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## Circus, new food top Liberty Festival



The carnival rides open the 2014 Canton Liberty Festival at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 12. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

23rd annual event attracts thousands to Canton

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

The circus is coming to town.

And it's being joined by a local band, a national singing show contestant, new gourmet food trucks and traditional stalwarts like the spaghetti dinner, the pancake breakfast and one of the best fireworks shows in the area.

All of that is on tap as Canton celebrates the 23rd Liberty Festival, June 12-14 in Heritage Park.

The Detroit Circus is the newest addition to the lineup. Not a traditional circus, the

Detroit Circus "Cirque-style" entertainment features circus-style performers who "specialize in high-flying aerial antics on fabric, trapeze and lyra, fire dancing and eating, contortion and feats of mind-bending acrobatic strength as well as a variety of circus side-show acts," according to information on the troupe's website (detroitcircus.info).

Bringing in the circus, like the lumberjacks last year, helps give the annual festival a new feel.

"We want the festival to feel fresh every year," Canton Leisure Services recreation specialist Jennifer Provenzano said.

"We're always looking to give the festival something new."

### The lineup

While the circus doesn't start until Friday, Thursday's opening night has plenty to offer. In addition to the ever-popular carnival rides (which will be open 1-10 p.m.), the annual Zumba anniversary party tries to turn Heritage Park pink with a fundraiser on the amphitheater stage.

Taking the Canton LIVE! stage 7:30-10:30 p.m. will be the Dan Rafferty Band.

On Friday, one of the other new additions to the lineup begins, when Motor City Street Eats debuts gourmet food trucks, including tacos, vegan food and wood-oven pizza.

The food trucks won't re-

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## Sex-crime defendant back in jail

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A Romulus man who failed to appear for a court hearing on charges he sexually accosted two women in Canton was returned to jail Tuesday after he was taken back into custody, a Wayne County Circuit Court clerk said.

Christopher Neil Knight, 20, was remanded to jail by Judge James Callahan after he missed a May 16 court hearing following accusations he sexually accosted a worker inside JC Penney on Ford Road and another woman outside the nearby Kohl's store.

Knight landed back in jail as he awaits the outcome of his case after he was charged with two counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct for incidents police say occurred in April afternoon.

Knight could face penalties ranging up to two years in prison if he is convicted as charged.

Canton Deputy Police Chief Debra Newsome has said the first incident happened about 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 20, when a man grabbed a woman's buttocks in the JC Penney store and pushed her before he fled the store.

Less than an hour later, the same man was accused of accosting a woman walking in her car outside the Kohl's store, Newsome said. He was arrested after he returned to the JC Penney store and was spotted by employees, who notified Canton police.

Police have said the suspect struggled with JC Penney workers before police arrived and took him into custody. During a subsequent preliminary examination in 35th District Court, Judge Michael Gerou ordered Knight to stay away from the women.

Gerou also ordered Knight not to have any firearms and to undergo regular testing to ensure he is avoiding alcohol and drugs.

A not-guilty plea has been placed in the file.



Richard Constantino prepares the pasta for the spaghetti dinner, sponsored by Canton firefighters. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## HELPING HANDS

Firefighter charity helps those in need

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Their stories are similar, yet so different.

Greg Unger, a brave young Canton man, needed financial help as he faced a double lung transplant before cystic fi-

brosis ultimately claimed his life at age 20.

With two young daughters, Laurie Swick took an unpaid leave of absence to help her husband, Canton firefighter Ryan Swick, before he lost his battle to cancer in May 2012, less than a year after he

was named Canton Firefighter of the Year.

Countless patients have needed help paying medical bills for care they received at the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center.

Shattered after losing all they owned in house fires, numerous Canton families have started over from a hotel room where they only

had each other and a few clothes bought from a local retail store.

Unger, Swick, burn patients and house fire victims are only a few of the people who found a friend in the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation, created in 1995 to help the community's most

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## Vets may help get arts complex off the ground

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Veterans who would be most helped by plans being made by the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities for the old Henry Ford property in Canton's Cherry Hill Village could be among those helping bring the project to fruition.

As the partnership aims at

2015 start on the first phase of the project — restoration of the Henry Ford factory and dormitory — the idea has come up to have veterans do the actual landscaping and other improvements around the property.

That would bring the buildings — built by Henry Ford to provide veterans returning



Nancy Williams (from left), Canton Township Trustee Pat Williams and retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone showed support for the veterans project at the recent Acts of Fashion fashion show in Canton.

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# A father she never knew, remembered

Plymouth woman makes trip to his final resting place

By Matt Joachim  
Staff Writer

A trip to Luxembourg this spring helped Jan Sokolowsky find meaning in the brief life and tragic death of a father she never knew.

U.S. Army Pfc. Warren I. Seibert was killed Dec. 24, 1944, in a World War II friendly fire incident after his entire regiment surrendered to the Germans during the Battle of the Bulge.

Married just over a year, Seibert left a 20-year-old wife who was two months pregnant. "She didn't talk about it much," Sokolowsky, of Plymouth Township, said of her mother, Rose Jean. As a girl growing up in Detroit, Jan Seibert learned some basics about her father and his death but, she says now, it was probably too painful a topic for a young widow and single mother.

Nearly 70 years later, the idea of seeing her father's final resting place, in the back of her mind for years, became a reality. She and husband Jim visited France with close friends Pam

and Frank Brady and made an excursion to the Luxembourg American Cemetery, where more than 5,000 U.S. soldiers are buried.

Seeing the headstone, a simple stone cross, for the first time, she was speechless, overcome with emotion.

"I felt connected to him — more than I ever had," Sokolowsky said. She and Jim put rosebuds, from Pam Brady's yard, on the grave and Pam said a few words. "To think that she had thought of all these details for us. It was very moving," Sokolowsky said.

"I said a little prayer of thanks for his service and all that he and his comrades did for our country," said Pam Brady, who also lives in the township.

The couples had already been to the Normandy American Cemetery in France. Pam Brady said the cemetery visits filled her with pride and a sense of poignancy.

"I found to be an American and I felt very honored to be in the presence of such patriots," she said.

## Accepting of absence

Sokolowsky, who was born in 1945, said she

grew up accepting her father's absence, not knowing many details about his life or even where he was buried.

Her mother had told her he had been killed when Allied planes mistakenly attacked the prisoner of war train onto which he and others from his regiment, the 422nd, were packed. Both the 422nd and the 426th regiments, part of the 106th Division, had surrendered in the early days of the Battle of the Bulge, having been cut off from other parts of the division, according to a division history.

She knows a bit about her father. He was a 1940 Redford High School graduate, was in his second stint in the Army, had been a rifleman before being sent to Europe, liked to ride a motorcycle and was "adventurous."

She has a few photographs; he was slim and dark-haired, resembling the actor Hugh O'Brian. Rose Jean Seibert carried on admirably, graduating from Wayne University (now Wayne State), raising Jan with the help of her mother and a sister and launching a nearly 30-year teaching career in the Detroit Public Schools.

She married again in 1976 to Richard Swisher, her mother's second husband.

the widower of a long-time friend.

Rose Jean died in November 2009, Swisher, who occasionally takes photographs for Canton Township Leisure Services, survives her. He knew Warren 70-plus years ago, but at a distance.

Jan, perhaps taking a cue from her mother, carried on as well. She graduated from Cass Tech, went to college, worked for five years as an artist at a children's museum in Detroit and settled down to raise her and Jim's three children, Karen, Steven and Kevin. The family moved from Detroit to the township in 1976.

## Curiosity ignited

Engel said interest from local businesses is drumming up quickly. The partnership recently got a 201 donation from the Canton Arts of Culture Week fashion show.

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from World War II with jobs and a place to stay — full-circle.

"That would tie it back to its original heritage," said Jill Engel, executive director for the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities. "When (Ford) created it, he was creating something that could serve as a place to provide veterans' services, including indoor and outdoor therapy."

The project is designed to turn the factory and dormitory into a visual arts complex that could serve as a place to provide veterans' services, including indoor and outdoor therapy.

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place the regular concession vendors, who will still offer traditional festival foods like roasted almonds, elephant ears, gyros, etc. but will provide the tens of thousands of expected visitors with some choices.

"When you have that many people in the park, you'd better have some food options," said Jon LaFever, Canton's recreation and facilities supervisor. "The food trucks are just going to be another choice for folks."

standing project, as we prioritize partnerships with community-based stakeholders to accomplish their missions," said Tim Hinnicutt of Zero Day. "Amaze the principal and what we were founded are service before self and filling niche career paths. This project will allow our veteran apprentices to expand their skills in historic preservation trades, while performing the honorable and meaningful task of assisting the community in preserving an important part of their local heritage."

Canton-based Mannik and Smith is providing design work for the interior, while Bradley Cambridge of Quinn Evans, an architectural firm in Ann Arbor, is helping with some budgeting and interior design issues.

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The Walk on the Wild Side animal exhibit opens, while the annual movie in the park, the rarest of the rare, "A Chance of Meatballs 2," hits the screen at dusk.

Twenty-Seven, a three-man band featuring Plymouth-Canton musicians, takes the amphitheater stage, followed by The Candy Band.

The festival closes Saturday, a day after the walk with the annual Liberty Run, ends with the traditional fireworks display and includes the annual Canton Multicultural Committee presentation of the arts, music, dance and traditions of Canton's diverse cultures.

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vulnerable and deserving recipients.

Canton Goodfellows, Special Olympics, Mott Children's Hospital, the Michigan Dystrophy Association — the list goes on.

Firefighter paramedic Brian Switzer, foundation secretary, estimated the organization has raised \$500,000 since it was started as a way to support the Canton community outside the daily routine of saving fires and saving lives. One of the earliest fundraisers involved a hockey game with the Detroit Red Wings alumni.

"Every time people need help," Switzer said,

"we try to be there for them."

For that to happen, Canton firefighters again this year are sponsoring fundraisers — a Liberty Fest spaghetti dinner, the 18th annual Greg Unger Memorial Golf Outing, a raffle with the Salem High School baseball team for a 2014 Chevy Camaro SS.

It's the kind of community involvement that keeps retirees such as former Canton Fire Capt. Ron Battani coming back to help.

"I think it brings the people closer to the firefighters," Battani said.

Firefighters started their foundation because they saw a need.

"The firefighters really didn't have any extra money to help the community," Battani said.

Now, year after year, the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation gives back. And here's how the community can help.

Battani is hopeful this year's spaghetti dinner fundraiser, 5-9 p.m. Saturday, June 13, teaching Liberty Fest in Heritage Park, will draw as many as 1,000 people for an all-you-can-eat event. Some year-olds, firefighters have sold enough meals to raise \$5,000.

It's easy. Just show up and pay \$7 for the adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12 and nothing for youngsters under 5. Firefighters get support from Sysco Foods, Ma-ma's Pizzeria, Rose's Restaurant (which does the cooking), Absorption Water and the Liberty Fest committee. Working with Gordon Chevrolet of Garden City, Canton firefighters are raffling off a Chevy Camaro SS, though the winner can opt for \$43,000 in cash — sometime between 4-7 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at Liberty Fest in Heritage Park.

Only 1,500 tickets are being sold and the win-

ner doesn't have to attend the drawing to win. Tickets are \$50. Contact Greg Unger, firefighters foundation vice president, at 734-250-2617 or by email at cfcf2289@gmail.com.

This year's Greg Unger Memorial Golf Outing is set for a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, at Pheasant Run Golf Club, 46500 Summit Parkway. For \$115 per person, it includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a scramble format, range balls, a skins game, beverages and, of course, a continental breakfast and lunch at the turn, a banquet with open bar, a silent auction and raffle prizes.

Banquet-only tickets are \$50, with the banquet starting at 1:30 p.m. Organizers also are looking for sponsors ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. For more information, call Fire Station No. 1 at 734-398-5262.

To learn more about the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation, go to www.cantonfirefighters.org.

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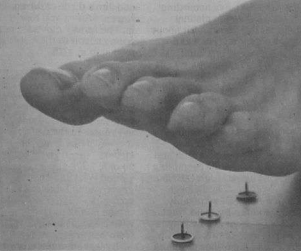
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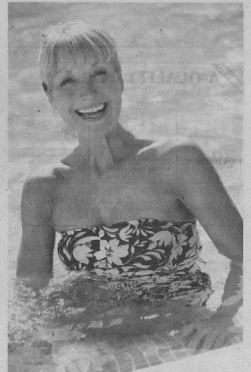
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And while the sweep resulted in several positive indications from the canine, nothing was actually found in the build-

ings. One student was ticketed for possession of paraphernalia, ancillary to the building searches.

The Canton Police Department works continually with the school district to reduce the presence of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in the schools and conducted the sweep as a proactive step to deter teen use of alcohol and other drugs.

"The result of today's drug sweep confirms the proactive efforts of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the Canton Police Department are

making an impact regarding the presence of drugs at the high schools," Special Services Lt. Craig Wilsher said. "The zero tolerance stances taken by the district and the department will continue to be the standard."

For several years, the Canton Police Department has conducted decoy operations at local businesses throughout Canton in an effort to curb the availability of tobacco and alcohol to underage youth.

The department plans to continue the decoy operations

and drug sweeps on a random basis. The objective of the program is to deter teen drug use, while bringing awareness of the consequences of drug and alcohol possession.

