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Lilley resurfacing closes road in Canton

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

A crumbling section of Lillev Road in Canton has closed through early October as work crews move to resurface a ragged one-mile stretch between Warren and Joy.

The project, long awaited by motorists who travel the carrattling road, should be completed by fall, a Wayne County official said.

'We're looking at early October, weather permitting,' said Tiffani Jackson, public affairs officer for the Wayne

County Department of Public Services.

Work crews closed the road to through traffic Monday. though residents still can access their neighborhoods. Officials say the closing couldn't be avoided because the project involves repairs to a bridge

and culvert at Tonquish Creek. "The street will be closed to through traffic for the dura-tion of the project," Jackson

said Thursday. Patty Gerou, office manager for Gerou Chiropractic on Lilley near Warren, said many

motorists already avoided

Lilley because of how badly the road had deteriorated.

"The road was just ridicu-lous," she said. "People would actually avoid this section of Lilley Road even before they started the construction. Once

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bd's Mongolian Grill offered a buffet for the Canton Grub Crawl crowd.

Hundreds get their grub on

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

They came hungry, this small army of 450 foodies.

They fanned out across inton, ready to conquer 13 restaurants, an ice cream parlor and a microbrewery.

They ate sliders, tofu pad

Thai, pizza, hot pretzels and, yes, deep-fried Oreos.

It was, after all, the Canton Grub Crawl, marking its 14th year Tuesday as food connoisseurs made their rounds on a picture-perfect July evening.

Canton resident Brian Derstepanian and wife Nicci joined a group inside Basement Bur-

ger Bar.
"I'm not a drinker, but I'm an do something like this," Derste-panian said, during his third

consecutive Grub Crawl. A few tables away, Jim Miller of Canton said he was making the Grub Crawl rounds to try new places and revisit favorite eateries. He's no stranger to food; he cooks at the Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

'Since I cook over there, I thought I'd get out and see how they cook in other places,' Miller said.

Andrea Morawiec of Westland and Elizabeth Gowder of Garden City sat inside the Tilted Kilt, a pub and eatery near Ford and Lilley. They and other friends made their Grub Crawl

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STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Stepping out of the Tilted Kilt, these Canton Grub Crawlers head for bd's Mongolian Grill. JOHN STORMZAND

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Leaving bd's Mongolian Grill, a determined Canton Grub Crawl crowd heads for the



Memorial service set for former Canton treasurer

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

A memorial service for former Canton Township Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter will occur at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, where she used to attend services.

Joy Fischer, one of Kirchgatter's daughters, has confirmed the memorial service and also said the family has chosen three ways that memorial donations may be made to honor Kirchgatter.

One option is to support WSDP-FM (88.1), known as The Park, the student radio station at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Kirchgatter formerly served on the Plymouth-Canton school

Checks may be made to the Canton Community Foundation with a notation for WSDP. The foundation's address is 50430 School House Road, Suite 200, Canton, MI 48187.

Donations also may be made on the foundation's website at www.cantonfoundation.org.

Fischer said other memorial donation options include Hospice of Indianapolis and the Leukemia & Lymphoma

Kirchgatter died June 25

after an aggressive form of cancer, acute myeloid leukemia, had spread. She was 74

Kirchgatter served 16 years as Canton treasurer until 2008. She also had been a township board trustee

Kirchgatter

and school board member. She had moved to Indiana more than a year ago to be closer to family, including grandchildren Brady and Elle. Earlier this month, Canton

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy called for a moment of silence for Kirchgatter during a township board meeting.

Free concert to help P-CEP marching band

By Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

Kellogg Park is the place to be Thursday night for good music and a great cause - to send the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band to the 2016 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena.

"Let's Go Blue," a free concert beginning at 7 p.m. July 30, will feature not only the nationally acclaimed marching band, but the Plymouth Community Band and the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, playing familiar patriotic music and college fight songs.

The evening will highlight Carl Grapentine, the voice for the University of Michigan Wolverines football team and marching band. "He has the voice of God," said John Stew-art, attorney and Plymouth resident and community activ-

Stewart and Plymouth's Rick Stanley have been coor-dinating and planning the event, designed to provide good music and raise money to offset the estimated \$500,000 cost of transporting some 180 P-CEP marching band students, props and equipment to the Tournament of Roses Pa-

"I really like the fact the band is doing this, because I don't think they get out in the public enough," said Chris

Zygmunt, president of the marching band boosters. "We have been promoting the con-

The marching band, which is still in preseason mode and planning its show for the coming year, is likely to play for about 15 minutes, Zygmunt added.

