.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Menchie's. When we opened nine months ago, very few people knew what Menchie's was. We took on the challenge of introducing the community to just how delicious, unique and fun Menchie's is and it's really caught on. We have now become a destination spot for

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Your hometown: Canton

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guests from many miles away. Some guests visit us almost daily and they've become good friends.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Menchie's. Menchie's has become a place for friends and families to gather in celebration. One guest got creative and asked his girlfriend to prom here on our chalkboard. We have sports teams, dance troupes and Scout troops come to Menchie's after games, per-

formances and club events. Trips to the dentist, good report cards and chores well done often are followed with a treat at Menchie's. Several guests have made Menchie's their last stop before flying out of town and their very first stop on arrival back home. One sweet story is about a gentleman who came in to get yogurt for his wife, who was waiting in the car. She was recovering from outpatient surgery, hadn't eaten for 18 hours and wanted Menchie's for her very first post-surgery meal.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Menchie's. Menchie's suits families on a tight budget; our self-serve concept allows you to decide exactly how much to spend. You make your own mix. So you can fill your bowl a little or a lot.

Observer: Any advice for other (would-be) business owners?

Menchie's. Don't be afraid to take a chance and follow your dreams.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Menchie's. We are planning some fun events for the upcoming months. We'll be on Facebook more (Menchie's Canton Center) for more details.

Gearing up with the latest in fitness technology

Are all of your friends and co-workers sporting new bracelets? They may actually be activity trackers that allow users to better understand their health.

In July I joined the fitness tech craze after Verizon loaned me a JawBone Up™. The JawBone Up is much more than a pedometer that

sits comfortably on your wrist. It tracks sleep patterns, activity trends and syncs with the JawBone Mobile App so owners can plug in other details such as caloric intakes.

It took very little effort to integrate the JawBone Up™ into my life. I downloaded the app, charged the device using the USB port on my com-

puter. That's all it took to start, and syncing daily activities with the phone was even easier. The JawBone Up has a RCA adapter that plugs into your smartphone's headphone jack.

By pairing the device through the headphone jack about twice a day, the JawBone can download your steps and sleep patterns right to your

phone. From there owners can trend their patterns over days, months or weeks.

So how does a small, hypoallergenic rubber band with a computer chip understand your sleep patterns and step workouts? With what JawBone calls cutting-edge movement tracking technology. This technology understands when your body is at rest and when it is at motion. The result is big data that can help owners understand and adjust their lifestyles to be more healthy.

The JawBone Up is available in small, medium and large and in a multitude of colors including black for those who don't want to have a bright bracelet on. It retails for a \$129 at Verizon Wireless.

Although pedometers have been around for ages, they aren't exactly in competition with the JawBone. JawBone is an advanced fitness gadget for a connected person on-the-go. Devices such as the JawBone Up have become increasingly popular over the years thanks in part to Fit Bit



Jon Gunnells
TECH SAVVY

which has been leading the personal fitness tracking industry. Arguably, FitBit's best device is the FitBit Flex, another wristband that tracks activity and sleep. It is \$99 and also has LED lights to show your daily progress in terms of activity. It even has a silent alarm to wake you up in the morning—so no more showing up late to work because of the AM/PM thing or having your phone turned to silent.

FitBit also sells a wireless step tracker for \$99 and a Wireless Activity Tracker for \$59. However, if you are serious about become more healthy, or staying with a routine, the best bet is the Fit Bit Flex (or the JawBone Up).

Another very solid fitness tracking device is the Nike FuelBand. The FuelBand tracks daily activities from your wrist and syncs with the Nike+ FuelBand app.

Nike's app also has social media functions built in so you can track fitness goals and share with friends who are also in the program.

At \$149, the FuelBand is the most expensive of the bunch but it also has some more advanced technology like extra LED lights and a built-in watch. It comes in black and white.

For more serious adventures, Nike also offers the Nike+ Sport+ Watch and GPS for \$169. It tracks your runs and remembers your best times which is beneficial for coaches and athletes.

Lastly, Nike has sports bands, digital flexible wrist watches that sell for \$59. They don't track sleep but can measure heart rate, pace, calories burned and they are water resistant. The sport bands are essentially everything you can track on your tread mill, in a mobile format.

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BRIEFS

Golf for school

The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth announced a promotion to support school supply collection efforts of the Plymouth Community United Way. Aug. 12-15, when patrons play a round of golf and donate a new backpack with at least four school supply items inside, they will receive a voucher for free golf to be used at a later date. Backpacks with supplies can be brought to the St. John's Pro Shop at tee-time check in.

"This is our second year doing a backpack and school supply promotion with the United Way," general manager Paul Wegert said.

"Last year, our golf patrons really came through to help the kids in our area start school prepared to learn. I know they will once again."

According to the United Way, local service agencies say the number of people seeking assistance is increasing each year. Many requests are from people who were previous donors and now find themselves in tough situations.

Design specialist

Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design named interior designer Tina Rossi of Canton as a Certified Aging in Place specialist. Rossi is based in the company's Southfield showroom.

Aging in Place, a program run by the National Association of Home Builders, focuses on universal design, which is geared toward Baby Boomers who wish to enhance and improve their homes so they may stay in them as they age.

"As Americans live longer and more active lives, there is a growing need in this segment of the market," Rossi said. "Overall, this design element can be virtually invisible as many solutions exist to make the home beautiful while also safe for those living in it."

Rossi received her degree in interior design from Henry Ford Community College. Affiliated with the American Society of Interior Designers, Rossi is business administration from University of Michigan-Dearborn, and has his CPA certification in the state of Michigan.

Accountant promotions

The Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, Michigan office has promoted five employees, including Kevin Welch of Canton, to senior accountant.

Welch has a bachelor's degree in business administration from University of Michigan-Dearborn, and has his CPA certification in the state of Michigan.

He is a member of the Detroit Economic Club, Beta Alpha Psi and a board member of Kappa Sigma Chapter. He has been a practicing accountant for 2½ years.

"Each of these individuals has not only demonstrated strong technical expertise, but has also focused on building external and internal relationships," Whisman said. "They have helped build a better business through efforts and have demonstrated a commitment to the firm."

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CORN ROAST

Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Cady/Boyer Barn, Ridge just north of Cherry Hill in Canton
Details: The Canton Lions Club hosts its annual corn roast. For a donation of \$5, visitors get corn roasted to perfection, hot dogs, baked beans, ice cream, snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy and watermelon. The club is also selling raffle tickets for \$5 each, which will give the buyer a chance to win \$500 cash first prize. The second-prize winner will receive \$200 cash, with the third-prize winner receiving a gift certificate from N.A. Mans Lumber for \$100. The Lions Club has invited the Michigan Eye Bank, which will advise members about the Gift of Sight and organ donation. The Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind will be available to reveal how it assists the blind and removes barriers that are impediments to their daily living
Contact: For more information or to get involved with the Canton Lions, contact Lon Bill Van Winkle at 734-254-8408 or email goodwill@howway.com.

SUMMER KIDS DAY

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 13
Location: Catholic Vantage Credit Union, Plymouth/Canton branch, 8817 Sheldon in Plymouth.
Details: There is still seating available for Catholic Vantage Credit Union's Summer Kids Day Camp event. The fun takes place at the Plymouth branch and is available for children ages 5-10 for a storybook reading, snack and credit union tour.

Contact: RSVP by calling 734-432-0212, ext. 203, or email jcalatone@mcvcl.org.
HALLELUJAH GIRLS
Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 10, 8 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 11, 2 p.m.
Location: Barefoot Productions Theater, 240 N. Main in Plymouth
Details: Barefoot Productions' summer comedy hit, The Hallelujah Girls, shows for one final weekend. There are still tickets left for this weekend. Tickets are \$15 each for all seats.
Cost: To reserve tickets or for more information, call the box office at 734-560-1493 or visit Barefoot's website at www.justbarefoot.com.

PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 7, 9-11 a.m.
Location: East end of Kalamooz Park
Details: The Trailwood Garden Club, member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, is sponsoring a perennial exchange during the Plymouth Fall Festival. Bring perennials to exchange or just stop by and see what is available. Garden club members will be there to answer any questions.
Contact: For more information, contact Darlene at 734-459-7499.

PRICE HOURS

Date/Time: Monday, Aug. 12, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center



Free time

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors "Free Day" at the Plymouth Historical Museum 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. The museum, located at 155 S. Main, in Plymouth, will be open free to the public to see its B&W exhibit and the entire museum. The admission fee to the museum is normally \$5 person, but on this day visitors get to experience what organizers call "one of the community's true gems" as they literally walk through the history of the community. For more information, visit www.plymouthhistory.org

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Details: Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price will be conducting district office hours. The session will allow constituents the opportunity to sit down with Price and discuss matters of concern within the community. "I thoroughly look forward to and enjoy the opportunity to meet with my constituents and listen to their concerns," Price said. "We have many critical issues facing us today in Wayne County and I welcome input from everyone in my district. Participation from my constituents is always greatly appreciated."

Contact: For more information, call Price aide Mike Mitchell at 313-224-0882.

CROP WALK RECRUITERS MEETING

Date/Time: Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m.
Location: Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon in Canton

Details: All area churches, temples and mosques in Canton and Plymouth are invited to send a representative to this meeting regarding the CROP walk, to be held Sunday, Oct. 13, in Plymouth. CROP hunger walks bring the whole community together in a common mission: helping hungry people at home and around the world.
Contact: For more information, contact Gary or Becky Copenhaver at bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com or 734-981-6023.

'COME AND SEE' DINNER

Date/Time: Sept. 7, 5-7 p.m.; Sept. 8, 1-3 p.m.; Sept. 14, 5-7 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township

Details: Catholics and non-Catholics within the parish boundaries are invited to a free "Come and See" dinner introducing the parish's new Alpha Course starting this fall. Alpha is a 10-week program aimed at answering the call to the New Evangelization. Child care is available on site for dinner participants free of charge.

Contact: The parish at 734-453-0326 or visit the OGC website at www.olgpcparish.net. Register for the dinner online at https://olgpcparish.wufoo.com/forms/q7x1k9/

BLOOD DRIVES

Date/Time/Locations:
 » Sunday, Aug. 11, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., BAPS Temple, 3175 S. Canton Center, Canton.

» Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2-7:45 p.m., Congregation Church, 3855 Sheldon, Canton.

» Friday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Canton Library, 1200 N. Canton Center, Canton.

» Monday, Aug. 26, 1:30-7:15 p.m., VFV Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth.

» Thursday, Aug. 29, 1-6:45 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main,

Plymouth.

Details: The American Red Cross sponsors several blood drives in the area. Tickets to Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio, will be raffled off at these drives.

Contact: To make an appointment, contact Diane Risko at 313-549-7052.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Date/Time: Sept. 6-8, during Fall Festival hours

Location: Plymouth

Details: Organizers say it's not too early to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. There are only a few spaces left in the show. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com.

Contact: For more information, contact Colleen Brown, craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com or 734-455-1614.

VENDORS WANTED

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 9

Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville.

Details: Organizers of the sixth annual Bizarre Bazaar are looking for crafters, vendors and entrepreneurs. Indoor spaces available. It's an opportunity to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Grow business and help women in Third World countries start a business with a

micro-loan from a Village Bank.

Contact: For details and to reserve your space, go to <http://www.mcnorthville.org/micro-loans-and-service>, email: kumc-bazaar@gmail.com or find it on Facebook.

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Date/Time: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6-7:30 p.m.
Location: Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608, Plymouth.

Details: The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group.

Contact: Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

DIABETES SUPPORT

Date/Time: Second Thursday of each month, 2-3:30 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self-management strategies.
Contact: Call Fern Vining at 734-454-0859.

SUPPORT GROUP

Date/Time: Second Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts, who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences.
Contact: For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or by email at pretymcarn@comcast.net.

HOSPICE SUPPORT

Date/Time: Third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.
Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email christensen@cnh.net.

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OUR VIEWS

Protecting our water resources begins at home

Anyone taking a drive past Newburgh Lake in Wayne County's Edward Hines Park this summer has probably noticed much of the lake's surface is covered by a green mat of algae.

