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Swindler posing as police official

Caller initially identifies himself as IRS official, then calls back pretending to be deputy police chief

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Attempts by scam artists to swindle money from local residents have taken a personal turn for the Canton Police Department. A caller posing as an In-

ternal Revenue Service official warned a 45-year-old Canton woman by telephone to pay \$2,824 in delinquent taxes or Deputy Police Chief Scott Hilden would come to her house to make an arrest. The scam artist even managed to have the incoming

caller identification show up as the main phone number for the Canton Public Safety Department, an indication of just how savvy these swindling attempts have become.



Hilden

The woman, who didn't owe the taxes, hung up the phone

and contacted Canton police, yet she received a second call from a man claiming he was Hilden.

"She was smart enough not to fall for it," Hilden said.

Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh issued a warning for residents not to fall for such scams and to contact police at 734-394-5400 if they believe they have been contacted by a potential swindler.

"We want to make sure no one falls for this," Baugh said.

Some residents in Canton and elsewhere have lost money after a caller convinced them to send money, often by going to a grocery store, pharmacy or other retail outlet, buying a prepaid debit card and then divulging the card number by telephone.

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Officials at Knollwood Memorial Park said the cemetery is still open and performing burials during a legal battle over its ownership, despite published reports to the contrary.

CEMETERY STILL OPEN DESPITE LEGAL CLASH

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Families with loved ones buried in Knollwood Memorial Park are still being cared for, despite published reports the Canton cemetery had shut down.

While an ownership battle rages on in the courts, a smaller, newer staff on-site is performing burials, doing its best to care for the grounds and helping, as best it can, when customers come in looking for information on

their loved ones' grave sites.

A television report last week said the cemetery had closed its gates, a claim new representatives deny. Dennis Herman, the park's new director of operations, said the perception the park had closed was perpetuated when a television news crew took video of a "closed" sign on the office door.

That sign meant only that the office was closed, not the park, Herman said.

"We are open for business," said Herman, who has been on the job for two weeks. "We are performing burials; we are trying to help people."

Taking over

While the smaller staff is trying to tend to the cemetery's customers, the park's ownership is being decided in court. According to James Roll, attorney for former owner Sam Tocco, his client has taken over the running of the cemetery based on a decision by Wayne County Circuit Judge Daphne Means Curtis.

According to Roll, Sam Tocco sold the cemetery to his grandson, Sam

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GOP hosts second forum

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

As the Aug. 5 primary nears, the Canton Republican Caucus has announced a second issues forum focusing on school millage proposals and a ballot measure to decide the fate of Michigan's personal property tax on businesses.

Organizers say the forum also will delve into Detroit Water and Sewerage Department issues and include a discussion about Michigan's beleaguered roads.

Caucus leader Michael Hansel said the forum, open to the public, is set for 7-9 p.m. Monday, July 21, at Canton's Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, west of Canton Center.

Hansel, saying "knowledge is the key" as voters make decisions in upcoming elections, called the forum an opportunity to learn about issues facing Canton and neighboring communities.

He offered a peek at what forum attendees can expect:

» Two Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education members - Treasurer Mark Horvath and Trustee Michael Maloney - will discuss the proposed renewal of the district's 18-mill non-home-stead tax, which applies to businesses and properties

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St. John's hosts Concours sneak peek

Prestigious annual auto exhibition marks fourth visit to Plymouth venue

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Car enthusiasts and the automotive press got a sneak peek Tuesday at a few of the hundreds of cars that will be on display in Plymouth Township later this month during one of the world's most prestigious car shows.

A 1952 Plymouth Fury convertible, a 1957 Imperial

Crown Sedan, a 1948 Lincoln Continental and a 1954 Ford Comete Monte Carlo once owned by Henry Ford II were among the show vehicles Tuesday at the Concours d'Elegance of America preview at the Inn at St. John's.

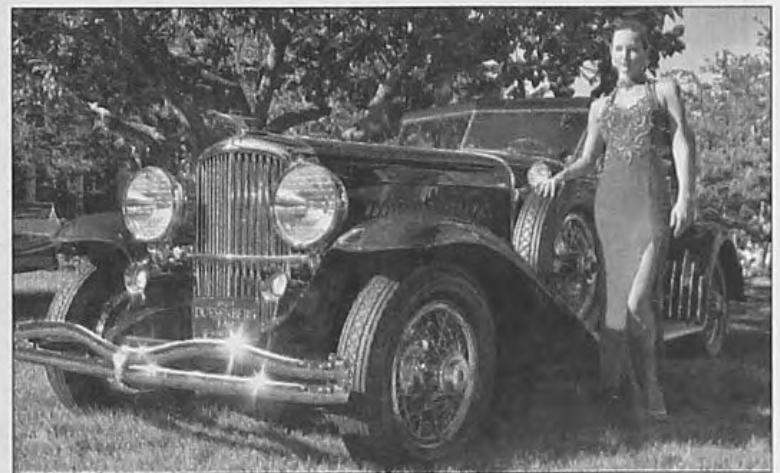
The 36th annual Concours, with nearly 300 antique, rare and collectible cars, trucks and motorcycles, is planned for Sunday, July 27; it will be

the fourth Concours hosted by the Inn at St. John's.

"I think everyone really enjoys this show at this location," said H.D. "Buck" Mook of West Bloomfield, owner of the Comete, who spent a 30-year career as a designer at Ford and is a longtime Concours exhibitor.

Mook's Comete, built by

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"It is a Doozie!" was part of the marketing for the 1929 Duesenberg.

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Perfect weather helps crowds enjoy art festival

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer



Art In The Park drew large crowds all weekend, as visitors took advantage of perfect weather to browse the booths. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nic Revelt likes seeing the smiles on kids' faces when they play with one of the toys his company sells. Revelt, one of the owners of Play Safe Bow & Arrows, was busy at one of the most popular booths at downtown Plymouth's annual Art in the Park last weekend. For the third straight year, his product – a foam rubber bow and arrow set – proved to be a popular attraction. And Revelt says he has Art in the Park to thank for it. "It's a very big event and very enjoyable, as well," said Revelt, making his third straight trip to Art in the Park

with the bow-and-arrow sets. "There's a satisfaction in giving these kids a toy they can play with and see the looks on their faces when they're able to shoot a bow and arrow by themselves. It's fantastic and the Plymouth art fair helps us do that." The 35th Art in the Park featured more than 400 exhibitors, more than 90 of them new to the show, with works in a range of styles and every medium from oil paints to wood to metal to fiber to clay. The three-day festival featured free live music, mural-making, theater and other activities for children and art demonstrations, from a "living mural" to artists working on board game-

themed sidewalk murals. Artist Kristen Dillenbeck had her booth on the corner of Main and Ann Arbor Trail again, her seventh straight year attending Art in the Park. Dillenbeck, a painter, said she "really enjoys" bringing live art to the community. "One of my favorite things about this exhibit is that I get to demonstrate what I love to do," Dillenbeck said. "It gives everybody a break from shopping and lets them just come and enjoy." The weather was nearly perfect for the three-day festival, which drew thousands of people to downtown Plymouth all three days. Despite the crowds and the closed streets

ringing Kellogg Park, Plymouth police reported no serious incidents. That left visitors with nothing to do but enjoy the show. "It's great to see that," Brenda Felkerson of Taylor said of the crowds. She was strolling the booths Friday with friend Jeanette Reeck. "Plymouth is very nice, very nice to walk around." The women said it was their second visit to Art in the Park. "It's got a little bit of everything," Reeck said.

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SWINDLER

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Many scam artists pose as IRS agents or other government officials, but one 84-year-old Canton woman was bilked out of \$1,960 after a caller posing as her grandson said he was in Spain and needed money wired to him.

However, the latest incident marks the first time Hilden said he is aware of a Canton police official's name – or the department's phone number – being used by a scam artist.

Baugh warned residents to beware of callers trying to obtain money by telephone, especially from someone posing as a government official.

"When in doubt," Baugh said, "contact the local police department."

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Anthony Tocco, in an agreement that said if the grandson didn't make the payments, ownership would revert to Sam Tocco. According to the grandson's lawyer, Mayer Morganroth, the younger Tocco sued his grandfather, alleging he'd committed fraud.

Morganroth said Means Curtis dismissed that suit just before trial; Sam Anthony Tocco is appealing the decision in U.S. Circuit Court. For now, it's the grandfather who is running things for the moment, although Morganroth said Sam Tocco does not have a license.

"(Means Curtis) dismissed the suit right before trial, after more than two years, even though she'd heard that claim two or three times before," Morganroth said. "We're waiting for the court to decide. In the meantime, (Sam Anthony Tocco) has

gotten out of there and turned everything over. He has no dealings with the cemetery right now."

Rough transition

Roll wouldn't comment on reports that when the former owners left, they took with them computers and electronic files, a move that has made it difficult for the new staff to help customers.

"The transfer didn't go as smoothly as it could have," Roll said.

Herman wouldn't say whether computers had been taken, but he did say helping customers is a bit more difficult than it should be.

"I can help (customers), but it might take a little time," he said.

In the meantime, Herman acknowledged, customers have expressed concerns about the level of service. One Canton woman, who asked not to be identified, said her parents and her husband's parents are buried at Knollwood and she's having trouble getting a plate

placed on the grave sites.

"We're out \$225 for a plate we were waiting to have installed," she said. "I'm sure there are other people out a lot more money than that."

Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said she has been asked if the township can step in and do anything about the situation. The township's hands, however, are tied, she said.

"This is a private property and these are private contracts between the people who've purchased grave sites and the people who are managing it," McLaughlin said. "You have concerns in the sense you don't want people to be cheated. They have certain expectations. With a cemetery, there are a lot of emotional issues attached to it. You have some level of sympathy and concern. (But) there's nothing we can do. We can't force something to be done."

FORUM

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such as apartment complexes, but not to homeowners. The millage, placed on the Aug. 5 ballot, was approved by voters in 2004 and expires in July.

The education discussion also is expected to focus on a 2-mill tax increase, or "enhancement millage," proposed for six years by the Wayne County RESA, or Regional Educational Service Agency.

"Eric Luper, research director for Citizens Research Council of Michigan, is expected to discuss Proposal 1 which, if passed, would end Michigan's personal property tax on businesses for items such as machinery. Proponents say local governments and educational institutions would be fully funded going forward with a more stable form of financing.

"Canton resident James Fausone, who chairs the Detroit Water and Sewerage Depart-

ment's Board of Water Commissioners, is expected to discuss DWSD's future, including the possible transfer of a waste water treatment plant to another entity and how it might impact residents.

"Hansel said a discussion also is expected to focus on possible repairs to Canton residential streets and main roads that are Wayne County's responsibility.

"The forum also is expected to include a question-and-answer session for attendees.

"Early in the forum, Hansel said short statements are expected by select political candidates, including state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, state House 21st District candidate Carol Ann Fausone and Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price.

Colbeck faces challenger Matthew Edwards in the primary, Fausone is unopposed and Price faces challenger Charles Clos.

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CONCOURS

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Ford of France before that company was acquired by another company, was a standout Tuesday, with a hand-made body by the French company Facel, a V-8 engine and a four-speed transmission. Mook

bought it for \$800 in 1967 and it was restored over a seven-year period beginning in the early 2000s.

"The restoration cost me as much as my house did," Mook said. He's not sure that Henry Ford II, the grandson of Henry Ford, drove it much. "He had a lot of cars at his disposal," Mook said.

Concours events

The Concours, which was held for more than 30 years at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills before moving to St. John's, includes several related events in addition to the July 27 show: an exhibition of auto-related art, seminars on collectibles and car design, an auction of collectibles, a Concours kickoff dinner the night before the exhibit and more.

Event logistics – last year's Concours attracted about 10,000 visitors – require cooperation from Plymouth and Plymouth Township officials, the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and local civic and service clubs.

"It truly is a fantastic event that brings people to the Plymouth community," said Wes Graff, chamber president.

Wally Donoghue of Salem Township was on hand Tuesday with his 1931 Lincoln with a body by the coach builder Dietrich. Only 65 were made, Donoghue said,



The 1937 Cord had front-wheel drive and hidden headlights. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

and only seven still exist.

"I sort of kept my eye on this car over the years," said Donoghue, who first saw the Lincoln – the very same car – at a show in 1957. "I couldn't really afford to buy it until 1999."

Donoghue helps out with the Concours, writing some of the display boards and organizing the show of collectibles in downtown Plymouth, scheduled for 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 25, during

the free Music in the Air concert in Kellogg Park.

Classical Plymouth

On Concours day, Donoghue will be showing off his 1912 Overland, complete with musicians from the Michigan Philharmonic, who will be setting the mood with classical music.

"We're the only Concours where you can hear classical music," said Beth Stewart, the Michigan Philharmonic's

executive director.

A portion of the Concours proceeds will benefit the College for Creative Studies, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Hospice of Michigan and, new this year, Yatooma's Foundation for the Kids, an organization founded by attorney Norman Yatooma that aids children who have lost a parent.

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House hopefuls share views on issues

Three candidates – Natalie Mosher and Kristy Pagan of Canton and Cornell Mathis of Belleville – are vying for the Democratic nomination for the 21st District seat in the Michigan House of Representatives. The winner in the Aug. 5 Democratic primary will face Republican Carol Ann Fausone of Canton in the November general election.

The three Democrats shared their thoughts on several issues:

What made you decide to seek election to the state Legislature?

Mathis: As a financial adviser I hear from many individuals who express concern about their decreasing standard of living and lower amounts of discretionary income. As an adviser, I am able to help them in the area of financial planning; however, I wanted to do more. I know how difficult it is to save money for children to go to college. As a state Legislator, I will propose legislation which will make college affordable for Michigan students. I'll model the Kalamazoo Promise college program for the entire state of Michigan as a way to make tuition free and college affordable for children attending college in Michigan.

Also, I understand how difficult it is for seniors to maintain their standard of living in the face of a pension tax in Michigan. As a legislator, I will work to repeal the pension tax. I'll offer financial incentives to small and medium-sized businesses to train and hire long-term unemployed and displaced manufacturing workers. And I'll propose legislation that will make Michigan a business-friendly environment for start-up businesses. I understand the need to diversify our economy and I'll look for creative incentives to attract high-paying employers to Michigan.

Mosher: I am running to listen to voters, restore trust in our state's institutions, ensure that we have transparency, accountability and integrity, and to give a voice to Michigan's middle class. As I run for State Representative, I plan on following in Rep. Dian Slavens footsteps fighting for our Democratic values. In Lansing, I'll strive to be a citizen-legislator that will make certain I find others I can work with to come up with solutions that will make positive impacts, from our educational system, seniors, infrastructure and tax policy.

Pagan: My parents taught me if you work hard, get a good education, and live a life of service, you can do anything. While a student at Salem High School, two of my close friends became pregnant. This experience motivated me to work on teenage pregnancy prevention programs and study to become a health teacher. However, once I got into the classroom, I realized that teachers and students needed a voice in the political process. After working as a legislative aide for Senator Stabenow, she encouraged me to run for office to serve others. Community members and other legislators, including Reps. Driskell and Tlaib, asked

me to run to continue the good work of Rep. Slavens.

State and local roads and bridges are in deplorable shape. As a member of the Legislature, how would you address the issue? Explain where you believe the money should come from.

Mathis: I feel that in order to generate the amount of on-going revenue we need to fix roads, we need to look outside the traditional places to raise revenue. One non-traditional yet practical way to raise ongoing additional revenue for road repairs is by increasing Michigan's wireless tax by 2.5 or 3 percent. Michigan residents pay well below the average wireless tax rate, we pay 13 percent and the average rate is closer to 18 percent. We could raise our wireless rate by as much as 3 percent and still be below the average wireless tax rate in the country. This additional tax would generate revenue needed for road repairs.

Mosher: Our road conditions force us to choose between repairs now or even greater costs in the future. One study found that every \$1 invested in infrastructure increases stimulates at least \$2 in economic growth. I support a ballot proposal of a \$10 billion bond issue over 20 years towards the Department of Transportation general fund. Also, the semi-truck tonnage limit in Michigan is over twice the federal limit and is detrimental to our roads. An extra \$1,000 fee per 10,000 pounds for trucks weighing over the federal limit would raise \$30 million per year to repair the damage they cause.

Pagan: I believe we must shift our focus to find long-term solutions over short-term fixes to our roads and bridges. This starts with fully funding our transportation budget. I advocate for charging those who do the most damage to our roads more for their usage, adding a yearly-use fee for alternative fuel vehicles, and shifting the sales tax revenue generated from gas purchases from the general fund to the transportation fund. We could then maintain general fund revenue by reducing tax breaks to large corporations and the very wealthy, while ensuring what our residents pay at the pump is directed toward fixing our roads.

Twenty years after the implementation of Proposal A, there remains a wide disparity in per-pupil funding for school districts throughout the state. How would you address this concern? What is your recommendation? Be specific.

Mathis: We have to look at creative ways of improving outcomes of students in under-performing school districts. In the immediate, we have to bridge the gap in per-pupil spending. We know that additional revenues are needed. The difficult answer is where to find the revenue. We have to explore ways to better utilize college students in education programs and social work programs as a way to assist under-achieving students. No one wants to see an increase in sales taxes, or cigarette taxes,



KRISTY PAGAN

Residence: Canton
How long have you lived in the district?: I have lived in the district since I was born in

1982. I did move out of Michigan from 2005-10 to earn my graduate degree from George Washington University and work for U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow on Capitol Hill. I moved back home to Michigan in 2010.

Family: Parents, Nick and Kathy Pagan, live in Plymouth. Sisters Jenna and Kimberly.

Education: Graduated from Salem High School in 2000. Earned bachelor of science in health education from Western Michigan University and master of arts in political management from George Washington University.