In attendance at the lead of their musical groups will be Jim Predhomme with the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, Carl Battishill with the Plymouth Community Band and David Armbruster with the P-CEP Marching Band.

"This is on a tight schedule," Stewart said, referring to the evening's music program.

A special treat for guests will be the meet-up of Matt Cloutier of Grosse Ile and the University of Michigan's drum major with George Harvell, former Michigan State University drum major and resident of the Plymouth Tonquish Creek Manor.

While the event is free, donations will be accepted throughout the evening. Another special treat will come from Cheryl and Jeff Doulter, owners of three Jimmy John's, two in Canton and one in Plymouth, next to the Penn Theater. The couple will donate 20 percent of their gross proceeds that day, at the three

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Canton Lions host membership drive

The Canton Lions Club is seeking new members and will host a membership drive at 6 p.m. Monday, July 27, at Fellows Creek Golf Course, 2936 Lotz Road, Canton

The club has a diverse membership. Many members make themselves available to assist on fundraising events, such as euchre tournaments, annual pancake/waffle breakfast at Liberty Fest in Canton or the annual corn roast in August at the red barn at Preservation Park at Cherry Hill and Ridge. They also can be found working at various location fund raising during White Cane or Candy Cane Week, according to members.

The membership

drive will offer food and talk about the Lions. The Lions assist the blind and hearing impaired. They are called on to purchase eyeglasses for kids throughout the community. Members also contribute to the Penrickton Center for Blind and multiple handicapped children, Leader Dog School for the Blind and Eversight, which restores sight to three-plus people per

The Canton Lions meet at 6 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month at Rose's Restaurant on Canton Center Road at Cherry Hill. For additional information, contact Lion Bill Van Winkle at 724 254-9404; govbill1@wowway.com, canton lions.org.

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debut.

"It's awesome so far," Morawiec said, dipping cheese bites in marinara sauce. "These are very good.

Morawiec and Gowder planned to visit Basement Burger Bar and bd's Mongolian Grill, among other restaurants. Grub Crawl participants paid just \$35 to sample food and drinks from 15 establishments.

"It's worth it, definitely," Gowder said, dipping a hot pretzel in cheese.

Foodies wore special T-shirts as admission. Some boarded shuttles to make their rounds, while others drove themselves.

Some said the biggest challenge of the four-hour Grub Crawl - hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Downtown Development Authority - was to pace themselves and not eat too much at any one place.

"Î'm already full," Canton resident Nancy Williams said, walking with a small group from Jodi Bilak and Mike Oliver from Canton have conversation at the Tilted Kilt. bd's Mongolian Grill to Tilted Kilt

Inside bd's, Melissa Daneshyar of Canton was making her rounds with a charity group – Canton Area Moms 4 Community - that joins the Grub Crawl every year.

Daneshyar tried the tofu pad Thai.

'It's very spicy," she

The group was planning to visit Canton Brew Works, Canton's first

microbrewery and tap

"It's fun to have the time out with friends,' Daneshyar said.

The women said they hoped to find places they liked so they could return - and that's just what business owners hoped to gain, repeat customers.

"It's our way of supporting our restaurants and showcasing their products," chamber President Thomas Paden had said, calling it "a good marketing opportunity.

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Other than those already mentioned, this year's lineup also included 4 Friends Bar & Grill, 502 Grill, Bagger Dave's, Bailey's Sports Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carvel Ice Cream, Chili's, Crow's Nest, TGI Fridays, Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza and Twisted Rooster.

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it's completed, it will definitely be worth the hassle that people are dealing with while it's under construction."

The latest developments come during a summer season that officials say also will involve resurfacing a section of Lilley between between Ann Arbor Road and Main Street/Plymouth Road in Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Back in Canton, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said some confusion already has occurred as motorists trying to bypass the Lilley closure have turned into a condominium complex, The Coves of Canton, only to learn they can't access Warren Road.



DARRELL CLEM

Work crews have started repairing Lilley Road between Warren and Joy in Canton.