The algae makes it tough to maneuver canoes and kayaks, is an obstacle to fishing, sucks the oxygen out of the water and probably isn't what Wayne County officials had envisioned when they invested nearly \$12 million on a restoration project back in 1998 to clean up the lake.

The reality is the lake, which is located in Livonia along Hines Drive, is actually doing pretty good despite the algae. Fish populations are relatively healthy (and much healthier than they were prior to the restoration project), and it remains a great place to see birds and other wildlife that thrives along its banks.

Yet it stands as an example of the impact people can have on a watershed, especially urban watersheds like the Rouge River, which has been impounded to create Newburgh Lake and other small lakes in the area.

The algae in Newburgh Lake is due to nonpoint source pollution — essentially soil erosion and the fertilizer that runs off lawns in upstream areas like Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Westland and even as far away as Novi and Novi Township. It may be hard to believe that somebody applying too much fertilizer on a lawn in Salem could have a negative impact on a lake in southern Livonia, but water (and everything it carries with it) moves downstream through rivers and streams and ultimately collects in impoundments like Newburgh Lake.

Also, excessive storm water runoff, especially after heavy rains causes soil erosion. This sediment, which in Michigan contains phosphorus that causes algae blooms, also collects in impoundments and lakes.

And you don't have to live along a river or stream to contribute to the problem. In fact, the storm drains that dot most suburban streets are really the headwaters of a watershed. Everything that gets swept into or flushed down a storm drain eventually makes its way into local waterways.

That's why it is important for homeowners and other property owners to take certain steps that can have a huge impact on keeping waterways healthy. Here are just a few of the precautions people can take to help.

» Make sure you or your lawn service provider use only phosphorus-free lawn fertilizers.

» When applying fertilizers keep them on the lawn, and off of paved surfaces where they will be swept into storm drains. If you do get fertilizer on paved surfaces, sweep it up.

» Use native Michigan plants when possible. They soak up more storm water than turf lawns and help control erosion.

» Build rain gardens with native plants or install rain barrels to help keep storm water on your property, rather than have it go directly into storm drains. This helps prevent stream bank erosion.

» Keep pet wastes, leaves and debris out of street gutters and storm drains.

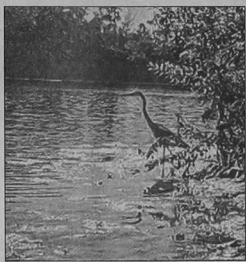
» If you are still on a septic system, have it inspected and pumped at least every three to five years.

» Purchase household detergents and cleaners that are low in phosphorus to reduce the amount of nutrients discharged into our lakes, streams and coastal waters.

» Clean vehicles at a car wash rather than in the driveway or street where soaps and cleaners will be made their way into storm drains.

All of this nonpoint source pollution has a negative impact on drinking water supplies, recreation, fisheries and wildlife.

Everyone, whether they realize it or not, has an impact on the health of local waterways. Everyone lives upstream to some body of water. We live in a state that in many ways is defined by its magnificent water resources. As such, we have an obligation to protect and preserve them for future generations. And it starts at home.



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COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of the township's decision to halt late-night fireworks even on holidays?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I love the decision. I'm all for it."

Lisa Nissen
Canton



"It sounds like maybe one would be more likely to get some agreement on that."

Kris Warnemuende
Canton



"I would agree with it. We were still hearing fireworks at night past the holidays — boom, boom boom!"

Joan Rounke
Canton



"Yes, I have pets and the fireworks are very upsetting to pets."

Dan Duquette
Canton

LETTERS

Those meanies

In a recent letter to the editor, Doug Tomayko accused me and a fellow letter contributor, Jim Huddleston, of being mean-spirited and condescending in the opinion pieces that we write.

I can't speak for Jim, but at the risk of being condescending or perhaps even mean-spirited to those with incredibly thin skins, it would have been helpful to readers had Tomayko cited examples of his contention in the form of quotes from past published letters that he found offensive. He provided none.

Rather he suggested that "people rise up and write letters" seemingly for the purpose of drowning out the opinions of those with whom he differed, but seemed unwilling to debate on the issues by using sourced facts and cogent thought. Instead of complaining, perhaps Mr. Tomayko should put in the time and effort to compose a letter where he takes a stance on an issue or rebuts an opinion piece and backs his assertions with documentation.

Instead, in order to stifle intelligent public debate Tomayko childishly implores people to even "have your children" write letters. My question for Mr. Tomayko is: Letters about what?

And if Mr. Tomayko thinks that my efforts to point out, with appropriate documentation,

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falsehoods or misleading misinterpretations put out by politicians or others who enter the public forum is being mean or ungentlemanly, so be it. Too many people these days accept and parrot what they hear from dubious sources that meet no standard of veracity.

These same people then make decisions based upon this misinformation that can damage themselves, their families and others. In my world those who would cynically use deception to entice folks to act against self-interest for whatever reason are the real condescending meanies and should be ousted. Apparently Mr. Tomayko disagrees.

God bless our democratic republic.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Tea Party dribble

I was watching a local newscast from the Michigan Senefloor as they were trying to come to an agreement on the Affordable Care Act. Lo and behold, who should appear but Patrick Colbeck. As usual he was spouting his Tea Party dribble. I swear, I thought he was going to break into the theme song from Mighty Mouse, "Here I come to save the day!"

He has come up with so many lame excuses to justify the Tea Party platform and so many idiotic plans that he should be dubbed the Rube Goldberg of politics. Unfortunately, we are stuck with him until the next election.

Oh, and I read on the opinion page of the *Aug. 1 Observer* a writer took umbrage with previous comments of mine. His remedy reads like a page from the Tea Party manifesto — fill the air with nonsense and stifle the voices against the right wing currently in power in Lansing. Good luck with that.

I do appreciate being compared to Nolan Finley. That would have been a slap in the face and a grievous insult.

James Huddleston
Canton

STAFF COLUMN

Fitz the perfect example of an educator who cared

One former Plymouth-Canton Community Schools employee remembered Dr. Patrick Fitzpatrick, the former assistant and interim principal at Salem High School who died over the weekend, as a tough-but-gentle administrator who demanded perfection from staffers.

And nearly everyone — staff, students, colleagues and friends — remembered him as someone who dedicated his life to the education of his students.

Fitzpatrick stayed on the job longer than doctors wanted him to while he waited for a heart transplant, but not as long as he would have, given his druthers. "I'm not sure he wouldn't still have been that little office at Salem, the one he occupied for 40 years. They didn't actually construct the building around him; he became such an institution there, it just felt that way.

You can read in our front-page story the tale former Superintendent Jim Ryan, Fitz's last boss, told about Fitzpatrick giving him no more than two minutes to make his speech at the first graduation Ryan attended as the superintendent. "That day, Ryan laughs at the thought of constraining any conversation in which he's involved to two minutes, but he did it that day under the watchful eye of Fitzpatrick."

But the story is only alluded to might be a better one, a tale perhaps more indicative both of what the school and the district



Patrick Fitzpatrick, who passed away over the weekend, started an education career that spanned five decades at Willow Run High School in 1964. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

meant to Fitzpatrick and what Fitzpatrick meant to it.

When former Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostoin suffered a stroke, Fitz came to Ryan and told him he wanted to fill in until Ostoin was ready to come back. There was no wavering on the idea Ostoin would make it back; just a desire to hold Ostoin's spot until he was ready to reclaim it.

Of course, Ostoin wound up retiring, never having reclaimed the seat, and Fitzpatrick filled in until his retirement. Ostoin and Fitzpatrick were a team in every sense: the word and solid teammates to the rest of the staff.

"You know, Salem is the Rocks (the school's athletic nickname)," Ryan said the other day. "But Fitz and Jerry were really the rocks in that building."

I only met Fitz a few times and each time was instructive. I sat with him just before his retirement and he talked about his early career, in the 1960s in the Willow Run district. They wanted him to stick around and take an open principal position at his high

school, but Fitz felt compelled to make a career change.

Mike Hoben, who would go on to become superintendent and have an elementary school named after him, talked Fitz into coming to Plymouth-Canton, which had just bought 300 acres at Canton Center and Joy. Hoben envisioned a complex that would be home to four high schools and Fitz said he was intrigued.

"I just felt like I had something to contribute," he told me. The former students I talked to when Fitz retired all told me the same thing: Fitz was about ways to make them better. He'd find a quiet room for a kid who needed one, do whatever he could to make the learning easier. His old friend Ken Jacobs, the former assistant superintendent who started as a special education teacher around the same time Fitz was starting his Salem, said his friend earned the right to walk into retirement with his head held high.

I've thought about Fitz and teachers and administrators like him over the years as I've heard people gripe about the quality and, especially, the dedication of teachers. The profession, not to mention the Plymouth-Canton district, is replete with teachers who bust a gut creating a solid learning environment for kids.

Fitz did it for 46 years, the last 40 of it right there from his little room at Salem High School. And while his reign was confined mostly to the walls of Salem, his reach extended to the lives of those he touched.

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Algae, weeds are fouling Newburgh Lake

Despite challenges, officials call lake 'a success story'

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

It's been about 15 years since Wayne County completed a nearly \$12 million restoration of Newburgh Lake, which for decades was one of the crown jewels of the Wayne County Parks system. The project, paid for through a federal grant and completed in 1998, was an attempt to resurrect the once popular destination for fishing and boating.

Yet, today, the lake is not safe to fish and boating never will be. Canoists and kayakers use the lake but have a difficult time plying its waters due to excessive amounts of algae growth and invasive Eurasian watermilfoil, which found its way into the lake about 10 years ago and has now spread throughout most of the western portion of the lake. As a result, there is a large green mat covering a lot of the lake's surface, which harms the aesthetic value of the park.

County officials know what's causing the problems, but are trying to figure out what they can do to mitigate them. The algae growth is largely a result of storm water runoff after rain events that carries sediment loads and lawn fertilizers from upstream areas into the lake. The Eurasian watermilfoil is a separate issue and certainly not unique to Newburgh Lake. Once in a lake, it is very difficult to control.

Still, despite these challenges, county officials say the lake is still safe for fishing and boating, and remains a great recreational resource for those who live and work in Wayne County.



Friends of the Rouge member Mike Darga (right) takes a group of interested neighbors on a tour of Newburgh Lake on July 25. Darga is looking to improve conditions on the lake - which lies along Hines Drive and is part of the Rouge River system - as the lake is filling with weeds and algae growth, making its enjoyment difficult. JOHN HECKER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"Newburgh Lake is a wonderful amenity for our Wayne County residents," said Kelly Cave, director of Water Quality Management Division for the Wayne County Department of Public Services. "We have many, many species of fish. And the lake is home to many birds, salamanders, right down to the bugs and aquatic insects. It is a success story."

The clean up

At the time of the restoration project, the 145-acre lake was basically on life support. As population and industry began moving into the western suburbs, Newburgh Lake, created in the 1930s by damming up the Rouge River, became plagued by pollution fed to it by the river upstream. The lake bottom was contaminated by large amounts of toxic PCBs, creating a dangerous public nuisance. Fish surveys in the late 1980s indicated high concentrations of these PCBs in the lake's fish.

Many of the issues that once plagued the river - industrial run-off

and sanitary overflows - have been eliminated and are no longer the issue, according to Mike Darga, who serves as president of Friends of the Rouge, an organization that has spearheaded efforts to clean up the Rouge River for decades.

About two weeks ago, Darga guided a tour around Newburgh Lake that was attended by about a dozen people. He talked about the lake's storied history, which includes figures like Henry Ford, who built a dam on the lake for his village industries. Of course, the industrialization ultimately had a negative impact on the lake and the Rouge River as a whole.

Measured improvements

Kelly Cave first came to Michigan in 1993 when she was with a consulting firm working on the Rouge River restoration plan. Soon thereafter she hired on with the county and has seen firsthand the improvements to the Rouge River, along with Newburgh Lake.

"Just like the rest of

the Rouge River system, we have seen great improvements in Newburgh Lake. In terms of having the lake and Rouge River as recreational resources, we have seen some staggering numbers as far as improvements to water quality go," Cave said.

The improvements have been so great that Alan Heavener, who has rented canoes on the Huron River for 60 years, approached the county last year about operating a livery on the lake. For the second year in a row, Heavener is doing just that. The company has 25 canoes and two kayaks for rent Fridays through Sundays.