Current job/profession: I serve as the associate director of development at Wayne State University Law School in downtown Detroit.

Community involvement: Serves on the Board of Directors of the Canton Community Foundation, the Board of Trustees for the Canton Democratic Club and sit on the Advisory Council for the STEM Program at Canton High School. Also represented Michigan as a delegate to the 2012 Democratic National Convention.



NATALIE MOSHER

Residence: Canton
How long have you lived in the district?: 10 years
Family: Husband, Bob; 2 adult sons, 2

grandchildren

Education: Bachelor of arts in education from Michigan State University; Ohio State University, EXCEL, Executive Leadership Training Certification; Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, Certificate in Fundraising Management.

Current job/profession: Self-employed, fundraising consultant – campaigns, political, nonprofit

Community involvement: Leadership Canton; League of Women Voters; Ravines Homeowners Association Board President (Past); Canton Township Assessment Board (Past); Canton Chamber of Commerce; Chicks 4 Charity; NAACP (lifetime member); NOW National Organization of Women (lifetime member).



CORNELL MATHIS

Residence: Belleville
How long have you lived in the district?: Approximately 13 years

Family: Wife, Cash; children Morgan, 7, and Payton, 4.

Education: Bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Michigan University; also attended graduate school at the University of Southern California.

Current job/profession: Financial adviser for Allstate

Community involvement: Member of Belleville and Canton Chambers of Commerce; volunteer for Big Brother/Big Sisters; active at children's school.

or property taxes or income taxes so we have to look at creative ways to use under-utilized resources that are available. There is no simple answer to this question.

Mosher: The funding formula for education in Michigan must be changed. Here are some measures I support to make Michigan's classrooms excel once again:

» Allow school districts to seek independent revenue streams, filling the funding gap of Prop A. This can ease district budgets, as fixed costs cannot be easily reduced on a per-pupil basis.

» Consolidate school districts to cut down administrative costs through resource pooling.

» Reduce class sizes in struggling schools and incentivize the best teachers to locate there.

» Partner with community colleges to establish paths for individuals not going onto four year schools.

Pagan: When 69 percent of Michigan voters supported Proposal A 20 years ago, their intent was to bring equity to school funding. Though Proposal A has narrowed the gap between the wealthiest and poorest schools, there is still a large funding gap that varies across districts. I support making yearly equity payments to districts with less funding; these payments would gradually increase until the per pupil funding gap is closed. However, we cannot prioritize equity at the expense of quality— all districts must receive yearly increases in per pupil funding to keep pace with inflation. In addition to making Proposal A work for our most vulnerable districts, we must prioritize restoring the nearly \$1B in cuts to the School Aid Fund and work to fully fund all of our schools.

What do you see as issues facing communities in the

21st District? How would you address them?

Mathis: Residents of the 21st District are very concerned about the affordability of college for their children. I'll model the Kalamazoo Promise Program as a way to make tuition free for Michigan students. Families are concerned about their incomes decreasing as a result of unfair taxes to their pensions. I'll fight to repeal the pension tax. Families in the 21st District want leaders who'll attract employers who will pay living wages that they can feed their families on. I'll help sell business owners on the benefits of locating in the 21st District. We have a diverse and highly educated workforce. And, families want to receive technological training to acquire high-wages jobs.

Mosher: Every day of my campaign I have met voters in my district specifically to listen to their priorities and concerns. The three most common issues nearly every voter mentions are (1) fixing the roads (2) education and (3) removing the tax on senior pensions. As I mentioned above, a bond issue would raise necessary costs to fix our roads as soon as possible with minimal costs per capita; improving education is about allowing flexibility and control for school districts; and eliminating the pension tax on seniors can be accomplished by restoring tax fairness by changing the Michigan's corporate tax policy.

Pagan: As I walk door-to-door in our community, I hear the same concerns: fund our schools, create jobs to keep young people in Michigan, fix our roads, and repeal the pension tax. I believe leadership starts with listening. We must fully fund our schools, hold charter and cyber schools accountable, lower class sizes and support our teachers. By investing in STEM programs and encouraging entrepreneurship, we can turn Michigan around and create jobs. We need a long-term strategy to fix our roads and that starts with fully funding Michigan's transportation budget. Lastly, repealing the pension tax will help guarantee retirement

security for thousands of Michigan residents.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

Mathis: As a financial adviser and business owner who advises individuals and small businesses daily in the areas of employee benefits, retirement planning, college planning and their futures, I know intimately what their top concerns are. I'm focused on the financial issues that will raise their standard of living and improve their financial well-being. As a Legislator, I'll work to see their incomes go up. I'm focused on providing students with access to higher education tuition free in Michigan. I'll propose legislation to train workers for high-paying jobs they can support their families on. I advise individuals and small businesses in this area daily as a part of my business. Now I'm ready to promote legislation that improves the standard of living of all residents in the state of Michigan.

Mosher: I am the best candidate for this position because throughout my career in public and non-profit service I've gained experience reaching across the aisle, to community leaders and business owners, to get things done. As a former teacher, I understand the challenges facing Michigan's classrooms and am committed to making our state competitive on a national and global scale. I plan to bring a new political framework to Lansing. Lasting change is not fostered through party dominance and gridlock. Instead, we need real negotiation, cooperation and creative thinking on policy, because our state's future is too valuable for political gamesmanship.

Pagan: I am running to be your state representative because I care deeply about the community that raised me. This is my hometown and, if elected, I will be a strong voice for you and your family. I have the experience to pass good public policy, and am qualified to do the job well. I will listen to you, fight for you, and advocate for issues we care about. It would be a tremendous honor to represent the very schools I attended, the neighborhoods in which I grew up, and the community in which I live in the Michigan House. I will work extremely hard to represent you and provide transparency and accountability to state government.

Friends donate \$10,000 to library fund

There is a reason they are called the Friends of the Canton Public Library and last week they demonstrated it with a \$10,000 donation to the Canton Public Library endowment fund.

The gift, money raised by the sale of books and other materials in Secondhand Prose, a used bookstore located in the library, brings the library's endowment fund to \$300,000 in principal. In addition,

Friends treasurer Larry Hoelscher presented library Director Eva Davis with a check for \$2,000 to supplement the library's collection of materials.

"The Friends are the single biggest contributors to the library endowment fund, which helps secure the financial future of the library," Davis said. "Additionally, they helped establish the fund by making the initial dona-

tion and our Friends continue to support library programming and special collections."

The Friends of the Canton Public Library are members of the community who support the library's goals and services, advocate for the library and raise awareness. Current Friends president Linda Garret welcomes inquiries of membership at www.cantonpl.org/friends.



Canton Public Library Director Eva Davis accepts a donation from Friends of the Library treasurer Larry Hoelscher.

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Tuesday, July 22, 2014

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a Public Hearing will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request by Kyocera Industrial Ceramics Corporation to transfer the existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2002-210 from Optrex America Inc. to Kyocera Industrial Ceramics Corporation. The request is available for inspection from 8-4:30 daily in the Clerk's Office. During the public hearing which begins at 7:00 pm., any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by resolution.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for a Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) solution capable of supporting the computing needs of the District's Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) instructional program. Four (4) copies of the sealed bid (one original, two printed copies and one electronic) should be submitted to PCCS - E.J McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, Attn: Tech Director, by 1:00 p.m., **Local Time, July 28, 2014**. The bids will be publicly opened at this time and the proposals must contain the wording "**STEM Program Virtual Desktop Infrastructure Response**" on the envelope or package. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district. For a copy of the Request for Proposal, please visit: www.bid4michigan.com. For business related questions please contact Tiffany Brindza at tiffany.brindza@pccsmail.net or (734)416-2975.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Kimberley Crouch, Secretary

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FALL FEST CRAFTERS

Date/Time: Craft show is during Plymouth Fall Festival, Sept. 5-7
Location: Downtown Plymouth
Details: It's not too late to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. Only a few spots remain for talented crafters. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouth-fallfestival.com.
Contact: For more information, contact Colleen Brown at craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com.

HISTORY KIDS KAMP

Date/Time: Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum
Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts its third annual History Kids Kamp, where children can experience aspects of the Civil War by recreating what life was like during the war, including dressing in period clothing, getting their picture taken, as well as a chore race consisting of old-fashioned tasks from the mid-1800s. There will also be a scavenger hunt, which will entertain and educate while kids search for clues to solve a puzzle. Children will be able to chat with Civil War soldier re-enactors who can answer questions, demonstrate marching and much more. The boys will be given the opportunity to "enlist" in the army.

Tickets purchased by July 18 are \$35 per child; after that, tickets are \$40; alternatively, the purchase of a new or renewed Daisy membership to the Plymouth Historical Museum (value \$50) will allow one child to attend for free. The target age for children is 6-12 years old; however, children under 8 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours or can be purchased using PayPal on the museum's website. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main.
Contact: Call 734-455-8940 for more information.

LIBRARY MUSIC SERIES

Time/Location: Each Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main
Dates:

» July 30, The Film Score Grows Up – After World War II, films and film music become darker and more realistic.
 » Aug. 20, The Classical Film Score, Lost and Found – Big changes in films and scores in the '50s, but it all comes back again in the '70s.

Details: The Plymouth District Library will host music professor Karl Schmidt for a four-part series this summer. Schmidt will present music and video excerpts from films such as *The Jazz Singer* (1927), *Gone With the Wind* (1939), *The Best Years of Our Lives* (1946) and *High Noon* (1952), as well as a study of political and social changes that influenced all forms of art, including films. This music series is made possible through the Michigan Opera Theatre's Department of Community Programs and the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.
Contact: Call 734-453-0750.

ISSUES FORUM

Date/Time: Monday, July 21, 7 p.m.
Location: Summit on the Park, Canton
Details: The Canton Republican Caucus hosts the second Canton Township Issues Forum, which will consist of factual presentations of issues affecting the residents of Canton Township, the Plymouth-Canton School District and other local communities. The primary issues to be discussed are Personal Property Tax issue, Proposal 1; local education funding, the local school district and Intermediate School District proposals; Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, the possible transfer to the suburbs or to a private entity; roads; and questions, during which all questions submitted by attendees of the June 9 forum will be answered.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING

Date/Time: Aug. 6, 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, 734 727-2063. Specify you are requesting an appointment for the United Home Health location. For MMAP information visit www.mmappinc.org/pages/about.html

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates/Times/Locations:
 » Sunday, July 20, 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren, Canton
 » Monday, July 21, 1-6:45 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth
 » Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Living Word Church, 46500 N. Territorial, Plymouth
 » Monday, July 28, 1:30-7:15 p.m., Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton
 » Tuesday, July 29, noon to 5:45 p.m., Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive, Canton
 » Tuesday, July 29, noon to 5:45 p.m., Super Bowl Lanes, 45100 Ford Road, Canton
 » Wednesday, July 30, noon to 5:45 p.m., Canton Municipal Office

Details: The American Red Cross sponsors the above blood drives in the local community. Appointments can be made, and walk-ins are welcome.
Contact: Call 800-REDCROSS to make an appointment

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Date/Time: Oct. 18
Location: West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth
Details: The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual Juried Craft Show. Proceeds from the show provide scholarships for young people who are pursuing a career in education and mini-grants for educators in the district.
Contact: For more information, contact Debbie Cortellini at debccortellini@comcast.net or 734-451-1525.

BNI MEETING

Date/Time: Each Thursday, 7-8:30 a.m.
Location: Red Olive Restaurant, 1051 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: The BNI Northville-The \$1 million Referral Chapter meets every Thursday morning.
Contact: For more information, visit www.NorthvilleBNI.com



Jacques' Tacos is just one of the food trucks available at the Canton Farmers Market's Rally on Ridge.

Canton Farmers Market hosts fundraising event

Area residents are invited Tuesday, July 29, to a special "Rally on Ridge Road" for a festive evening of food, fun, music, and more to benefit the Canton Farmers Market.

Visitors can stop by the Cherry Hill School area, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, and The Village Theater area just across the street, 6-9 p.m. and enjoy activities for all ages, including live music featuring local artists; tasty food truck fare from The Rolling Stoves, Shimmy Shack, The Mean Weenie and Jacques' Tacos; bounce houses and lawn games on the Cherry Hill School lawn; and an ice cream social (6-8:30 p.m.) in Cherry Hill School.

"We are looking forward to this festive summer event where folks can meet their neighbors, family and friends and enjoy tasty local food options while listening to live music by area musicians," market manager Tina

Lloyd said. "As we increase awareness of the Canton Farmers Market, we encourage everyone to take the time to get to know their food source by getting to know their local farmers and food producers. Market guests are encouraged to talk with the actual growers, bakers, food producers, chefs and farmers to find out how their food is grown and prepared."

Rally on Ridge participants are encouraged to bid on the two silent auction prizes, which include dinner for two at your house or a two-hour cooking class for four people in your home, both courtesy of Canton Farmers Market advocate Chef Paul Penney.

In addition, participants can purchase tickets for a special drawing for a chance to win two farmers market baskets featuring local goods. Tickets will be available for purchase on-site, two for \$5 or five for \$10. The lucky winners will take home

farmers market themed baskets "Michigan Morning" or "Taste of Michigan."

Items featured in these special baskets include: Intu Specialty Tea, Grace Savory & Sweet Pancake Mix, JKM Soy Candle, Farmington Soapworks Mineral Spa soap, coffee cake from Cakes by Penny, gift pack of Sansonetti dressings, pasties from UP Pasties, Boblin Honey, Zingerman's cheese and more.

A portion of the proceeds collected during this special family-friendly fundraiser will benefit the Canton Farmers Market, which is currently celebrating its seventh season. With the recent influx in "buy local" initiatives, the Canton Farmers Market is seeing an increase in both the number of participating growers and in customers.

As such, the market continues to expand its offerings during market hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday, rain or shine, through Oct. 19.

2014 Summer entertainment EVENTS

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- Temptations - 6/21
- Foreigner - 7/10
- Willie Nelson - 7/13
- Beach Boys - 8/10
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- Yanni - 8/17
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Wife of former NFL player supports USA Football's Heads Up Program for Kids

If Courtney Conover, a mother of two and a lifestyle blogger, had a dime for every time she was asked the following question, she'd have enough in cash to fly her family first class to Bora Bora and stay there: Are you letting Scotty play football?

"When your husband has spent most of his life playing football — and nearly seven years as an offensive lineman in the National Football League — it's the number one thing people ask," Conover said. "And while I'm not at all surprised at why people inquire about my son's prospective involvement in the sport, I have found that they are often surprised that my answer is a resounding yes."

Conover has published a blog post explaining why she will allow her almost-3-year-old son to play youth football in the coming years — unlike her mother-in-law, who had qualms about her own son (Conover's husband) playing the game when he was a youth.

"She didn't let him play until middle school for fear that he'd get hurt and now that I'm a mother of a son, I understand where she was coming from," Conover said.

But Conover feels differently now due to USA Football's Heads Up Program. "It is the game-changer," she said. Funded by the NFL and the NCAA, Heads Up Football is a program within USA Football that aims to help make the game better and safer for youth by establishing standards by which a



Courtney Conover of Wayne believes the USA Football's Heads Up Program is "the game-changer" in youth football.

person becomes certified to coach.

The program educates coaches, league administrators and even parents on how to fit equipment, understand concussion awareness and teach tackling with players keeping their heads and eyes up.

The program also boasts former NFL players who serve as Heads Up Football ambassadors, including Conover's husband, who supports coaches while helping parents and players understand the importance of implementing sound fundamentals at an early age.

A total of 145 youth football clubs in Michigan are in compliance with the standards of the Heads Up Football program, including the Garden City Youth Athletic Association and four clubs in Livonia.

A total of 78 master trainers, composed of the nation's top high school football coaches, former NFL and college players, have been trained to create a new standard in

football by preparing player safety coaches to implement the Heads Up Football program within their organizations.

USA Football expects it to reach 5,500 youth organizations and cover 900,000 players and 150,000 coaches in the 2014 season.

To learn whether a youth football league in your area is in compliance with the standards of Heads Up Football, go to www.usafootball.com/headsup# and click on the find Heads Up tab to view an interactive map, which includes a breakdown by city.

Conover is a mother of two young children and the wife of former NFL offensive lineman Scott Conover, who played for the Detroit Lions for six years from 1991-97.

She also is a lifestyle blogger at The Brown Girl with Long Hair. You can read her entire post about her son playing football on her blog at www.thebrowngirlwithlonghair.com/2014/07/why-im-fine-with-my-son-playing-youth.html.

Canton police seeking suspects in local pharmacy break-in

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton police are seeking help identifying two suspects who authorities say broke into Devz Pharmacy on Canton Center, north of Ford Road.

Police have released surveillance photos of two suspects who had their faces partially concealed during an incident that occurred shortly before midnight June 16, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said.

"They forced their way in through the front door," he said.

Baugh described the suspects as white males who smashed open the front door's glass and entered the pharmacy after they first cut wires in the rear of the building.

An investigation indicated the suspects apparently didn't get whatever they may have intended to take.

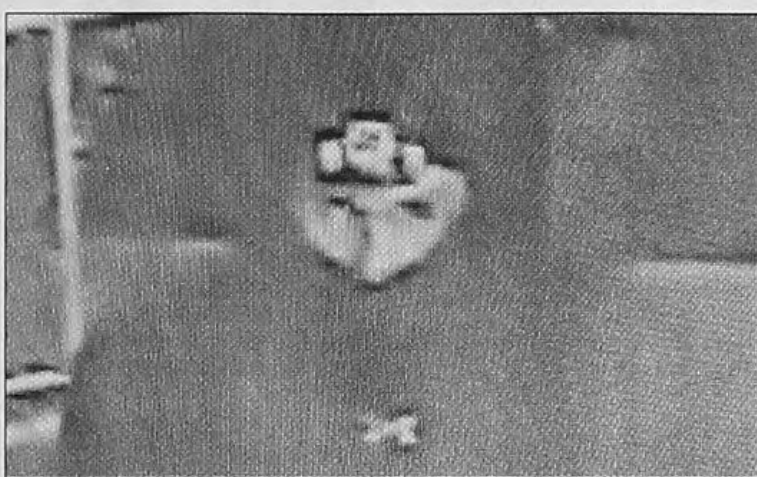
"They got nothing," Baugh said.