Officials say motorists should steer clear of Lilley between Warren and Joy as much as possible.

Jackson said the Lilley Road project in Canton was awarded to Ajax Paving Industries for

\$988,769. The Lilley project widens the scope of an already busy orangebarrel season in Canton, where work is occurring in areas such as Ford Road near I-275, Cherry Hill west of Canton Center and Beck north of Warren.

In a letter to area residents, Lilley Road project engineer Jesus Plasencia said the work involves a hot-mix asphalt, cold milling (removing and replacing part of the surface), re surfacing, road shoulder repairs and concrete repairs. It also includes work on curbs, gutters and driveways, along with efforts to improve drainage, signs and pave-

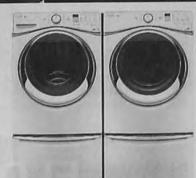
ment markings. Not far west of the Lilley Road project, residents also have complained about the poor condition of Morton Taylor between Warren and Joy, but Faas said those repairs haven't yet been scheduled.

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By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Club has become much more than a 27-hole course where avid golfers play their favorite sport.

General manager Greg Bores has played a big role in that.

"We've created an environment where people feel welcome. It's like a second home to them," he said.

Bores, 37, ended his 17-year career at Pheasant Run on Friday, mere days before he moves to Charleston, S.C., with wife Kelly and sons Cass, 5, and Jude, 2, to start a new career.

His supporters say he will be missed.

John Anthony, a township trustee and golfer, said Bores' leadership as general manager has made a tangible difference at Pheasant Run, which sprawls over 330

"He's a good golfer, he's a great guy and he has a lot of people skills," Anthony said. "He's done a lot at that golf course. He really turned it around and made it profitable. He's been very good to the township.

"Whatever he's going

to be involved in," Anthony added, "he will do

Ironically, Bores plans to open three stores in Charleston that have nothing to do with golf. He wasn't at liberty to discuss his new job until the company makes a formal announcement.

That said, he expects to have much more time to golf after he leaves the golfing profession. Bores - designated as a Class A member of the Professional Golfers Association - can't count the times his job has pulled him away from the course.

"Outside of my children and my wife, golfing is my number one passion," he said. "But I rarely get to golf." Bores, who has a de-

gree in marketing and advertising from Wayne State University, began working at Pheasant Run as a pro shop counter assistant. He rose through the ranks of assistant golf professional, head golf professional and general manager.

Bores toured the country golfing early in his career, though not as part of a formal PGA tour. Yet he found his niche in Canton.

'He has done a great job at the golf course,"

said Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Canton Leisure Services director.

"The team there really gelled. They have consistently demonstrated a lot of teamwork to operate as efficiently as they

Bores' job has been posted, but his successor hasn't been chosen.

He has overseen 60 part-time employees, three full-time employees and a \$3 million annual budget. He hasn't done it alone; he singled out Don Jarrett, a Pheasant Run Golf Club coordinator, for his efforts.

"He's one of the pieces of glue that holds the place together," Bores said.

Bores is proud of Pheasant Run events such as one sponsored every year by St. Joseph Mercy Health System, which raises about \$150,000 to improve services and help charities.

As he moves on, Bores reflects fondly on his career at Pheasant Run and what he and his team have accomplished.

'I love this place," he said. "I think it's a fantastic community asset."

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PHEASANT RUN Greg Bores has ended his career as general manager of Pheasant Run Golf Course in

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P-CEP grads put STEM education to use as Yazaki summer interns

Plymouth-Canton 2015 graduates Matthew Malinak and Megan McKeehan are putting their STEM Academy to good use this summer as engineering interns in the Component Business Unit at Yazaki in Canton.

Malinak and McKeehan are Yazaki's first interns who have not yet attended college. Yazaki has partnered with the STEM Academy to sponsor Senior Capstone Projects and offer internship opportunities for students to get hands-on engineering experience before college.

Partnering with the STEM Academy is a great way for Yazaki to support the local community and encourage jobs in the STEM field among local high school students. It also promotes the automotive industry, while filling the talent pipeline at a young age.

During Malinak and McKeehan's senior year, they completed a Senior Capstone Project with teams of STEM students. The objective for the project was solving a current problem in the automotive industry by creating a new product.