"Everyone we talk to is just thrilled about us being here," said Jeff Vallender, a Heavener employee who coordinates the rentals at Newburgh Lake.

Still, Vallender admits

the unsightly algae and excessive weed growth are a problem. He said it scares away a lot of potential canoeists.

"It isn't attractive. The concern I have is the number of people who don't come up and talk to us. They see the green out there and they don't want to get into a canoe. The impression it leaves is it is polluted. People don't realize it's a natural issue," said Vallender, a Farmington resident.

Residents must help

Darga said the big challenge that groups like Friends of the Rouge and the county have is to convince people to be more aware of the impact they having on water quality. Stormwater runoff from lawns as far away as Salem Township, Novi and Northville Township ultimately finds its way to Newburgh Lake.

"Today, it's more of the man-made issues - the fertilizers, the oils off of our cars. These are things Wayne County can't really control," Darga said.

The county lists things people can do at home on its website. Visit www.waynecounty.com/doe_swgn_res_pp.htm for some tips.

As for the Eurasian watermilfoil, Cave said there a couple courses of action the county could take, but it is important to find the right one. For example, she said the county could take a harvester out on the lake, but she said that would only be short-term and could make the problem worse if the chopped up weeds make their way downstream. Other solutions could be a herbicide or the use of small weeds that target the plant.

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Jacobs earns fourth O&E golf title

Accomplished amateur also won 2004-2006 events

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

The newest *Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Tournament* champ is back from her sabbatical.

And don't consider Janina Jacobs just a blast from the past as she earned her fourth championship flight title with a one-shot victory over Livonian Deb Horning under ideal playing conditions Saturday at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

The 57-year-old Jacobs, who captured three consecutive O&E crowns from 2004-2006, shot 40 on the front nine and added 41 on the back side to finish with 81.

Horning carded 39-43-82 to finish second, while Madonna

University sophomore and Livonia Churchill High grad Jordyn Shepler placed third with 39-44-83.

"I hate to admit this, but I had 38 putts, so to shoot 81, I guess, I was hitting it OK and I did," said Jacobs, who lives in St. Clair.

Despite the unusually high number of putts, Jacobs would not be denied as she picked up the first-place trophy and a \$100 gift certificate.

"It hit the lip, sit right in the lips, spin out, do 180s," Jacobs said of her efforts on the greens. "I'm really proud of myself for not getting discouraged about that, because that can happen and I've played long enough to know that you can have those kind of days. But what you need to do is remember that you're really close. So the difference between shooting 81 and 73 was that much. I was putting at bird-

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Janina Jacobs (left) of St. Clair won the championship flight and Cynthia Pinkard of Southfield took the first flight in Saturday's O&E Women's Golf Tournament, held at Whispering Willows. BRAD EMMONS

O&E men's golf sign-up

The O&E men's golf tournament, a 36-hole, two-day medal play event, will be Sunday, Sept. 1, at Fox Creek Golf Course, 3660 W. Seven Mile Road, and Monday, Sept. 2, at Whispering Willows Golf Course, 20500 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Te times start at 8 a.m. both days. 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.golf.livonia.com.

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MU spikers singing 'O Canada'

Abraham adds pair of middle hitters from Ontario

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

Based on need, Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham spent the off-season going through customs to find two of his latest recruits.

And for the first time in his 27-year career, Abraham used his passport wisely and was able to land front-row help north of the border.

After going 35-9 overall, capturing the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and earning his 12th trip to the AIAA national tournament, Abraham has already fortified a strong returning lineup by adding two fresh-

man middle hitters from Ontario in 6-foot-1 Hannah Poole and 6-2 Katie Breatul.

"That was one of our preferences," said Abraham, the NAIA's all-time winningest coach (1,005 victories). "We lost Taylor (Dzievut) and an All-American middle hitter Nastya (Baranovska). The entire recruiting season was to bring in four attackers and we did that. And fortunately we had two nice-sized, very gifted athletes in Hannah (Poole) and Katie (Breatul). Both have the ability to come in and compete for starting spots immediately."

Poole, who hails from Kitchener's Forest Heights Collegiate Institute, and Breatul, who played at Amherstburg General Amherst, are joined by a pair of 5-10 incoming freshmen, Maya Davis (Romulus) and Payton Maxheimer (Fenton).

"We wanted to bring in four players and we did," Abraham said. "We were specific in our recruiting needs. I think the team has good balance and has good depth. We have an excellent group of experienced players coming back. We sprinkle in these two really quality middle hitters, an outside hitter and a right-side hitter, so it kind of makes for a good, quality group."

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Bowl to help pet rescue

The eighth annual Bowl 4-Animal-Rescue will take place Saturday, Aug. 10, at Country Lanes, 30250 W. Nine Mile Rd., Farmington Hills.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Dearborn Animal Shelter and Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

The event includes food, music, raffles and a silent auction. Non-bowlers can purchase a meal ticket for \$10.

The high pledge-getter will win a new bowling ball. A person pledging \$300 will receive VIB status at the event.

Lane sponsors are needed, too. For more information, call 248-615-9060 or go online to bowl4animalrescue.org.

Stingrays fundraiser

Here's a tasty way to help the Plymouth Stingray '02 hockey team.

Bearigan's, located at 4041 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, is today hosting a fundraiser with 20 percent of all sales being donated to the hockey program.

There also will be gift baskets and a 50/50 raffle during the day-long event.

For more information, call 734-459-8907.



The Unplugged crew poses for a photo before sailing in the Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island race.

Power-sailing

Farmington Hills' Clayson skippers Unplugged to runner-up finish in Port Huron-to-Mackinac race

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

With clear skies and plenty of wind available, the conditions were close to ideal for this year's Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island sailboat race.

But that made the July 20-22 event no less challenging for skipper Tim Clayson of Farmington Hills and his crew of Unplugged.

The boat, a 36½-foot, 9,300-pound J/11 participating in its third Mackinac race, moved faster in the heavier winds, but that didn't necessarily make for easy sailing. It was still hard work.

"We were sitting (on the rails) for pretty much 16 hours to keep it as level as possible," Clayson said. "After that many hours, it can get pretty tiring."

"During that time, everybody is on deck because it's too rough to go below and try to get any rest. You're tossed around too much. Pretty much everybody stays on deck at that point in time."

Unplugged and its six-man crew weathered the storm, so



Unplugged, with its spinnaker unfurled, passes the Round Island lighthouse near Mackinac Island.

to speak, and had yet another successful race, finishing second among 11 boats in the Cove Island Course PHRF C Class.

To finish in the medal round and earn one of the cherished flags, a boat must finish in the top three. It's the eighth time in 14 Mackinac races that Clayson and crew have done that. Unplugged has four victories and one other runner-up finish.

"Whenever we can get on the podium for a flag, it's been a successful race," Clayson said, adding this year's post-race party took place on the

lawn in front of the Grand Hotel.

This is the third year Unplugged has sailed the longer Cove Island Course, having been fourth a year ago and third in 2011. Previously, the older Catalina boat competing in the Shore Course Cruising D Class.

The 2014 race started at noon Saturday in light winds, but they increased to knots in the upper teens and low 20s as the boat neared Harbor Beach and the tip of the Thumb.

"Most of the night was rough," Clayson said. "We had one individual who got seasick and we heard a lot of stories of people on other boats who did. So it was quite a rough ride up to Cove Island. But it was fast, too."

"You're pointing into the wind as much as you can. You're pounding into the waves and that's what makes it rough. You're also taking a lot of spray over the boat, so you're wearing foul-weather gear."

"It's something we've dealt with in the past, but it's not often we have a beat of that duration and wind strength."

Better sailing

Things got a little easier after Unplugged rounded Cove Island farther up Lake Huron

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Rams finish 2-2 in NABF World Series

Though it wasn't the ending they wanted, the Michigan Rams had a positive finish Saturday in the NABF College World Series in Toledo, Ohio.

The Rams won their final game, 7-0, over Shrub Oak (N.Y.) and concluded their stay in the 22-and-under tournament with a 2-2 record in pool play.

Despite being back on the field just 12 hours after playing 25 innings the previous day, the Rams mustered 16 hits for an impressive finale, offensively.

Matt Avromov led the attack with a 4-for-6 game that included a

double. Tyler Baker was 3-for-4 with a pair of two-base hits, while Griffin Harms was 3-for-6 with a double.

Avromov, Baker, Harms, J.P. Maracani (2-for-5) and Dylan Yancey had one RBI and scored one run each. Trent Drumbheller also doubled; he and Mike Kanitra drove in one run apiece.

The Rams used four pitchers with starter Chris McDonald getting the win. He, Kyle Burkholder and Kanitra worked two innings and Jeremy Hardesty three.

In a closing performance, Kanitra allowed neither a hit nor a walk

while striking out three. New York (1-3) had six hits.

In Game 3 Friday, the Rams played 15½ innings and suffered a 2-1 loss to undefeated Peppino's Pizza of Grand Rapids (Mich.) in a game that lasted 4½ hours at Ousky Field in Oregon, Ohio.

Peppino's Jake Morton (2-or-4) had the game-winning hit that scored Brendan Bender with two out in the bottom of the 16th inning. The run was unearned.

Steven Schulling pitched the last nine innings for Peppino's to get the win, allowing six hits but no walks and striking out one.

Jake Balicki took the loss after working 4½ innings in relief for the Rams. He gave up three hits, walked three and one batter.

The Rams outthrew Peppino's, 10-6. Each team left 11 runners on base and committed one error.

Drumbheller, Maracani, Harms and Sherman had two hits apiece for the Rams. Avromov had the lone RBI, scoring Drumbheller.

Drew Farmer drove in the first run for Peppino's.

The loss overshadowed an outstanding pitching effort by Rams starter Evan Picheota (Livonia Stevenson, Ma-

donna), who was subsequently named to the all-tournament team. Picheota worked 11 innings and was relieved after throwing 137 pitches. He had a no-hitter through 6½ innings and eventually allowed three hits. Picheota, who was 26-of-39 on throwing first-pitch strikes, struck out nine and walked three.

RAMS VS. PAW PAINTING The Rams began tournament play Aug. 1 with an abbreviated, four-inning victory over PAW Painting of Ohio at Sylvan's Southview High School.

The Rams scored 11 runs in the top of the fourth inning to break a 4-4 tie and win decisively. The game was not decided by the mercy rule, however.

At the end of the fifth inning, a sudden storm blew through the area, stopping play and flooding the field within 15 minutes. With other games scheduled to be played afterward and an estimated two hours

needed to make the field playable again, PAW conceded the victory.

Donna was named MVP for four innings for the Rams, allowing three hits and four walks. The Rams had a dozen hits off losing pitcher Ryan Adams.

Matt Priske went 4-for-4 at the plate with three doubles to lead the Michiganers. He knocked in one run and scored three.

Peppino's starter J.P. Maracani was 2-for-3 with three hits and two RBIs.

Trent Drumbheller and Brett Barnes drove in two runs each. Tyler Baker and Dylan Sherman were also productive. Drumbheller also scored three runs. Barnes and Baker two each.

ROGERS' RAMS In the second game Friday, the Rams were limited to two hits by St. Louis' Mike Rodgers pitcher Dustin Dalton, who threw a complete, nine-inning game.

Dalton struck out six and didn't walk anybody. Rams starter Spencer Goebel went six innings and allowed four runs (one earned) on four hits. He fanned nine and walked four.

The Dodgers scored all of their runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Forbes and Matt Durvling had one hit each. Sherman and Harms were the only Rams players with a hit.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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 dbradley151@bcglo-bd.net.

CYO soccer sign-up

The St. Edith athletic program is accepting registrations for its CYO fall soccer teams. Boys and girls entering grades 4-8 are eligible.

The program is open to those who attend St. Edith, St. Colette, St. Aidan and St. Kenneth parishes. For more

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Soccer officials

The United Federation of Officials is offering a soccer referee training class Monday, Aug. 19, at Cabrini High School, 15305 Wick, Allen Park.

The target audience for the class is high school juniors and seniors, who will then be part of the MHSAA's Officials Legacy Mentoring Program. It is also open for interested adults.