Anyone who knows one of both suspects or who has information about the incident is encouraged to call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400. Police said the tips can be made anonymously.

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Canton police are asking for help identifying these suspects in a pharmacy break-in. CANTON POLICE



Anyone who knows this suspect is asked to call Canton police at 734-394-5400. CANTON POLICE

CANTON CRIME WATCH

The naked truth

A 67-year-old Canton man who walks naked outside his condo when he takes his dog outdoors has attracted the attention of neighbors.

Police went to the man's residence on Lilley Pointe Drive, northwest of Cherry Hill and Lilley, after receiving reports Friday morning of a nude man sitting on his patio. Two female neighbors told police the man sits nude in a chair on his patio while his dog is handling its business. One of the women had taken a picture with her cell phone.

Police were told the man also can be seen sitting nude in his home office, with the blinds open, while on his computer.

When police showed up at the man's residence, he answered the door wearing shorts. He told police he is retired, but works from home editing music. He said he often works until the early hours of the morning and then later, while naked, takes his dog outside and sits in a chair.

The man told police his condo porch is enclosed and backs up to a wooded area — but according to police reports, his neighbors still can see his activity. He said he had never been approached by anyone until Friday, when a maintenance supervisor drove by on a golf cart while he was sitting outside.

After talking with police, the man agreed to keep a pair

of shorts handy and wear them when he goes outdoors. He also said he would keep his blinds closed.

Credit card fraud

A 21-year-old Canton man notified police Friday after his credit card was used twice in Virginia at a food market by someone who charged items totaling \$140.72.

He told police his bank informed him of the charges. He wanted to make an official report with police. He has since closed the credit card account.

Wallet swiped

A 25-year-old man who lives on Sandhurst, near Ford and Lotz, told police someone went inside his gray Honda Accord and took his wallet from the center console while the vehicle was parked in front of his apartment building.

The man noticed the wallet was missing when he went to the gym. He said he wasn't sure if he had locked the vehicle, which was not damaged.

Man turns self in

A 33-year-old Canton man turned himself over to police Sunday evening for a warrant out of Ypsilanti for a third offense of operating a vehicle while impaired.

Canton police were arranging to turn the man over to Ypsilanti authorities.

— By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Truck theft

A 2006 Ford F-250 pickup truck was stolen early July 10 from a parking lot at the Comfort Inn on Ann Arbor Road, just west of I-275.

The owner, of Howard City, Mich., told police he had

parked the truck there about midnight and returned to the lot about 1 p.m. to find that it was gone, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

Police say security video of the lot shows the truck being driven away during the early

morning hours.

Bike swap

A man who found a bicycle on his front lawn the morning of July 9 soon found that his own \$400 10-speed had been stolen.

The incident occurred on

Tavistock Drive, in the area of I-275 and Joy Road, a police report said.

The victim told police he had left bike outside on the south side of his house at about 5 p.m. July 8.

The next morning, he said, he found another bike at the

northeast corner of his property on the front lawn near the sidewalk.

He went to the area where he had left his own bike and found that it was gone, police said.

— By Matt Jachman



Be sure to take advantage of all the great events we have planned for the month of July. Join in for fun, informative, and entertaining activities throughout the entire month!

<p>Events At: Independence Village of Plymouth 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 734-453-2600</p>	<p>Sunday Brunch & Open House</p>	<p>Events At: Independence Village of White Lake 935 Union Lake Road, White Lake, MI 48386 248-360-7235</p>
<p>Fourth of July Celebration Wednesday, July 2 1:30 pm</p> <p>Join your own Village Joy Singers as they help Independence Village celebrate Independence Day. Our thirty-voice choir will present a program of all your patriotic favorites. Light refreshments will be served.</p>	<p>Sunday Brunch Sunday, July 20</p> <p>Bring your family and friends and join us for a delicious chef-prepared brunch buffet. In addition to the delicious breakfast and lunch food, be sure not to miss the fantastic desserts our chef has prepared especially for this event.</p> <p>Cost \$17.00 adults, \$13.00 ages 6-12, ages 4 and under are free.</p>	<p>Ice Cream Social Wednesday, July 9 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm</p> <p>Two of our favorite things come together for this fun event—ice cream and being social. Create your own ice cream with a variety of flavors and toppings, then sit down with your friends and swap stories like you used to do at the local soda fountain.</p>
<p>Art in the Park July 11 - 13 Friday, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm Saturday, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Sunday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm</p> <p>Be sure to stop by our booth during Michigan's second largest art fair. Located in downtown Plymouth, it's a great weekend of art, food and fun you won't want to miss.</p>	<p>Summer Celebration Open House Saturday, July 26</p> <p>Join us for the July Open House and enjoy an old fashioned picnic with everything but the ants! It's a chance for us to get together as a community, tell a few stories, and share a laugh and a meal.</p> <p>Please Call for Details</p>	<p>Time to get Jazzy Thursday, July 31 6:00 pm</p> <p>What could be better than some cool jazz and an ice-cold martini? Independence Village of White Lake proudly presents an evening of jazz with vocalist Sheila Landos. Enjoy exquisite appetizers and be part of the scene.</p>

PLEASE RSVP THREE DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT

HELPING HAND

Plymouth art fair helps Wixom boy help others

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Jack Stephens knows what it's like to have a parent battling cancer.

He was just 4 years old when his mom, Peggy Stephens, was diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer — an extremely aggressive and rare type of the disease. He's watched his mother fight the disease, physically and tangibly, volunteering for various projects to benefit the Inflammatory Breast Cancer Foundation.

And he has worried. Now 11, Jack is doing something to try to ease that worry for other children — those watching their parents fight cancer and those battling the disease themselves. Jack, who lives with his parents in Wixom, has started his own business — Sacks by Jack — to take some of the pain out of the experience.

"I want to help kids who have cancer or whose parents have cancer," Jack said Saturday, while helping customers at his booth at downtown Plymouth's Art in the Park. "I want them to have activities to take their minds off it."

Jack first formed his business two years ago for the Novi Home and Garden Sale. Orga-



Jack Stephens of Sacks by Jack helps Nicole Lenox of Northville and her daughter Grace at Plymouth's Art in the Park.

nizers were looking for young people with businesses and a family friend suggested to Peggy Stephens that her son get involved. She said she asked Jack, who was 9 at the time, if he'd ever thought of starting a business.

Jack thinks a bit differently than a lot of 11-year-olds. For instance, he knows he wants to be an archaeologist when he grows up. Inspired by Harrison Ford's Indiana Jones movies, Jack even dressed as Indiana Jones for Halloween one year.

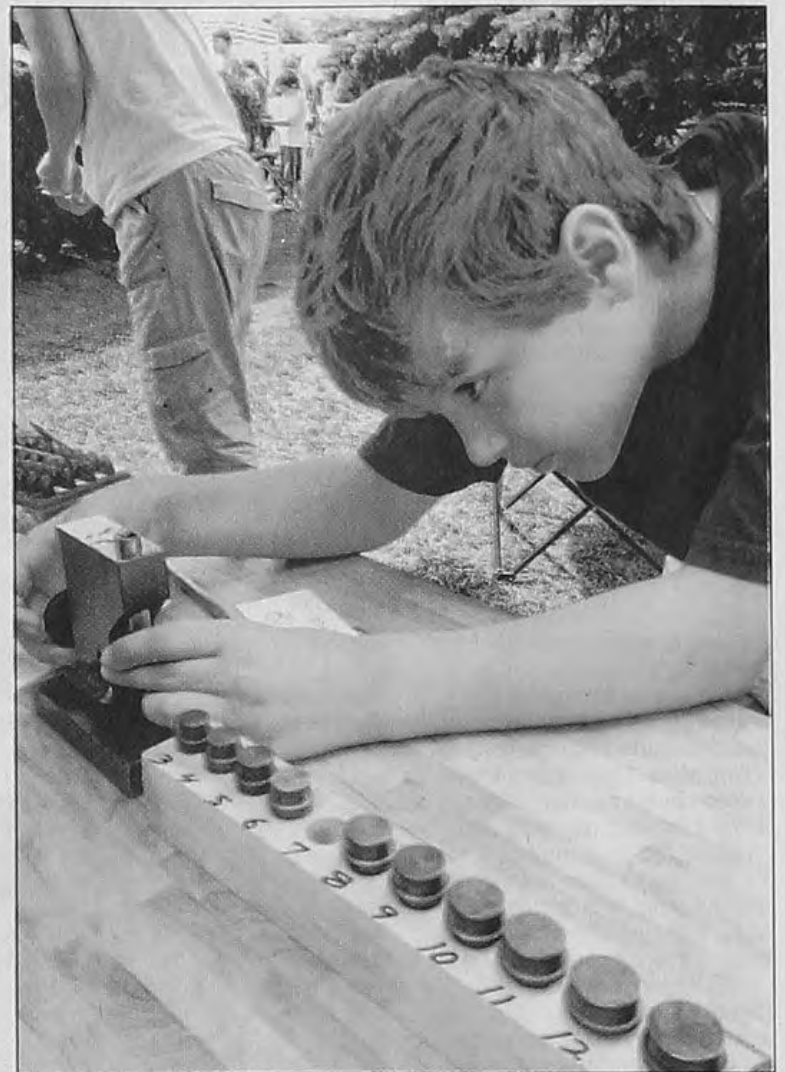
When his mom asked him about starting a business, he thought for a minute, then came up with the idea of doing something for the IBC.

"I was shocked, but not shocked, you know what I mean?" she said. "Our whole family volunteers for the IBC, so he's seen that. He's such a neat, giving kid."

Sacks by Jack sells soaps, personalized jewelry and activity bags filled with things for kids to do. The bags include a variety of activity books, colored markers and a 'Sock Monkey,' picked out by Jack himself.

"He had very specific things he wanted in there," Peggy Stephens said. "But every bag is a little different."

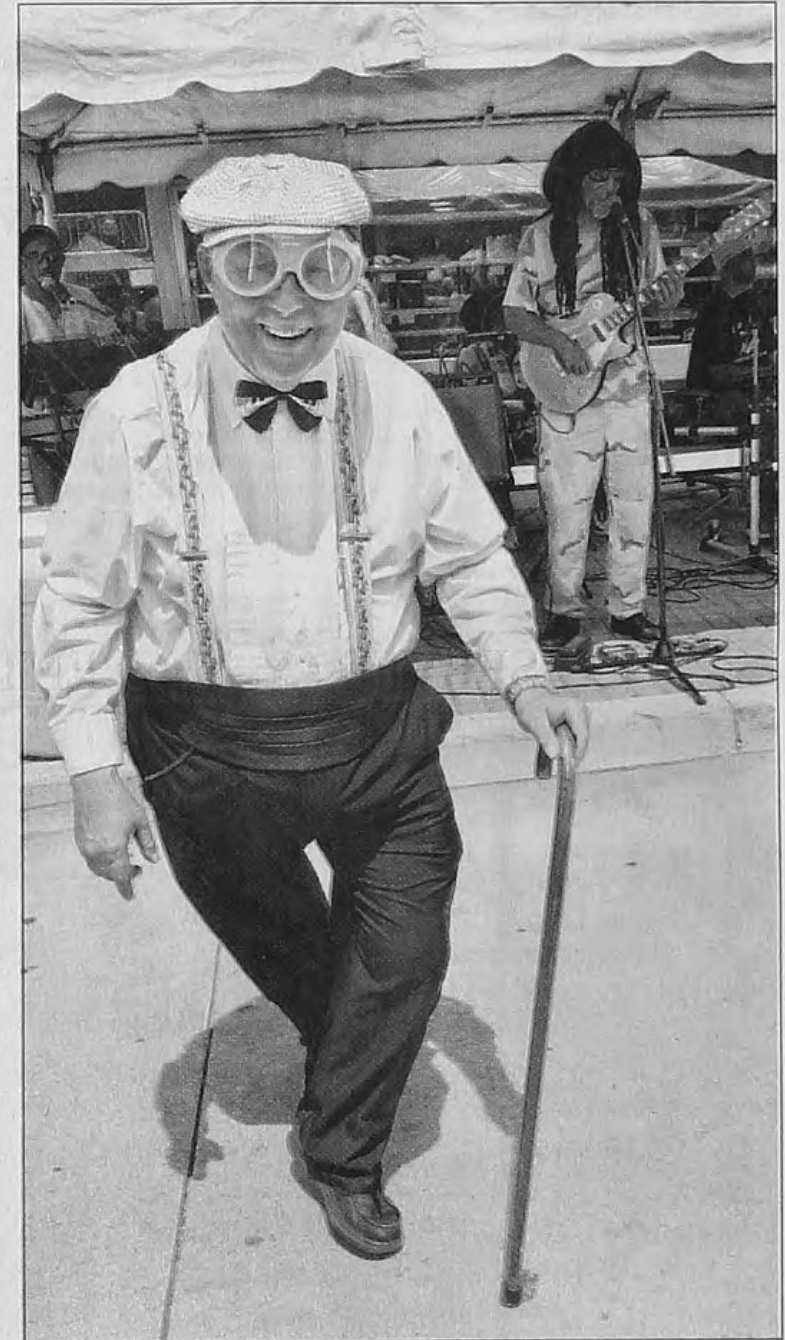
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Jack Stephens, 11, of Wixom runs Sacks by Jack, the business he started two years ago to help children who either have cancer or whose parents are battling cancer.



The interactive family theater brought youngsters from the crowd to participate in entertaining skits.



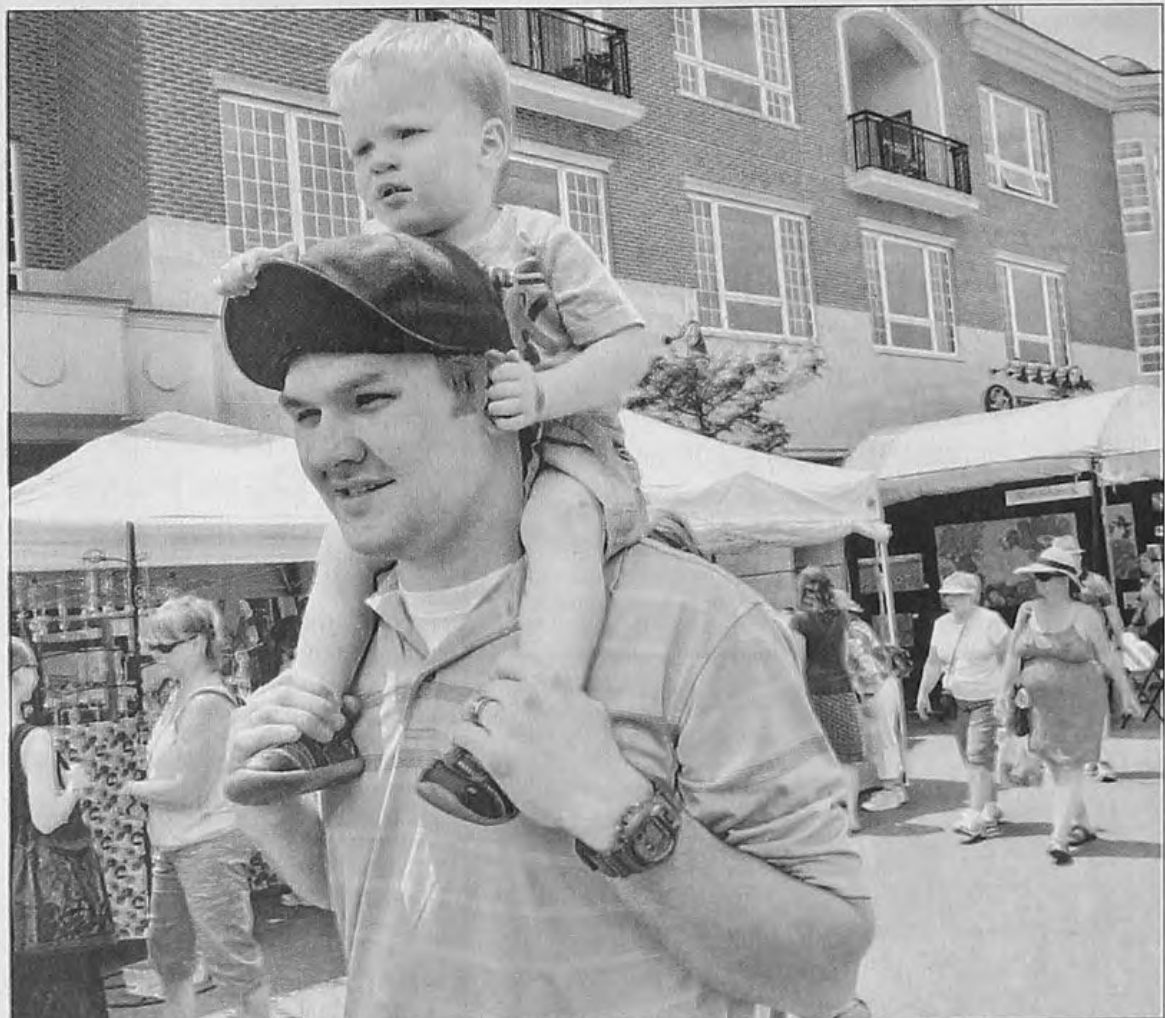
Plymouth's man-about-town George Harvell dances to the beat of the One Love Reggae Band. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Ann Arbor Trail, plus other downtown streets, were packed with thousands of visitors to Art in the Park. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



When Kyla Suchy of Plymouth isn't working on street chalk drawings, she paints the mural at the corner on Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail. Behind Suchy, human canvas Brianna Kozlowski blends in to the scene. She lives in Wayne. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Two-year-old Evan Ferstle has a pretty good view of the art scene from atop dad Scott Ferstle's shoulders. The Ferstle family, including mom Kelly Ferstle and older brother Sean, 4, live in Plymouth. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Saturday was hot, but a breeze helped to keep the large crowd comfortable. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Spotlight on Youth brings musical to stage

That wily rascal *Rumpelstiltskin* will be causing trouble at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton when Spotlight on Youth brings the humorous musical version of the classic tale to the stage July 24-27.