In a statement released by the district, officials said they were "grateful" to the township for coordinating the effort.

"Organizing the sweep required cooperation from several organizations and we recognize that strong partnerships with our local police departments is invaluable to ensuring

a safe and secure environment for our students," the statement read. "While we're pleased with the results on Wednesday, we will continue to educate our students on the importance of a substance-free life. We credit our high school security team, our administration, dedicated teachers, the utilization of security cameras and especially our school resource officers with the impressive results of the drug sweep. Clearly, our students understand our zero tolerance of drugs in our schools."

## Canton teams rule at Robofest worlds

Michigan teams, including two teams from Canton, finished first in three of the six major categories at the 15th annual Robofest World Championships, held May 17 at Lawrence Technological University.

More than 70 teams competed in the final round of competition, including teams from nine other states besides Michigan - Ohio, Texas, Minnesota, Florida, Hawaii, California, Missouri, Indiana and Washington - and eight other countries - Canada, Mexico, South Korea, China, India, South Africa, Brazil and France.

The winning teams at the Robofest World Championships included:

» College Vision Centric Challenge: Luxrobo, Seoul, South Korea.

» Senior Vision Centric Challenge: BOG, Seoul, South Korea.

» Junior Exhibition: Metal Robots, Canton.

» Junior Game: Hoben iTerrifics, Canton.

» Senior Exhibition: Dragons, Vanderbijlpark, South Africa.

» Senior Game: NCA Lights, Northville.

The People's Choice Award in the Michigan Exhibition category went to RoboClimbers and RoboCruisers, both of Canton.

The Doge team from Farmington Hills was second in the Senior Vision Centric Challenge. RoboCruisers of Canton finished second in the Senior Game.

"The level of competition continues to improve every year," said LTU professor C.J. Chung, founder of Robofest. "It is becoming harder and harder for teams here in Michigan to finish first. It is a real accomplishment when they do."

Students from the Shanghai University of Engineering and Science who are studying at LTU finished second in the College Vision Centric Challenge.

Demonstrating the geographic diversity of the competition, the five winners of the Best Team Photo Award came from Brampton, Canada; Belton, Texas; Newark, Ohio; Seoul, South Korea; and Paris, France.



The Hoben iTerrifics team from Canton won the Junior Game competition at the Robofest World Championships. Pictured are (back, from left) coach Hoa Pham, Lego Education representative Ivery Toussant, LTU President Virinder Moudgil and Toyota representative Yan Liu and (front, from left) Amin Jazari, Thien Pham and Noah Joseph.



The Metal Robots team from Canton won the Junior Exhibition competition at the Robofest World Championships. Pictured are (from left) Lego Education representative Ivery Toussant, LTU President Virinder Moudgil, Darren Tascillo, Jonathan Mi, Krishna Gogineni and Toyota representative Yan Liu.

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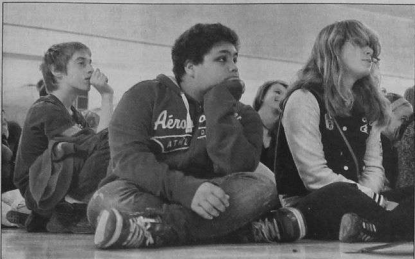
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Albert Einstein helps Sara with her math in a scene from the play "Eureka!" PHOTOS BY BILL BRISLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Seth Chomos, Max Cleary and Alexis Gordon learn about the fun side of math by watching "Eureka!"

## 'Eureka!' Students learn how to have fun with math

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Albert Einstein climbing out of a trunk? Blaise Pascal reclining on a bean bag chair?

Add in Ada Lovelace and Pythagoras and you have *Eureka! Math Live on Stage*, a two-act play that related the mysteries of mathematics to the real world to Franklin Middle School students.

"When they get to middle school, students start losing interest in math and science," said Christine Bryant, head of the mathematics department at Franklin. "I wanted something they could relate to and make sense of and make math more fun. With this play, it brings in some humor."

In the production, Sara is stressing out on the eve of a big test. With the help of Einstein, she learns that "mathematics is the language of movement, the code that can explain the universe."

The message from Lovelace was that mathematics "is about seeing through the veil of the physical work and observing the patterns underneath." She was introduced to the students as the "enchantress of numbers" and as the author of "a definitive piece on computers 100 years before the computer was invented."

Patterns also were

*"I learned some tricks in doing math. I know it can be used in a lot of different ways."*

DEMARRIE PHILSON  
Franklin Middle School  
seventh-grader

part of Pascal's message to students. The inventor of the first calculator – "In 1645, it was revolutionary technology" – she pointed out to students that "arithmetic is about finding one absolute number, math is about finding patterns in life and, as you know, there are very few certainties in life. Arithmetic is just the tool."

As the oldest dude on the stage, Pythagoras had a message that went beyond mathematics and school: "You can learn new things your entire life, but you have to start with the basics. Learn these tools and you can see beyond the here and now into the depths of an atom or the reaches of cold space."

It was tidbits like that that caught the attention of seventh-grader Demarrie Philson.

"I learned some tricks in doing math. I know it can be used in a lot of different ways," he said. "I plan to be a football

player and I know I can use in calculating touchdowns and yards and in the angle to throw the ball."

Bryant used the play as an incentive for students trying harder on an important math test. She sought out sponsors to bring the play to Franklin. She was able to cover the cost – \$4,500 for one performance – through donations from folks she knows well as a member of the Westland City Council. Donations came from the Wayne Ford Civic League, Westland Mayor William Wild, other members of the city council, state Rep. Robert Kosowski, the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union and Midwest Sanitation.

"I hope its sparks an interest in math," she said. "My class has been exploring the artistic side of and doing things in math."

And there was a spark for seventh-grader Davon Miller. He has an A in math and likes geometry and algebra. The things he learned through the play "makes math come easy."

"This play gave me tips on how to find a solution," he said. "I don't think you have to be that smart to be a mathematician."

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# Library kicks off summer reading program

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

School's almost out, but that doesn't mean kids don't read when the temperatures climb. The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, will again offer its popular summer reading program for kids, teens and adults. The youth theme of "Fizz! Boom! Read!" emphasizes science, said Carol Champagne, youth services department head.

Up through age 12 last year, some 1,300-1,400 kids participated. A couple of hundred more teens were joined by a couple of hundred adults who tackled a variety of reading material in the summer.

Champagne agreed reading for kids is great for kids. "Absolutely. I think they're inundated with so much reading in school now. It doesn't matter what they're read-

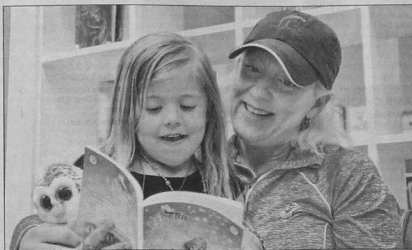
ing. Anything keeps those skills up."

Kids pick fun stuff in summer, she finds. "A lot of parents want them to read meatier stuff. We should accord the same privilege to kids," as the adults who enjoy "beach books" in summer.

Registration for summer reading kicks off Sunday, June 1, with the kickoff program at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 24 (attendees register for one and need a free ticket, available when they register.)

Summer reading registration has been phased in in recent years to be done via computer, but Champagne emphasizes the library computers are available and librarians can help with that. Keeping a paper log will now be confined to the youngest "listeners" and those who've finished kindergarten, first or second grade.

The Edge kids who've



Rachel Mahan and 4-year-old daughter Audrey reading at the Plymouth Library. BILL BRESLER  
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finished third, fourth or fifth grade can sign up for all summer programs online, with the library's website [www.plymouthlibrary.org](http://www.plymouthlibrary.org).

Teens and adults will also sign up via computer. "It's just for fun," Cham-

pagne said of the adult portion. "We'd like them to explore different parts of the library," visiting new genres "and see what all we have to offer."

Friends of the Library support makes summer reading possible, with a

grant from the Michigan Humanities Council and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs supporting the June 24 kickoff.

Those with questions can call the Plymouth library at 734-453-0750,

ext. 4 for teens and adults, ext. 5 for kids. There's an Aug. 9 wrap-up program for the children's portion of summer reading.

"Fantasy is still really huge," she said of young readers. "It has been since Harry Potter."

Younger readers are now turning to titles that aren't comic books, but based on cultural icons like superheroes, "things that cross media," tying into movies, for example.

Champagne noted the "maker spaces" trend for young library users with a focus on creativity "and using different things to make new things." That's more involved than crafts and/or computers.

"It's girls and boys. A lot of teens and young adults are really interested, too." Such work may be based on a graphic novel character, Champagne added.

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## W-W taxpayers could save with refunding of bonds

Taxpayers in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district could see their taxes decrease with the refunding of some \$42 million in debt bonds.

The school board has given the green light to school officials to float new bonds at lower interest rates to cover the cost of previously refunded bonds that will expire by 2019.

School officials will now be able to issue and sell refunding bonds covering the remainder of the previous bonds, which were issued in 2004. The refunding will benefit only taxpayers. It's estimated the savings will be \$3 million over the life of the new bonds.

"I think this is the kind of action the board has to be cognizant of when things change in the economy to save money," Trustee Charles "Trav" Griffin said. "It may or may not seem like a lot of money

with a hundred-plus some million-dollar budget, but it's quite a bit of money to save for the district while receiving the same bond proceeds."

With refunding, the district sells new bonds to cover the cost of existing bonds. The money the new bonds raise is placed in escrow to pay off the old refunded bonds as they expire. The money raised by the district's annual debt levy is used pay off the new bonds.

The refunded bonds relate to \$108 million in bonds issued in the late 1990s to finance the renovation of district buildings. In 2004, the district refunded the remainder of the bonds, about \$80 million, to cover bonds expiring between 2008 and 2019. The new bonds will cover the remainder and will expire in 2019.

—By Sue Mason

## Farmers Market draws more than 750 on opening day

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

More than 750 people swarmed the Canton Farmers Market last Sunday on the season's opening day, manager Tina Lloyd said, embracing what had been a tentative spring following a brutal winter.

"Everyone seemed very excited to get outdoors," she said.

Canton Farmers Market runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday through Oct. 19 (except for July 6) at Preservation Park, on Ridge north of Cherry Hill on Canton's far west side.

Among the highlights this week:

• Musician Bob Skon performs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on

the porch of the historic Bartlett-Travis House.

• Children can play on the Recreation Station Bouncer.

• Library storytime happens at 10:30 a.m. and noon in the back yard of the Bartlett-Travis House, along with crafts for children.

• Visitors are encouraged to bring their divided, labeled and bagged plants to spring's last perennial exchange.

• Coming June 1, the market offers its Double Up Food Bucks program for shoppers.

• New this week is Steinhäuser Farms pork and beef, Garlily garlic sauce, U.P. Pasties and Agricola soft pretzels and baked goods.

• Parran's Greenhouse & Farm will return in June. Meanwhile, The Rolling

Stoves offers lunch this Sunday at the market and Michigan goods for sale include produce and plants, asparagus, spinach, herbs, mixed greens, carrots, radish, herb plants, vegetable garden plants, potting hanging plants and more.

Food includes sauces, meat, farm eggs, baked goods, artisan cheese and bread, soft pretzels, jams, pasties and sauce, chicken pot pies and blended teas.

Hand-crafted goods include soap, jewelry, soy candles, hair accessories, toiletry bags and a bean bag toss game.

Canton Farmers Market can be found on Facebook.

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## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### JAZZ @ THE ELKS

**Date/Time:** May 27, 7-10 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** The May 27 event features Dennis Tini Trio with April Tini on vocals. Dennis plays keyboard, Ray Tini on bass and Dave Taylor on drums. Jazz @ The Elks is \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

**Contact:** For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit [www.plymouthelks1780.com](http://www.plymouthelks1780.com)

### \*NOTABLE AUTHOR\* SPEAKS

**Date/Time:** Thursday, May 29, 7 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** Northern Michigan University professor and author, Matt Bell, recognized by the Library of Michigan as part of the Michigan Notable Book program, will share his award-winning book, *In the House Upon the Dirt Between the Lake and the Woods*. In his debut novel, Bell explores the boundaries of marriage, parenthood and life.

**Contact:** Sign up is requested at 734-453-0750, ext. 4, or online at [plymouthlib.org](http://plymouthlib.org)

### CRAFTERS WANTED

**Date/Time:** Sept. 5-7

**Location:** Downtown Plymouth's Fall Festival

**Details:** The Plymouth Fall Festival has openings in the Craft Show. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com). Deadline for jewelry booth applications is June 30. Deadline for all other craft applications is July 15.

**Contact:** More information can be found on the web site or email Colleen Brown at [craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com](mailto:craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com)

### APPRECIATION DAY

**Date/Time:** May 30-31

**Location:** Victory Lane Quick Oil Change, 953 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Victory Lane Quick Oil Change hosts a two-day community appreciation event at its store to thank the community for its support in its first year. A portion of the proceeds from the event will be donated to the Plymouth Family YMCA. Customers can support the YMCA and its Healthy Kids Campaign by getting their vehicle serviced during this event. The Corvette Legends Club of Northville will be on-site to showcase its classic Corvettes and there will be free food and a prize drawing for all customers.

"Our customers are what motivate us -- we strive to offer an environment where all our customers trust our staff to take their vehicles perform better while saving time and money," owner Justin Caelella said. "We are excited to support the Plymouth Family YMCA and the programs that they offer to the community."