Malinak and his team realized a large number of teenagers were getting into crashes due to distracted driving. To solve this problem, the team created a head tracking system composed of cameras, sensors and LED lights that sounded an alarm to alert the driver when they have been looking away from the road for too long. To ensure their system was effective, Malinak and his three teammates programmed and tested it in many different circumstances and received positive

"I was able to gain experience that most people do not get until starting college," Malinak said. "I will have a college level understanding and practical knowledge in a professional setting before



Yazaki interns Megan McKeehan and Matthew Malinak, recent P-CEP graduates.

even starting college because of Yazaki and the STEM Acad-

McKeehan and her team were concerned with children and pets being left in cars and suffering from heatstroke or death. They created a product made of motion sensors and an alert system that could be installed on 80 percent of vehicles after-market. Alerts would come from the operating system, NEMO (Next-Gen Emergency Monitoring On-board), to the driver and selected in case of emergency contacts with a warning and location of the vehicle.
"The STEM Academy pro-

vided me with not only great real-world skills that I'm using at Yazaki, but also many opportunities to network with and be mentored by professionals that will help me further myself as a student and a professional," McKeehan said. "I'm fortunate to continue doing that as an intern

at Yazaki.' The knowledge and skills

the STEM Academy has provided the students with is particularly beneficial during their internship at Yazaki. Classes offered by the academy deliver information that is crucial for real-life STEM jobs and have prepared Matt and Megan for the work they are doing this summer.

While at Yazaki, the students are working with teams of interns studying future automotive trends and applying the knowledge they gained during their time in the academy. Working closely with their peers and mentors provides them with a great environment to learn even more from other interns and expand their network further.

We are excited about offering students the opportunity to gain valuable experience through internships at Yazaki and fostering the knowledge and skills they bring with them," said Tanisha Thibodaux, talent acquisition specialist responsible for the YNCA Student Program.

Help Olaf find princesses at Plymouth museum

Anna and Elsa, the Frozen princesses, have vanished! Help Olaf track their where-abouts in a scavenger hunt Sunday, Aug. 9, at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Children will find the clues and answer the questions to discover the location of the princesses.

The entire scavenger hunt will be held within the confines of the museum. Children must be accompanied by an adult (no more than two children per adult) and the minimum age is 3. Tickets are \$8 per child and can be purchased at the museum during open hours or using Paypal on the museum's website plymouthhistory.org

Hunts will start every 30 minutes beginning at 1 p.m.

The last hunt begins at 3:30 p.m. A specific time can be requested in the notes section of your Paypal order or you can call the museum after ordering and leave a message at 734-455-8940, ext. 0.

In addition to the scavenger hunt, children will make-and-take a craft and will be given a small snack.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is at 155 S. Main Street, one block north of Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Ticket holders can view the museum's new special exhibit, "The Fair That Changed America" either be-fore or after their hunt time. The museum will close at 4 p.m. that day.

STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Scholarship winner

Demian White of Canton received one of 100 college scholarships July 15 at Metro Detroit Youth Day on Belle

Scholarships awarded this year at the event totaled

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Dean's list

Students who made the dean's list at Olivet Nazarene University for the spring 2015 semester include Canton resident Raychel Parks.

Students on the dean's list at Saginaw Valley State University for the winter 2015 semester include Canton residents McKenzie Haack, Erika Hatcher, Stacey Jedele, Emily Lipa, Eric Madill, Ben Merbler, Cassandra Misiolek, LeAnn O'Sh-aughnessy, Kaila Pantaleo, Christopher Perkovich, Alyssa

Peters, Laura Seely, Chyna

Williams and Alexandra Zelek. Plymouth resident Phillip Flesch was named to the University of Delaware's dean's list for the 2015 spring semes-

Plymouth High School graduate Jamie Dottavio, a sophomore mathematics major at Grove City College, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester.

Saginaw Valley State University

Canton residents Margaret Donnelly and Jacob Misiolek graduated from Saginaw Valley State University in May. Donnelly also made the president's list, which includes earning a 4.0 grade-point aver-

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Jessie Ronayne of Plymouth earned a Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology and Audi-

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And following its arrival in Plymouth, DFCU Financial, a longstanding advocate for student achievement and schoolage financial literacy programs, also pledged a donation of \$12,500 to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation.