This musical is billed as a snappy retelling of the story originally penned in 1812 by the Brothers Grimm.

"The story centers around a mischievous fellow named Rumpelstiltskin," said director Barbara Bloom of Novi. "He

tricks Tilda, a young lass, into weaving straw into gold in exchange for her hand in marriage. Tilda must learn the impish lad's real name to set her free from this unsavory arrangement. Kids of all ages will enjoy an afternoon or evening at the theater with this delightful production featuring colorful characters and songs the whole family with tap their toes to such as *What's in a Name*, *An Offer You Can't Refuse* and *Twinkling Fairies*."

Performances, featuring

actors from Plymouth, Canton and surrounding areas, are scheduled for 7 p.m. July 25-27, with 2 p.m. matinees set for July 26-27.

Tickets cost \$15 each; call the Village Theater box office at 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460. Tickets are also available online at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater, in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.



Spotlight on Youth brings "Rumpelstiltskin" to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill July 24-27.

Fundraiser set for scholarship honoring police officer's son

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

A fundraiser for a scholarship named for a Churchill High School graduate who died several years ago is planned for later this month.



Ian Clemens

The second Ian's Memorial Poker Run will take place July 27 throughout Wayne and Washtenaw counties. The event is designed to help raise money for the Ian Clemens Memorial Scholarship for Future Engineers through the University of Michigan.

"We are continuing to raise funds for the scholarship fund out at U-M," said Al Clemens, Ian's father and a Livonia police officer. "We want to be able to generate enough money in that fund to cover a full ride for an engineering scholarship."

Ian Clemens died in 2012 from a rare brain tumor, just weeks after starting his freshman year at U-M. The schol-

arship fund in his honor was set up shortly after to help fund another engineering student's education. It began as a small scholarship, but Al Clemens said enough has been raised to begin offering it to help cover some costs for each of a recipient's four years at the university.

One of the ways the scholarship has been funded is the support from last year's poker run, a reason why Al and his wife Michelle decided to host another run.

'It's a good time'

The poker run, an event that takes participants to several areas to draw a card to create a "poker hand" before meeting in one place for dinner at the end, will begin with check-in at noon July 27 at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh. From there, Al Clemens said participants will drive mostly south as to avoid issues with the I-96 reconstruction project and will include stops at places in Flat Rock and Dearborn before ending at the Pizza House restaurant

in Ann Arbor. Whoever has the best hand wins a prize.

"It's a good time. You have different locations. They draw one playing card at each stop," Al Clemens said. "The best hand wins the pot."

Various other door prizes will also be available at the restaurant as well.

Those interested in the event can register by searching for "Ian's Memorial Poker Run" and clicking on the Facebook event. Registration forms for the event are due July 23. Those interested in doing the poker run with dinner can register for \$35; those interested in coming to Pizza House in Ann Arbor just for the dinner can also do so for \$20.

Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. at the restaurant, 618 Church Street, Ann Arbor.

Anyone with questions can email info@michelle-clemens.com.

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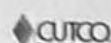


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Cruises draw classic cars and fans

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Predicted rainy weather largely held off Saturday as car enthusiasts cruised through separate events in Westland and Wayne.

Along Wayne Road was the All-American Cruise, using Westland's city slogan.

"The All-American Cruise for the All-American City," organizer Don Nicholson said. "It was a very good event. It rained a little, but that was later in the day."

With a cruise route that extended from Joy to Glenwood on Wayne Road, Nicholson said it's hard to estimate how many classic cars and hot rods participated.

"It's a cruise, not a car show. The cars aren't supposed to sit all in one spot — they are meant to move around," Nicholson said.

About 9,500 commemorative plaques were handed out Saturday, but Nicholson said they were given to people with or without participating vehicles.

This is the second year for the Wayne Road cruise.

Special plaques were given to the first 100 classic vehicles visiting the Westland Historic Village Park on Wayne Road and Marquette. Another popular spot was the Wayne-Ford Civic League parking lot just to the north.

"Sometimes the historic village parking lot was packed, sometimes it was empty. It's a cruise," Nicholson said.

While he was disappointed at the participation in a pre-cruise kickoff event Friday aimed at involving Warren Road businesses, Nicholson said he was pleased with the increased number of businesses hosting activities during the cruise itself.

"There was a big charity event at Westland Oil and Lube and Keith's Muffler at Wayne and Marquette," Nicholson said. "There was a lot going on. A lot of nice



Gil Quesada of Canton brought his 1985 El Camino to the cruise. He has owned it for two years and, like most cruise vehicles, is considered a work in progress. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Businesses along Wayne Road opened their parking for cruisers and observers.

cars and a nice day." **Michigan Avenue Cruise**

"It was a really good time. It was amazing to see downtown Wayne full of pedestrians, families holding kids' hands and checking out the retail stores," said cruise organizer John Goci of the U.S. Bar.

This was the second year for the new Michigan Avenue cruise. "We got some really great enthusiastic outreach for

next year to make it bigger and better," Goci said.

The new Wayne McDonald's had WCSX-FM (94.7) radio broadcasting from its property during the cruise.

"It was really good for the soul to see downtown Wayne in such a great setting," Goci said. "Hopefully, we will have more events to bring people here to experience a nice downtown."

Commenting that he walked the cruise area



Sixteen-year-old Michael Klein of Canton backs his dad's 1927 Ford Roadster into a parking space. It's powered by a 408 stroker engine.

Saturday, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said he asked people what they would like to see added to further enhance the cruise.

"This was probably the most successful event. People stayed all day. They brought grills and had a fun day," Hai-

dous said.
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Member appreciation

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its "Member Appreciation Day" from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Aug. 15, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford, in Canton.

The event will feature a classic car display, live art and a free lunch.

RSVPs are due to the chamber office at 734-453-4040 by Aug. 11.

Business workshop

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a business development workshop designed to answer the question, "Is your company suffering from hidden customer care deficiencies?"

The presentation is set for 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 29, in the chamber meeting room, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail. It will be made by Greg Coyne of Gerry Weinberg & Associates/Sandler Training. Coyne joined the Sandler Sales team in June 2012 as a sales trainer and sales force developer and has been actively involved with Sandler Training since 2009.

He looks to help companies and individuals raise their sales to new levels by stopping unpaid consulting and



New digs

A ribbon cutting was held Tuesday, June 10, by Fractured Prune Doughnuts to announce the store's grand opening in Canton. Fractured Prune Doughnuts is located at 47192 Michigan Ave. Family members, employees, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and residents were all among the attendees.

assisting his clients to get out of their own way in their search for success.

There is no cost to attend, but the event can only accommodate 25 people. To RSVP, email teri@plymouth-mich.org or call 734-453-1540.

Kona expanding

The Kona Running Co. is in the process of opening a specialty running store in Canton, according to information from the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Alan Whitehead started the business in 2004 with the Solstice Run in Northville and has expanded the company to include Plymouth's Wicked Halloween Run in October, the Kona Chocolate Run in November and the St. Patrick's Day Run in March.

The Kona Running Co. signed a lease for a 2,900-square-foot location on Ford Road in Canton and is currently looking to hire two full-time people with specialty running store experience. It expects

to have a staff of 15 by the time the store opens in the fall. Visit www.konarunningcompany.com for more information.

Amish celebration

Amish Tables is celebrating two full years of being part of the Plymouth community and 19 years as a family-owned company.

After a move from Ann Arbor, it opened its new showroom doors at 236 N. Main Street in June 2012.

Visit www.signaturamish.com for more information.



Enjoying a previous Canton Grub Crawl were (clockwise from left) Becky Blackburn, Jessica Roland, Holly Schmude, Aleasha Peck, Liz Gurgel, Wendi Southwick and Yvonne Lawson. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Last call for tickets to Canton Grub Crawl

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Just over 100 tickets still are up for grabs as hundreds of food lovers and 17 eateries draw closer to the Canton Grub Crawl, an event that allows patrons to sample local cuisine for \$35.

Grub Crawl, a Canton tradition that typically draws 500 or more people, happens 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, when patrons wearing special T-shirts as admission make their rounds in shuttles or drive their own cars.

The number of patrons signed up for Grub Crawl was approaching the 400 mark early this week. Others who want to sign up should call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-4040.

This year's Grub Crawl features returning restaurants along with new places. The chamber hosts the outing along with Canton Township and the Canton Downtown Development Authority.

"There are some great places to eat here in Canton Township and this is an event that promotes

these great eateries to our residents," chamber President Thomas Paden said, calling Grub Crawl "one of my favorite events."

This year's lineup includes 4 Friends Bar & Grill, 502 Grill, Applebee's, bd's Mongolian Grill, Bailey's Pub & Grille, Basement Burger Bar, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carvel Ice Cream, Chili's, Crow's Nest, Olga's Kitchen, Rose's Restaurant & Lounge, Szechuan Restaurant, TGI Friday's, Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza, Twisted Rooster and Vintner's Canton Winery.

Officials from local restaurants say the event gives them a chance to potentially broaden their customer base.

This marks the 13th annual Grub Crawl. Patrons ages 21 and over are assigned a starting point where they can park their vehicles and use shuttles to make their rounds.

Paden said it's an attempt to showcase restaurants while giving patrons a night of camaraderie on the town.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS



Happy anniversary

Balance Mind Body and Yoga has been open one year and is celebrating with the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. Patricia Kozlowski is a licensed professional counselor specializing in individual, couples and yoga, yoga therapy/ She maintains a private practice at 758 Wing in Plymouth.

B2B mixer

Ribar Floral sponsors its July Business-2-Business Mixer 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, at Bart Patterson RE/MAX Classic, 42078 Ford Road, in Canton.

Organizers point out there are no fees and no groups to join. The event provides an opportunity to swap business cards with fellow business owners in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia and the surrounding area.

For more information, email ribarfloral@aol.com, visit www.ribarfloral.com or visit www.Business2BusinessMixer.com

Business notes

From the desks of the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

» Magnolia. A Fresh Flower Market has a new website highlighting its wedding and

event work. Visit www.celebrationsbymagnolia.com for more information.

Allstate performances

Local Allstate entrepreneurs are being recognized by Allstate Insurance Co. for outstanding customer service and business results in 2013. The local entrepreneurs were awarded with the Inner Circle Elite Award or Circle of Champions Award for outstanding achievement in business growth and customer service.

Cheryl Bowker of Canton was part of a top group honored with the Inner Circle Elite Award. Professionals in this category demonstrated exceptional customer service skills and surpassing sales goals in 2013. The Inner Circle Elite Award is awarded to the top-performers among the company's agency network for sales

of auto, property, commercial, and power sports insurance and financial services.

Joe Pacut of Canton was awarded with the Circle of Champions Award for high standards in customer satisfaction, customer retention and financial services sales. The Circle of Champions Award is awarded to the top-performers among the company's agency network.

Greener future

Detroit-area students are working this summer toward a greener future for the city thanks to Johnson Controls' Conservation Leadership Corps. Last week, 33 high school students kicked off the summer jobs program created and sponsored by Johnson Controls, a global multi-industrial company with core businesses in the automotive, building and battery industries, in partnership with the Student Conservation Association.

The CLC, in its seventh year in Detroit, provides students with professional development, leadership skills and environmental conservation experience, while completing fundamental projects in local community parks.

Throughout the course of the six-week program, students will work with seven crew leaders and seven crew leader apprentices and focus their efforts in Detroit's Belle Isle Park, River Rouge Park and the Brightmoor neigh-

borhood. Student crews work on a variety of projects, including outdoor classroom construction, new trail development, green space acreage expansion, planting of native trees, grasses and flowers, invasive plant species removal and general operations management.

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Canton stop on tap for mobile dog food truck

Building on the massively popular Detroit food truck trend, Milo's Kitchen brand dog treats is launching the Motor City's first mobile food experience for dogs and their pet parents.

With planned stops at dog parks in Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Canton and additional locations – plus visits to 15 major metropolitan areas across the U.S. – the Milo's Kitchen Treat Truck will offer all of Detroit's gour-mutts the

chance to:

» Taste real chicken and beef home-style dog treats like Chicken Meatballs and Grilled Burger Bites, all made in the U.S. with 100-percent domestically-sourced meat and no artificial colors or flavors.

» Take a free family photo or "doggie selfie" (does this collar make me look cute?) in a professional canine-ready photo booth.

» Socialize with other four-legged friends in

the backyard-style lap-dog lounge.

» Take a relaxing "walk break" with dog beds, drinking bowls, and puppy toys.

» Bring home a doggie bag of tasty treats for lucky labs and hungry hounds.

The Milo's Kitchen Treat Truck is entirely free to the public and will stop at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, July 27, at the Canton Dog Park in Preservation Park and at 2 p.m. at Heritage Park.

OUR VIEW

Mosher our choice in 21st Democratic primary

If it was possible to stitch two candidates together into one solid state representative, combining the best attributes of Canton's Natalie Mosher and Kristy Pagan would produce solid representation for the 21st District in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Since that's not feasible, our nod in the Aug. 5 Democratic primary goes to Natalie Mosher.



Mosher She's got political experience: She served as county commissioner in Erie County while living in Ohio with her husband. She ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. House against entrenched Republican Thaddeus McCotter (it was before his petition melted down, when no Democrat was going to beat him) and ran the campaign of Dr. Syed Taj two years ago.

She has ideas for fixing Michigan's problems. They aren't necessarily popular ideas, but she hasn't been afraid to express them anyway, even though she's trying to get elected. To fix Michigan's roads, she'd support putting a \$10 million bond proposal over 20 years dedicated to the Department of Transportation to a vote of the people, plus a \$1,000 hike in the fee for trucks weighing over the federal limit.

Among her solutions to school issues are a proposal to allow local districts to seek independent revenue streams, filling the funding gap left by Proposal A, and consolidating school districts, a move that would force some smaller districts to relinquish local control.

Mosher has the backing of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, many local Democrats, including Taj, and several members of the Canton Democratic Club (although the club as an entity isn't endorsing in the race).

Pagan is an intriguing candidate with a different political background. She's never held elective office, but she's worked for several successful candidates, including state Rep. Gretchen Driskell and state Sen. Rebekah Warren. She's an accomplished fundraiser and spent two years as a legislative aide to U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, working on issues such as higher education.

Pagan would fix roads by, among other ideas, charging those who do the most damage to our roads more for their usage, adding a yearly use fee for alternative-fuel vehicles and shifting the sales tax revenue generated from gas purchases from the general fund to the transportation fund. To fund education, she'd make yearly equity payments to districts with less funding, gradually increasing them until the per-pupil funding gap is closed.

Pagan sits on the board of directors of the Canton Community Foundation, the board of trustees for the Canton Democratic Club and is on the advisory council for the STEM Program at Canton High School. She was also a delegate to the 2012 Democratic National Convention.

Pagan is young, extraordinarily energetic and is campaigning using modern methods such as Facebook, Twitter and other social media. It's a 21st century campaign that has earned the endorsement from a variety of groups that include nurses, builders and unions, including UAW Region 1A.

A third candidate, political newcomer Cornell Mathis of Belleville, proved to be an articulate, intriguing candidate in his own right.

Mosher and Pagan provide voters in the 21st District two solid candidates to replace term-limited Dian Slavens.

We believe Natalie Mosher should be the choice.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supports Edwards

It is very simple why I am supporting my son, Matthew Edwards, for state Senate.

He's my son and he understands the responsibilities of being an elected official. Our current senator does not. Sen. Colbeck made a promise he would vote against tax increases, but May 11, 2011, while sitting on the Reforms, Restructuring and Reinvesting Committee, he voted yes on the pension tax increase. The vote was 4-3, which led to the bill being sent to the Senate for a vote.

Sen. Colbeck's yes vote was the deciding vote as evidenced in the Senate committee's record. If he would have voted no, like he claims in his literature, the bill would have died in committee.

This happens all the time in politics (that's why we have committees) and is taught to our children attending public schools. It's part of our political process. Instead of the bill dying in committee, Sen. Colbeck's yes vote led to the largest tax increase on retirees in the state of Michigan that anyone can remember.

We need to elect Matthew Edwards for state Senate. I promise that he will be honest to you, the voters, and that he will represent your interests.

Ron Edwards
Plymouth Township

Backing Mosher

Natalie Mosher is the right candidate for the state House 21st District. Through the years, I have gotten to know Natalie and I appreciate her deep commitment to this community and her passion for serving others.

Natalie knows the kind of leadership that we need because she is deeply rooted in this community and she is committed to sustaining a well-educated, diverse community that is welcoming to all of its citizens. She has a commitment to tackling issues that affect all of us - school funding, fixing the roads and creating jobs.

She taught in Plymouth for 10 years, she believes that this area should be No. 1 in public education and is focused on letting teachers do what they were trained to do - teach children. With her proven leadership and background in elective office as a county commissioner, chief development officer of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy and community activist, Natalie has shown the type of leadership that we need in the state House.

Natalie is smart, intuitive, honest, trustworthy and caring. She has run a clean campaign and I am proud of every effort she has made to speak to the issues that all of us care about. I would be proud to have her as my next state representative.