### FAMILY PICNIC

**Date/Time:** Saturday, May 31, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Heritage Park Pavilion, Canton

**Details:** Canton Newcomers & Neighbors hosts a family picnic with grilled delights, a golf pro, face painting, soccer challenge, piñata, door prizes and activities for everyone. Families are encouraged to attend with their \$20 dues for the 2014-15 season of the Canton Newcomers & Neighbors club. Visit [www.cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org](http://www.cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org) for all the club's offerings or to request a complimentary summer newsletter.

**Contact:** To RSVP and for more information, call Noreen at 734-981-0486 or email [noreenbar@yahoo.com](mailto:noreenbar@yahoo.com)

### SENIOR HEALTH DAY

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 28, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Location:** Summit on the Park, 46500 Summit Parkway, Canton

**Details:** Area seniors are invited to the 21st annual National Senior Health and Fitness Day. Seniors 55 and older will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of senior health and fitness-related free activities, including some health screenings, lectures, fitness classes. Free lunch and lecture, sponsored by Health Systems, at noon. Seniors can also utilize the Summit fitness center, track, aquatic center and Senior Center for free throughout the entire National Senior Health and Fitness Day. All participants planning to use just the fitness amenities are asked to check in at the Summit on the Park front desk.

**Contact:** RSVP at the Senior Center front desk or by calling 734-394-5485

### MSU WINE TASTING

**Date/Time:** Friday, June 6, 6-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Cantoro's Market, on Haggerty just north of Five Mile, Plymouth

**Details:** The Western Metro Detroit Alumni Club of Michigan State University hosts a wine tasting event, a fundraiser to provide scholarships to students transferring from local colleges to MSU. Enjoy a selection of eight or more wines and hors d'oeuvres by Cantoro's.

Live music will be provided by an ensemble of musicians from the College of Music and a talk will be given on the Wines Of Michigan by MSU Professor Ron Perry. Admission is \$45.

**Contact:** To purchase tickets, visit [www.cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org](http://www.cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org) or call Tom Hess for information at 248-380-8519

### CHURCH CONCERT

**Date/Time:** Saturday, May 31, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** Friend of Unity, a Plymouth Unit church, hosts a concert featuring Karen Taylor Good and Stove Daley Shockey, who organizes say are noted for performing "positive thoughtspiritual message" music. Tickets are \$20 in advance and at the door.

**Contact:** Email Margaret Assenmacher at [mass4000@bcglobal.net](mailto:mass4000@bcglobal.net) for more information or for tickets

### MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING

**Date/Time:** June 4, 1-3 p.m.

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

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

**Contact:** Heather Pinage at 734-727-2063. Please specify you are requesting an appointment for the United Home Health location. For MMAP information visit [www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.htm](http://www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.htm)

### BLOOD DRIVES

**Date/Time:** Locations:

» Tuesday, May 27, 1:30-7:15 p.m. St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

» Thursday, May 29, 2:30-8:15 p.m. East Middle School, 1042 S. Mill, Plymouth

» Friday, May 30, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Canton Public Library, 1200 Canton Center, Canton

» Friday, May 30 7:45 p.m., Canton Charter Academy

**Details:** The American Red Cross hosts blood drives at the above locations. Appointments

can be made, and walk-ins are welcome.

**Contact:** To make an appointment, call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 or email [Diane.Risko@redcross.org](mailto:Diane.Risko@redcross.org)

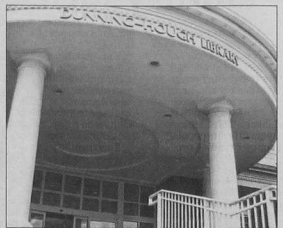
### FOOD PANTRY

**Date/Time:** Open every Tuesday, registration 2-3 p.m.

**Location:** Abundant Life Church of God, 2100 Hannan, Canton

**Details:** Abundant Life Church of God hosts New Dimension Outreach Food Bank for anyone who needs food. The pantry is run by people who love and care. Registration is 2-3 p.m., free raffles are at 3 p.m., and food distribution follows the raffles. The pantry serves more than 100 families per week. Users will need a photo ID and proof of address.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Donna at 734-383-6558, Pastor Dan Smithman at 734-664-5848 or the church at 734-722-6688.



### How well do you know Plymouth?

The Plymouth District Library will continue to accept entries in the "How Well Do You Know Plymouth?" contest, running through May 31. Photos of several of the community's unique architectural elements can be found on Instagram or on an entry blank available at the library. All entries with correct answers will be entered into a drawing for a Chamber of Commerce gift certificate.

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# Michigan Activity Pass begins its second year

The Library Network has announced the "Michigan Activity Pass presented by The Library Network" renewed for a second year, beginning May 24.

The "Michigan Activity Pass presented by The Library Network" program is a partnership between Michigan's nearly 400 public libraries and 100-plus arts and cultural organizations. The program is designed to enhance the learning experience for people of all ages through books and other library materials, and to provide reduced cost or complimentary access to arts and cultural organizations across the state.



The Plymouth Historical Museum is one of the local organizations participating in the Michigan Activity Pass program.

Local participating organizations include the Michigan Philharmonic,

the Plymouth Historical Museum and the Yankee Air Museum in Belle-

ville.

The project is supported in part by the Library of Michigan with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

"Public library patrons and our cultural partners were so pleased with the overwhelming reception afforded to the Michigan Activity Pass program during its first year, that renewal for a second year was a no-brainer," said Jim Flury, technical services manager and Michigan Activity Pass administrator at The Library Network in Novi. "That so many of our cultural partners from the first year of the program decided to sign on for a second year, speaks to the success the program has enjoyed."

Using TixKeeper software developed by Plymouth Rocket, the "Michigan Activity Pass presented by The Library Network" is available at all of Michigan's nearly 400 public libraries. Some of the participating cultural partners include the Gilmore Car Museum, the Michigan Science Center, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum and many others.

Library users with a valid library card from any Michigan library can print a pass, either from home or at the library, to one of the 70-plus participating cultural institutions at the http://michiganactivitypass.info website. Some cultural partners offer complimentary or reduced price admission; others, discounts in their gift shop or other exclusive offers for MAP pass holders only. Each Michigan Activity Pass expires one week from the date it is printed.

Each library will have five passes available per week for each of the participating organizations.

## ON CAMPUS

### Pierce Cedar Creek Institute

Marie Hallinen of Canton received a \$3,750 grant to create a nature-



Hallinen

focused writing project at Pierce Cedar Creek Institute during the summer of 2014.

The Institute, a biological field station located south of Hastings, recently awarded 19 grants to fund 13 undergraduate research projects.

Hallinen is a 2011 graduate of Canton High School and biology major at Kalamazoo College. She is the daughter of Wayne and Lorraine Hallinen of Canton.

As recipient of a Nature in Words Fellowship, Hallinen will work with faculty mentor Dr. Diane Seuss to create a writing project entitled "Subjectivity in Science."

The undergraduate research programs at Pierce Cedar Creek Institute include the Undergraduate Research Grant for the Environment (URGE), the Gordon Art Fellowship, and the Nature in Words Fellowship.

Each grant provides a \$3,750 stipend for students, along with up to a \$3,500 faculty mentor stipend that can be used for equipment purchases, general expenses, travel, or training needed for conducting the research project.

Room and board for 10-12 weeks is also included in the grant bringing the value to \$10,000. The students present their final project reports in mid-September.

### Alma College

Nearly 300 Alma College Scots participated in the commencement ceremony recently. Guest speaker Lou Glazier, co-founder and president of Michigan Future, Inc., was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters degree.

Local students among the graduates included:

» **Alyssa Leright** of Canton is a candidate for a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. She is a 2010 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia.

» **Chelsie Myers** of Canton is a candidate for a bachelor of arts degree in integrative physiology and health science. She is a 2010 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy.

» **Lindsey Schmidt** of Canton is a candidate for a bachelor of arts degree in history and biology. She is a 2010 graduate of Canton High School.

» **Leeanne Carr** of Plymouth is a candidate for a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics and English. She is a 2010 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy.

» **Katherine Greenough** of Plymouth is a candidate for a bachelor of arts degree in music. She is a 2010 graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia.

**University of Akron**  
Andrew Souders of Canton made the University of Akron's spring 2014 Dean's List.

To be eligible, Souders maintained a GPA of 3.25 or higher and was enrolled in 12 or more credit hours.

The University of Akron offers more than 300 associate, bachelor's, master's, doctorate and law degree programs, with accreditations by 35 professional agencies.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2014. The bid opening will be at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at the following:

### PURCHASE OF SOCCER EQUIPMENT FOR THE 2014 / 2015 BUDGET YEAR.

Specifications and bid documents are available at the city hall during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>. The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk  
City of Plymouth

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

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:  
Z 14-04  
693 Maple  
Non-Use Variance Requested  
To allow a 100% Residential Use in a O-1, Office Zoned Property  
Zoned: O-1, Office  
Applicant: Elisabeth Gales

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator  
201 S. Main Street  
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Madeline Carpenter (from left), Ray Fraser and Jack Galazka in a scene from "Murder's in the Heir."

## Players present murder mystery

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How about a diabolical plot from the aging Simon Stark-weather no one ever suspected? And better yet, the audience decides the killer.

The Spotlight Still Got It Players presents *Murder's in the Heir* at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. This senior acting company is

presenting the final production of its fifth season.

Director Debbie Lannen expects audiences to embrace this comedy and enjoy their role in its ending.

"This play by Billy St. John has it all," Lannen said. "Money, motive and opportunity. It is being performed by a group of actors who give their audience first-rate productions."

Performances are sched-

uled for 1 p.m. June 4-5, 7 p.m. June 6, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 7 and 2 p.m. June 8.

Tickets are available at [www.canton-mi.org/village](http://www.canton-mi.org/village) theater. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Spotlight Still Got It Players is a theater company for actors over the age of 50. More information about the group can be found at [www.spotlightplayersmi.org](http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org).

## Area thrift stores holding annual Memorial Day sales

Skip the barbecue and kick off the summer with savings as The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center hosts its annual Memorial Day Sale. All 34 metro Detroit Salvation Army thrift store locations will offer 50 percent off clothing from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, May 26.

"As families think about rotating their closets to summer clothes, we invite them to shop for great deals during our Memorial Day Sale," said Merle Miller, administrator of the Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center. "We pride ourselves on offering the community great value, while benefiting a worthy cause."

In addition to 50-percent savings on clothing, shoppers can pick up deals on summer essentials, accessories, home goods and other items, with bonus sales announced hourly at each store.

Local thrift stores are at:

» 3403 Joy, Canton, 734-416-1925

» 28982 Ford Road, Garden City, 734-261-7175

» 3600 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 734-425-7573

» 27170 Grand River, Redford, 313-255-0777

Proceeds from all stores benefit The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center, an independently funded, 180-day

residential rehabilitation program for adults.

All thrift store merchandise is donated by community members. Help the ARC continue its work by dropping off gently used clothing, accessories, housewares, furniture and toys to the nearest Salvation Army thrift store donation center. For specific hours of a Salvation Army thrift store and donation center near you, visit [www.salarmythrif.com](http://www.salarmythrif.com).

Founded by William Booth in London, England, in 1865, The Salvation Army is a faith-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to serving people in need without discrimination.

The ARC is an integral part of TSA's mission and offers substance-abusing adults the opportunity to rebuild their lives through a voluntary, short-term residential self-help program designed to establish a sense of dignity, self-esteem and personal strength that will allow them to resist the desire to abuse a substance and regain their rightful place as contributing members of society.

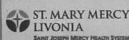
Completely self-funded, the ARC draws its entire operating budget from the revenue of the 34 Salvation Army Thrift Stores located in southeast Michigan.

For more information, visit [www.salarmythrif.com](http://www.salarmythrif.com) or call 313-965-7760.

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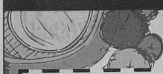


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# 'Idol' finalists will attend prom together

By Aileen Wingblad  
Staff Writer

Unlike most 17-year-olds, she's endured the grueling competition of *American Idol* winner Caleb Johnson, the frenzy and challenge of the national stage, a taste of the glamour and fame and hard work that a successful music career demands.

But there's no question Jena Ascutto is still, in some ways, much like her peers: With the North Farmington High School prom just days away, she said she has no idea what she's going to wear.

"I still don't have a dress. I'm freaking out," she said.

But the NFHS senior does have a date: *American Idol* winner Caleb Johnson. In a media conference call Thursday from Los Angeles, the *Idol*'s first runner-up confirmed that she and Johnson are, indeed, attending her high school prom May 28 at the Dearborn Inn.



Jena Ascutto (middle) with her brother Nick and music teacher Sheri Jaffurs. On Wednesday night during the final "American Idol" show of the season, Jena was given a new Ford Mustang and Jaffurs a new Ford Fusion. AILEEN WINGBLAD

"Me and Caleb are flying in—it's going to be interesting," she said.

The "prom date" started out as a joke a couple of months ago, Jena said, and as the *American Idol*

finale approached, she began to take note that she had no one lined up to share the big night.

Or so she thought. Caleb, she said, "was serious the whole time."

"I'm really excited," she added.

Jena will also be on hand for another high school, attending her graduation ceremony June 8 at Com-

puware Arena.