Class fee includes MHSAA registration fees. Those completing the course will be eligible for officiating high school, junior high and CYO games in the fall 2013 season.

For more information, contact Byron Beattie at 734-775-4134.

GOLF

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ies most of the day today.

Jacobs, who said she is a three or four handicap, but has been as low as a scratch, has been playing since she was 8 when she got started in the Detroit Free Press junior golf school program. She had the distinction of being the state's first female member on an all-boys squad while attending Detroit Pershing High School and later played at Wayne State.

A blogger for the Pure Michigan campaign, along with being a freelance golf and outdoors writer, Jacobs has been a fixture in state amateur women's events for years.

But she recently attended a three-day ladies golf school at Treetops Resort to tweak a few things and get back to the basics.

"I've learned the classic golf swing," Jacobs said. "I said, 'What I want to do is morph my swing, to be more modern, the more compact, core movement. More power, more zip to it.' The pro I worked with gave me three little things to work on. He said what you need to do was get a little more lateral movement into your lower body. You need to take it back because I tend to yank the club inside and I would generally hook the ball and he said, 'I need you to swing more upright and outside,' which will really put you on plane."

"So today when I was out there, I was thinking my takeaway from the ball, shorter swing, an earlier cock of the wrist and then a bump of the left hip to get the downswing started. When I do it right, it's wonderful. When I forget and quit, then I have my issues. But I never made more than a five today so ... Anyway, I'm in transition and believe it or not, for having so many puts, I putted well. I had lip-out, lip-out. Forty-footers, 10-footers, five-footers."

A leftist injury after returning from a Ryder Cup trip to Wales prevented Jacobs from

going for her fourth consecutive O&E title in 2007. And entering her first O&E tournament in five years, she had to overcome a recent injury to her right wrist.

"We were in the Gulf stream (off Florida) fishing for mahi mahi and yellowtail," Jacobs said. "And we were into the yellowtail and the movement of snatching those things caused the same problem in my right wrist that I had in my left wrist back in 2007. Hoping to learn from my experience, I went right to the doctor and said, 'Shoot me.' He gave me a little cortisone injection and that took care of it."

Jacobs, who was coming off a fifth-place finish in a recent Golf Association of Michigan Four-Ball women's senior event, must balance her golf schedule around, and in-between, her freelance writing, as well as being a restaurant owner and music director at a Catholic parish church (St. Basil's) on Detroit's east side.

"You have to juggle all those balls, which leaves no time to practice," Jacobs said.

"So I'm really tickled with winning today. I'm happy to be out playing

and not injured."

Pinkard wins playoff

Southfield's Cynthia Pinkard took the First Flight title with 94 after defeating Detroit's Suzanne Mady in a one-hole playoff.

Livonia's Arlene Shields placed third with 95.

"I don't win very many," said Pinkard, who retired from her I.T. job after 30 years.

"This is a fun event because I know a lot of the ladies. We play together in the Michigan Women's Golf Association, so several of our members are here."

The Detroit native won the one-hole playoff despite a three-putt. For her efforts, Pinkard received an \$80 gift certificate.

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC WOMEN'S GOLF RESULTS

Aug. 3 at Whispering Willows Championship Flight 1: Janice Jacobs, 81; 2: Deb Homing, 83; 3: Jovyn Shapiro, 83; 4: Lori Fontana, 84; 5: Cindy Hill, 87; 6: Kathy Stelena, 88; 7: Deb Gorak, 90; 8: Michelle Soka, 96; 9: Ellen Howell, 100.

Low net: Sylvania, closest-to-the-pin: Howell.

First Flight 1: Cynthia Pinkard, 94 (won playoff); 2: Suzanne Mady, 94; 3: Arlene Shields, 95; 4: April Brown, 97; 5: Lu Stockton, 99; 6: Donna Haappa, 103; 7: Beth Susan America and Barbara Curry, 105 each; 8: 9th: Pat Sheehan and Kathy Brown, 106 each; 9: Gail Cooper, 108; 14: Monica Oliver, 117; 14: Harriet Foxon, 124.

Low net: Milled, 2 Shields; 3: Shannon, closest-to-the-pin: Merritt, longest putt: Shields.

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PC Cruisers swim team lapping up national success

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Talk about a springboard. The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers won the recent Amateur Athletics Union Junior Olympics in Ann Arbor and haven't slowed down since.

This week (through Friday), the team is competing at the USA Swimming Junior Nationals in Irvine, Calif. — which is one of the highest 18-and-Under championships.

At the USA Juniors, college coaches come to recruit athletes. Participating from the Cruisers are Miranda Tucker, Jack Walsh and Sascha Meyers.

Tucker, more of a veteran to higher-level meets, has her sights set on scoring top 16 in her main events (100, 200 breast) with her other events including the 100 fly and 200 individual medley.

Walsh will be trying to score big in the 100 and 200 backstroke events, while Meyers will compete in the 100 and 200 free.

A big confidence boost for the Cruisers was the team's first championship, July 26-29 at the AAU Junior Olympics at University of Michigan's Canham Natatorium.



Representing the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers this week at the USA Swimming Junior Nationals in Irvine, Calif., are (from left) Miranda Tucker, co-coach Josh Morgan, Jack Walsh and Sascha Meyers.

The Cruisers had 107 athletes qualify, ages 7-18, and won by nearly 3,000 points over Team Arkansas.

"The most memorable part of the meet was the atmosphere," co-coach Alexandra Z'Platusich Morgan wrote in an email to the *Observer*. "Most of our championships meets here in Michigan are separated by age, so this is the first meet where we could bring swimmers of all ages and they could support the youngest members and the younger end could cheer for our high school-aged swimmers."

"It was very unique, it was a

great light pressure atmosphere and a great pool, that came together for some very fast swimming."

Junior Olympic results

That was an understatement, with the Cruisers breaking numerous records for open events and relays.

Individual marks were set by: Meghan Mans (girls 13-14), 200 free, 400 free; Amelia Armstrong-Grant (girls 15-18) 50 free, 100 free; Patricia Freitag (girls 13-14), 100 back, 200 back; Kylie Goit (girls 9-10), 50 back, 100 fly; Sophia Tsuiman (girls 9-10), 200 IM, 100 back.

Setting records in various relays were the following:

» 13-14 Girls: 400 medley (Meghan Mans, Katie Xu, Emma Noonan, Kendall Goit);

» 15-18 Girls: 400 medley (Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang, Jacque Shrader-Goetz, Amelia Armstrong-Grant);

» 15-18 Girls: 400 free (Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang, Clare Surka, Amelia Armstrong-Grant);

» 15-18 Boys: 400 free (Max Cornblath, Jimmy Xue, Jim Morgan, Chris Vela);

» 11-12 Girls: 400 free (Annette Dombkowski, Jenna Chen, Lindsey Case, Emily

Locky;

» 13-14 Girls: 200 free (Kendall Goit, Nicki Pumper, Meghan Mans, Patricia Freitag);

» 15-18 Girls: 200 free (Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang, Amelia Armstrong-Grant, Rachel Barszcz);

» 15-18 Girls: 200 medley (Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang, Amelia Armstrong-Grant, Rachel Barszcz).

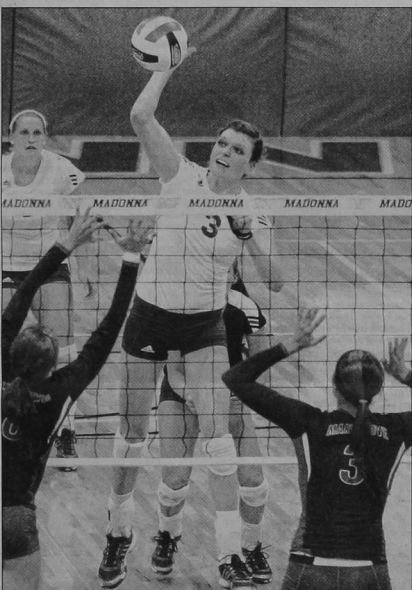
Good showing

Meanwhile, the Cruisers had previous success on a regional scale at last month's Central Zone Sections.

The team took 14 athletes ages 14-17 to the USA championship meet. Leading the Cruisers was Miranda Tucker, who captured the 100 breast, 100 fly and 200 IM, while finishing second in the 200 breast and 200 fly.

Jack Walsh placed third in the 200 back and fourth in the 100 back, while scoring in the 200 and 400 IMs; Sascha Meyers took fifth place in the 200 free and scored in the 100 and 200 fly.

Others to score (top 32) included Kate Rogers, Nathalie Meyers, Ally Eppinga, Amelia Armstrong-Grant, Meghan Mans, Claire Green and Max Cornblath.



Madonna University all-conference middle hitter Emilie Freeman (Livonia/Lutheran Westland) returns after averaging 2.52 kills per set. TIM BUSCH | MU SPORTS INFORMATION

SPIKERS

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Breault had originally committed to Youngstown (Ohio) State, but landed at MU.

"One of my coaches was down here for a camp and they were just talking," said Breault, who plans to study nursing. "They needed a right-side (hitter) and I wasn't supposed to start until next year at the other school, but I couldn't pass up the opportunity to start here. I loved it here. I loved the coaching, the facilities and the team atmosphere."

Meanwhile, Poole had interest from several schools, including Ashland (Ohio), Ursuline (Ohio), LaSalle (Pa.) and Montreat (N.C.).

"I visited a lot of schools before here, but when I came here I just knew it was the place for me," Poole said. "The team was so welcoming and I love the campus. "I'm a very aggressive player, I think I try to get the ball down. Not very good in the back row, but when I'm in the front row I try to make an impact."

The Crusaders' top returning player is second-team NAIA All-American Evia Priditis,

a 5-10 senior from Milford who was the WHIAC Player and Setter of the Year after racking up 1,702 assist-to-kills (11.1 per set) to go along with 415 total digs.

"We're led by what I think is one of the best setters in the nation, honestly, in Evia," Abraham said. "It's not only her skill level, but her sense of understanding of the game and the way she runs the team."

"She's in her fifth year and she distributes the ball antenna-to-antenna, runs a fast offense. And with the new kids, that's going to be critical. It's going to help them adjust faster and be better kids."

Livonia's Emilie Freeman, a 6-3 senior middle hitter from Lutheran High Westland, also returns after ranking second in total kills (385) and blocks (141) en route to all-WHIAC honors. She is joined by 5-10 senior outside hitter Stacey Catalano (Utica Eisenhower), who made first-team all-conference as well after tying Baranovska for the team lead in total kills (386) to go along with 437 digs.

of quality kids at critical positions, I think."

Also returning are the Geile sisters, a pair of outside hitters from Fruitport.

Samantha is a 5-10 junior who was the team co-leader in kills (386) and made honorable mention all-WHIAC, while Breanna, a 5-9 junior, was named to the all-conference freshman team.

Meanwhile, returning defensive specialists — all juniors — include 5-6 Amanda Obrycki (Allen Park Cabrini), who had 335 digs; 5-6 Roxy Duzy (Sterling Heights), who added 282 digs; and 5-5 Cassie Castro (Saline).

Also vying for playing time in an already deep lineup are 6-0 senior outside hitter Nastija Seremljeva (Riga, Latvia) and 5-11 junior middle hitter Kayla Vogel (Hastings).

"We have depth at every position here, both on the defensive side of the ball, outside hitters, middle hitters, right-side hitters," Abraham said. MU officially opens its season Friday-Saturday, Aug. 23-24, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Early Bird Classic, while the alumni match is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16.

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The Unplugged crew members prepare the boat for sailing.

RACE

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and sailed with the wind at its back.

"It shifted a little to the south, so we were able to run the spinnaker (large sail) all the way into the island," Clayton said. "We were surfing down the waves. The whole run down from Cove Island was quick and fast. That's what a boat likes to do, so we were having a great time. We were glad to have the tough part behind us."

Unplugged was the runner-up to Kashmir another 111 based in Traverse City. Clayton's boat crossed the finish line at 5:34 a.m. Monday with an elapsed time of just over 41 hours, 54 minutes.

In the handicapped system (PHRF is an acronym for performance handicap racing factor), Unplugged's corrected time was 46:14:32, a little more than two hours behind Kashmir at 43:51:59.