Sommer Foster
Canton

Supports Pagan

I will be voting for Democrat Kristy Pagan for state representative at the polls Aug. 5 and I encourage you to as well.

First, Kristy best reflects Democratic ideals. She has worked for years to protect middle-class families, the environment and a woman's right to choose. Her commitment to these issues has earned her many endorsements from labor unions, environmental groups and progressive organizations. As an employee of the UAW, I'm proud to say Kristy has UAW Region 1A's support.

Secondly, Kristy has the most

proven experience for the job. Right out of college, she worked as a legislative aide in education policy, writing and analyzing legislation for Sen. Debbie Stabenow. For the last six years, she has been fundraising and helping several Michigan Democrats win elections, including our sitting state Rep. Dian Slavens.

Lastly, and in my opinion the most important, Kristy's character makes her the best candidate on the primary ballot. I moved to Canton last October and, shortly after moving, Kristy contacted me and invited me to have coffee with her. She just wanted to welcome me to her hometown and find out what issues were important to me so she could be the best representative possible.

For a candidate to take time away from the campaign to have coffee with a new resident really impressed me and I'm not the only one with a story like this. Many people Kristy has come in contact with on the campaign trail have a similar story where she took the extra time to actually listen to them.

Kristy Pagan genuinely cares about each and every one of her constituents. That is why I am voting for her Aug. 5 in the Democratic Primary and I hope that you will join me.

Ashley Bernath
Canton

Art in the Park frustration

I was attending a group birthday party for several family members Sunday and had quite a bit of shopping to do Friday in downtown Plymouth.

I was unable to. Thanks to Art In the Park, I was unable to find a place to park. The parking lots were converted to \$5 pay-to-park. Even if I had been willing to pay for access to a lot I use for free all the time, the lot was full.

I drove around, trying to find parking on a side street or alternate lot. No luck. Perhaps if I'd driven a mile out of my way and took the shuttle back into town, that might have worked.

But my frustration by this time was too much to consider this option.

You might want to inform those who organize Art In the Park that it is hindering access to local businesses. I'm sure my situation was not unique.

Michelle Plumb
Plymouth

No other option

Some portray the Aug. 5 proposed countywide RESA enhancement millage as "redistribution." If that's true, it's only because of legal necessity.

In 1994, Proposal A slashed property taxes and set baseline funding for schools. However, it allowed school districts this one option to increase revenue, but its authors knew that this would be difficult. Notably, this is the first attempt in Wayne County (for even less than what is constitutionally allowed) and as we've seen in opinion pieces and letters to the editor, countywide measures can be divisive.

Divisiveness only arises from a district-versus-district perspective, however. If you instead look at the proposal from a countywide perspective, you'd see that all Wayne County children would see more money in their classrooms.

This is needed because Proposal A made districts rely on a sales tax-funded, Lansing-issued, state foundation grant. According to the

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Senate Fiscal Agency, for the 2014-15 school year, Grosse Pointe will get about \$9,800 per student; Northville, about \$8,100 and Plymouth-Canton about \$7,200. That grant, however, has not kept up with the inflated costs that districts face.

Worse, in 2010, Gov. Granholm "borrowed" from the School Aid Fund for non-K-12 budget items and, since 2011, Gov. Snyder has pushed its money from K-12 funding to post-secondary institutions.

Indeed, since 2005, the SFG of NPS has effectively fallen and P-CCS's has only increased by \$41. Though districts employed oftentimes heart-wrenching cost savings, ever-increasing budget items (e.g. energy) outpaced the SFG and Lansing's frugality incentives. As a result, boards that represent three-quarters of Wayne County students voted to put this measure on the ballot.

To argue about which districts are the most cost-effective is to, again, fall into divisiveness and deny children in one's own district necessary revenue.

The countywide enhancement millage is the only way for districts to increase revenue for operating costs. Though P-CCS and NPS are considered "affluent" districts, they still have lower SFGs than other districts in Wayne County and they only see increased revenue with higher student enrollment (again, with relatively lower SFGs).

So, under the law, to vote for the millage is to increase funding for students in Wayne County; to vote against it is to say that current (or even less) funding is sufficient. There are no other options for children in Wayne County.

If you live in Wayne County and vote no, don't complain about school funding.

Jon Forslund
Northville

Furniture vs. roads

Just in case you have not heard, the Republican legislators are too afraid to pass a road repair bill because they are afraid of the Tea Party primarying them. But they voted a few years ago to increase the amount of money spent on furniture for the state. They increased the amount of \$19 million in 2010 to \$41 million.

Guess who has the contract? George Snyder, cousin to Gov. Rick Snyder. Talk about helping your relatives out. It appears the Legislature is getting approximately \$100,000 worth of chairs, even though the chairs they have are fine. Meanwhile, we have to deal with bad roads and bridges because there is no money.

Seems like \$41 million furniture money could be used for roads. Call the governor and ask him to explain this.

Of course, this is my opinion. What is yours?

Joanne Braund
Royal Oak

OUR VIEW

Colbeck should be GOP's Senate 7th District choice

When voters cast their ballots Aug. 5 in the Republican primary for the state Senate 7th District seat, they'll have their choice between the one-term incumbent with four years' experience or a young man barely out of college seeking his first political office.

We believe the incumbent, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck of Canton, deserves the GOP

nomination over political newcomer Matthew Edwards of Plymouth Township. The winner will face Democrat Dian Slavens of Canton in the November general election.

Colbeck may actually be too conservative for the district now, considering many observers believe Canton is becoming more diverse and a little less conservative (a Democrat was

the top finisher in Canton's last township election, while Slavens served three terms as the area's state representative).

It's possible the redrawing of district boundaries, which took out the more Democratic-leaning Downriver communities and added Livonia, a traditionally Republican city, left it more conservative than it used to be. And Colbeck's experience gives him the edge over Edwards, the son of Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards.

Conservative voters certainly can find reasons to support Colbeck. He was a staunch supporter of Michigan becoming a right-to-work state and has supported the elimination of the

Michigan Business Tax and the personal property tax. He opposed an increase to the minimum wage, saying it



Colbeck

wouldn't do anything to create jobs. He said he's not in favor of a tax increase to pay for roads, calling it "good money after bad," until the state addresses the quality of road construction. While the general impression was the Senate adjourned this spring without a comprehensive road plan, Colbeck points out it did pass several initiatives aimed at making sure gas tax revenue goes to roads, plus added \$737

million in the next two budgets.

He also was a key figure in bringing some \$5 million to the district, to be used for improvements on Lotz Road and Ford Road (near the I-275 interchange) that should help make one of the state's most dangerous areas safer.

Colbeck is co-founder and a board member for the Michigan Freedom Center, serving military personnel and their families at Detroit Metro Airport. He's a member of the U.S. Navy League and an honorary member of the Civil Air Patrol.

Edwards, a few months removed from his graduation from Michigan State University, is an energetic, well-meaning young

man who could have a bright political future, if he decides to pursue it. His solutions are a little unfinished - for instance, he'd fix roads by eliminating gas and sales taxes, but says only that he'd replace it with "a revenue stream that stays consistent," without identifying possible sources.

Edwards would be better served by honing his political agenda at the local level - township board or perhaps the school board (having recently graduated, he certainly knows the issues facing young people today).

Whether voters agree with his performance or not, though, Colbeck has earned the GOP nomination for his state Senate 7th District seat.

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Strong schools require a yes vote on Proposal 1

You and I know that hearing any politician say "trust me" seems laughable in this day and age. Yet this time, the Michigan Legislature is right by asking for our trust and voting yes Aug. 5 on Proposal 1.



Tom Watkins
GUEST COLUMNIST

As always - trust, but verify. I'll offer some justification for what I believe is necessary to snag a yes vote on this critical proposition, because this time it is true - what is good for business will help lift up your local community. The state Legislature took action to repeal the personal property tax and replace the revenues lost to communities with a portion of the state's 6-percent use tax. So you can vote yes on Proposal 1 to support your local community, school and the state as a whole and not raise your taxes. Currently, small busi-

nesses pay a personal property tax every year on the equipment they own, such as computers, office furniture and machinery. The double whammy is they already paid sales tax on this stuff. Yep, that's correct: Folks are being taxed twice on the same equipment. Unfair you say? I believe so. On Aug. 5, you can fix this double taxation by voting yes on Proposal 1. But you may ask: What about the money raised by this tax - doesn't it go to fund my local government and public schools? What happens to them? Voting yes on Proposal 1 will guarantee 100-percent

replacement revenue to local government and school districts, with no tax increase to anyone. OK, you might ask: What gives? What's the catch? There are many reasons to vote yes on Proposal 1 - let me count the ways: » Currently the personal property tax is a drag on small business. By eliminating it, we give companies incentive to invest in spiffing up their businesses, buying new equipment and creating more jobs. » Our neighboring states do not have a similar tax - currently, it is actually a disincentive to attract new business to Pure Michigan. » Eliminating this tax will help Michigan's effort to recruit new businesses and takes away a reason for businesses to flee the state.

» Positively impact Michigan's business climate without touching your personal taxes. Proposal 1 does *not* increase taxes for you or for businesses. » Create a more stable funding system for communities by eliminating special corporate tax breaks and re-dedicating existing tax dollars to reimburse local governments. » A yes vote will ensure 100-percent replacement revenues for local services, including police, fire, ambulances, schools, libraries, jails and other local services. » Supporting Proposal 1 helps with Michigan's fragile turnaround. » Proposal 1 is not a tax increase. It is paid for entirely by eliminating special corporate tax breaks and with a state-wide Essential Services Assessment paid only by

manufacturers receiving a personal property tax reduction. Proposal 1 is a win-win because it: 1) Helps stabilize communities with reliable funding for local services 2) Has no tax increase for taxpayers 3) Reforms the personal property tax to help local small businesses and manufacturers. The good news is there is no organized opposition to Proposal 1. Yet we know the trust level for politicians is at an all-time low. Voting no is often the default reaction when a complicated issue is before voters ... or simply skipping an item on the ballot you don't fully understand. This time, a no vote hurts your community and hurts you. As Tip O'Neill, the famous one-time speaker

of the House, once declared: "All politics is local." This famous quote encapsulates the principle that a politician's success is directly tied to the ability to understand and influence the issues impacting constituents. We need the politicians to be successful on this vote. So remember to vote Aug. 5 and vote yes on Proposal 1. Why not go the extra step by encouraging others you know to do the same? Learn more about how voting yes on Proposal 1 helps you and your local community by visiting www.strongandsafe.com. Tom Watkins served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools 2001-05. He can be reached at tdwatkins88@gmail.com and followed on twitter at [@tdwatkins88](https://twitter.com/tatwatkins88).

RESA millage a 'raw deal' for most districts

The Aug. 5 primary ballot will include a proposal to raise taxes for Northville residents to fund school districts throughout Wayne County with the Wayne RESA Enhancement Millage. Enhancement millages, as they are deceptively known, override constitutional limits on property taxes to collect funds based on property values and distribute them based on pupil counts. The enhancement millage is a raw deal for Northville residents and here's why: If approved, taxes will increase on Northville residents by about \$5 million per year. While proponents attempt to minimize the increase by dividing it into "only \$400 per year," it is still a \$5 million annual tax increase. The millage will also remain in place for



Matthew J. Wilk
GUEST COLUMNIST

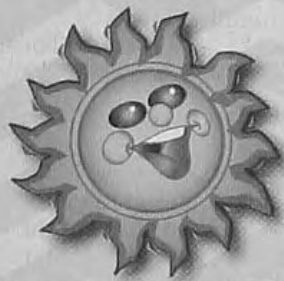
six years. That's a total tax increase of \$30 million and that's a big pile of money, no matter how it's sliced up. Northville Public Schools, however, will receive only \$2.8 million per year. That's 56 cents for every dollar of new taxes on our residents. The remaining 44 cents of every dollar in taxes go to other Wayne County districts. It's no wonder that our Board of Education voted 7-0 to oppose this new millage. In fact, 43 percent of the districts in Wayne County voted against even putting the millage on the ballot. Unsurprisingly,

donor districts like ours voted against this income redistribution scheme, while districts receiving more than they pay approved. Democracy is the greatest form of government on the planet, but when it comes to tax revenue, it's been described as two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for dinner. Well, residents of Northville, this tax-increasing initiative has us as the lambs. Someone has to look out for taxpayers and it is upon us to vote Aug. 5 and to vote against the Wayne RESA enhancement millage. Matthew J. Wilk is treasurer of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education. His opinion does not necessarily reflect the position of the Board of Education as a body.

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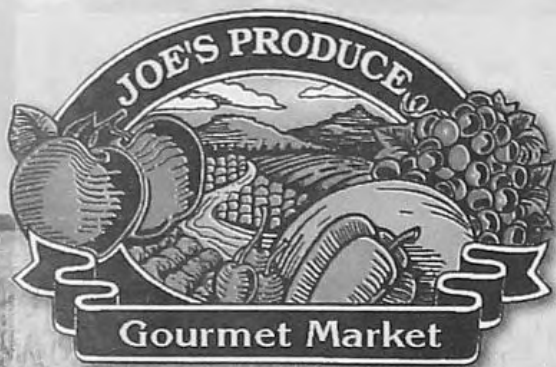
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RACING TO RAISE ENOUGH MONEY

AAU track club sounds SOS

Wayne-based group in dire need of donations for trip to AAU Junior Olympic Games

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When it comes to summer destinations, forget Myrtle Beach or the Grand Canyon. Nothing beats a small college in Iowa as far as the Intensity Track Club is concerned.

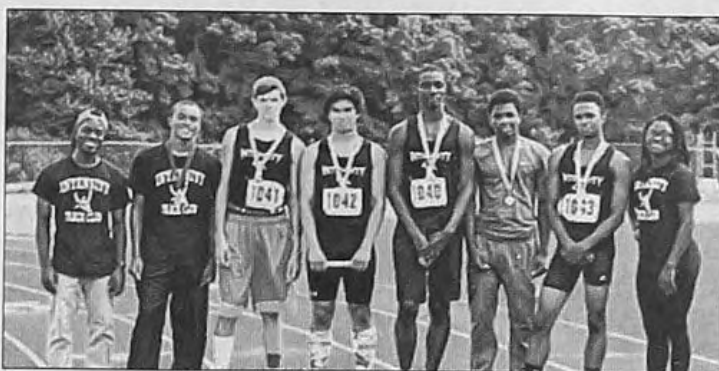
That's because six members of the Wayne-based Amateur Athletic Union club qualified to take part at the 2014 AAU Junior Olympic

Games at Drake University in Des Moines.

But not so fast. The contingent — led by Intensity coach Jamal Johnson — needs help generating the \$3,000 required to make the trip of a lifetime from July 27 through Aug. 2.

Money will provide transportation, food and housing for Johnson, team manager

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The Intensity Track Club hopes to travel July 27 to the AAU Junior Olympics Games in Des Moines, Iowa. From left are coach Jamal Johnson, Malik Jordan, Andrew Chant, Joseph Gatton, Dujon Brown-Deacon, LeDell O'Bryant, Montel Hood and manager Jana Hughes.

Publinx senior golfers excel

On July 1 the Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association held the eighth of its 15 tournaments at The Coyote Preserve Golf Club in Fenton.

George Catto of Wixom had a hole-in-one on the 184-yard, par-3 No. 17 hole using a 19-degree rescue club. This was Catto's seventh hole-in-one.

The tournament produced 22 winners from a handicapped field of 102 players (50 years and older).

The first-place prize winners were (Gross/Net): Flight A: Dave McTear, Redford (77/69); Flight B: Jesse Drews, Troy (81/66); Flight C Tie: Martin Dunn, Macomb (87/69); Ron Nofs, Novi (87/69); and Flight D: Don Masini, Plymouth (92/61).

Area golfer gets first ace

Shirley Kasparek of Livonia made a hole-in-one Friday while playing golf at Marsh Ridge Resort in Gaylord.

It was the first hole-in-one for Kasparek, who used a pitching wedge to ace the 94-yard, par-3 13th hole.

Kasparek's feat was witnessed by Lynn Kasparek, Sharron Bartus and Laura Fitzpatrick.

Fox Hills breaks ground

On July 7, Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth broke ground on a new Learning Center and Short Game Facility.

The new golf Learning Center building, at 6,900 square feet, will offer six new bays for teaching equipped with state-of-the-art technology.

Additionally, the building will have a putting studio, reception area and multipurpose room for educational purposes. A massage room will incorporate the sports fitness component of healthy golfers and rehabilitation of injured players.

"We really believe that that the new Learning Center will expand the offerings available to every golfer, including high school and college golf teams, and open up many more opportunities for juniors, beginners and intermediate golfers," said Sandy Mily, owner of Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. "The new technology, state-of-the-art equipment and spacious bays will provide the physical space and the feedback-learning tools that are so effective today."

According to Jordan Young, Fox Hills PGA professional and director of instruction, "having a state-of-the-art facility and short-game practice area is a dream come true. We are fortunate and very grateful for the commitment of our owners to build a facility that will be one of the finest in the Midwest. The expansion was necessary as our business has outgrown our existing structure."

Young is the current winner of the 2013 National PGA Award for Player Development and is also the 2012 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Director of golf Mark Runchey agrees that "this is a great opportunity for golfers of all skill levels to visit one facility and be able to work on all areas of their game. Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center is one of the few facilities in the Midwest where golfers can take advantage of these world-class amenities and experience the complete golf package."

In addition to the added space, a short-game area with three green complexes, bunkers and teaching areas are being added. The short-game area is designed by Mike Nuzzo of Nuzzo Course Design and will be his first entry into the state of Michigan. Nuzzo Course Design strives for integrating originality, artistry, technical aptitude and business insight into every project.