But two days later, she leaves her Farmington Hills hometown, her friends and most of the world she has known so far for the next stage of her musical journey: First up is rehearsal for the *American Idol* Tour.

And then?

Like plenty of other *American Idol* standouts, the odds appear to be in Jena's favor for achieving success in the music entertainment industry. She says she's "still evolving as an artist, has a lot to learn and a long way to go." Yet on her short list is cutting an album—and fielding offers she said she's expecting after the whirlwind of *American Idol* winds down.

## 'The real deal'

Reflecting on her *Idol* experience—less than 24 hours after the show's 13th season concluded Wednesday night—Jena said it wasn't until a few weeks ago when she was among the last five competitors that "it all started to sink in that this is the real deal."

"I remember laying in bed one night (thinking) 'How did I get here? And no matter the outcome, I was really proud to get to that point,'" she said.

Noting that she's been working at her craft since age 12, Jena said she's taken "bits of each person" who inspired her to

create a sound that's

"uniquely me." "I'm glad it sounds different and it's a voice people know," she said, adding that "it's still developing."

She'll also continue to pen songs and has a goal to perform some of her own, such as *Unbreakable Me*, during the upcoming *American Idol* Tour.

"I think a lot of people like it, too. I'm hoping they'll let me," Jena said. In some regards, she said, writing music has helped her cope with struggles she has endured, such as her parents' divorce. "It was a hard time in my life... rather than therapy, my coping was writing. I actually wrote some pretty good songs out of it," Jena said.

And of course, inspiration can come from many places, she added: "I can't wait to write about this (*American Idol*) experience. It's going to be epic."

Regarding Caleb Johnson's win, Jena said she's "so incredibly happy" for him, adding "He deserves it all."

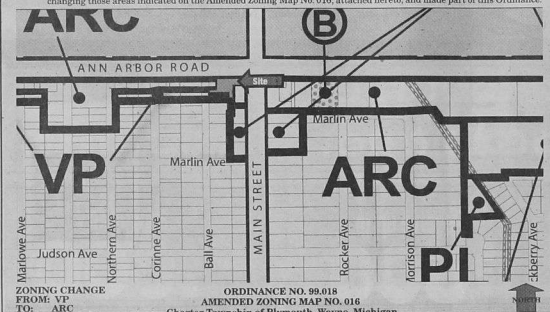
As for what lies ahead for herself, Jena is excited and eager to see life unfold. "I can't wait to see what happens," she said.

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## NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 99.018

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCES.

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 99 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 016, attached hereto, and made part of this Ordinance.



ORDINANCE NO. 99.018  
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 016  
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-059-01-0021-000.

Part II. CONFLICTING REVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Part III. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of the Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on May 13, 2014.

Part IV. ADOPTION. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth at a meeting duly called and held on May 13, 2014, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Development Department during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on: May 13, 2014

Effective Date: June 13, 2014

Published May 25, 2014

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## Next emergency food distribution set for June 19

The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled Thursday, June 19. The

Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned, non-perishable and perishable items.

All recipients must pre-register at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, Mich.

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

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

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## Tournament's opening night a fun-filled success

First wave of Canton Cup games don't disappoint

By Tim Smith  
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Vying for a 50-50 ball during a U-14 boys Canton Cup game Friday are Nicholas Viola of the Plymouth Reign (left) and Lyon FC's Jacob Felstow. BILL BRESLER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

anybody else who enjoys soaking up the sunshine (there was plenty of that Friday night) and soccer.

"It's a great tournament, very large," Karla said. "There's a lot of stuff to do for the kids here when

they're not playing soccer."

### Kicking it

Make no mistake, however. The weekend isn't just about having fun. It's also about young players cram-



ming as much soccer as they can into a three-day span, hopefully emerging from the Canton Soccer Club-hosted tourney more skilled and confident than when they arrived.

"We can always get good competition here," said Steve Bach, coach of the Novi-based Michigan Jaguars U-8 White Division girls team. "They always have good facilities, good fields and the girls need to get in as many games as possible."

"It (the Canton Cup) helps get them a lot of game time, more touch-

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Sarah Thompson of the Detroit Titans displays her picture perfect follow-through and sharp focus during a recent tournament. COURTESY UDM SPORTS INFORMATION

## TITAN-IC ROOKIE YEAR

Plymouth alum sparks UDM women's golf team to league title, regionals

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer



Sarah Thompson's stellar freshman season was a key reason why UDM's women's golf team won the Horizon League championship. COURTESY UDM SPORTS INFORMATION

Sarah Thompson couldn't have made more of an impact in her first season of college golf.

The 18-year-old Thompson, a 2013 grad of Plymouth High School, was Horizon League Freshman of the Year for the University of Detroit Mercy women's golf team with a low of 75 and 81.3 average (16th in the league, good for second-team honors).

She tied her season low score with a three-day tally of 244 strokes at the Horizon League championships to help the Titans rally from an eight-stroke deficit and ultimately capture their second straight league title.

And Thompson — who placed in the top 20 four times and top 10 twice during the regular season — was instrumental to UDM advancing to the NCAA West Regional Championship for the second year in a row.

So what can the Plymouth resident do for an encore as a sophomore?

"Next year, it's probably going to

be lowering my scoring average and definitely being Horizon League all-league (first team) for the top eight girls," Thompson said.

Her intense competitive fire and drive to improve keyed her success with the state champion Wildcats and she carried that over to UDM, where she burned up the Horizon League — both on the Titans home course (Western Golf & Country Club in Redford Twp.) and on the road.

### On her radar

She is far from arrogant. But she did expect to be in the hunt for the Horizon League rookie award and she used the motivation to earn that recognition to help herself and her team.

"That was always a goal of mine from the beginning of the season," Thompson said. "I heard about that award from my coach (Beechwood Golf Course PGA instructor Terri Anthony-Ryan) and I thought it might be a good award for me to try and go

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## East rallies against Chiefs, 7-3

Canton looks for bounce back after district loss

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Until Wednesday's fifth inning, Canton pitcher Hannah Shuler cruised along against South Lyon East in the KIAA Kensington Conference final with the Chiefs holding a 3-1 edge.

Watching from the sidelines was the Chiefs' ace pitcher, senior Hanna Warren — who is still nursing an injured right ankle. Asked about not pitching the championship game, Warren said she was intent on being healthy for Canton's Division I district tilt Saturday, May 31 against Plymouth at Northville.

For a while, the top-ranked Chiefs looked as though they might be able to eat their cake and have it, too. But the Cougars erupted for five runs against Shuler in the fifth to go up 6-3 and went on to post a 7-3 victory.

East advanced to Thursday's association championship game while the Chiefs pondered what might have been.

Canton got off to a quick start against Cougars' starting pitcher Sydney Jones (who beat Salem in a doubleheader on Monday), with a manufactured run.

Leadoff batter Elizabeth Yager walked and moved to third with some aggressive baserunning following a sacrifice bunt by Kendyl Richter. Yager then trotted home on a fly ball to center by Paige Aresco.

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Canton relief pitcher MacKenna Payne covers home plate trying to tag out the sliding Jessica LaVoie (No. 11) of South Lyon East during Wednesday's seventh inning. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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es on the ball, more decision-making in game situations."

Bach's team was preparing up to face the U-8 Canton Celtic, a regular opponent so far this season. That familiarity enables the teams to play a good, competitive match.

"That's what I'm looking for out of all my games," Bach stressed. "If you're blowing a team out (or getting blown out), your kids don't really get anything out of it developmentally."

"They have plenty of teams here, they're able to division it to get competitive games every time you go out on the field and that's what we're looking for."

### Place to be

Over near Field 23, the Troy Ramblers had teams practicing for a 7 p.m. U-8 Blue Division boys tilt.

Ramblers players worked on passing and dribbling drills waiting for the game to begin, under the watchful eye of coach Franco D'Alimonte — who in past years came to the Canton Cup as a parent.

"This is the first time for my team," D'Alimonte said. "We just put the team together in February so the guys are excited."

The team is comprised of little kids as young as 6-years old, but D'Alimonte knows the players will have a big time over the holiday weekend.

"This gets the boys playing against good competition and it's always a good tournament at the Canton Cup," he explained. "The fields are all typically in one place or they're only about four or five miles apart, so it's not so bad."

He peered out over the green lush soccer fields at Independence Park and smiled. "With all the rain and now the



Soccer action heats up Friday evening between Abigail Grant (left) of the Canton Celtic and Sydney Sokol of the Plymouth Reign. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)



Marlee Taylor (left) of Canton Celtic '01 Black squares off against Divya Thomas of the Plymouth Reign during Friday's Canton Cup action at Independence Park.

sunshine out, these are perfect fields."

For Garden City mom Heather Noble, there's

nothing better than watching her son, Jaedin Glenn, play in the tournament.



Competing during one of the first games Friday at Independence Park are Brett Habkirk (left) of Lyon FC and Rahman Amaan of the Plymouth Reign.

Noble joined the Plymouth Reign, having heard good word of mouth about the Canton Cup. Jaedin is goalkeeper for the U-8 Plymouth Reign Green Division boys squad.

"He loves to put on a show," said Noble, about Jaedin. "So all the crowds and the people watching, he's going to shine."

She said this is the youngster's first season with the Reign, not to mention being part of the Canton Cup.

It's been all good. "It's a wonderful facility, it's a wonderful tournament, they put on a wonderful, wonderful program," Noble continued. "They do a great job. I think the competition is always good, and so is the healthy, positive atmosphere they've provided for us."

Even referees can't wait to get in on the action, as Fenton's Jeff Rimarcik (whose sons played in the Canton Cup for LaForza in previous years) stopped by to watch Friday night even though he wouldn't be officiating until Sunday.

"I enjoy reffing, I get a kick out of it, I enjoy trying to do a great job for the kids so it's an enjoyable tournament for them," Rimarcik noted. "I enjoy tournaments, it's a fun time, lots of excitement."

"I think it's a great weekend, games are going on all over the place, it's great for the (township) of Canton. Look it, soccer used to be, back when I was a kid, it wasn't played. Now look at it!"

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## Plymouth loses in conference final

Mustangs capitalize on miscues, 5-1

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Plymouth coughed up four unearned runs Wednesday afternoon, so much of a hole to dig out of in the KLAAs Kensington Conference baseball final against visiting Northville.

"A couple early errors gave them a few runs and got the momentum flowing their way," Wildcats first-year varsity baseball coach Jason Crain said. "We actually hung with them with hits, but we just couldn't get the key hit."

Northville starting pitcher Taylor Turner scattered seven hits (two each by Andrew Hejka and Jared Merandi) and gave up a run in the sixth on a walk, two outs and an error.

Also throwing a strong game was Plymouth starting pitcher Cameron Stella. Crain said errors played a part in all three Northville scoring rallies; the Mustangs scored one run in the second, two more in the fifth and two more in the sixth to go up 5-0.

"Northville is a great program, they've built up a winning tradition and they play the game the right way," Crain noted. "We just need to watch that. We're a young team, they're a more mature team."

"We need to find a way to get to that point where we're a more mature team making the plays when they're put in front of us and getting clutch hits when we need it, just like the Wildcats."

Both Hejka and Merandi doubled and singled in four at-bats, with other Plymouth hits collected by Stella (1-3), Seth Hubbard (1-3) and Patrick Downing (1-3).

Crain, whose team fell to 24-11, added that the Wildcats now gear up for the Division I districts to be hosted by Northville.

Plymouth's first tilt will be noon Saturday, May 31 against KLAAs South and campus rival Canton.

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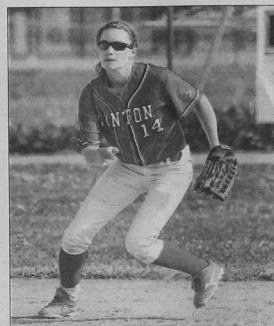
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The Chiefs took a 3-0 lead in the third with more of the same. Haylee Warren walked with Olivia Grant inserted as a courtesy runner. A sacrifice bunt by Bryn Birchler moved Grant to third and she scored on an infield hit by Yager.

After an unsuccessful squeeze bunt, Aresco came through with a two-out double off the left-field fence to score Richter.

The Cougars got one back in the fourth, with Makenzie Nieto lining a single to left to open the frame. After Yager's sensational running catch in center robbed Sarah Courts of extra bases, Jones was hit by a pitch and Kailey Doty walked to lead the bases.

A wild pitch scored Nieto and Morgan Bowen then made a bid for a run-scoring sacrifice fly. But Canton right fielder Nicole Clark flagged down the fly ball and threw a strike to Yager to the plate and collected five run-scoring hits after two were out.



Canton senior shortstop Paige Aresco gets the jump on a groundball during Wednesday's Kensington Conference softball final. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

against Shuler and relief pitcher MacKenna Payne.

Nieto drove in two runs to make it 3-3 on a play that came oh-so-close to getting the Chiefs out of trouble.

Moments after drilling a ball inches foul down the line in left, Nieto hit a grounder that deflected off Shuler's glove and just eluded shortstop Aresco.

Courts followed with an RBI-single to center to put the Cougars in front and add-on runs came in on subsequent hits by Doty and Bowen.

Stu'd to her first lead, Jones took things from there. Over the final three innings, the only Canton runners reached on two errors and a walk.