"After a while they moved far enough away that we couldn't identify them versus another boat," Clayton said of Kashmir. "We were the second boat to round Cove Island, and we did see some of the competition behind us. Once we started on the downwind winds, we started to pull away."

Unplugged had a closer race based on corrected time with the boats that eventually finished third and fourth.

"One of those was pretty close to us when we rounded Cove Island," Clayton said. "It was a different boat with a slower rating than us, so we had to improve our position and get some distance, which we were able to do. They were fairly close on the first major leg of the race, so I

knew we had to step up our game to beat them on corrected time.

"Once we got close to the island, we could see some of the satellite tracking on the lake and figured out where the boats were. We realized at that time they were far enough behind us we would still get second place."

Bigger challenge

The Cove Island Course is 289 miles long and takes the boats to the Canadian side of the lake in open water. For veteran sailors like Clayton, it offers a wider variety of sailing options and a greater challenge.

"For the boat we have now, we like the Cove Island Course," he said. "It gives us some more tactical advantages on being able to go east or west as opposed to the shore course because you're somewhat limited by the shoreline. You have more options and strategies for dealing with different winds and conditions on the Cove Island Course."

Contrary to what one might think, sailing one of the Great Lakes at night is not as difficult as it might seem, according to Clayton. That was especially true this year with clear skies and a full moon illuminating the lake.

"With the full moon, it's actually quite bright," Clayton said. "You really don't have a problem once your eyes adjust to being able to see things. Otherwise, we rely on instruments and GPS to tell us where we are. Even the star light without the moon gives a lot of light."

"When it's overcast, then it truly is dark. You have to work with additional lighting to see what you're doing. Part of that is constantly trimming the sails and knowing if they're properly trimmed. That's the part of the challenge at

night. If it's continually dark, you have to shine a flashlight up on the sails to see if they're correct."

Mainlining focus

Even on a clear, full-moon night, Clayton and his crew, which included his son Brian, Bruce and Brian Leidal, Doug Andrews and Wayne van Hartesvel, have to keep their attention on the task.

"It's pretty awe-inspiring to see the lake without any light pollution and how bright the sky is," Clayton said. "We're still pretty focused on making the boat go fast, so we don't get too wrapped up in (the scenic aspect). We had the opportunity last year to see the northern lights come through, so that was pretty neat. But we didn't see any of that this year."

Due to the wind and favorable sailing conditions this year, Clayton and his crew abandoned their usual practice of working in shifts and taking time to go below deck to eat.

"We couldn't eat too much in the first part of this race," he said. "We didn't go through much food at all, so we were left with quite a lot at the end. We have a water filter on board and we dip it in the lake, so we don't carry all the water we need for a race."

"You don't have much appetite (in this year's race conditions). We were pretty much snacking through it. When the boat is going fast, nobody wants to spend much time down below warming up anything to eat or eating a meal."

"It's pretty much the excitement of the race. If the wind is really light, you tend to make a meal and eat more. When the wind is high, you don't eat as much, and the race is over sooner."

Queens of Diamonds Elite 18U team sparkles

The 18-and-Under Queens of Diamonds Elite travel softball team had a solid showing as the only team from Michigan competing in the USSSA Class A World Series at ESPN Wide World of Sports in Florida.

Overall, the Queens — featuring 10 recent graduates who are committed to play college softball next season — went 5-2 to finish fifth out of 26 of the best 18U teams in the country (from 14 states) in a double-elimination format.

College-bound players include pitcher Elaine Gerou (Plymouth/Concordia University), catcher Catherine Porter (Canton/Trine University), outfielder Megan Colton (Livonia Stevenson/Jackson Community College), shortstop Nicole Salloum (Livonia Churchill/Madonna University) and third baseman Jessica Webster (Canton/University of Michigan-DeARBorn).

Also from the Observerland area is outfielder-first baseman Brittney Miller, who will be a junior at Plymouth.

The Queens exploded out of the gate, winning all three pool games decisively: 9-1 over the Pennsylvania X-treme (mercy rule), 6-2 over the Oklahoma Twisters, and 8-0 over the Osceola Overdrive (mercy



Finishing fifth at the USSSA Class A World Series was the 18U Queens of Diamonds Elite travel softball team. Pictured are: (front row, from left) Catherine Porter and Brittney Miller; (middle row, from left) Lauren Opplinger, Nicole Salloum, Ashley Gordon, Jordyn Fryz, Jessica Webster, Megan Colton, Elaine Gerou and assistant coach Nolan Gerou; and (back row, from left) assistant coach Kevin O'Doherty, Kendall Wolf, head coach Mike Gerou and Tessa O'Doherty.

rule).

The Queens then had come-back victories in their first two bracket games. A three-run rally in their final inning proved to be the difference in a 5-4 win over Florida USSSA state champion North Florida Pride.

Next was a 3-2 victory over Georgia Power TPS, by way of another come-from-behind surge.

But the magic ran out after that, coming up short 6-2 to the Orion Hunter Gold team from Virginia which dropped the Queens into the loser's bracket.

The North Florida Pride then exacted some revenge with a 4-0 victory to close out the Queens' tournament action.

Following are highlights from the victories: **QUEENS 9, X-TREME 1 (July 28):** Salloum's two doubles and Jessica Webster's

monster homer to center spearheaded an 11-hit attack. Elaine Gerou went the distance on the mound for the win, allowing just four hits with no walks.

QUEENS 6, TWISTERS 2 (July 28): The first four batters reached base and scored and the Queens never looked back. Pitchers Ashley Gordon and Lauren Opplinger combined to hold the Twisters to just five hits.

QUEENS 8, OVERDRIVE 0 (July 30): Salloum, Catherine Porter and Brittney Miller each had two hits, while Gerou hurled a one-hitter.

QUEENS 5, PRIDE 4 (July 31): A walk-off, two-run single to center by Webster gave the Queens the victory in come-from-behind fashion. Kendall Wolf, Tessa O'Doherty and Gerou singled to load the bases and set up Webster's heroics. Going the distance for the win was Gerou.

QUEENS 3, TPS 2 (Aug. 1): Trailing 2-1 in the fourth inning, Porter's single and Miller's subsequent home run gave the Queens a lead they never relinquished. Stellar defensive work supported the complete-game pitching of Gerou, who won her fourth game of the tourney.

Michigan Pride '99 prevails in 13U World Series

The Michigan Pride '99 (13-and-Under) travel baseball team rolled over the competition last weekend to win the USSSA 13U World Series title in Quakertown, Pa.

For the Pride, based out of the Plymouth and Canton communities, it was the first World Series championship.

During the tournament, the Pride posted an 8-1 record — outscoring their opponents 67-19, including a 14-12 victory over the Pittsburgh-based Lady Roadrunners in the title game.

The championship tilt was anything but a pitcher's duel, as the game went into extra innings tied 11-11. In the top of the eighth, the Pride pushed across three runs to take a 14-11 lead. The Roadrunners countered



Michigan Pride '99 recently won the USSSA 13U World Series baseball title in Quakertown, Pa. In the front row (from left) are Hannah Zajdel, Sydney Dawson, Katie Hiltz, Olivia Grant and Paige Amy. In the back row (from left) are coach Dan Hiltz, Dakota Selmi, Nikki Willard, Nicole Belans, Payton Faber, Whitney Holden and coach John Holden.

with one run in the bottom of the eighth, but that's all they could muster.

It was the team's second victory over the

Lady Roadrunners that day, with a 2-1 triumph earlier.

SUMMER CAMPS/CLINICS

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. to noon Monday through Thursday, Aug. 12-15, at Jaycee Park, 19800 Mayfield St., Livonia.

The camp staff includes Doug Landefeld, Adil Salmoni, Sam Cheab and Lars Richers.

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 bdraidey1515@bcglobal.net; or visit michiganwolveshawks.com.

Lego Ninja camp

The City of Plymouth recreation department's Bricks 4 Kidz/Ninjago Camp for youngsters ages 5-10, will be held 1-4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12 through Thursday, Aug. 16.

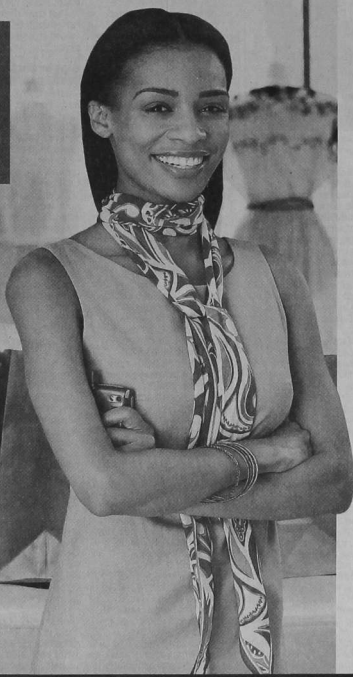
Each day, campers will be building various models based on the Ninjago theme.

Campers will be playing Lego Ninja games and participating in various challenges.

The recreation office, located at 525 Farmer, is open from noon to 4:30 p.m. Online registration is available at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

You can call 734-455-6620 for more information.

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KLAA teams star in fall prep sports action

By Jeff Theisen
Staff Writer

The KLAA is one of the clear-cut power high school conferences in Michigan. The 24-team league posts unbelievable depth in just about every sport sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

The following is the first of a three-part series focusing on how the KLAA fared not only during the season but also in the state playoffs.

The series will go in order of how the school year goes, starting with the fall season of 2012, followed by winter and finish with the spring season. The series will also be broken up with stories for boys and girls separate, so the stories aren't overbearing long.

All records are taken from the site www.klaastandings.com, so if something is a little off, please don't shoot the messenger.

Football

Football brings the most fans out to any single event serves as king of the fall sports. While it starts before school is even in session, the nine-game schedule means every game has a ton on the line as teams race to get the six wins needed to secure a playoff spot.

The KLAA boasts an array of different offensive strategies, anywhere from straight-up pound it until you to chuck it all over the place.

Nine teams from the league reached the playoffs, eight in Division I and South Lyon East

making its first ever playoff appearance in Division I.

Six league teams faced off against each other, putting three in the second round, along with Grand Blanc for four teams in the district finals.

Only Plymouth would emerge as a district champion, eventually losing to finalist and runner-up Catholic Central in regional play.

Cross country

The KLAA has runners like none other. It's the premier conference in the state for distance running, and it can't even be argued.

Milford went on to capture the State Title in 2012 with Waterford Mott finishing runner-up. While that alone would be enough to make the point, Pinckney finished seventh, Hartland ninth, Northville 11th, Walled Lake Northern 14th and Grand Blanc 15th. That's seven teams in the top 15 at the State Finals.

Individually, Milford's Brian Kettle took home the title in 15:07.3. Waterford Mott's Nathan Burnand was third overall and second in team scoring with Milford's Cody Snaively in right after him for fourth and third in team scoring. Also cracking the top 10 was Northville's Dan Sims in eighth overall and Mott's Ryan Robinson in ninth. That's five of the top nine in the state from the KLAA.

Kettle, Sims and Robinson all return this year for another shot at the top 10.

The top 30 earn All-State honors. The KLAA had three

2012 KLAA STANDINGS

FOOTBALL

Division winners:

Central - Northville, Stevenson (4-1)
South - Churchill (5-0, Conference Champ)
West - Hartland (5-0)
North - Walled Lake Northern (5-0, Conference Champ)

CROSS COUNTRY

Central - Northville (5-0)
South - Churchill (5-0)
West - Milford (5-0)
North - Waterford Mott (5-0)

SOCCER

Central - Salem (7-1-2, Conference, Association Champs)
South - Canton (10-4)
West - Brighton (9-0-1, Conference Champ)
North - WL Northern, WL Central (8-0-2)

TENNIS

Central - Novi (4-0, Conference, Association Champs)
South - Plymouth (5-0)
West - Grand Blanc (5-0, Conference Champ)
North - Walled Lake Central (5-0)

more with Pinckney's Tyler Sanders in 24th, Hartland's Jareb Duggan in 26th and Lakeland's Blake McComas in 30th.