Mystic Meadows Construction of South Lyon has been contracted for the building. Construction is scheduled to be completed by November, which will allow the new Learning Center to be ready for winter lessons, clinics and education.



Jim Sechler's powerboat, Fast Eddie II, has won nine straight APBA national championships in the one-liter modified inboard class.

AIMING FOR BIG FINISH

Retiring powerboat champion Jim Sechler of Farmington Hills makes run at 10th straight APBA crown

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Jim Sechler and his team are hoping to go out on top in the sport of hydroplane racing.

The Farmington Hills engineer, who owns and operates the Fast Eddie II, has won nine straight national championships in the APBA one-liter modified inboard class.

He wants to make it an even 10 in a row before he retires and sells his boat at the end of this season.

"It's, basically, like another full-time job, trying to keep the boat and equipment up and ready to the level where we can compete," Sechler

said. "And then we're driving all over the country, all summer long.

"We've been doing it for nine years. We're going to try win a 10th national title. We figured that would be a good round number to stop."

Sechler will race his boat in front of family, friends and a hometown crowd for the final time this weekend in the 15th annual Quake on the

Lake.

The event begins Friday with boats making test runs on Pontiac Lake in Waterford as they gear up for racing Saturday and Sunday af-

ternoons.

The Quake has added significance this year since the Saturday race also will serve as the Summer National, one of the premier events on the APBA calendar.

"We've been going through the engine and making sure everything is where it's supposed to be," Sechler said. "We're double and triple checking everything just to make sure we don't have any mistakes."

Fast Eddie II blew an engine two years ago, costing Sechler and his crew a victory, but they came back to reclaim the one-liter modified title last year.

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Piot runaway winner at GAM Junior



Canton native James Piot, who will be a sophomore at Novi Detroit Catholic Central, won the Golf Association of Michigan Junior Stroke Play Championship by 13 strokes. GREG JOHNSON

CC sophomore from Canton wins by 13 strokes

By Greg Johnson
Correspondent

James Piot is having a good summer.

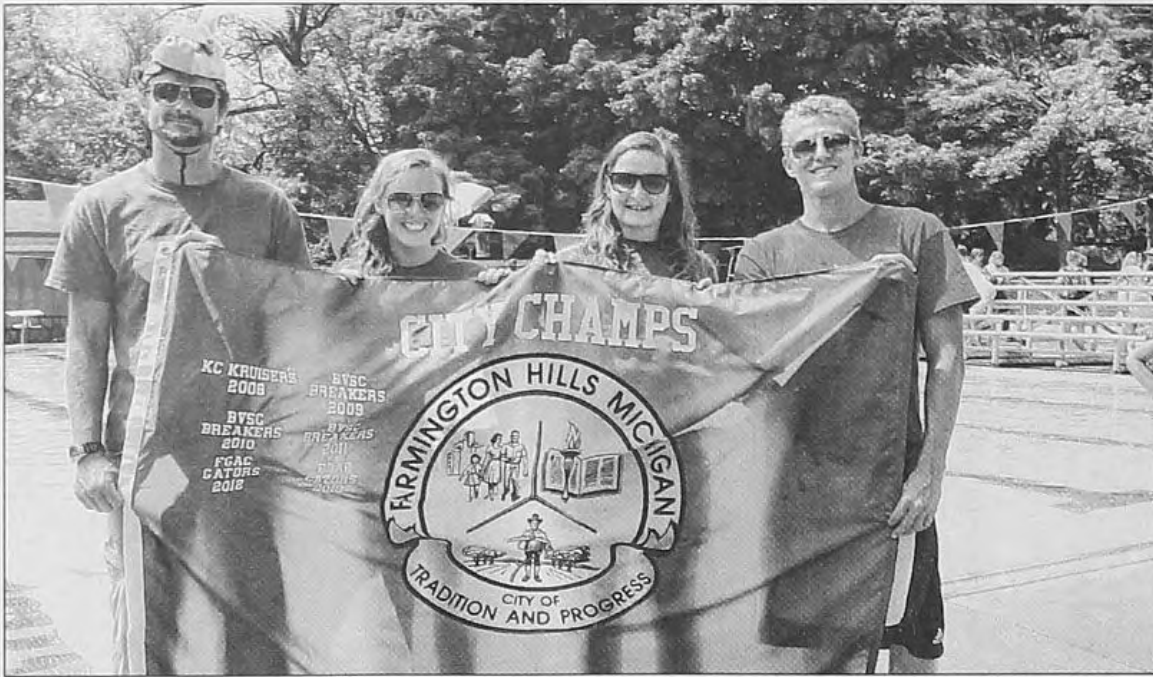
The Canton 15-year-old, who will be a sophomore at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High this fall, shot 4-under-par 67 Friday on the Championship Course at Brighton's Oak Pointe Country Club to easily win the sixth Golf Association of Michigan Junior Stroke Play Championship.

He topped the tournament

that featured age-group play and also crowned a girls overall winner in Anika Dy of Traverse City, a boys 12-and-under winner in Cameron Cowland of Dexter and a girls 12-and-under winner in Traverse City's Anci Dy, sister of Anika.

"I just keep trying to shoot as low as possible and win tournaments," said Piot, who was the youngest player in the field at the Michigan Amateur earlier this summer

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Farmington Glen coaches (from left) Drew Hansz, Molly Tyler, Jennifer Erichsen and Eric Gensheimer display the city championship flag that will remain with their club. LAURA MEIER

Glen Aquatic still rules the pool

Farmington Glen Aquatic Club retained intra-city bragging rights when it won the all-city swim meet for the third consecutive year Saturday.

Glen Aquatic amassed 849 points, Beechview Swim Club 516, Kendallwood Club 313 and Woodbrooke Hills 286.

"The swim team has more than doubled in size over the last five years with the lion share of the swimmers being under 10 years of age," FGAC team representative Chris Inch said. "Having an outstanding year-round coach in Drew Hansz has made all the difference."

"Add in the enthusiasm and commitment of the parents, and that makes The Glen a really special swim team experience. We are a really proud bunch to say the least."

Farmington Glen had nine double individual winners, and it also won four of the six relay races.

Seth Fleming, Ryan Gurgel, Ryan Halberg, Trevor Jones, Matt Lane and Jared Visser won two events each on the boys side, and Catherine Flaherty, Madeline Greaves and Julianna Petrak did the same for the Glen girls.

"The kids have worked hard and their commitment is the key to improvement," Glen Aquatic head coach Drew Hansz said.

The list of double winners includes Beechview's Emily Brunett, Woodbrooke's Hannah



Members of the Farmington Glen team gathered for a post-meet group photo. Coach Drew Hansz (left) wears a hat symbolizing the team's nickname (Gators). BOB JONES

Chao and Summer Edwards and Kendallwood's Nick Leshok and David Schmall.

Farmington Glen won both of the 40-and-under mixed relays, and it also won the 52-and-under girls and boys relays.

Visser, Greaves, Lane, Gurgel, Halberg, Petrak and Jones contributed to one relay victory each. Brunett helped Beechview win the girls 66-and-under freestyle relay.

DOUBLE WINNERS

Farmington Glen: Catherine Flaherty (8U), 25 free, 17.95; 25 fly, 20.19; Seth Fleming (13-14), 50 fly, 30.08; 50 back, 31.57; Madeline Greaves (9-10), 50 back, 38.37; 50 free, 30.89; Ryan Gurgel (9-10), 50 fly, 36.53; 50 breast, 45.86; Ryan Halberg (8U), 25 back, 22.69; 25 fly, 22.38; Trevor Jones (11-12), 50 free, 29.62; 50 fly, 33.46; Matt Lane (11-12), 100 IM, 1:18.53; 50 breast, 39.70; Julianna Petrak (11-12), 100 IM, 1:20.19; 50 breast, 39.77; Jared Visser (9-10), 50 free, 33.28; 50 back, 44.40.

Kendallwood: Nick Leshok (15-18), 100 free, 53.76; 100 IM, 1:00.68; David Schmall (13-14), 100 IM, 1:13.18; 50 breast, 37.81; **Woodbrooke Hills:** Hannah Chao (15-18), 50 back, 32.85; 100 IM, 1:13.27; Summer Edwards (13-14), 100 IM, 1:15.50; 50 free, 30.29; **Beechview:** Emily Brunett (15-18), 100 free, 1:02.06; 50 fly, 30.87.

SINGLE WINNERS

Girls: Bella Feenstra (11-12), 50 back, 36.58; Glen; Julia Borri (15-18), 50 breast, 38.58; Beechview; Annie Kindsch (8U), 25 back, 25.75; Glen; Kristen Fleming (9-10), 50 fly, 42.82; Glen; Lia Munson (11-12), 50 free, 31.15; Glen; Ashley Turak (13-14), 50 fly, 34.31; Beechview; Sabine Branford (9-10), 50 breast, 43.87; Kendallwood; Hannah Brown (13-14), 50 breast, 38.17; Glen; Emma Inch (11-12), 50 fly, 34.82; Glen; Katy Fedurek (13-14), 50 back, 37.60; Kendallwood; Mya McEvilly (8U), 25 breast, 26.32; Glen.

Boys: Spencer Geyman (11-12), 50 back, 38.31; Glen; Lawrence Beamer (15-18), 50 breast, 36.08; Glen; Grant Borregard (15-18), 50 back, 29.43; Beechview; Paddy Gerzema (8U), 25 free, 18.58; Glen; Ben Nykanen (8U), 25 breast, 29.18; Beechview; Cameron Whitfield (13-14), 50 free, 27.38; Woodbrooke; Tyler Roshak (15-18), 25 breast, 26.32; Glen.

RELAY WINNERS

Mixed 40U 200 free: Farmington Glen (Hassan Ezzeddine, Jared Visser, Maddy Fohey, Madeline Greaves), 2:18.03.

Mixed 40U 200 medley: Farmington Glen (Brody Jamieson, Matt Lane, Ryan Gurgel, Ryan Halberg), 2:38.83.

Girls 52U 200 medley: Farmington Glen (Bella Feenstra, Julianna Petrak, Emma Inch, Lia Munson), 2:21.38.

Boys 52U 200 medley: Farmington Glen (Collin Fohey, Lawrence Beamer, Trevor Jones, AJ Judge), 2:16.32.

Girls 66U 200 free: Beechview (Caroline Reamer, Mikayla Doepker, Katie Romero, Emily Brunett), 1:59.82.

Boys 66U 200 free: Woodbrooke Hills (Cameron Whitfield, Matt Morgott, Sam Boyes, Keith Erichsen), 1:46.13.

LIVONIA COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE

Michigan Rams, Hurricanes split twinbill

The Michigan Rams came oh-so-close to sweeping Saturday's Livonia Collegiate Baseball League twinbill against the Michigan Hurricanes at Livonia's Ford Field.

After winning 7-2 in the opener, the Rams broke a 4-4 tie with a run in the top of the fifth.

But the Hurricanes managed to score two runs in the bottom of the sixth and held on for a 6-5 win and a split of the doubleheader.

In the opening contest, the Rams scored five runs in the fourth to build a commanding 6-0 advantage.

Trent Drumheller went 2-for-4 with a triple, run and three RBIs while Nolan Page (1-for-3, two runs), Jake Semak (Livonia Stevenson, 2-for-4) and John Slater (1-for-4, run) each delivered an RBI.

Also coming through with an RBI and run was Kyle Jusick, while Randy Kuzdak (Divine Child/Redford) scored a run.

Contributing to the 9-hit attack were Dominic Jamett, Travis Harvey (Livonia Stevenson) and Nick Harris, with one safety each.

Going the distance for the Rams was Brody Harris, who gave up six hits while walking none and striking out eight.

Harris bested Hurricanes starter Demetrius Bryant, who was touched up for all seven runs in four-plus innings of work. Mike Chinski came in and threw three scoreless innings of relief, allowing just one hit.

Leading the Hurricanes on offense was Alex Olezkowicz (2-for-3). John Szymanski went 1-for-2 with an RBI while Greg Galetto tallied a run and an RBI.

Chipping in with a double in three at-bats and a run was Jake Weshalak.

Collecting the other hits were Jerridd Terrill and Jared Hagan.

HURRICANES 6, RAMS 5 (GAME 2): The Hurricanes (11-11-1) battled back for the split behind Weshalak's big game at the plate and some porous Rams defense, which led to five unearned runs.

Weshalak went 3-for-3, including a double, driving in three runs and scoring another.

Jake Makowski doubled and scored twice while Olezkowicz (1-for-3, RBI), Jose Salanas (1-for-3, run), Galetto (1-for-3), Ben Roberts (run) and Hagan (run) helped the cause.

Earning the win for the Hurricanes with a complete-game effort was Terrill. He gave up five runs and nine hits.

For the Rams (16-8-0), Mike Kanitra (Livonia Stevenson) started and gave up four runs (one earned) in three innings before handing the ball over to Connor Fannon.

Leading the Rams attack with a 3-for-4 performance was Page (who also scored a run and drove in another).

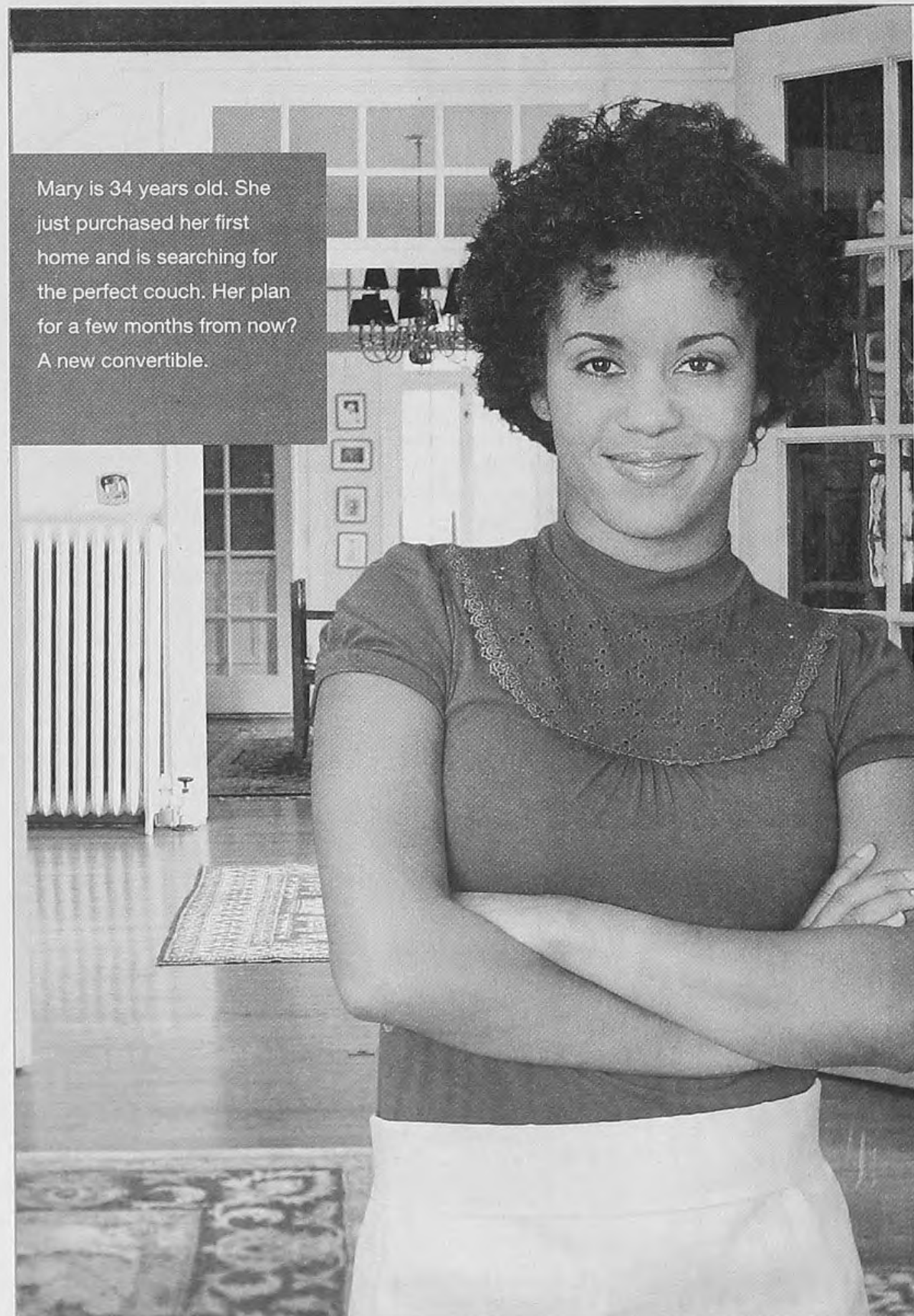
Others contributing for the Rams were Kuzdak (1-for-1, RBI), Jamett (1-for-3, two RBI), Slater (1-for-4, run), Harvey (1-for-3, run), Drumheller (1-for-4), Harris (1-for-3), Jusick (RBI) and Semak (run).

BULLS 4, RAMS 2: On Friday at Livonia's Ford Field, the Michigan Bulls got out to an early 4-0 lead and held on in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League matchup.

Winning pitcher Nick Sarriento limited the Bulls to two hits (Harvey, Harris), striking out five batters.

A 2-run double by Jeremy Shay was the big blow of the contest for the Bulls (13-6-1).

Jeff Sorenson (Livonia Stevenson) gave up one earned run in four innings and took the loss for the Rams. Pitching three innings of scoreless, hitless relief was Hunter Van Maele.