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# P-CEP track stars ready to shine in Rockford

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Once again, there is a plethora of track and field talent making the trek from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to the Division 1 state finals slated for Saturday, May 31 in Rockford.

Nearly 40 athletes from the Park — mostly from the girls side — qualified after finishing first or second in their events at the May 16 regional, held at P-CEP.

"When looking at the girls that have qualified, our teams have qualifiers in every event that is run in track except the long jump and 3,200-meter (run)," Plymouth girls head coach Ricky Steys said. "That is awesome. It speaks to the talent at the Park and the ways in which our rivalries push us all to be better."

"Looking at the state meet, I feel that there are a number of athletes from our teams that have the potential to score at the meet and become all-state."

Leading the charge is Salem senior Kayla Kavulich, who won two individual events and was part of two state-qualifying relays as the Rocks won the regional title for the first time since 1997.

Kavulich was regional champion in the 800- and 1,600-meter runs with respective times of 2:16.8 and 5:07.78. She was part of the two victorious relays, the 1,600 and 3,200.

In the mile relay, Kavulich joined teammates Isabel Rodriguez, Shekinah Johnson and Kaya Knake to finish first with a mark of 4:06.19.

Kavulich then anchored the 3,200 relay, which included Natasha Stevenson, Lauren Arquette and Anya Cho, taking top honors in 9:58.2. At Rockford, however, it will be Kayla Hughes in the fourth spot.

Plymouth also will send a mile-relay team to Rockford; the quartet of Gabby Alfara, Ashley MacBrien, Jade Woody and Jewel Davis.

Also headed for the state finals are Salem's and Plymouth's 400 relay teams, thanks to finishing 1-2 at regionals (50.41, 51.2).

For the Rocks, the lineup features Nikya Stiger, Johnson, Brynna Samuels and Rodriguez.

Plymouth will send Asia Tate, Anna Lukens, Katie Salangan and Rylen Draper.

Davis, Salangan, Lukens and Draper also teamed up to qualify in the 800 relay, placing second with a time of 1:47.40. Other Rocks to make spots in the state finals included Rebecca Falzon (second, 300, 118-9), Rachel Falzon (first, 300 hurdles, 49.27), Johnson (first, 200, 26.53) and Rodriguez (first, 400 dash, 59.72).

Other Wildcats to qualify were Kayla Janevski and Emily Welch in the pole vault (10-11.9, 10-10, respectively), Katherine Harris in high jump (second, 4-11), Tionne Johnson in



Plymouth's Holly Stark (left) and Kirsty McNees finished 1-2 in the 100-meter hurdles at the May 16 regional, qualifying for the Division 1 state finals. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK



Salem's Kayla Kavulich (left) and Rachel Falzon won events at regionals, thus automatically earning berths in the state finals. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



A double champion at regionals was Canton's Emily Meier, shown throwing the discus. BRIAN QUINTOS

shot put (second, 34-6), Holly Stark (first, 100 hurdles, 16.53) and Kirsty McNees (second, 100 hurdles, 16.67). Draper also qualified with her time of 12.65 in the 100 dash, good for second place.

Canton will bring regional champions Emily Meier and Jocelyn Moraw to Rockford.

Meier finished first in two events, taking the shot put (37-1) and discus (119-11), while Moraw showed grit in overcoming lingering injuries to win the high jump with a mark of 5-1.

Moraw said finishing first was a surprise to her because her personal best for the season trailed the top-seeded high

jumper going into regionals.

"I've never qualified for states for track, especially not in high jump," Moraw added. "So it was really exciting."

## Boys qualifiers

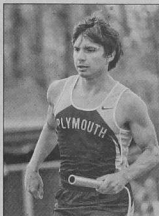
Plenty of talent from P-CEP's boys teams also qualified for the state meet with exceptional performances May 16.

Canton, the team runners-up to Wyandotte Roosevelt, will be led by Jamal Dixon (high jump champion, 6-9), Kyle Zander (pole vault champion, 13-2) and Darren Davis (second, 200 dash).

Plymouth qualified its 3,200 relay for the eighth straight



Plymouth's Rylen Draper (left), shown competing in the 800-meter relay at regionals, is part of the Wildcats' contingent going to Rockford. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK



Plymouth's Max Rogowski is one of nine athletes from the Park advancing to the boys state finals. BRIAN QUINTOS

season. The tandem of Jonny Dalton, Max Rogowski, Mayur Patil and Blerim Mema finished first in 8:06.79.

The Wildcats' 1,600 relay also qualified with a second-place finish of 3:31.76. Complicating that relay were Dalton, Patil, Mema and Aaron Bergsmans.

Dalton and Mema finished 1-2 in the 800 run to make the cut in that event.

As for Salem, the lone qualifier was Chaz Jeffress. He finished second in the 1,600 run with a time of 4:35.63.

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# Week's a mixed bag for Chiefs

Canton knocked out of regionals after winning Park championship

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

After the euphoria of winning a pre-regional boys lacrosse game Monday and defeating Salem in overtime Tuesday for the Park championship, the Canton Chiefs hit the wall Thursday against Ann Arbor Skyline.

The Chiefs were bounced out of the state playoffs, falling 14-3 to the host Eagles in a regional contest. It was 9-0 after two quarters and Canton did not get on the scoreboard until midway through the third frame when junior Nolan Gilo scored.

Adding goals in the fourth were junior Gerald Belanger and senior Max Kwiecien, but by that point the offense was too little, too late.

Canton senior goalkeeper Tim Smith stopped 22 of 36 shots while Salem counterpart Mack Baker also played well.

Although the playoffs ended on a sour note, Tuesday's makeup game with the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park championship on the line was as sweet as could be for the Chiefs.

An overtime goal by Kwiecien, who received a pass from senior Kyle Topper and buried the subsequent shot, enabled Canton to edge Salem 10-9 and complete a rally some 11 days in the making.

It took that long for the game to be completed. Salem broke out to a 3-0 first-quarter lead on May 9, when the game began before being halted due to thunderstorms. Scoring two of those goals were Nolan Willer with Joey Krause scoring the other with 4:29 remaining in the first when the contest was stopped.

## Getting it re-started

On Tuesday on P-CEP's junior varsity grass field, the proceedings were resumed and it didn't take long for Canton junior Brocton Baechler to put the Chiefs on the board.

Salem's Lucas Martin countered that with a marker of his own. Baechler scored again to slice the Rocks' lead to 4-2 after one quarter.

The Rocks still were up 7-2 late in the first half.

(Following two goals by Martin and one by Krause) but Canton responded in the final minutes on goals by Gilo and Belanger. Baechler continued his torrid scoring pace in the third quarter, netting his third and fourth goals of the game to make it 7-6.

Willer's third of the overall game enabled Salem to carry an 8-6 advantage entering the fourth.

Back and forth the scoring went for the rest of regulation. A goal by Salem's Dillon Farner was bookended by two markers by Canton's Carson Pakula (both assisted by Topper).

Still down 9-8 with less than four minutes to play in the fourth, Canton took a timeout, repeating Monday's scenario against the Arbor Huron in the opening playoff tilt.

It paid off again as Pakula, a sophomore, showed some veteran poise when he tallied his fourth, finishing the play off with a perfect shot.

Then, with less than two minutes remaining in OT, it was Kwiecien's turn to come up big and enable the Chiefs to happily leave the field as 2014 Park champions.

Both teams played hard and with a lot of emotion throughout the game, knowing the Park championship was on the line.

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# Warriors boys, girls teams finish first at MIAC track meet

By Brad Emmons  
Staff Writer

On the heels of Division 4 regional boys track and field title on Saturday, the Lutheran High Westland boys did it again Tuesday at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest by capturing the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference crown.

The Warriors, second a year ago, beat out regional rival Southfield Christian once again, but this time by a more substantial margin for first place, 151.33-115.33. At the regional, Lutheran Westland beat Southfield Christian by only 13.5 points. The host Crusaders, meanwhile, took third, 92.33 in the 11-school field.

It was a good day all-around for Lutheran Westland girls team as well.

Led by junior distance runner Jenna Wisner, the Warriors repeated as MIAC champion with 98 points. Bloomfield Hills Roeper and Plymouth Christian Academy placed second and third with 65 and 64, respectively.

The Lutheran Westland boys racked up 46 points in the throwing events, spearheaded by Thomas Krueger, who swept the shot put (44 feet, 5 inches) and discus (134-10).

The Warriors also took the first three places in the pole vault to score 24 points, paced by Newman Harper's first-place finish (10-6). Harper was also runner-up in the 400 (54.31) and was a member of the second-place 800 and 1,600 relays.

Another strong performer for the Lutheran Westland boys was Austin Olson, who captured the 110-meter hurdles (15.73) and was runner-up

in the 300 hurdles (43.47). Olson also ran legs on the Warriors' second-place 400 and 800 relays.

"We knew we wouldn't be able to match the speed of Southfield Christian so others needed to step up," said Lutheran Westland coach Mike Unger, who garnered his 19th conference boys title in 27 years. "We placed at least two in every field event and both hurdles, which was big for us. The rest of the team did a great job competing, getting high points in the sprint relays and competing well for points in the other events in the meet."

Wisner, meanwhile, crossed the finish line first in all three individual distance races including the 800 (2:26.78), 1,600 (5:39.31) and 3,200 (12:18.03). She also anchored the Warriors' fourth-place 1,600 relay while accounting for almost a

third of her team's points.

The Lutheran Westland girls, who placed second in Saturday's Division 4 regional behind Royal Oak Shrine, tallied 34 points in the distance events, 25 in the jumps and 23 in the hurdles for 81 of their 98 total points to earn their fourth conference title in school history.

"We figured the girls meet would be close with two or three teams having a shot at winning it so we asked Jenna to run the three distance events for the points, which she hadn't done all year in a meet," Unger said. "Being very team-oriented, she went along with the plan and ran tough winning the three races. With Jenna getting her points, the rest of the team came through getting the needed points to win the meet."

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Salem Prep Hockey tryouts

Salem High School's Prep Hockey Team will hold tryouts 5-6 p.m. Friday, May 30 and 7-8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 31 at Arctic Pond on Plymouth east of Haggerty roads. A parent meeting will follow the tryouts. The prep team has run three seasons ago, essentially is a "JV" type feeder program for the Salem Rocks varsity boys hockey team.

There will be about 50 games, including league and

tournament contests, in the Great Lakes Prep Hockey League (www.glpch.com) with tiered league play to ensure competitive games.

Beginning at the end of August, players on the prep team will skate 4-5:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 8-9:30 p.m. Fridays, all at Arctic Pond.

For more information, please contact Justin Maedel at justinmaedel@yahoo.com.

### Scramble golf June 1 for Canton hoops

The seventh annual Canton High School Boys and Girls Basketball Shotgun Golf Scramble Outing is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at Fellows Creek Golf Club (2936 S. Lotz Road) in Canton. Registration on the day of the event is 11 a.m.

A fee of \$100 per golfer includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch at the turn (hot dogs, chips, pop), dinner and raffle. Non-golfers are wel-

come to have dinner (\$25 fee). The registration deadline is Friday, May 23.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Canton's boys and girls basketball programs. For more information, contact Carole Reddy at 734-718-4402, Jimmy Reddy at 734-751-9496 or Brian Samuels at 734-673-2555.

### Wildcats football camp

The 2014 Plymouth Wildcat Football Skills Camp will be

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for. "So that's kind of always been on my mind. But most of the time I was always just like 'Oh, okay, I'd much rather do well as a team.'"

Things couldn't have gone much better as it turned out — both for Thompson and the Titans.

"Winning a conference tournament is always a very big accomplishment and making it to regionals, only the top 72 teams that qualify get to go," said Thompson, about the Titans playing at the West Regional in Washington. "Being one of those 72 is just an honor in itself."

Although UDM placed last out of 24 teams during the rain-soaked regionals, Thompson raved about the experience.

"Oh my gosh, it was beautiful," she said. "The course we played they built right into a park, so there were cliffs everywhere. It was gorgeous. The weather wasn't too great."

On top of that, she posted a 3.5 grade-point average to contribute to UDM's 3.8 overall GPA, good enough to be considered as an All-American Academic Team for the top 20 academic teams.

"Being part of a top 20 team with that GPA is really impor-



Sarah Thompson, shown during a 2014 women's golf match with the Detroit Titans, is looking forward to how she and teammates can build off a very successful season. COURTESY UDM SPORTS INFORMATION

tant for us," Thompson continued. "It's definitely a great accomplishment and probably equal to winning the Horizon League for my coach."

Thompson said she did have to make a major adjustment from her years with the Wildcats, however.

"We had a few (tournaments)

that were 36 (holes) in one day," she explained. "We did play longer courses, and just the traveling and going to a bunch of new places, playing against some of the best teams in the country."

"All of that combined with balancing with school and going to classes definitely was

a big adjustment and different from Plymouth High School. But I think overall, the competition was definitely a little bit more intense. But I think it's for the better."

## Looking ahead

With one season in the books, Thompson will spend

the summer playing tournaments and honing her skills for next year.

Meanwhile, Thompson likes the camaraderie of the Titans, as well as the fact much of the team is very young, talented and on the rise. Her roommate is Farmington Hills Mercy alum Sarah Montone.

"We're going to be sophomores, so there's the two of us," Thompson noted. "And then we have Brooke Sharpe who is a Canadian freshman. And we have a new recruit this year who is our age and she's from Canada as well. We have a nice blend. It's cool having that international aspect."