Just missing the honor were Milford's Chris Housel in 31st, Pinckney's Wesley Sanders in 32nd and Milford's Matt Graves in 33rd.

It's safe to say, this is the KLAA's most loaded sport of any season for both team and individually.

Soccer

The KLAA Central Division is one of the hardest divisions for any sport or any conference in the state. Novi, Salem,

Stevenson and Northville are all capable of making big runs come state playoff time.

Salem came out as the division, conference and association winner, but Novi made a run to the final four come playoff time.

On the other side of the KLAA, Grand Blanc did one better and made it all the way to the finals, falling 1-0 to East Kentwood. And Grand Blanc finished second in its own division to Brighton.

The depth of the KLAA was apparent again with five teams in the final 16, three in the quarterfinals, two in the final four and one in the finals.

Tennis

Tennis is usually a two-headed race as far as the KLAA is concerned. Novi and Northville are clear from the rest of the pack, and this past season was no different.

Novi finished tied with Brother Rice for second in the state with 27 points. Northville finished tied for fourth with Troy at 17 points.

Other KLAA teams scoring points at the finals were Grand Blanc and Stevenson (tied for 16th with three points) and Churchill with two points to tie for 19th.

Individually, Novi and Northville put a singles player in the finals in all four of the singles brackets.

Northville's Tyler Gardner finished runner-up at No. 1 singles. Teammate Connor Johnson blasted by the No. 1 seed in the finals for a 6-1, 6-2 victory and a State Title at No. 2 singles.

At No. 3 singles, Novi's Koushik Kondapi made a run to the finals before finishing runner-up.

Novi teammate Pavan Rao went undefeated through the No. 4 singles to claim the title.

In doubles play, Novi's Jason Carless and Andrew Ying carried the top seed at No. 1 doubles and blasted into the finals before finishing runner-up.

The same result happened for teammates Nishant Kakar and Michael Chang at No. 2 doubles.

Novi also had a pair of semifinal runs at three and four doubles.

YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Livonia Rebels

Tryouts for the Livonia Rebels eighth-grade boys AAU basketball team will be from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Aug. 11, in the main gym No. 2 at the Livonia Recreation Center.

Coach Joe Jakacki is looking for young men to play at a high level in the Big Cat Basketball League in South Lyon to prepare them for high

school competition.

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 Hilsley, Dave Brubaker,

Gary Arnold and Jeff Simpson.

Tryouts are 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 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.

All tryouts will at Jaycee Park, which is at the corner of Hunter and Wildwood in Westland. It is recommended, but not required, that players attend both tryout dates.

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

Tryouts for the 14-and-

under Riversharks will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10.

For more information, email motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

Michigan Bulldogs

Open tryouts for the Michigan Bulldogs 10-and-under, 11-and-under and 12-and-under travel baseball teams are scheduled from 11 a.m. to

1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 10-11, 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, contact Mike Heard at 734-834-6950 or mikeheard34@yahoo.com.

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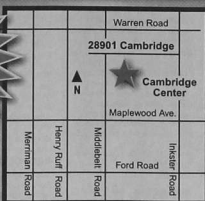
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Still Got It Players sing, dance and bingo their way through musical

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Still Got It Players will open its new season this month with its biggest show ever.

The senior troupe will be the third theater group to perform *Father Bingo*, a musical comedy that debuted in 2006 at Detroit Music Hall.

"We've done one musical, but it was with pre-recorded music. This is with a full-blown orchestra, seven pieces," said Debbie Lannen, who directed the show in Detroit, Novi and now for the Players at the Village Theater in Canton.

"It's going to be massive, but we're doing it and they are doing well."

The show runs at 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 21-22, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 23-24, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 24-25. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and youth. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Get tickets at

www.canton-mi.org/village-theater. Call 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460 for more information.

Lannen hopes "third time's the charm" for the play, which was written by Bill Nilsson, a Dearborn Heights resident. With Nilsson's approval, she changed the show's ending and eliminated a song when she staged it in Novi. She revised it again for its upcoming run at the Village Theater.

"The first time around



Michael Burden, as the pastor, aims to save his church with gambling in the upcoming *Still Got It Players'* production, "Father Bingo." Burden is surrounded by Linda Tyggs (left, standing) and Lanna Collins, Robin Hoover (left, seated), Lee Thomas and Karen Curtisinger.

(in Detroit) we did exactly what he wanted and just did arrangements on his songs. The second time, he said if you think things should be changed, go ahead. Because I've been the director from the beginning for this, the writer had trust in me and let me go ahead and do what I thought should be done," Lannen said. "The first show he loved. The second one he liked even better. Maybe he'll love this third one even more.

"I think we're finally at the point that after this production, you could take it to New York and have it work-shopped. But I think this is the version that will end up, hopefully, going into (script) catalogues, so that other community theater groups all over the country can use it."

Family-driven

Rick Beyer, Nilsson's step-son and the play's original producer, said the musical originated as

"a family development." Although Nilsson had no background in script-writing, his wife, Mary Jane, loved music and was involved with community theater. They enjoyed attending both musicals and bingo games together. By 1996, Nilsson decided to combine their two passions and he began penning songs and writing dialogue.

"When Bill wrote it, it was important from a family perspective. I told

him if he finished it I would help him produce it," Beyer said. "He wrote 15 original songs. We thought we should give it a run. We produced it when he was 77 years old."

The show premiered during Super Bowl week-end in Detroit. Beyer said it drew approximately 4,000 attendees and that 94 percent gave it a positive review.

"We think it has great opportunity for community theater across the

country. It's meant to be played in the community," Beyer noted.

Lannen is grateful for Beyer's offer to pay for the live orchestra in the Canton production. The Still Got It Players also will start the new season with a grant from the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities in Canton. And Lannen's Kickstarter.com fundraising campaign has surpassed the \$200 she requested to help keep the show in the black.

Father Bingo fans who saw the production in Detroit or Novi will see new costumes and set in the Still Got It Players' version.

Lannen said the musical appeals especially to Catholics, bingo players and anyone who grew up in the Detroit area.

"The play is based in Detroit. The original novel character is supposed to be Coleman Young. He's trying to bring casinos into the city to save it. The priest is trying to save his parish and God tells him to run bingo. Now with the bankruptcy in Detroit... the city is losing, the parishes are closing, it is so timely once again."

James Abud is music director for the show and Valerie Mould choreographed it. Michael Burden plays Fr. O'Neil, Ray Frasier is the mayor, Becky Copenhagen plays Mary Jane, a parishioner, and Joe Lannen is God. For more information visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org and click on Still Got It Players.

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ARTS, CRAFTS DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

Exhibits: Printmaking by Ellsworth Kelly, through Sept. 8
Contact: 313-833-7900, www.dia.org

GALLERY @ VT

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

Location: At the Village Theatre 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

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Collaboration and Continuum: The Carnival Photographs of Bill Rauhauser and Carlos Diaz," curated by Mary McNichols, P.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 24th season. Dancers should have extensive modern dance training, strong partnering skills and quality performing experiences. Audition pre-requisite must be submitted by Aug. 14. Visit www.detroitdancecollective.org for details

Contact: 810-444-4553

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Time/Date: Gates open at 7:30 p.m., with movies starting around 9:20 p.m., daily, through Sept. 1

Location: 14900 Beck between

PARROTS OF THE CARIBBEAN

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 16-17 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Kings of Summer," admission, \$3

Coming up: "The Unfinished Song," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 16-17 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18

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LOVER BOY ROCKS THE DETROIT RIVERFRONT ON FRIDAY, AUG. 9.

Time/Date: 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 and Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The current exhibit, B4TV, 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 6-7.

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

MUSIC JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7:10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month—except December

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 1700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hours of music. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

Time/Date: 7:30-10 p.m. every Monday

Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Open mic for music and poetry

Friday and Saturday featured artist: The Paths, Saturday, Aug. 10; JP And The Tucos, Friday, Aug. 16; Mike Galbraith and Mike Anton, Saturday, Aug. 17

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Classic military aircraft set to 'thunder' over Willow Run

Thunder Over Michigan, the annual air show produced by the nonprofit Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport, will offer several firsts when it takes to the air this weekend.

The show's Heritage Flight, featuring aircraft from different eras in formation flight, will include the F-100 Super Sabre, which appears at few air shows, along with a Korean War-era F-86 Sabre, and the WWII iconic fighter aircraft, the P-51 Mustang. The F-100 is a supersonic jet fighter that served with the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1971 and with the Air National Guard until 1979. It was the first ever U.S.A.F. fighter capable of supersonic speed in level flight.

The show's Legacy Flight also will include aircraft flying together in formation for the first time. The Legacy Flight spotlights Navy aircraft and will combine the Vietnam-era A-4 Skyhawk, with the AD-1 Skyraider, a workhorse during both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, and the celebrated F-4U Corsair that was the Navy's top fighter aircraft during WWII.



The North American Aviation F-100 Super Sabre will bring the speed and sound of a top-of-the-line fighter aircraft to Thunder Over Michigan.



The WW II battle reenactment is a popular performance at Thunder Over Michigan.

Another first for the show will be appearances by Sean D. Tucker and Michael Goulian. Tucker is one of the most decorated civilian pilots in the world. Goulian, a former Red Bull Air Racer, is known for his precision and skill and has been recognized repeatedly as one of the top air show performers in the world.

One of the most popular performances each year at Thunder Over Michigan is the WWII Battle Reenactment, which uses realistic historical re-enactment and restored vintage aircraft, tanks, half-tracks and other equipment to duplicate the sights and sounds of a WWII battle.

This year the show has added a Vietnam battle reenactment that will include six AD-1's in a Skyraider reunion that will provide air support along with the UH-1 Huey Helicopter, the AC-47 'Spooky' gunship and other air assets. Also scheduled to perform at this year's show is the Screamin' Rebels Formation Team, which will demonstrate

formation flying in five T-6 Texan aircraft and the Misty Blues all-women aerobatic team performing the opening ceremony flag jump. The show also will feature a WWII Air Power Parade that will present more than a dozen WWII-era aircraft flying together, including the legendary B-17 Flying Fortress, three B-25 Mitchell bombers.

Visitors to the show

will get a chance to see 50 aircraft on display and interactive exhibits, including the "Rise Above" attraction focusing on the history and accomplishments of the Tuskegee Army. The Kidz' Zone play area will feature inflatable, climbing walls, interactive games, and other recreational equipment. "We couldn't be more pleased about how this year's Thunder lineup

came together," said Kevin Walsh, executive director of the Yankee Air Museum and director of Thunder Over Michigan. "Fast moving, loud jets, rare classic military aircraft, legendary civilian aerobatic pilots, massive battle reenactments, unique ground displays, we've got them all!"

The show will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 10-11. General admission tickets for ages 16 and up are \$30. Kids 15 and under are admitted for free. Online tickets are sold at a discounted price if purchased before noon, Sunday. Fans can receive performer updates on Facebook.com/ThunderOverMichigan and Twitter.com/ThunderOverMI or by signing up online for the behind the scenes e-mail list. Willow Run Airport is located off Michigan Ave. and Ecorse Road, west of Beck.



GET OUT!

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24. Sentimental Value, Saturday, Aug. 31. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.

Contact: 734-454-0178

ROCKIN ON THE RIVERFRONT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9

Location: GM Plaza on the Detroit riverfront

Details: Loverboy performs in this free summer series

Coming up: Night Ranger, Aug. 16

Contact: www.facebook.com/RockinontheRiverfront

STARS IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8

Location: Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Parrots of the Caribbean, a Jimmy Buffett tribute band, performs in this free concert series. Rainout site is the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-473-1848

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

Details: Kaiwaka, Aug. 8; Ryan Dillaha with Katie Grace, Aug. 9; Empty Chair, Sept. 8; Singers Sing Segue Salute Tribute with John D. Lamb, Dave Edwards, Al Jacques, Charlie Springer and Bob Montone

Most show tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302

SOMETHING DIFFERENT BOWL & ANIMAL RESCUE

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10

Location: Country Lanes, 30250 W. Nine Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Retired professional bowlers, Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen, sponsor this annual bowling fundraiser for the Dearborn Animal Shelter and Michigan Animal Adoption Network. Cost is \$30 for three games of 9-pin "No Tap," and includes shoes and a meal ticket. Bowling positions are limited. Call the pro shop at 248-415-9060 to check availability.