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Bombers pack big punch



The South Farmington Blue Bombers won the 8-and-under division of the Summer Blast Tournament July 12-13 on the campus of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. The team went 4-0 and won the championship game over Lake Orion, 15-0. The team members are (bottom row, from left) Andrew Van Akin, Owen Matteson, Joshua Brenner, Ben Kazan, (middle row) T.J. Calleja, Ryan Hanks, Noah Cahill, Rece Linn, Cameron Pettaway, Dylan Dinkins, (top row) coaches Rich Hanks, Joe Gjebic, Kurt Linn and Tom Brenner.

PIOT

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and recently qualified for a trip to Texas to play in the U.S. Junior Amateur.

Piot shot 72-70-142 and tied for sixth individually in last month's MHSAA Division 1 state finals as the Shamrocks finished runners-up, one stroke behind team champion Swartz Creek, at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East.

His closing 67 in the GAM Junior left him at 6-under 137 for the 36-hole event, 13 shots ahead of runner-up Pierce Morrissey of Canadian Lakes and a winner of the tournament for the third time in the last four years.

Morrissey shot a second consecutive 75 for 150, while David Scupholm of Grosse Pointe Farms shot 75 for 151 to take third.

"I made five birdies and one bogey and just hit a lot of good wedges," Piot said. "I didn't putt the best, but I managed to hit it close and make a bunch of birdies."

Meanwhile, Anika Dy, the girls winner in the top age bracket (13-15) turns 13 Saturday, but chose to play up a bracket after winning the 12-and-under title last year.

The incoming eighth-grader at Traverse City West Middle School shot a second consecutive 75 for 150 and topped 76-shooting Abbey Pierce of Bloomfield Hills by three shots. Kamryn Johnston of Flint was third with 81 for 166.

"I was expecting to shoot lower, but a couple of bogeys and a double-(bogey) ruined it," Dy said. "I still played pretty good. The course is really nice and super hilly. It got me tired."

Dy's little sister Anci won the 12-and-under with a nine-hole round of 42 to give her a two-day total of 82. Maggie Pietila of Brighton was second with 45 for 95.

Cowland took the boys 12-and-under by shooting a second-day 41 for a 77 total, two shots better than Chris Comito of Macomb, who shot 40 for 79 and three up on Neil Zhu of Novi, who shot 40 for 80.

INTENSITY

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Jana Hughes and those six runners (who all go to Wayne Memorial High School).

"We try to reiterate how important it is because parents can't really afford it like that," said the 22-year-old Johnson, snapping his fingers for emphasis. "So that's why we are blasting it every day on Facebook (on Intensity's page).

"I am determined for this trip to happen. Not just for me, but also for them. I am pretty excited but they're more excited than I am."

As of Monday, dollars were trickling in thanks to an ongoing bottle and can drive (call Johnson at 313-421-3008 to schedule a pickup) and an Internet fundraising website, "Go Fund Me." To donate there, visit go-fundme.com/intensity-trackclubdetroit.

Bottles and cans also can be brought to Wayne Memorial High School — where Johnson also is varsity boys track coach and holds Intensity practices — between 4-8 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays through next week.

They qualified

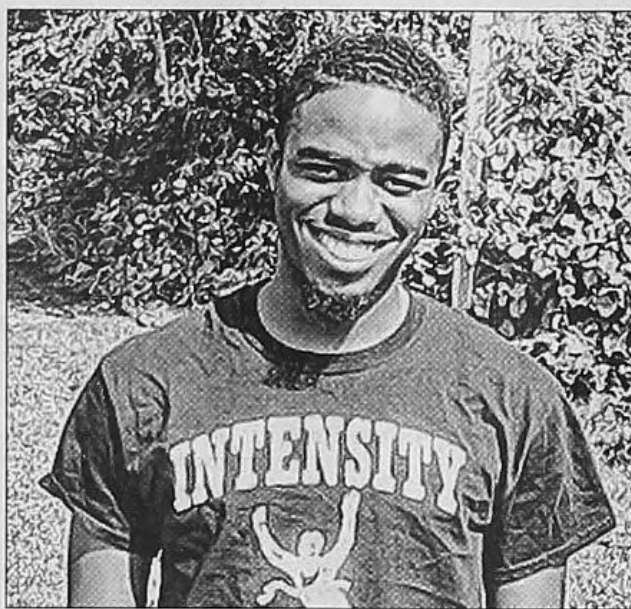
The athletes made the cut at the AAU Junior Olympic national qualifier held the Fourth of July weekend at Ypsilanti High School. To do so, they needed to finish in the top eight (open running events), top five (field events) or top four (relays).

Those six, who followed up the spring high school season running for Johnson at Wayne Memorial, include Dujon Brown-Deacon (4-by-4 relay), Andrew Chant (4-by-4 relay), Joseph Gatton (4-by-4), Montel Hood (400-meter run, 4-by-4 relay), LeDell O'Bryant (long jump) and Malik Jordan (1500, 3000 runs).

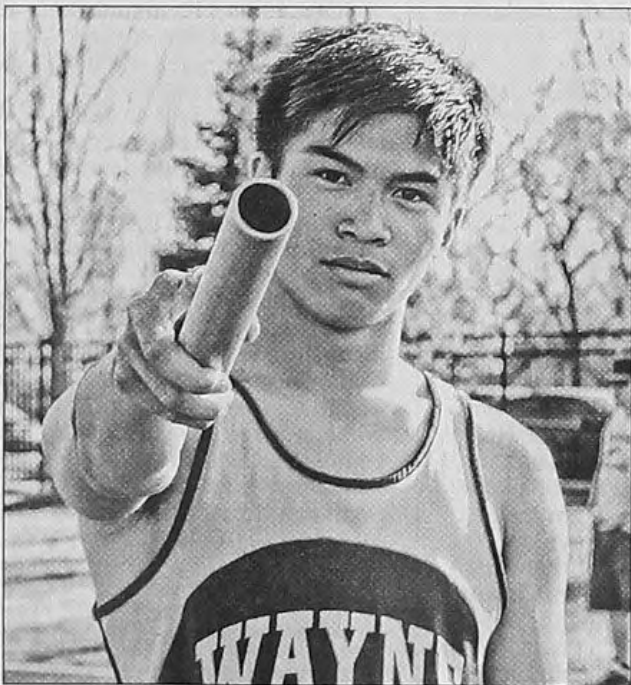
"We tried to get him (Jordan) to qualify in the 800, too," Johnson said. "He was just off, but he PR'd. That was a huge accomplishment for him, though. Because if he was able to go in three different events he would have been literally running all week. That would have been kind of tough."

He said Jordan currently is ranked fourth in the 3000 "so he has a good chance to place." The AAU has 1500 and 3000 events, slightly shorter than the 1600 and 3200 standards for high school meets.

Gatton is a 2014 Wayne Memorial graduate who also created a promotional video to help raise money for the Iowa trek. The other five will be going into their junior or



Jamal Johnson is head coach of the Intensity Track Club, which hopes to compete July 27-Aug. 2 at the AAU Junior Olympic Games in Iowa. Johnson also is varsity boys track coach at Wayne Memorial, where most of the Intensity athletes attend. TIM SMITH



Joseph Gatton of Wayne Memorial is one of six Intensity Track Club members who hope to go to the AAU Junior Olympics.

senior year with the Zebras.

There are six others on the Intensity Track Club, including 2014 Wayne grad Danielle Robbins (the club's lone female will be attending Defiance College in Ohio), Khalil Burks (Wayne sophomore), Marcelle Henderson and Trevor Lloyd (Wayne juniors).

Also on the squad, are 2014 Canton High School graduate Anthony Tillman and his brother Robert, who will be a junior in 2014-15. Both were on the Chiefs' boys track squad last spring.

Anthony Tillman barely missed the chance to go to the Junior Olympics.

Planting the seed

"He just didn't make it," Johnson said. "He ran his fastest time, but the 100-meter dash was really fast that day. He ran 11.65 and missed it by three places."

Johnson said. "And then she texted me the next day and wanted me to coach her. That was last September. I just started training her, and then the indoor season came around in December.

"We were going to one of the track meets in Geneva, Ohio and I needed a name. So I was looking around and saw the word 'intensity' and so I named it the Intensity Track Club."

He was hired by Wayne Memorial just a couple weeks after launching Intensity. The Intensity-Wayne connection turned out to be perfect.

While coaching the Zebras, he planted the seed about the importance of athletes running year-round — which is what Intensity helps to provide.

"Some of the guys wanted to continue running through the summer," Johnson said. "They had never done that before, and I kind of

introduced them to that." The club also competes in an indoor track season during the winter months.

Ypsilanti. "One of the athletes that I was coaching there (All Stars) wanted me to coach her, and I was just going to step away from track and focus on school," Johnson said.

STILL TIME TO HELP

What: The Intensity Track Club, comprised mostly of athletes from Wayne Memorial (as well as some from Canton), needs a total of \$3,000 in travel money for a trip to the AAU Junior Olympic Games. The trip to Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa is slated from July 27 through Aug. 2.

Why: Intensity runners Dujon Brown-Deacon, Andrew Chant, Joseph Gatton, Montel Hood, Malik Jordan and LeDell O'Bryant made the cut at the AAU Junior Olympics national qualifier over the Fourth of July weekend at Ypsilanti High School. They, along with club coach Jamal Johnson and manager Jana Hughes, remain hopeful they will be able to go.

How to help: Donate through next week via the "Go Fund Me" website (go-fundme.com/intensity-trackclubdetroit) or bring empty bottles and cans to Wayne Memorial. Johnson said he will be at the school from 4-to-8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday both this week and next.

Contact: Call Johnson at 313-421-3008 or send an e-mail to intensity-track@gmail.com if interested in helping.

Opening eyes

According to the soft-spoken coach, who still lives in Detroit, having half of his club qualify for the AAU Junior Olympics is a bonus.

The main reason why he got Intensity going was to help young student-athletes take a longer look at a path to college they might not have thought open to them.

"It's really to give kids who don't have the 3.8, 3.7 (grade-point average) to get into college," Johnson emphasized. "It's to help them do it on their skills. It's another way to get into college is what it's about."

"The regular season just isn't enough. A lot of national competitors, they train all-year round, and the kids at Wayne don't know anything about that."

They didn't until now, that is. Hopefully, with generosity from the community, they will be able to wow future college recruiters with entries about the Junior Olympics.

"Any time you can compete at a national level is going to open college's eyes most certainly," Johnson added, smiling. "Especially the younger guys, like Andrew Chant and Montel (Hood) they'll have two more years to be able to build off that."

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SECHLER

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No easy victory

With veteran driver Dan Kanfoush of Buffalo, N.Y., at the wheel again, Fast Eddie II might be the favorite, but it won't be easy to repeat, Sechler said.

"Based on the participants who will be showing up, this will be our toughest race to win," he said. "The Summer National pulls boats from around the country, and there are a couple new boats out there that are really, really fast."

"Waterford has just gotten bigger and bigger every year, and a lot of people like racing at that event. It's going to take a lot of skill and a little bit of luck to win."

"From a racing standpoint, it's no different. It's still a 5-mile race. The difference is this year there are going to be a lot more boats and the competition is going to be a lot harder."

Sechler also won the 2013 Governor's Cup, which goes to the high-points winner for the two days of racing.

He hopes to retain that trophy, too, but isn't expecting a repeat. If there's a tie, the Cup goes to the boat that was closest to the world record in its class.

"My opinion is we have an outside chance at winning that," Sechler said. "It's extremely difficult to win, especially for modified classes."

"Stock classes typically run closer to the records than modifieds do. If we win, it's a bonus but it's not something we put on the radar to do."

Unbeaten again?

Sechler and Fast Eddie II had a perfect season last year, winning all 19 racing events and 38 heats. It was only the second time in nine years they did that.

"Winning high points is difficult enough, but winning all your events — that's nearly impossible," Sechler said. "It's something we don't expect to do."

He and the team are trying for a repeat of that feat, too, although they still have a long way to go in this season.

Fast Eddie II is undefeated through five days of racing. Teams can enter as many events as they

want, and the top 15 finishes count toward their season total.

"We have a lot of racing left this year, but we're pretty fortunate and very happy with where we are," Sechler said. "We're going to stick to the plan and see how it turns out."

Must finish strong

Sechler likes to front-load his schedule with a lot of racing early in the season. However, he's in the same situation as two years ago when he had to make a late-year push for a come-from-behind victory.

"Usually, we go out west and race in Washington state," he said. "Usually, we have four races out there. We had planned on that; one got canceled."

"It didn't make sense to go all the way out there for just one weekend of racing. It was kind of cost prohibitive."

Sechler, who does much of the mechanical work on the boat, isn't sure where Fast Eddie II ranks in the standings. He just knows he isn't in first place at this time.

"I haven't looked at the points lately, but we're probably fourth or fifth in the nation because of all the racing going on out west," he said.

"Typically, I don't look at the points until August. My approach is to make sure we're ready for the next race and concentrate on that."

"My focus is on what's directly in front of us. When September comes around, all those other problems seem to take care of themselves."

Staying on task

Likewise, Sechler hasn't had time to wax sentimental or think much about this being his last season in the sport.

"There's so much work to be done," he said. "Like most racing seasons, you don't have a chance to reflect on it until the season is over."

"At the end of the season is where I get my satisfaction. We've been racing nine years, and we're still going as strong as we ever were. It makes me feel pretty good we're still as successful as we are."

"There are a lot of good teams out there and it's getting harder, but our focus is to win that 10th title. God willing that will happen."

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ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE



Plymouth Whalers Vet of the Game Derek Atkinson was honored during a game last season at Compuware Arena. The popular promotion returns for a fifth season in 2014-15.

Honoring a job well done

Plymouth Whalers continuing popular Veteran of the Game promotion

A guaranteed standing ovation returns to the Plymouth Whalers' game night experience for 2014-15 season, starting 7 p.m. Sept. 27 against the Erie Otters at Compuware Arena.

While Plymouth fans might save an ovation for an Alex Nedeljkovic great save, a Connor Chatham sweet snipe in a shootout or a decisive Liam Dunda win in a fight, Whalers fans always stand to honor the Veteran of the Game.

The promotion comes back this season for the fifth consecutive year.

Each Plymouth home game, one veteran who served the country is honored as guest of the Whalers. The veteran is announced to the crowd around the 10-minute mark of the first period. Without fail — no matter the score of the game or the opponent — Whalers fans give the honored veteran a standing ovation.

Visiting teams (tapping

their sticks on the ice) and their coaches have been seen adding to the applause.

Just an honor

The ovation is well-deserved and is an integral, fun and heartfelt part of the Whalers' game-day experience.

Veterans also have the opportunity to be interviewed on Whalers TV by announcers Pete Krupsky and Sean Balian.

"It's an honor to talk with veterans," Krupsky said. "Most are modest and soft-spoken about their contribution in the military. The vets tell great stories and identify with team bonding and camaraderie of the Whalers and the rest of the teams in the league. Some are quite familiar with the Whalers, which is a bonus."

Last Nov. 29, brothers John, Joseph and James Burkhardt were all honored as a family. The youngest sibling, James, was elected to join Whalers TV for the interview.

Vietnam veteran Lawrence Krisniski was honored last Jan. 11 when the Whalers hosted Ottawa. Typical of all veterans, he saved his kindest words for his immediate family.

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"I was married for 42 years and lost my wife a year-and-a-half ago," he said. "I have two sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Family is very important."

While some veterans attend the game in full military dress, vets Derek Atkinson (Jan. 17) and Geoffrey Joseph (Jan. 25) wore the distinctive camouflaged jerseys the Whalers wore during last season's Military Appreciation Weekend.

This season's Military Appreciation weekend happens Jan. 30-31 when Plymouth hosts Belleville and Windsor respectively.

The success Plymouth's Vet of the Game promotion has a positive effect in mid-Michigan. The Saginaw Spirit has a similar promotion with their veteran honored around the 10-minute mark of the second period. Spirit fans also give their vets a standing ovation.

The Whalers are looking to honor veterans for the 2014-15 season. Veteran who are chosen come to the game as guest of the team.

To honor a deserving veteran, call George Defenthaler at 734-453-8400.

PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Bucks win 2-0, move into tie for 1st

Grinwis posts shutout; Vanino scores twice

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

History continues to be on the Michigan Bucks' side when it comes to the Premier Development League.

That was never more evident Saturday night at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arena as the Bucks moved into a first-place tie with Kitchener-Waterloo United in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference with a 2-0 victory over the Toronto Lynx.

The Bucks, who improved to 7-2-3 (21 points), are now tied for first with K-W United. The Bucks can clinch their 12th division title in the franchise's 19-year history with a win Wednesday at the Pittsburgh Riverhounds U-23.

Midfielder Brad Vanino, a native of Sinking Spring, Pa. who plays at St. Bonaventure (N.Y.), tallied both Bucks goals including what proved to be the game-winner in the sixth minute off an assist from Dzenan Catic, one of the PDL's scoring leaders.

Vanino's unassisted goal in the 57th minute then gave the Bucks a two-goal cushion.

Meanwhile, Bucks goalkeeper Adam Grinwis, who made a key save early in the second half to thwart Toronto's only real scoring chance, notched his fifth shutout of the year. The University of Michigan senior has allowed just seven goals in 10 games.

"Tonight we did well with a fast, positive start," Bucks coach Demir Muftari said. "Got the goal early, then started building from there. We lost our rhythm I thought at the end of the first half, but then we came out in the second half and really established a dominance as far as possessing the ball and creating opportunities. I would have liked to see a few

more goals come in, but when we got that second goal it was really nice. It took a little bit of the pressure off the guys and we were able to relax."

At times, it appeared the Bucks had a ball on a string against the Lynx, who slipped to 2-8-3 (nine points) in the division.

"I thought the possession was fantastic from the guys," Muftari said. "Like I said, our end-product could have been a little bit better. Toronto is a really good team. We'll take a 2-0 win, and we're excited this part of the season. All the points in this part of the season are difficult to get, but we'll take them."