Concurring was Montone, who averaged 86 her rookie season. Both Thompson and Montone were helping work Monday's Michigan Women's Golf Association Legacy Celebration at Travis Pointe Country Club in Ann Arbor.

"It's incredible," Montone said. "I think Terri really has a strong program that she's built. It's pretty new and she's done a terrific job recruiting. Our camaraderie on the team is just, I think that's what makes us so strong."

"We have a lot of international students, all from Canada. Just having that atmosphere is very unique to our program and I think it's helped us be as successful as we are."

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## BOYS GOLF RESULTS

**MHSAA BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS**  
**DIVISION 1 DISTRICT 3**  
**May 22 at Pine View G.C.**  
**TEAM STANDINGS (top 5 advance to regionals):** Plymouth, 300 strokes; 2. Ann Arbor, 315; 3. Salem, 315; 4. Canton, 315; 5. Ann Arbor, 315; 6. Salem, 316; 7. Ann Arbor, 316; 8. Livonia Chagrin, 318; 9. Dexter, 341; 10. Ypsilanti, 348; 11. Belleville, 379; 12. Westland John Green, no team score.  
**Individual co-medalists:** Donnie Trooper (Canton) and Brandon Petzak (Ann Arbor), 71 each.

**TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING**  
**Plymouth (300):** J. Chris Kozler, 72; J. John Ture, 74; E. Evan Chapman, 75; D. Jack Boczar, 79; 29. Alex Decker, 84.  
**Huron (307):** 1. Brandon Petzak, 71; 4. Danny Salen, 73; 9. Jack Peterson, 81; 21. Nick Durlington, 85.  
**Canton (315):** 1. Donnie Trooper, 71; 31. Chris Dooley, 82; 10. Carter Schene and Stefan Portus, 82 each; 28. Noah Lindbauer, 83.  
**Salem (315):** 8. Connor Leeman, 77; 9. Alex Decker, 81; 10. Ian Martin and James Alcock, 80 each; 38. Andrew Brikle, 89.  
**Sylvania (319):** 6. Connor Lang, 75; 11. Shane Anderson and Ian Marshall, 80 each; 29. Arjan Lama, 84; 38. Kunal Ramnarayan, 89.  
**Salem (336):** 11. Connor Cole, 80; 21. Franco Papp, 82; Brady Cole, 85; 38. Nick Davis, 89; 49. Jake London, 94.  
**Pioneer (336):** 11. Dillon Spica, 80; 19. Sam Kozler, 82; 21. Nick Yekels, 83; 43. Parker Sanford, 90; 49. Matt Krula, 94.

**Churchill (338):** 11. Chad Makindred, 80 (rq); 21. Chris Munia, 82 (rq); 36. Alex Kordath, 86; 43. (tie) Sam Spaldy and Luke Otto, 90 each.  
**Dexter (341):** 21. Jeff Wilcox, 82; 23. Kyle Kulis, 84; 36. Von Heath, 86; 38. Cameron Lufkin, 89; 49. Thomas Finn, 94.  
**Lincoln (348):** 21. Kip Schimmoeller, 82 (rq); 29. Josh Hyder, 84; 43. Logan Willerson, 90; 47. Casey Midson, 92; 52. Max Lange, 95.  
**Belleville (379):** 38. Christopher Johnson, 97; 52. George Thompson, 95; 54. Kristian Shaw, 97; 55. Jacob Stebb, 98.  
**John Glenn (no score):** 47. James Hartman, 92; 56. Jesse Deane, no score.  
**(rq):** additional individual regional qualifier.

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# WACKY: IF YOU SEEK AN ODD PENINSULA, LOOK ABOUT YOU

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Author Jerome Pohlen ranks Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum in Farmington Hills among his top 10 favorite "oddball" tourist sites of all time.

It's an honor that Marvin Yagoda, museum owner, accepts with pride.

"I'm glad to be included," said Yagoda, whose museum of coin-operated amusements has been profiled in books and on television. "There's a famous quote from P.T. Barnum. He doesn't care what people say as long as they are talking about him."

Yagoda's museum is among several local attractions included in Pohlen's new book, *Oddball Michigan*, which was published by Chicago Review Press and hit store shelves this month. It's the ninth in a series of books by Pohlen about strange places in the Midwest, Colorado and Texas. Pohlen, who lives in Chicago, Ill., has collected notes and informational tidbits about unusual attractions for years, eventually compiling his work into a magazine about "cool spots." The magazine caught the eye of a publisher, which started the book series, beginning with *Oddball Illinois* 14 years ago.

Pohlen, a Colorado native with family in Michigan, recalls taking many road trips as a youngster.

"I can't say we stopped at every (tourist) site, but we saw enough. I caught the bug," he said.

He mentions "everything" worth stopping for "in his guidebooks and includes anecdotes about strange and noteworthy historical incidents.

## Researching oddities

"It can't be something so small and insignificant ... it must be worthwhile so when people show up they have something to take a picture of."

While working on the Michigan book, Pohlen visited the state 10-12 times in eight months, following up on tips from readers, stories in the media and notes collected over the years.

Pohlen said some of the visits lasted a week or more and entailed "driving from sun up to sundown." When he reflects on the tiring schedule, he reminds himself "How many people in the world get paid to look for the world's largest ball of twine?"

## Off the map

Some of the strangest sites he encountered are far from the beaten path, such as the drive-through sculpture park depicted on the cover of *Oddball Michigan*. Lakeland, near Marquette, is "far out of the way," "in the middle of nowhere," and "a lot of fun," and includes approximately 100 sculptures that Pohlen describes as "fantastic."

"That is definitely one of



This guidebook to weird sites in Michigan includes several in western Wayne County and one in Farmington Hills.

my favorites. Another one I like is fairly well known, which is the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids." In addition to mementos from the former president's political career, Pohlen also found "little gems" of strangeness, including burglar tools used in the 1972 Watergate scandal; a tape recorder used by President Richard Nixon; and a "back-up" head for the San Diego Chicken, an advertising mascot.

At Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum, Pohlen found obscure gems, among the coin-operated game collection, too. His favorite pieces are antique mechanical shows that play out scenes or jokes.

"They are their own form of folk art," he said.

Staying close to home this holiday weekend? Here's a list of other local entries in *Oddball Michigan* you might want to check out:

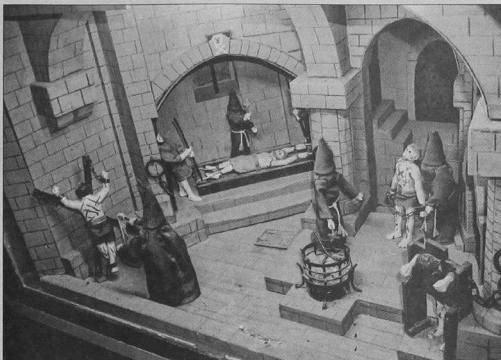
» Lunch at Little Caesar's and then shop at Kmart at their chains' original locations in Garden City.

» If you love Polynesian decor and Chinese food, head to Chin's Chop Suey in Livonia. Pohlen says there are no hula dancers, but enough "tiki statues, thatched hut booths, black light murals, plastic palms, and rattan furniture to satisfy the average tikiophile."

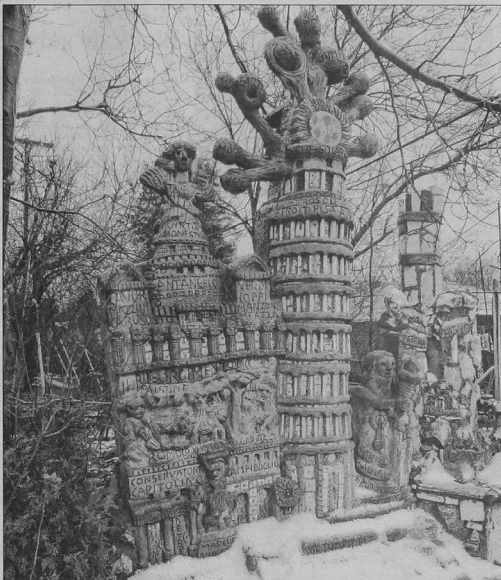
» Take a stroll through United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth Township and see a replica of the Tabernacle of Moses, a gazebo with 76 facts of life written in stone, and a pet resting ground with a bird-house-shaped mausoleum, granite doghouse and pet chapel. The northwest section of the cemetery also includes a tribute to Michigan. Thirty-seven granite monuments, each honoring a different location in the state, are arranged in a mitten shape.

» Silvio's Italian American Museum in Redford includes an outdoor sculpture park that can be seen from the back alley, even if the museum is closed. "The sculpture park behind the museum is just amazing."

The book retails for \$16.95 and includes location, phone number — if available — and



Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum in Farmington Hills is profiled in *Oddball Michigan*. The book includes this shot of a dungeon scene played out in an antique coin-operated machine.



Author Jerome Pohlen says the best way to experience Silvio Barile's Italian-American Historical Artistic Museum in Redford is by personal tour. But sculptures, like this one, are visible from the alley behind the museum.

hours for each site.

"What I really think is important, and what I'm proud of

is that I include all the things I can about contact information. I want people to visit these

places. If they don't, these places will disappear."

## Local nurseries suggest alternatives to impatiens

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Growing impatient over the lack of impatiens?

Two years after an infestation of downy mildew infected impatiens in southeastern Michigan, the flower is still on the "do not plant" list at many local nurseries. Their garden experts say consumers who find the popular annual at stores this year may waste their money buying it because no "cure" has been found for the disease.

"It's uncertain when they will get a grasp of the problem," said Bobbi Jo Noble, retail operations manager for Farmer John's Greenhouse in Farmington Hills. "It could be five more years, that's what they're saying."

Noble said customers "are not loving it but are accepting the lack of impatiens better this year than last year."

"We want to educate the customer about it," she said,

adding that healthy-looking impatiens counted in June could end up showing signs of the disease by July.

Noble said Farmer John's has teamed with Plymouth Nursery, Bordine's and a handful of other garden centers in southeastern Michigan to "support one another" in their decision to leave impatiens off store shelves.

## In the soil

Linnea Garvey, a Certified Green Industry Professional at Plymouth Nursery, said the disease can infect the soil, jeopardizing subsequent plantings of healthy impatiens.

"You don't want to invest money and have them all collapse," she said.

English Gardens last week summed up its reaction in a press release.

It made a decision to not sell impatiens again this year, because we want to ensure our customers success," the press statement said, quoting John

Durin, English Gardens president. "We couldn't be in good conscience sell a plant that we believe will fail."

The press release said the disease spreads through spores that grow on the undersides of infected leaves. Wind or splashed water can spread the spores. They can travel hundreds of miles on wind currents.

## Fungicide helps

Kirsten Getter, a specialist at Michigan State University's Department of Horticulture, said some garden centers are selling impatiens and that reputable dealers spray their plants with a fungicide to prevent the disease. Sprayed plants should be free of downy mildew disease, she added.

"However, once the impatiens plants are planted in the landscape, that fungicide only has a limited efficacy and whether or not that plant contracts the disease entirely depends on the environment

and whether the pathogen is even in that area," she wrote, in an email to the *Observer*. "We've seen very spotty instances of the pathogen in the landscape."

"So, if the consumer lives in an area where they haven't seen the impatiens downy mildew disease and they buy their plants from a reputable garden store, they will probably be fine planting impatiens this year in their gardens."

Getter said the disease, which can "overwinter" in Michigan, prefers cool, moist weather. Symptoms of impatiens downy mildew include leaf yellowing, curling and drooping. A fuzzy white undercoating also appears on leaves.

"If the consumer had the disease last year in their landscape beds, they may want to consider an alternative." Getter also suggested planting impatiens in containers with fresh soil each year for display on patios and decks.



Some nurseries suggest planting begonias instead of impatiens this year.

Alternatives include begonias, torenia, coleus, vinca, fuchsia, caladium and New Guinea impatiens. The latter, showy New Guinea variety is not affected by downy mildew.

# Young actors get stage time at summer theater

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

As local community theater seasons wind down, their youth counterparts are gearing up for summer sessions.

"We've done summer day camp since the beginning in 1990," said Nancy Florkowski, director and founder of Motor City Youth Theatre, in Livonia. "One year we did a one-act, another we did the Wizard of Oz. Sometimes we do Shakespeare."

This year, Florkowski will offer a Renaissance-theme camp, with a choice of half or full days for one to three weeks at the theater's playhouse, 27555 Grantland Cost ranges from \$90 for half-day, one-week workshops to \$360 for the full-day, three-week apprenticeship program. Participants can select acting, crafting or a "Warriors & Maidens" program that offers a taste of the audition and rehearsal process, costume selection and a performance. Registration deadline is May 31. Visit [mcyt.org](http://mcyt.org).

The camps will culminate in a Renaissance Festival on the theater grounds, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 26.

"We're trying to get outside people to do calligraphy, crafts of the

time period," Florkowski said, adding that Renaissance dance and "silly skits" by adults will be on the performance schedule.

"We have 'Wipe that Blood off my Toga,' which was done by (Canadian comedians) Wayne and Shuster. There's a funny version of *Hamlet* and (Abbott and Costello's) 'Who's on First' done in Shakespeare style."