Contact: www.bowl4animalrescue.com

CARNIVAL

Time/Date: 5-11 p.m., Thursday-Friday, Aug. 15-16, noon-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17 and noon-9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18

Location: Founders Park, located on Eight Mile, two miles east of I-275, in Plymouth

Details: Family Fun Fest Carnival will have everything from wild rides to kiddie rides, midway games to food. Admission and parking are free. Ride tickets cost \$1 each or an all-day wristband for unlimited rides is available for \$18. Discount coupons for the wristbands, for \$14 on Thursday or Friday and \$16 on Saturday or Sunday, are available at more than 200 merchants in Farmington Hills or at the Costick Center. Pre-sale discounted carnival tickets are also available at www.elliott-

samsessions.com.

Contact: www.thglove.com or call the carnival hotline at 248-755-0433

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, until 8 p.m. Wednesday during the summer

Location: 1696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15-61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free

Contact: 248-541-5717; www.detroitzoo.org

MARSHMALLOW FLY AND FRY

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 20

Location: Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Families can cook hot dogs and s'mores over the campfire, then watch more than 1,000 marshmallows fall from the sky. Also, enjoy the splash pad, play on the bouncer, check out the fire trucks, and more

Hot dogs, s'mores, and drinks will be available for a nominal fee. After dinner, kids line up and retrieve marshmallows dropped from the Fire Department ladder truck and then exchange them for goodies.

Free admission. Sponsored by the City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services, the Fire Department, LOC Federal Credit Union, and Busch's Fresh Food Market

Contact: 248-473-1800

UFO SHOW

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Aug. 8

Location: 1016 S. Dixie, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

Details: Emergent Arts presents the stand-up comedy of Marty Smith, songs by Marc Holland and storytelling by Lynn Davidge

Tickets are \$8, available online at www.emergentarts.com

Contact: 734-985-0875

THEATER BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Aug. 10, 2 p.m., Aug. 11

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: "The Hallelujah Girls" is a light-hearted comedy that features the Morgan as Sugar Lee Tompkins, an ex-beautiful who ropes sweet-natured Nita (Betty Berryman), dating-averse Carlene (Marian Bus), curmudgeonly Mavis (Carol Lipinski), and loopy Crystal (Barbara Bloom) into opening a day spa in an abandoned church. This the road to success is blocked by Bunny Sutherland (Betty Bronson), who seeks to bulldoze the church for personal gain, and Bobby Dwayne Dillahunt (Sean Randolph), an old flame of Sugar, who rolls back into town. Tickets are \$15

Contact: 734-560-1493 or visit www.justbarefoot.com

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11; registration begins at 12:30 p.m.

Location: The Farmington Players Barn Theater 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Auditions for "Dracula," which will be performed weekends from Oct. 11-Nov. 2. Contact the director for a script or more information

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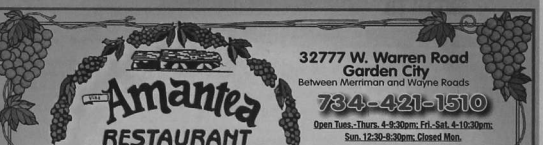
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Flavorful, easy ways to make veggies tempting

Summer fills farmers markets and grocery stores with fresh, colorful vegetables picked at the peak of ripeness. From red tomatoes and yellow sweet corn to dark green kale, the options are endless. To inspire people to make the most of the season—and get the benefits of eating more vegetables—the experts in the McCormick Kitchens are providing great flavor ideas to savor the season's produce.

"The colorful vegetables displayed on farm stands in the summer are a great source of inspiration; I'm constantly thinking about how to pair these fresh vegetables with herbs and spices that allow the produce to really pop on the palate," said McCormick chef Kevan Vetter. "One of my favorite, easy summer recipes combines fresh green beans with thyme, rosemary and balsamic vinegar for a bright, summer side."

There are many ways to enjoy vegetables—fresh cut, steamed, sautéed or grilled—and many more ways to add flavor. Get a little creative and experiment with some favorite herbs and spices or seasoning blends. For example, instead of the typical tossed salad, turn up the flavor and the heat by making a grilled romaine and summer vegetable salad infused with garlic and basil.

"Taking advantage of nutrient-rich summer produce is great for your taste buds and your overall health," said Wendy Bazilian, registered dietitian. "I change up the usual summer squash sautéed and create a zesty Greek salad by slicing fresh summer squash into thin ribbons using a vegetable peeler and mixing it with tomatoes and olives. To ensure it bursts with flavor not sodium or excess fat, I toss it in a simple vinaigrette using basil, garlic and oregano." Visit www.mccormick.com for recipe ideas. To create mouthwatering dishes with the summer's bounty, try these fresh, flavorful vegetable and salad recipes from the McCormick Kitchens:



GREEK SQUASH RIBBON SALAD

Prep time: 20 minutes

Vinaigrette:

- ¼ cup olive oil
- ¼ cup fresh lemon juice
- ¼ cup white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon basil leaves
- ½ teaspoon black pepper, coarse ground
- ½ teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Collection Mint Flakes
- ½ teaspoon oregano leaves
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup crumbled feta cheese

Salad:

- 1 large yellow squash
- 1 large zucchini
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- ¼ cup thinly sliced red onion
- 2 tablespoons quartered pitted Kalamata olives

1. For the vinaigrette, mix oil, lemon juice, vinegar and seasonings in small bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Stir in feta cheese. Set aside.
2. For the salad, trim squash ends. Slice into ribbons with vegetable peeler or mandolin, discarding outside ribbons and core.
3. To serve, place squash ribbons on each salad plate. Top with tomatoes, onion and olives. Serve with vinaigrette on the side.



PENNE PASTA SALAD WITH SPINACH AND TOMATOES

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 10 minutes

- 8 ounces penne pasta
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon rosemary leaves, finely crushed
- 1 teaspoon thyme leaves
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon oregano leaves
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- 1 package (6 ounces) baby spinach leaves
- 1 pint grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 cup bite-size mozzarella cheese, halved
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

1. Cook pasta as directed on package. Drain well.
2. Meanwhile, mix oil, vinegar, rosemary, thyme, garlic powder, oregano and sea salt in large bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Add pasta and spinach; toss to coat well. Add tomatoes and cheese; toss to mix well.
3. Serve warm or at room temperature.

KALE SALAD WITH ASIAN VINAIGRETTE

Prep time: 15 minutes

- ½ cup rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 1 tablespoon packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon ginger, ground
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Kale Salad:
- 1 pound kale
- ½ cup diced red bell pepper
- 1 can (11 ounces) mandarin orange segments, drained
- ¼ cup sliced almonds
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced green onions

1. For the vinaigrette, mix all ingredients in small bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Set aside.
2. Remove and discard stems and center ribs from kale. Coarsely chop kale (6 cups). Rinse kale with cold water. Drain well.
3. Toss kale and bell pepper in large bowl. Top with mandarin oranges, almonds and green onions. Drizzle with vinaigrette. Let stand at room temperature 30 minutes to allow flavors to blend.



GRILLED ROMAINE & VEGETABLE SALAD WITH BALSAMIC HERB VINAIGRETTE

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes

- ¼ cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon basil
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- Salad:
- 2 heads Romaine lettuce hearts, halved lengthwise
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 10 asparagus spears, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 cup grape tomatoes
- 1 cup mushrooms, halved
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder

1. For the vinaigrette, mix all ingredients in small bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Set aside.
2. Brush romaine lettuce lightly with some of the oil. Toss vegetables with remaining oil, garlic powder and onion powder in large bowl. Place vegetable mixture in grill basket sprayed with no stick cooking spray.
3. Grill vegetable mixture 10 to 12 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally. Grill romaine lettuce over medium heat 3 to 4 minutes or until lightly browned, turning frequently.
4. Cut romaine lettuce halves lengthwise in half. Place lettuce on individual plates, top with grilled vegetable mixture. Drizzle with vinaigrette.

Pray without leaving your car at Livonia church

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer



Praying on the go will get easier this weekend during Mt. Hope Congregational Church's "Drive-Thru Prayer" event.

The Livonia church will station its pastors, associate pastor and deacons outdoors along a circular driveway from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 10, 17 and 24, to pray with motorists who drop by.

"It's open to people of all backgrounds," said The Rev. Steve Schaefer, pastor. "It's not a denominational thing. No one is excluded. We're not trying to push anything. No

preaching. No counseling. If people want prayer, we're here for that. All prayers are confidential."

No donations will be accepted.

Schaefer said he heard a minister reference "drive-thru prayer" several years ago and kept the idea in mind for Mt.

Hope, a church with approximately 170 attendees on Sunday morning.

"They tell us in counseling courses that one out of every three people has a crisis going on in their lives. My guess is this will appeal to many of those people who have a crisis and don't know where to turn for help. Sometimes it's hard for people to ask for prayer," Schaefer said. "Expressing what is going on inside your self, expressing it out loud helps. Having someone pray with you and share your concern with God is encouraging."

Motorists can pray for themselves, others or

simply offer thanks and praise at the drive-thru events. They'll remain in their cars and pray with a Mt. Hope member

through their vehicle's open window.

Mt. Hope Congregational Church is located at 30330 Schoolcraft

Road between Middlebelt and Merriman. For more information, visit mhc.com or call 734-425-7280.

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Age 36, of Westland, Michigan died on Sunday afternoon, August 4, 2013 at Marquette General Hospital from injuries he sustained in a motocross race on July 20, 2013. He was born on June 16, 1977 in Southfield, Michigan. John worked for Ford Motor Company at the time of his death. John is survived by his parents - Rick and Mille (Smith) Bird of Howell; his fiancée and best friend - Ashley Marie Ketzler; brother - Tom (Shelia) Coniam of Westland; sister - Kristyn (Rick) Pearen of Mt. Pleasant; niece, nephews and nieces. Visitation will be held at the Bowerman Funeral Home in Munising on Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and also on Saturday from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. John's funeral service will be Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Munising. His obituary and guest book may be viewed and signed at: bowermanfuneralhome.net

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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 Dale, Redford

CAR SHOW
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24
Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia

CHOIR DIRECTOR WORKSHOP
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 12
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia

C.E.A.P. FROG
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, through Aug. 21
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14550 Merriman, Livonia

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

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

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
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Survey: Young home buyers becoming more optimistic

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Ryan Banar, 32, of Livonia isn't in the home buying market. "Not at this time," said Banar, who sings professionally, including with the Michigan Opera Theatre and at St. Coletta Catholic Church in Livonia. "I'm not willing to take that venture at the moment. Sometime in the future I would like to. You can definitely get over your head quickly with a home." Banar, who also works part time as a barista at Starbucks in downtown Northville, would like central air conditioning and at least two-three bedrooms when he does buy a home. "A basement is always nice," he said. "I have taste above my means, so that's my problem."

Millennials are more confident than any other age group that their recent home purchase was a good financial investment, according to a study released recently. The inaugural 2013 National Association of Realtors Home Buyer and Seller Generational Trends evaluated the generational differences of recent home buyers and sellers and found that while eight out of 10 recent buyers considered their home purchase a good investment, the number was even higher, 85 percent, for younger buyers under the age of 32.

"I would say yes," said Elizabeth Mach, 27, of Novi, in agreeing with that assessment. She married Joe Mach, 28, June 29 in a ceremony at Detroit Catholic Central High School, where he teaches and coaches. She's a teacher at Our Lady of Victory School in Northville.

"It is exciting to think about," she said of owning a home down the road, adding they've looked some online. "We were trying to spread out the stress of home buying" and wedding plans. "We're thinking the next year, hopefully," she said of buying. "The most important thing to both of us is location." They'll look at the neighborhood and their future. Both want to be close to work and their parents.

The national survey shows many young adults value owning a home. "Home ownership is an investment in your future, and is how many younger American families begin to accumulate wealth," said Paul Bishop, NAR vice president of research. "The oldest of the Millennial generation are now entering the years in which people typically buy a first home, and despite their recent downturn, home ownership still matters to them. The sheer size of the Millennial generation, the largest in history after baby boomers, is expected to give a powerful boost to long-run mortgage demand, and to the short-term mortgage accessibility and stu-



Newlyweds Elizabeth and Joe Mach of Novi will look for a home once things have settled down. Both are teachers, he at Catholic Central High School in Novi and she at Our Lady of Victory in Northville.

dent debt repayment remain challenging."