The Bucks continue to thrive in 2014 despite returning only four players off last year's roster.

"We do have a lot of new faces, but guys started to come together quickly," Muftari said. "Obviously the first few weeks is a little bit difficult, but it really started clicking. I'd say, after the first three or four weeks of the season. You could tell there was something good about the group. We have potential to get better and keep climbing."

"They're really driven and they get along really well. The chemistry on-and-off the field is excellent with this group this year, which is a lot of fun. A lot of really dedicated guys and professional-type players that want to push themselves who are very driven and determined. They get the most out of themselves and their teammates."

One of those Bucks returnees is Grinwis, a red-shirt senior at U-M who has started 58 straight games for the Wolverines, including 12 shutouts.

His save on Leigh Veidman's rocket blast proved to be a difference maker.

"Right out of the shoot the second half ... it was really nothing but a broken play and the kid (Veidman) picked it up

and did great," Muftari said. "It was a great strike and it looked like it was going in. That's why he (Grinwis) is who he is. He's got a bright future and he's really going to be a good player at the next level. He saved us on that one and gave our team a chance to get that second goal to put the game away."

Grinwis, who ranks is second in the league in goals-against average and shutouts, missed last week's 5-0 win over FC London to train with the Major League Soccer Columbus Crew.

"I was fortunate to be able to go in and train with Columbus; it was a great time and a good experience," Grinwis said. "It got me ready for this game here."

"They have a world-class staff there as well from some of the best goalkeepers in MLS. I got tips here and there — how to make saves — just little things I can take back to here and to the University of Michigan."

Grinwis hopes to parlay a solid PDL season into a productive senior year for Michigan, which is coming off an 8-7-3 season.

"It's going to be a great year," the goalkeeper from Ada (Forest Hills Central) said. "Honestly, we have a great class coming in and a good core group of guys returning. We expect big things out of the group."

The Bucks, eyeing their 12th PDL playoff berth since 1996, close out the regular season at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Ultimate Soccer Arenas against the third-place Chicago Fire U-23 squad, which fell out of first Saturday following a 3-1 setback to K-W United.

Tickets for the season finale are \$10 for adults and \$7 for youths (16-and-under). Children 5-and-under are free. For more information, visit www.bucksoccer.com.

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SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Wildcats baseball

The Plymouth Wildcats summer baseball clinic will be held Wednesday, July 23, at the Plymouth High School baseball field.

The first session is from 9 a.m. to noon for boys and girls entering grades 1-4; the second is from 1-4 p.m. for boys and girls entering grades 5-8.

The cost, which includes a snack and water, is \$25 before July 20, \$30 after that date. Participants need to bring a glove, cleats, bat and baseball hat.

To obtain a registration form, contact head coach Jason Crain at plymouthbaseball@pccsml.net or plymouthbaseballboosters@gmail.com.

Lutheran soccer

A soccer mini-camp for beginning and intermediate players (boys and girls ages 5-12) will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 21-24, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$20 (includes T-shirt, snacks and soccer ball).

To register, visit www.christsaviorsavior.org or call 734-522-6830.

Harrison volleyball

Harrison High School will host a girls volleyball camp July 22-24 in the school gym.

The hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for girls who will be in the grades 4-6 in the fall, 1:45-4 p.m. for girls in grades 7-8.

The cost is \$55 at the door. There is a family discount of \$50 per girl for a family with two or more children participating.

A concussion form must be completed and signed. Go to farmington.k12.mi.us to find the form.

For more information, call either coach Mike Love at 313-758-1185 or coach Sue Kendall at 248-505-7261.

Summer camps

On tap this summer through Canton Leisure Services are basketball and baseball summer camps instructed by longtime coach Pat Watson.

The camps will emphasize drills and skills that cover offensive strategies and defensive plays in game situations. Mornings will be spent on drills focused on improving fundamentals, while afternoons will be used for scrimmages. Participants should pack a sack lunch and a water bottle.

Basketball: There will be three weekly basketball camps at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Those sessions (for ages 7-14) will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. as follows: Session 1, July 7-11; Session 2, July 21-25; Session 3, July 28 through

Aug. 1. The fee is \$150 for residents and \$160 for non-residents.

Baseball: The baseball camp is slated to run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 14-18 at Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave. Ages 7-14.

To register, visit cantonfun.org, call Canton Sports Center at 734-483-5600 or visit either Canton Sports Center or Summit on the Park and inquire.

Churchill football

» The Livonia Churchill Twilight football camp (grades 3-8) will be held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, July 23-24, at the high school.

The cost is \$50. You can register in person beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at the football field pavilion. » Churchill will also offer a camp for grades 9-12, including advanced offense and defense techniques, from 5-8 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday, July 27-29.

Campers will need cleats, running shoes and a signed liability agreement. All checks should be made payable to Churchill High School: Allen Feigel, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150. No refunds two weeks prior to start of camp.

Franklin girls hoop

The Livonia Franklin girls summer basketball camp (grades 5-8 as of this fall) will be held from 4-7 p.m. July 29-31 at Franklin High School.

The camp is free to all. To register, email coach James Milican at jmilican@livonia-publicschools.org. Please give name, age and grade when registering.

MU cross country

Madonna University will stage summer cross country base camps for serious high school runners from 8:45-9:45 a.m. July 28 through Aug. 1. The cost is \$75.

MU will also hold long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. Saturday, July 19, July 26 and Aug. 2, at Cass Benton Park. The cost is a \$2 donation each long run.

For more information, email Pat Daugherty at pdaugherty@madonna.edu. Daugherty can also be reached during the evenings at 734-658-0226 (cell) or 734-432-5634 (office).

Churchill gymnastics

The Churchill gymnastics camp for ages 11-and-up will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Aug. 11-14, at the high school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The fee is \$71.

For more information, email coach-director Kelly Grodzicki at kgradzic@gmail.com or assistant coach Sara Wilchowski at sarawilchowski@gmail.com. For more information, call Grodzicki at 248-880-0198.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Glenn volleyball fundraiser

John Glenn High School's volleyball team will have a golf fundraiser Saturday, Aug. 9, at Fox Hills Golf Course.

The cost is \$125 per player or \$500 per foursome. The cost includes 18 holes of golf, lunch on the turn, unlimited range balls, raffle ticket and steak dinner.

The check-in time is noon; play begins at 1:30 p.m. The registration deadline is Sunday, Aug. 3.

Mail checks payable to John Glenn Volleyball to head coach Andrew Walker, 20834 E. Glen Haven Circle, Northville, MI 48167. For more information, contact Walker at 719-339-6159.

'Cats summer baseball clinic

The Plymouth Wildcats Youth Baseball Clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, at Plymouth High School.

Boys and girls entering grades 1-4 will work on offense and defense from 9 a.m. to noon; those entering grades 5-8 will do the same from 1-4 p.m.

The sessions will help youngsters improve skills by focusing on "age-appropriate skill development in a positive, fun, learning environment."

The cost is \$25 before July 20 and \$30 after the due date. Cost includes a snack and water. Plymouth Wildcats

spirit wear will be available for purchase.

Check-in will be at the Plymouth High School varsity baseball field, located off Joy Road at McClumpha behind the P-CEP tennis courts next to Salem High School.

In case of cancellation or change of venue due to inclement weather, parents will be contacted via email. Campers will need to bring a baseball glove, cleats, bat, water bottle and wear a baseball hat.

Contact varsity head coach Jason Crain at plymouthbaseball@pccsml.net or plymouthbaseballboosters@gmail.com.

Franklin grid benefit golf outing

The Livonia Franklin football benefit golf outing will be Saturday, July 26, at Idyl Wyld Golf Course, 35786 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

There will be a shotgun for the four-person scramble starting at 8 a.m. The cost is \$65 (includes prizes, contests, hot dog and pop at the turn, dinner and afterglow at the 1 Under Bar & Grill).

Checks should be made payable to Franklin football and mailed to: 9623 Westmore, Livonia, MI 48150.

For more information, call Chuck Roth at 734-637-6719 or Dan Cline at 734-748-5283. You can also email chuckrothcarpentry@gmail.com or dan.cline@trw.com.

Realtor Association attorney warns of 'coming soon' ad issues

The National Association of Realtors published information for NAR members regarding advertising properties as "coming soon."

Some "coming soon" advertisements involve unlisted properties which may or will be listed with a broker in the near future, while others relate to properties that are subject to listing agreements where property is available to potential purchasers only through the listing broker and not available, temporarily or indefinitely, for showing or purchase through other MLS participants.

"The first important step in advising a seller-client on whether to advertise a property as 'coming soon' is to identify the client's best interests, as defined by that client," said National Association of Realtors General Counsel Katie Johnson.

For most sellers, getting the highest possible price on the best terms is their best interest, and maximizing exposure of their property to potential buyers advances that interest.

"It's important that sellers understand the implications of various ways of marketing the property so that they can knowingly determine the choice that best serves their interests," said Johnson.



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ensure that such advertising is in compliance. A broker who fails to comply with state laws and regulations risks facing disciplinary action from licensing authorities, as well as the possibility of litigation from unsatisfied clients.

Many state license laws impose certain duties on licensees including the duties of care, loyalty, good faith, and honest and fair dealing.

Recently, the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, Real Estate Division, issued "CP-44 Commission Position on Coming Soon Listings" clarifying that a licensee's existing duty to "promote the interests of the seller or landlord with the utmost good faith, loyalty, and fidelity" requires Colorado licensees to advise clients during the negotiation of the listing contract of the benefits or risks of limiting a property's exposure through "coming soon" advertising.

broker's motivation for such limited exposure of the property must be for the seller's benefit - not the licensee. The Commission Position concludes by requiring licensees to describe in the listing contract the marketing plan agreed upon by the broker and seller prior to any marketing being performed.

In South Carolina, advertising a property as "coming soon" before entering into a listing agreement with the seller violates South Carolina license law.

In addition to complying with state license laws, brokers advertising a listed property as "coming soon" must ensure the advertising complies with their local MLS rules. Consumers benefit from MLSs because MLSs help aggregate and evaluate numerous factors that can affect a property's fair market value.

Those valuations are especially useful when they include information about comparable properties, including sales prices, days on market, and property conditions.

Johnson advised brokers to research the license laws and regulations in their states for guidance regarding "coming soon" advertising, and to check their local MLS rules to ensure compliance.

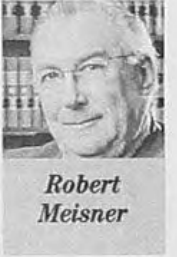
Finally, adherence to the NAR Code of Ethics is an important consideration for brokers when advising clients on whether or not to advertise properties as "coming soon."

"Realtors must remember to promote and protect the interest of the clients, present a true picture in their advertising, marketing, and other representations, and make property available to other brokers for showing to prospective purchasers when it is in the best interest of the seller," said Johnson.

W. Canada has appeal to retirees

Q: I am thinking about retiring in Vancouver or Victoria, British Columbia, because of the mild climate. What area will be most costly, assuming I want a water view?

A: A tough question since it always depends on the location and the size of your residence. For example, if you want to live on a coastal inlet around Butchart Gardens in Victoria, your home will easily start in the millions. If you live in a high rise condominium in downtown Vancouver, or, for that matter, North Vancouver, it can be even more expensive.



Robert Meisner

Q: Is Calgary really the Denver of Canada for real estate investing? My husband is being transferred to an oil company there, and I am thinking about getting a condominium in the Center City as he, obviously, has business interests there.

A: Calgary is not only known for the stampede, but for oil, cattle and tourism, and, like Denver, the precursor to the Rocky Mountains, in this case the Canadian Rockies. Rapid transportation abounds and there is a substantial construction boom in high rise condominiums in and around the downtown area.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 3-7, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office.

Table listing home sales in Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, and Bloomfield Township.

Table listing home sales in Commerce Township, Farmington Hills, and Franklin.

Table listing home sales in Milford, Northville, Novi, and South Lyon.

Table listing home sales in Southfield, White Lake, and other areas.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 24-28, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office.

Table listing home sales in Canton, Garden City, Livonia, and Westland.

Table listing home sales in Garden City, Livonia, and Plymouth.

Table listing home sales in Northville, Plymouth, and other areas.

Table listing home sales in Redford, Wayne, and Westland.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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Garage/Moving Sales
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Help Wanted - Dental
Dental Hygienist
Part-Time for Periodontal & Implantology Practice in Farmington Hills.

WESTLAND: St. John's Lutheran Church
Rummage Sale: 2602 S. Wayne Rd. July 18-19, 10-5pm.

NORTHVILLE M'oving Sale
July 18-19, 9am-5pm. 321 Bennett. Fum., planer, tools, household, clothes, etc.

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Help Wanted - Medical
MEDICAL PHYSICIST
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REDFORD - HUGE VINTAGE HONEY HOLE SALE
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Help Wanted - General
AUTO PAINTER
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Garage/Moving Sales
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Sat-Sun, 8-4. 13177 Cove Ridge Dr. Eagle Cove Sub, N side of 9 Mi btwn Rushton & Dixboro.

Help Wanted - Medical
TRANSPLANT NEPHROLOGIST
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Garage/Moving Sales
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STRAWBERRY LEMONADE FROZEN POPS

1 cup water
½ cup sugar
2 cups frozen strawberries
½ teaspoon McCormick Pure Lemon Extract

1. Bring water and sugar to boil in small saucepan on medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Remove from heat. Cool to room temperature.
2. Pour syrup into blender container. Add frozen strawberries and lemon extract; cover. Blend on high speed until smooth. Pour into frozen treat molds.
3. Freeze 4 hours or overnight or until firm.

Nutrition: Calories, 64; sodium, 1mg; fat, 0g; carbohydrates, 16g; cholesterol, 0mg; protein, 0g; fiber, 1g



EASY CRUSHED ORANGE SHAVED ICE

Serves: 16
2 cups sugar
1 cup water
1 teaspoon McCormick Pure Orange Extract
8 drops yellow food color
2 drops red food color

1. Bring sugar and water to boil in small saucepan on medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Boil 1 minute. Remove from heat. Stir in orange extract and food colors.
2. Cool to room temperature. Pour into squeeze bottle for easier serving. Pour syrup over shaved ice.

Nutrition information: Calories, 100; sodium, 1mg; fat, 0g; carbohydrates, 25g; cholesterol, 0mg; protein, 0g; fiber, 0g



STRAWBERRY COCONUT MILK SMOOTHIE

Serves: 4
1 can (13.66 ounces) Thai Kitchen Coconut Milk
1 bag (16 ounces) frozen whole strawberries
¼ cup light agave nectar
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1. Pour coconut milk into blender container. Add remaining ingredients; cover.
2. Blend on high speed until smooth. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information: Calories, 282; sodium, 30mg; fat, 18g; carbohydrates, 29g; cholesterol, 0mg; protein, 1g; fiber, 1g



NO BAKE STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE

Serves: 8
2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
½ cup sugar
2 tablespoons McCormick Imitation Strawberry Extract
1 tub (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 prepared vanilla crumb crust (6 ounces)

1. Beat cream cheese, sugar and extract in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended and smooth. Gently stir in whipped topping. Spoon into crust.
2. Refrigerate 3 hours or until set. Garnish with fresh strawberries. Store leftover cheesecake in refrigerator.

Nutrition information: Calories, 430; sodium, 228mg; fat, 30g; carbohydrates, 35g; cholesterol, 62mg; protein, 5g; fiber, 0g



PIÑA COLADA SPICED MOUSSE MINIS

Serves: 6
2 ounces (1/2 package) cream cheese, softened
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
¼ cup sugar, divided
¼ cup Thai Kitchen Coconut Milk
½ cup heavy cream
¼ cup coarsely crushed shortbread cookies
¼ cup coarsely chopped toasted macadamia nuts
¼ cup flaked coconut, toasted
½ can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple or pineapple tidbits, drained and divided

1. Beat cream cheese, pumpkin pie spice and ¼ cup of the sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth and creamy. Add coconut milk; beat until well blended.
2. Beat cream and remaining ¼ cup sugar in another large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until stiff peaks form. Add ½ of the whipped cream to cream cheese mixture; stir until well blended. Gently stir in remaining whipped cream.
3. Mix crushed cookies, macadamia nuts and coconut in medium bowl. Spoon 1 tablespoon cookie mixture into each of 12 (2-ounce) shot glasses. Divide pineapple evenly among glasses. Layer each glass with mousse and remaining cookie mixture. Garnish as desired.

Nutrition information: Calories, 238; sodium, 98mg; fat, 18g; carbohydrates, 17g; cholesterol, 39mg; protein, 2g; fiber, 1g



S'MORES PIE

Serves: 8
Crust:
1 ½ cups graham cracker crumbs
7 tablespoons butter, melted
½ cup sugar
Filling:
¾ cup heavy cream
6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, chopped
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow creme
4 ounces (½ package) cream cheese, softened
1 tub (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed

1. For the Crust, mix all ingredients in medium bowl. Press into bottom and up sides of 9-inch pie plate. Set aside.
2. For the Filling, bring cream just to boil in small saucepan. Pour over chocolate in medium heatproof bowl. Let stand 1 minute then stir until smooth. Stir in cinnamon and 1 teaspoon of the vanilla. Pour into prepared crust. Refrigerate 30 minutes or until chocolate is firm. Freeze 15 minutes for faster chilling.
3. Beat marshmallow creme, cream cheese and remaining 1 tablespoon vanilla in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Gently stir in whipped topping until well blended. Spread evenly over chocolate layer in crust.
4. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or until ready to serve. Garnish with chocolate curls or toasted marshmallows, if desired.

Nutrition information: Calories, 600; sodium, 267mg; fat, 36g; carbohydrates, 65g; cholesterol, 75mg; protein, 4g; fiber, 2g