Motor City Youth Theatre also was invited to perform at the Fairy Tale Festival, June 28, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. The event will include performances, storytelling, crafts, rock climbing, learn-to-fly training sessions and more, all at a Peter Pan theme.

"It's really nice for us to get noticed," Florkowski said.

## Keeping it small

While Motor City Youth Theatre expands its summer program to include a one-day festival, Sharon Belobradich of Belo Drama in Plymouth runs a one-week camp with a maximum enrollment of 36 children, grouped into three separate age categories. The camp will run July 14-18. The fee is \$100.

She holds rehearsals

and camps at Beckridge Productions, 40525 Koppernick in Canton, but stages her plays at the Livonia Public Library. "They don't need to buy costumes or scripts. I provide it," said Belobradich, who ran the Plymouth Community Arts Council youth theater program for 12 years, before starting her own program four years ago. The former public school teacher works with ages 5-13.

"In every play I do, every kid on stage has a line," Belobradich said. Reserve a place in the camp by July 4. Make checks out to Breckenridge Productions and mail them to Belobradich at 12498 Pinecrest Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170. For more information call Belobradich at 734-453-5090.

A sampling of other summer youth and family theater:

► **Paul's Players** in

Livonia will hold auditions 6-9 p.m. June 8-10 for its production of *Godspell* July 30-31 and Aug. 1-2 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile. \$50 participation fee. 248-252-1940.

► **Inspire Theatre** in Westland runs theater arts classes. Check out its website at [inspiretheatre.com](http://inspiretheatre.com) or contact Len Fisher at [inspiretheatre@gmail.com](mailto:inspiretheatre@gmail.com) or 734-751-7057.

► **The City of Farmington Hills** offers theatre camps in July and August at the Players Barn Theatre. The program includes an acting intensive, musical training and a new class in drama. Download a camp brochure at [farmingtonhills.mi.us](http://farmingtonhills.mi.us).

► **Spotlight on Youth** offers "Once Upon a Prince and Princess," June 23-27 for ages 4-6, and musical theater camps July 14-18 and Aug. 11-15. Sign up online at [cantonfun.org](http://cantonfun.org) or in person at the Summit on the Park. Call 248-719-3637 or email [SOYM@r.com](mailto:SOYM@r.com) for more information.

► **Spotlight Players'** youth theater welcomes youths, ages 12-18, to serve on the tech crew for its production of *Aladdin*, July 10-13, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton. Tech rehearsals are July 7-9. Auditions for Harry's Hatter at Twilight, a puppet production, will be held Aug. 25-26. Visit [www.spotlightplayers.mi.org](http://www.spotlightplayers.mi.org).

► **Forever After Productions** in Canton runs camps for all ages, starting with ages 4-6, July 7-11 and ending Aug. 25-29 with an advanced acting class for ages 13-16. Visit [foreverafterproductions.com](http://foreverafterproductions.com).

## Black tie gala

Michelle (left) and Nathan Mersereau of Livonia, and Felicia Palazzo of Shaw and her husband, Ed Shaw, of Birmingham enjoy Variety, The Children's Charity's Star is Born gala at the Emagine Theatre in Royal Oak. Nathan Mersereau is a Variety board member and Felicia Palazzo Shaw co-chaired the event, which included a strolling dinner, live music, dancing and bowling. PHOTO BY JULE YOLLES, SOCIAL SCENE COLUMNIST

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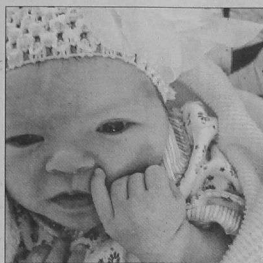
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## BIRTH



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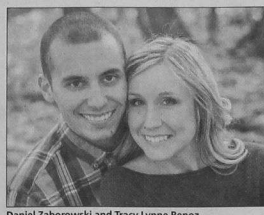
### BROOKE ELIZABETH HICKEY

Brooke Elizabeth Hickey was born May 2, 2014, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. She joins her parents, Ryan Hickey and Falyon Hickey, along with her sister, Faith.

Ella, 6, at home in Livonia.

Grandparents are Al and Elaine Ciavattone of Chesterfield Township, Craig Pickler of Clinton Township, Joe Hickey of Newport, and Howard and Joan Bergmose of Orlando, Fla.

## ENGAGEMENT



Daniel Zaborowski and Tracy Lynne Repoz

### REPOZ-ZABOROWSKI

Tracy Lynne Repoz and Daniel Zaborowski announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Larry and Nancy Repoz of Livonia, graduated in 2005 from Lincoln Stevenson High School and in 2009 from Central Michigan University. She is employed by The Henry Hotel in Dearborn.

Her fiancé, son of Dennis and Kathy Zaborowski of Brighton, graduated in 2006 from Brighton High School and in 2010 from Central Michigan University. He is employed by TA Systems in Rochester Hills. A July 24 wedding is planned at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington, followed by a reception at Lyon Oaks Golf Course in Wixom.

## ANNIVERSARY



Bill and Audrey Brennan on their wedding day in 1954

### CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Bill and Audrey Brennan of Point Harbor, N.C., formerly of Canton, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary June 12. They were married in 1954 in Portsmouth, Va. Their children are Terry (Bob) Viau of

Mount Pleasant, Patsy (Jim) Stevens of Plymouth, and Chris (Greg) Etienne of Canton. They also have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The couple plans to celebrate their milestone anniversary in Plymouth with family and friends.

## REUNIONS

Send school reunion information to Sharon Dargatz at sdargatz@hometownlife.com.

### CODY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 19, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, 2111 Haggerty, Novi. For more information, contact Mike and Barb Kerby, 734-525-0546, kerby66bam@msn.com.

### DEARBORN FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1952

62nd reunion set for both January and June classes. Set, Sunday, Sept. 13, at Park Place in Dearborn. Contact Al Orloff at orloffal@aol.com or 734-432-9308, or Marvin Smyth at mmsmyth@juno.com or 313-562-4378 for more information.

### CLASS OF 1984

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 2, at Roma Hall Banquet Center in Garden City. Cost is \$45 per person for buffet dinner, open bar, and dancing. Contact Michele (Tonna) Belzak at michelebelzak@global.net, visit the class Facebook page, fondon class of 1984 or www.paytsquare.com/collect-

page33028.

### EDSEL FORD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion is planned 5-11 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, at Andiamo, 21400 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Ticket purchase deadline is May 25. Email Judy (Beryl) Buck at jrbuck424@global.net for more details.

### FARMINGTON HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1974

40th reunion planned for Friday, Saturday, Aug. 29-30, with a Friday night social and tour of the high school, winebeer tasting and dinner and dancing on Saturday. For more information, email David Hayes at davidhayes@yahoo.com.

### FRASER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights. Contact Rick Whipple, 734-751-2521, rickwhipple@yahoo.com for more information.

### INKSTER CHERRY HILL HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASSES

Open to faculty, staff and alumni. Non-member, Saturday, July 26, at Hellenic Cultural Center, 36373 Joy, Dearborn. Ticket purchase deadline is May 24, 2014. Registration is \$10 per person through June 3 and \$15 after June 3 and at the door. No charge for faculty and staff. To register visit CHHSALUMNI.NET. Questions? Call Debbie Endress Gannon at debbie.gannon@teamdetroit.com.

### LIVONIA BENTLEY CLASS OF 1974

40th class reunion set for 6 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at One Under Bar and Grill in Livonia. \$40 per person. Visit www.bentley74.com for more details and to buy tickets.

### LIVONIA STEVENSON CLASS OF 1974

40-year reunion, planned by Linda Armstrong, Kim Geiger and Jack Karbowksi, 7 p.m. to midnight, Nov. 29, Corby's Restaurant, 27910 Seven Mile, Livonia. Includes dinner, photo booth, disc jockey, pizza, cash

bar. Reservations and payment with Karbowksi, 313-530-9634; karblotki@yahoo.com.

### ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1979

A 35-year reunion is planned for Aug. 16 at Best Western Gateway International (Airport), 9191

Wickham, Romulus. For more information, contact Duane Moffat at 248-426-6501 or Spectroemc2@gmail.com.

### WESTLAND JOHN GLENN CLASS OF 1979

35th reunion starts with an informal get together, 7:30 p.m.

to midnight Friday, Oct. 24, at Doco Sports Retreat, 19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia. The reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 25, at Jay Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Cost of \$65 per person includes dinner, open bar, dancing and DJ. Make checks payable to JGHS Class of 79 and send to JGHS Class of 79, 887 Eton Ct., South Lyon, MI 48178.

# Passages

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### BRUNSTAD, ALICE WADE

Passed away peacefully on May 19, 2014. Alice was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey on May 24, 1924. She was the daughter of James Wade and Dorothy Wade, also New Brunswick. Her sister Mary Wade Hanson died several years ago. She married William A. Brunstad on June 26, 1948 until he died in 2008 at the age of 92. Alice spent much of her adult life in the Southeast Michigan area where she was an avid golfer. In the late 1970's she and Bill moved to Stuart, Florida where they continued their golf pursuits in retirement. Later, they moved to Canterbury Court in Altamonte, Georgia which was close to their son, Bill and his family in Atlanta as well as to their other son Jim and his family in Birmingham, Alabama. In Michigan, Alice was a member of the Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church where she served on a number of committees and gave a memorial service for the family will be held in Birmingham, AL on May 24, 2014. Alice is survived by two sons, James Wade and William D. Brunstad, four grandchildren, Elizabeth B. Brunstad, Jennifer Williams, Louise Egan Brunstad ("Jesse"), and John M. Brunstad; and by two great-grandchildren, Blom Williams and Mary Hayes Williams.

### JANSSEN, LINN DEE

Age 60, May 10, 2014 of Westland. Beloved wife of Kenneth. Loving daughter of Virginia and the late George Spooner. Dear sister of George (Connie) Spooner, John (Michelle) Spooner, John (Michelle) Spooner. Family and friends will gather Saturday, May 31, 2014 from 1 p.m. until the 2 p.m. Memorial Service at Vermulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. (between Ford and Cherry Hills) Westland. Memorial Contributions to the Michigan Humane Society would be appreciated. To share a memory, please visit: vermulenfunh.com

### MARTHEY MARY SHIRLEY

Age 92, May 17, 2014. Of Bloomfield Hills. Wife of the Donald Marthey. Loving mother of Mary and Lynette Marthey. Service, June 14, 2014 at Christ Church Cranbrook, 11:00 a.m. in Bloomfield Hills. In her loving. Donations to Detroit Goodwillies and Christ Church Cranbrook - Artwork. www.kinsey-saret.com

### SMITH, RONALD FRANCIS

Age 92, a twenty year resident of the Columbianville area, formerly of Birmingham, died Monday May 19, 2014. He was born July 6, 1921 in Brown City to parents Roy and Myrtle (Swezey) Smith. Mr. Smith moved to Birmingham from Brown City in the early 1920s and graduated from Birmingham Baldwin High School in 1939. He married Marion R. Fennell on January 24, 1948 in Pontiac. Mr. Smith was an accomplished woodworker. He owned and operated his own woodworking shop in Birmingham for over 50 years. Ronald enjoyed traveling, boating and being involved with the United States Power Squadron - educating boaters. Ron is survived by his wife of 66 years, Marion R. Smith, children: Cindy (Gene) Gottschalk of Pasadena, MD, Ron H. Smith of Columbiaville, N. Sue (Gerald) Baxter of North Branch, Laury (Andy) Kestral of Bloomfield Hills, grandchildren: Courtney Johnston, Kristyn Trestral, Andrew Trestral II, and sister, Isabel Ford. He was preceded in death by his parents. The family has entrusted cremation to Bruce Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer. A private memorial service will be held in the near future. Burial of cremated remains will take place in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, at a later date. www.MuirBrothersLapeer.com

### CORGAT, ILSE IRMGARD "IRMA"

90, of Wixom, California, passed away on May 19, 2014. She was born to the late Julius Gustav and Marie Wixom on January 2, 1923, in Woltersdorf, Germany, and immigrated to the U.S. in 1926. Irma was raised in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1945, she married Domenic Martin Corgat. The two then eventually moved to Detroit and then to Birmingham, Michigan where they raised their daughters. After her husband's death in 1984, she relocated to Richmond, Virginia, and then to San Diego, CA. Irma is survived by her daughters, Susan Muchmore (Edward G.) of New Orleans, Louisiana, Nancy Ford (Alan F.) of Richmond, VA, and Joan Corgat of Carlsbad, California. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews. Her brothers, Walter and Walter (Mac) Corgat, preceded her in death. There was a private service at Acacia Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills, MI, on May 24, 2014. Condolences to stepfunerals.com.

# Plugged in: Appliances generate endless consumer complaints

In the last few weeks I have written about washing machines with some heavy duty words. I've even referenced an article from a home-owner who wrote his true feelings about today's new clothes washer and the gentleman didn't pull any punches. As a result of all this, in less than two weeks I have received almost 300 emails from consumers who want to know the best washer made today. I don't know how high this number will reach and I must say that I am so proud of all you folks for seeking information that makes you a smarter consumer.



the manufacturers produce a refrigerator that will last 20 years or more, will the time come when we again get a bang for the dollar, but not hold your breath. I don't think that will happen soon.