The study found that the largest group of recent buyers was Generation X Americans, those born between 1965 and 1979, who comprised 31 percent of recent purchases, followed closely by Millennials, sometimes called Generation Y, those born between 1980 and 2000, at 28 percent. Percentages of recent home purchases among prior generations was significantly lower, 18 percent were Younger Boomers, those born between 1955 and 1964; 14 percent were Older Boomers, Americans born between 1946 and 1954; and 10 percent were from the Silent Generation, those born between 1925 and 1945.

The median age of Millennial home buyers was 28, their median income was \$66,200 and they typically bought a 1,700-square-foot home costing \$165,000. The typical Gen X buyer was 39 years old, had a median income of \$93,100, and purchased a 2,100-square-foot home costing \$235,000. The previous living arrangement of recent buyers varied greatly across the generations; among Millennials, 65 percent rented an apartment or house and 22 percent lived with their parents, relatives or friends; more than half of all baby boomer and Silent Generation buyers owned their previous residence.

The study found that older generations of home buyers prefer more recently built homes. Millennials typically bought homes built around 1996, nearly a decade older than the homes

typically bought by the Silent Generation. Younger buyers had a tendency to stay closer to their previous residence, often staying within 10 miles, whereas older buyers moved longer distances, typically more than 20 miles from their previous home.

Younger buyers were more likely to buy in an urban or central city area than older buyers; 21 percent of Millennials bought a home in an urban location compared to only 13 percent of Older Boomer and Silent Generation buyers.

The reason for buying a home also varies across the generations; younger buyers most often cited the desire to own a home of their own whereas older buyers wanted to be closer to family and friends. While many factors influenced neighborhood choice, younger generations cited convenience to jobs, affordability of homes, and quality of the school district. Older generations placed higher importance on convenience to family and friends and healthcare facilities.

When it comes to a home's green features, younger buyers placed higher importance on commuting costs than older generations who placed higher importance on a home's energy efficient features and living in an environmentally friendly community.

Millennials tended to make more compromises with their home purchase than any other generation. Millennials most often conceded on the price and size of the home, lot size, distance from job and style of home, whereas nearly half of Older Boomer and Silent Generation buyers made no compromises on their recent home purchase.

As the age of recent buyers increases so does the rate of owning more than one home; among Millennials, 8 percent own more than one home, which could include either a vacation home or investment property, compared to 21 percent of Gen X-ers, 28 percent of Younger Boomers, and 27 percent of Older Boomers, and 26 percent of the Silent Generation.

Home buyers of all ages often begin the home buying process by looking online for properties for sales; however, the frequency of use of the internet to search for homes decreases as age increases. Ninety percent of Millennials frequently used the Internet to search for homes compared to less than half of Silent Generation buyers.

Younger generations of buyers were also more likely to find the home they purchased through the Internet; older buyers most often learned about the home they purchased from their real estate agent.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

Get legal opinion on booze liability

Q: We are thinking about having alcohol served at our clubhouse for a private party by one of the residents. Is there anything we should do?

A: Yes. You should double-check to see whether you or the proprietor of the event has a proper license, if necessary, adequate insurance to cover the situation, and an indemnification agreement identifying the association with liability caused by the party. You should also get a legal opinion from counsel as to whether or not there are any additional requirements to allow the undertaking of the event including a review of the condominium or community association documents.

Q: We are building a house and our builder is giving us a purchase agreement and building contract which requires that we arbitrate. We have gone to a lawyer who says that this is a common practice. What do you think?

A: It all depends upon the builder, but I would not voluntarily agree to arbitrate any dispute you have with the builder because arbitration is not necessarily less expensive and is generally to the benefit of the developer/builder since he does not want to go in front of a jury.

People buying condominiums should be very concerned about signing any purchase agreement where all disputes are to be arbitrated which might have an adverse impact on the condominium association's ability to pursue the developer in court for construction defects.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and Kindle.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit rbmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real Estate Careers

A Free Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at Keller-Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth.

Learn about the \$30,000 income guarantee. For information, call Mary Beth Kaljian at 734-459-4700 or mbm@marybeth.com.

Short sales

If you own more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. Call 616-678-1111, Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 616-678-1111, Thursdays at quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. Email Georgia@addedvaluearealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m., held at various locations. RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5480.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions about a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at 313-277-4168.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 15, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BINGHAM FARMS	
24101 W 14 Mile Rd	\$425,000
BIRMINGHAM	
352 Baldwin Rd	\$483,000
691 Harwood St	\$380,000
1275 Humphrey Ave	\$169,000
383 N Old Woodward Ave	\$123,000
1791 Pine St	\$351,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
2325 Kensington Ln	\$650,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
4506 Brightonmore Rd	\$340,000
5068 Echo Rd	\$385,000
5116 Hippo Cross Rd	\$587,000
1248 Indian Mound Trl	\$675,000
170 N Berkshire Rd	\$380,000

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	
2325 Brigrante	\$230,000
5055 Carinas Way Ct	\$234,000
5091 Carinas Way Ct	\$348,000
441 Heathwood Dr	\$354,000
32050 Grand River Ave Unit 5	\$32,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
3667 Bradmont Cir	\$376,000
38862 Country Cir	\$700,000
20861 Deerfield	\$400,000
22225 Gill Rd	\$116,000
2048 Zanig St	\$121,000
34726 Pickford Ct	\$240,000
22020 River Ridge Trl	\$174,000
28057 S Harwich Dr	\$205,000
22055 Springland St	\$265,000
FRANKLIN	
31130 Sunset Dr	\$250,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
27645 California Ave W	\$129,000
27416 Goldengate Dr W	\$53,000
27416 Goldengate Dr W	\$133,000

MILFORD	
2776 Shagbark	\$300,000
NORTHVILLE	
49450 Deer Run	\$380,000
45587 Addington Ln	\$420,000
22439 Alton Ct	\$296,000
43328 Ashbury Dr	\$340,000
24167 Brentwood Ct	\$417,000
27538 Cromwell Rd	\$262,000
27602 Cromwell Rd	\$278,000
27618 Cromwell Rd	\$268,000
50960 Glades Ct W	\$50,000
22682 Hawthood	\$254,000
25754 Lochmore Ln	\$355,000
51123 Luke Ln	\$257,000
1277 South Lake Dr Unit 3	\$38,000
26550 Taft Rd	\$70,000
40612 Jackson Oaks	\$230,000
28218 Wilcote Ct	\$158,000
SOUTH LYON	
40612 Jackson Oaks	\$230,000
28218 Wilcote Ct	\$158,000
23546 Bristolcree Dr	\$406,000
52199 Copperwood Dr S	\$355,000

52235 Copperwood Dr S	\$402,000
58593 Dolly Rd	\$23,000
4985 Griefele Cir W	\$411,000
978 Oak Creek Dr	\$134,000
54353 Mt Pleasant	\$565,000
23601 Winterberry Ct	\$422,000
SOUTHFIELD	
27465 Berkshire Dr	\$125,000
28222 E Lenoxwood Dr	\$57,000
28030 Glasgow St	\$80,000
20106 MIDWAY AVE	
20270 Midway Ave	\$40,000
15801 Providence Dr	\$50,000
30276 Southfield Rd S	\$36,000
A212	\$57,000
27680 Spring Arbor Dr	\$17,000
19999 W 11 Mile Rd R	\$156,000
17221 W 12 Mile Rd	\$54,000
WHITE LAKE	
17172 Trenton Dr	\$295,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 22-26, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
45999 Baywood Blvd	\$235,000
5897 Beaufort Dr	\$171,000
52018 Black Horse Ln	\$313,000
41346 Maplewood Ln	\$150,000
2020 Briarfield St	\$190,000
6022 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$162,000
5044 College St	\$180,000
1841 Delancy Ave	\$415,000
7021 Fox Path	\$230,000
41155 Glade Rd	\$150,000
51158 Gold Ridge Ln	\$310,000
42438 Hanford Rd	\$123,000
1542 Lattale Rd	\$460,000
562 McKinley Cir	\$270,000
45463 Muirfield Dr	\$340,000
41346 Maplewood Ln	\$150,000
2022 Prestige Cir E	\$162,000
45234 Prestbury Rd	\$183,000
7081 Royal Villa Ct	\$383,000
9488 S Cavalier Dr	\$180,000
45588 Stonewood Dr	\$195,000

46712 Spinning Wheel	\$245,000
43568 W Arbor Way Dr	\$66,000
GARDEN CITY	
6611 Burnly St	\$70,000
29050 Dawson St	\$60,000
35660 Springdale St	\$23,000
32610 Maplewood St	\$35,000
13171 Shalpin St	\$75,000
28614 Serald St	\$29,000
LIVONIA	
19000 Ann Arbor Trl	\$50,000
41915 Auburndale St	\$119,000
15255 Blue Skies St	\$155,000
36540 Bobrich St	\$278,000
31370 Grandon St	\$128,000
16944 Farmington Rd	\$157,000
31730 Groveville St	\$111,000
31770 Grandon St	\$128,000
31771 Fonville Dr	\$160,000
39047 Hampshire Rd	\$235,000
32848 Heest St	\$123,000
15021 Heyer St	\$205,000
14940 Hg St	\$156,000
28025 Long St	\$90,000
27617 Lyndon St	\$126,000
19439 Merriman Dr	\$105,000
18537 Millburn St	\$79,000

37554 N Laurel Park Dr	\$128,000
37663 Newburgh Park Cir	\$150,000
14169 Park St	\$132,000
19830 Parkville St	\$120,000
29305 Perth St	\$118,000
31710 Perth St	\$141,000
19418 Rensselaer St	\$45,000
22682 Renwick St	\$108,000
9820 Seltzer St	\$85,000
8915 Sunburst St	\$112,000
31801 W Chicago St	\$175,000
NORTHVILLE	
17081 Algonquin Dr	\$242,000
17140 Cameron Dr	\$383,000
41101 Croydon Ct	\$320,000
19747 Hayes Ct	\$681,000
18756 Marilee Head Dr	\$861,000
49490 N Glacier	\$255,000
40493 Oak Forest Dr	\$670,000
19022 Oak Leaf Ln	\$1,070,000
900 Spring Dr	\$368,000
PLYMOUTH	
9405 Corinne St	\$130,000
12305 Deer Creek Cir	\$360,000
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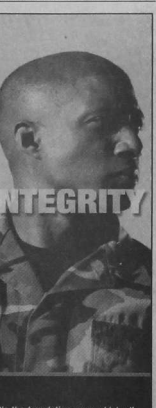
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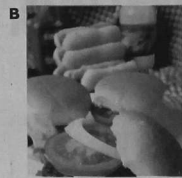
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What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Bun taken out of one burger 2. Cheese is missing on the front burger 3. There is an extra hot dog 4. The mustard is blue

Courtesy of Metro Creative

Hot Weather Word Find

Just in time for the dog days of summer, find the hidden words in the puzzle.

BEVERAGE	OUTDOORS	SWEATING
COOL	PERSPIRE	SWELTER
HOT	SHADE	WARM
HUMIDITY	SUNSHINE	

U	B	S	V	U	V	R	A	O	C	E	
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New Word: sweltering

uncomfortably hot

Responsible Me!

Traditionally the month of August is hot hot hot! Because of this, it is important to do things to take of yourself and your pets. Here are just a few things that you can do to be more responsible.

- Drink plenty of water
- Wear sunscreen lotion to protect your skin
- Be super cool in your sunglasses
- Make sure your pets have a shaded area and water to drink



Riddles & Giggles

- Q. What do you call a dog with a sun burn?
 A. A Hot Dog!
- Q. What is a lion's favorite state to vacation?
 A. Maine



Mark and Olivia Ruehlen took a Wild Summer Day Trip to the Toledo Zoo.



Children of Larry Ruehlen, Redford Observer

Deadline for Submissions:

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 Winning submissions will be announced in a future Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.