### Toss-away appliances

Recently, an appliance retailer told me he just got a truckload of dehumidifiers and knows it's that time of the year when homeowners install them in their basements. I do not believe there is a dehumidifier made in this country today. I know of one which doesn't even have parts available should you have a breakdown. If it fails during the warranty period, you simply pack it up, send it back and get a new one for free. So now we have a \$200 product which has become a throw-away item. This begs the question, will all appliances become throw-away products in years to come? I wouldn't be surprised one bit if it happens nice and slowly and it's called, "easing the pain."

I have just spent seven days working at my

son's appliance business answering the phone and dispatching the service calls to the technicians. It takes time to know that appliance technicians want to work on the products they know and have fixed for years. Every time they go out on a call and the product is not familiar to them, they lose money in most cases.

It's also pretty tough on their confidence level when you're looking over their shoulder and they look at you with a blank expression and announce they have never worked on your product before. I know technicians who have fixed appliances for more than 30 years and could take a product apart in a matter of minutes. That's not the case today. Where it would take a screwdriver and pliers before, now it takes a lot of time and effort and time consumed. It's not just the high cost of appliances, the short life span compared to days gone by, but now we can start to add the cost of having a qualified technician show up at your door. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@bvmi.com.

A loving tribute

### SPINNING, WILLIAM HAEFFNER

February 26, 1955-May 16, 2014. Known to his friends as "Spin" and family as "Bingo". He was a very talented soul, whose love of music, dance and theater took him around the world. He wrote music, played the drums and was a lead singer in a band. He danced in Vegas with his partner "Ludovika". Bill had a passion for sports, primarily football and baseball with the Seaholm Maples. He was the lead quarterback in football and was the number 1 pitcher of his team. Bill also helped to take them to Kentucky for the regional playoffs. Though the Detroit Tigers asked him to try out for their team he chose not to so that he could pursue music and dance. He had throughout his life a "joie de vivre" that few people ever have. He is survived by his wife, Mary S. Shier of Columbianville, MI. Private Services will be held at Castle Rock.

### VANSTREIN, KATHERINE MARY

Born March 13, 1961 to Norman and Denise (Kaloisi) Weakland and passed away suddenly May 28, 2014 at age 53. Katherine was a graduate of Grand Valley State University and received her master's in business from MSU. She was a Physical Therapist and in her spare time enjoyed volunteering for Meals on Wheels. Katherine was a very passionate member of Lansing Potter's Guild. She is survived by her loving husband of 27 years, Fredrick VanStrein, daughter Lauren E. and son Taylor A. VanStrein, her parents, Fredrick (Kike) Terese Kaloisi, nieces Abi and Megan Weakland and nephews Matt, Larson and Nolan Weakland. A memorial service was held Saturday, May 24, 2014 in Williamston.

May you find comfort in family & friends



## Follow these steps to a safer pool, spa area

Last year, more than 200 children ages 1-14, drowned in a swimming pool or spa, and three out of four were under the age of 5. To prevent injuries at your pool or spa this summer, follow these five simple tips from public health organization NSF International.

» Use and store chemicals properly  
Mismanagement of pool chemicals causes 4,000 emergency room visits each year. Be sure to replace pool chemicals past their expiration dates, read and follow the manufacturer's instructions and most importantly, store chemicals out of reach of children.

» Don't forget about that pool/spa cover  
Within 10-20 seconds, a partially removed pool/spa cover could return to its original position, hiding someone underneath. Be sure to remove covers completely before using a pool or spa and drain any standing water from the cover surface, especially after rain.

» Pay attention to drain covers  
Between 2002 and 2012, 39 people were trapped in pool/spa drains including two children who died. Don't let anyone play on or near drains and be sure to purchase drain covers that meet current Pool & Spa Safety Act requirements, ensure they are properly installed and most importantly, know where the emergency shut-off switch is located and how to use it.

» Use pool alarms



Life preservers are key. GETTY IMAGES/HENNERA

Most young children who drown in pools were out of sight less than five minutes. In addition to a fence, consider a certified pool alarm such as those worn on a child's wrist that alerts parents if they fall into the water, a surface wave sensor that floats on the water surface or a sub-surface disturbance sensor mounted to the pool wall.

» Always supervise kids using the pool  
Be sure to establish and enforce rules for pool and spa use, don't allow kids to run or play games near the pool, keep toys, particularly wheeled toys, away from the pool and make sure you know if anyone using your pool cannot swim.

"Whether you swim at home or use a public pool, it's important to keep in mind that pools can pose a hazard if they aren't properly used or maintained," said Cheryl Luptowski, Public Information officer for NSF International. Since the 1960s, NSF International has been working with pool and spa owners and users who are concerned about safety. Whether you are looking for tips to help make pool and spa use more enjoyable and safe or need help selecting the right equipment, NSF can help. Visit [atnsf.org](http://atnsf.org) or contact NSF's Consumer Affairs Office at [info@nsf.org](mailto:info@nsf.org).

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### Upcoming

#### Blood drive

6:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday, June 2 and 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, in Fisher Center Auditorium, Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Schedule an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter the code PROVSLD or call Abby at 248-445-1067.

#### Lunch workshop

Learn how eating a nutritionally balanced lunch can help you stay healthy, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost: \$5. Includes recipes, samples, nutritional advice, and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's Guest Services Center or by phoning 248-427-7400. Seating is limited. Registration required.

#### Skin cancer screenings

Free screening, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 31, Derm House, 29425 Northwestern Highway, Suite 202, Southfield. Register by calling 866-501-3627.

### Ongoing

#### Anorexics and Bulimics Anonymous

12-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, bingeing and purging, and exercise compulsion is now being held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The program helps those with eating and exercise disorders find recovery. An AB-ANON meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

#### Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritic. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-4:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more

information, visit [www.ymcadeloitro.org](http://www.ymcadeloitro.org).

#### Breast cancer support

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

#### Blood pressure

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

#### Choir therapy

The Therapy Chorus of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit [www.therapychoir.org](http://www.therapychoir.org) for additional information.

#### Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

#### Caregivers support

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first

and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care will be provided. Call Connie McCullough at 734-995-1435 for more information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

#### CPAP/BIPAP

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

#### CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who want to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure. At DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Garis Drive, Commerce. First and third classes are available. Classes are offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Pre-registration required at [www.hush.org/hvhs/calendar](http://www.hush.org/hvhs/calendar) or call 248-937-3314.

#### Diabetes support

An adult diabetes support group sponsored by the Plymouth Wests Club meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Unit, will facilitate. Discussion topics will focus on understanding diabetes and self-management strategies. Call 734-454-0859.

#### Food addicts

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous is a recovery program for people having trouble controlling the way they eat. It's based on the 12 steps of AA. Open to all and free. Weekly meetings are held 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon, Canton. 248-320-6842. [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org)

#### Low vision support

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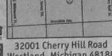
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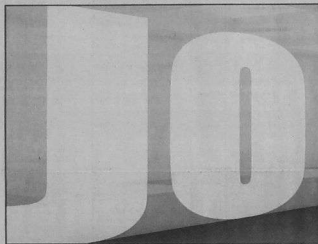
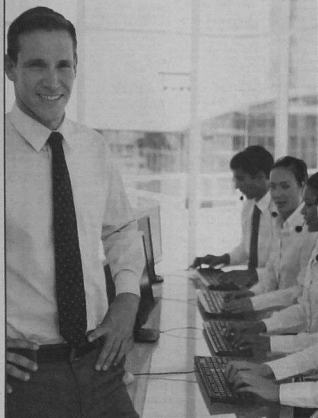


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## The pros of part-time jobs



**By Matthew Tarpey**  
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For many people returning back to work, life may not be going exactly as planned. The job market has many wondering when they'll put their skills and education to use at a real, full-time job. But rather than accept unemployment until that opportunity arises, they should consider taking a part-time position.

There are a number of reasons people should look more seriously at part-time jobs. The main reason among them is money. And for those about to graduate, it never hurts to have a little income, and it'll get your parents off your back. Student loan debts may be due soon, plus the sooner you're able to start saving money, the sooner you'll be able to move out of your parents' house. Not to mention that having an active social life requires cash.

### Filling a resume gap

But the benefits go much deeper than a little extra funding and staving off financial problems. A part-time job shows prospective employers that you can take life seriously and be proactive. Employers may question gaps in a candidate's resume, especially ones that stretch over a long period of

time. Showing employers that you're interested in their business may lead you to a full time and permanent position with that employer.

### Gaining experience in your field of interest

When researching part-time positions, look for ones that would give you experience in your desired field and possibly introduce you to professional contacts that may be useful down the road. For many employers, a candidate's prior experience is an important factor, and professional referrals remain one of the most trusted and widely used methods among hiring managers for filling vacancies. A part-time job in a related field is often more beneficial than a full-time position in an unrelated one.

Even if your part-time job isn't in your desired field, it is still a good way to round out a résumé, as well as prove you're a driven self-starter. It may also lead to letters of recommenda-

tion, which will be invaluable in your search.

### Improving time-management and organization skills

Taking a part-time job will also help in your quest to find sustainable employment in less-direct ways, such as improving your time management. With nothing to do each day, but fill out the odd job application or two, it's easy for an unemployed job seeker to get distracted and disorganized. A part-time job can help create structure that is likely to spill over into the rest of your life and prepare you for a full-time schedule.

A part-time job makes a great transition into the hustle and bustle of the daily work force. So, while it may not be what you originally wanted, any chance to put yourself to work, fill resume gaps and build worthwhile experience should be looked at as an opportunity.

Matthew Tarpey is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job seeker blog, TheWorkBuzz.com.



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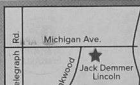
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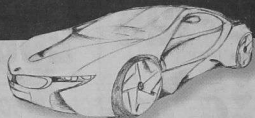
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## Car Report

# 6 Reasons Why GM Dealers May Have a Good Summer Yet



By Dale Buss

American consumers will begin to punish the company in a big way by finally avoiding Chevrolet, Buick/GMC and Cadillac dealers.

But maybe they won't actually stay away. In



The 2015 GMC Acadia has been a hot seller.

April, in the thick of "bad GM" news about recalls, GM remained 7 percent ahead of last year's robust sales pace.

No doubt the recall fiasco and the attendant media and political circus all amount to a serious blow to the reputation and integrity of GM. And the ways in which it'll hurt the company, its brands and dealers continue to unfold, no matter how hard CEO Mary Barra is trying to clean corporate cupboards of all the rottenness at once.

Yet consideration of GM brands and products on the pages of Edmunds.com hasn't changed

much at all over the past several weeks.

There are at least six reasons that American consumers haven't abandoned GM so far and to believe that sales of Chevy, Buick, GMC and Cadillac vehicles going forward will continue at a pretty good clip even compared with the pace of gains by the competition:

"Safest time to buy" logic may apply. This is a version of a phenomenon well known to air travelers. Let's call it the "safest time to fly" argument. As in, "The safest time to fly is after an airliner crashes."

Many American consumers likely are reasoning something like this: GM has gotten all of its safety problems out in the open, and has become more transparent, and scrutiny now is certainly higher than ever. Its engineers and manufacturing managers are likely being especially careful to avoid or fix any new design or quality problems that potentially could lead to still more recalls. So if I'm going to buy GM, now's the time to do it!

American consumers don't care about recalls: It's a recent year for automotive recalls in the United States, mostly thanks to GM — but also including recalls by Ford, Chrysler and others. Yet even a drumbeat of recalls has no effect on the sale of a company's new or even used cars. George Hoffer, transportation economist at the University of Richmond, told USA Today.

What's more, the brands at the core of the most troubling recall, the

ignition-switch fix, include Saturn and Pontiac models. Those models and even those brands aren't around anymore, so GM doesn't face the problem of trying to sell new vehicles under those particular brands. "The cars are different," as Caldwell put it. "The [Chevy] small car now is Cruze,

this. And many of the cars coming in are pretty old. Many of the people bringing them in would do well with a new car anyway."

GM is sweetening the pot: Trying to offset negative consumer sentiment, the company has been offering recall victims various lures to get them to consider a new GM vehicle. "GM has

There was the new Chevy Silverado pickup truck late last year, for instance. The completely redesigned Impala mid-size sedan is fresh and impressing many consumers as an entirely different model than its predecessor. The new Corvette Stingray is warming up for introduction. And there are new versions of the highly profitable Chevy



The Chevrolet Cruze is a much better automobile than the Cobalt it replaced.

which is a much better product than Cobalt was."

Recalls give dealers more shots: With thousands of GM owners now bringing cars into Chevy, Buick/GMC and Cadillac dealers to get repairs of various new safety malaises, dealership sales personnel are licking their chops even while their service colleagues are overwhelmed.

"Dealers will tell you the hard part is getting people to come in," Caldwell explained. "Salespeople sure like to have a shot at a captive audience like

been able to generate some foot traffic to showrooms through short-term incentives and employee pricing," noted Shuba Srinivasan, a marketing professor at Boston University. "This increased store traffic has led to sales conversions."

The best GM products ever are available: This was shaping up to be a big year for GM and its dealers long before the recalls began cascading, because Chevrolet, especially, is in the midst of a long run of important launches.

Suburban and Tahoe massive SUVs.

Some consumers want to reward, not punish, GM. To the extent that "voting" about GM in the abstract with their wallets is really something that consumers do, given a lack of practical reasons to buy or not buy a GM vehicle, it's possible that more Americans want to reward the company with their decisions than punish it.

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