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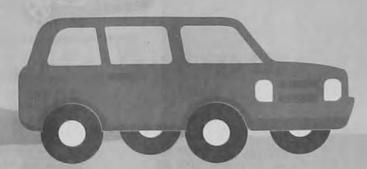
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Livonia teens to play game of Quidditch at The Henry Ford

Teenagers from Livonia and surrounding communities will demonstrate how to play Quidditch, a game from the Harry Potter books, at the Maker Faire at The Henry Ford in Dearborn on Sunday, July 26.

The game is played with brooms and features handmade goal posts, sashes, snitches and other materials. Three games will be played and in between the teenagers will conduct a Quidditch Training Camp that teaches fundamentals of the

The Livonia Public Library Harry Potter Club is entering its fourth year this fall. The club meets on a weekly basis and has played more than 10 Quidditch games in the last three

"We are makers in the world of Harry Potter," says librarian Michelle Stiennon, who has volunteered at the Maker Faire in the past and who sees it as the place to showcase the club's talents. The materials used in the game have been



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handcrafted by members of the community, including the hula hoop posts that serve as goals.

Harry Potter plays Quidditch by flying on his broom, but the Harry Potter Club members play it by running with

the broom between their legs. Teams are comprised of bludgers, beaters, chasers, keepers and a snitch runner. Points are scored by throwing balls through the hoop and by catching the

"Our Harry Potter Club is very popular," Teen Services Librarian Patty Goonis said. "We're excited about spreading our love for this game so we can have other teams to play in the area."

Renewal by Anderson offers free child safety kit event

Renewal by Anderson in Livonia will host an Operation Kidsafe Safety Week program July 27 through Aug. 1. Operation KidSafe is

a digital fingerprint and photo safety program that captures your child's picture and fingerprints using a digital video capture device, digital ink-less fingerprint capture device and specialized software. The captured data is assembled and a quality 81/2- by 11-inch printout is given to the parent. The parent can use the print-



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The service is free

for parents

Renewal by Andersen is at 37720 Amrhein Road in Livonia. Operation KidSafe safety kits will be offered each day during normal store hours. For more information, call 734-237-1052.

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Wildcats boosters, The VET collaborate on 'Warrior Obstacle Challenge'

By Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

Organizers of the Wildcat Warrior Obstacle Challenge — a fundraiser for the Plymouth High School football team and military veterans - have rescheduled the event for Saturday, Sept. 12 at the high school

That gives plenty of time to practice ready to test your mettle — and your muscles.

"I'm looking for a good turnout. It's helping both good causes," said Todd McCall, president of the Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club.

The challenge involves lots of fun stuff: mud - lots of mud obstacle courses, climb-ing hills, bales of hay and some sand. Yep. Expect to get a bit dirty, but it will be fun, McCall said.

A fundraising event, the obstacle challenge is also a collaboration with The VET — Veteran Education and Transitional -Program. "The football program is always fund-raising," McCall said. "We try to tie the commu-nity back into these fundraisers.'

Coach Mike Sawchuck suggested teaming with The VET Program for the Aug. 1 obstacle challenge. "As of recently, we've had a lot of groups fundraising with us," said Sara Fader, whose husband, Scott, began the nonprofit while he served in Afghanistan in 2012.

When Scott Fader returned home the nonprofit took off in 2013 first as Suits for Soldiers. The Faders decided the organization needed a broader scope, now known as Rochester Mich.-based The VET Program, which includes education, providing business attire, help with resume, for example.

"We help veterans and their spouses and older veterans," Sara Fader

The boosters and The VET Program will split proceeds from the obstacle fundraiser. Booster parents plan to reach out to military recruitment offices for participants, as well.

"It is open to every-body," McCall said. "There is no age limit. We're letting anyone come through the obstacle course.'

Veterans will be hand, some volunteering to organize the waves of participants who take turns on the course, as well as veterans giving the obstacles a try. "Everyone who participates will get a medal," McCall said.

Two or three days before the event, volunteers will be out with hoses and sand preparing the obstacle course at

Plymouth High School.
The Sept. 12 event
starts with check-in at 8
a.m., followed by the first wave of participants starting at 9:15 a.m. at the high school, 8400 Beck Road, Canton.

Meanwhile, the booster club is seeking sponsors for the event. Businesses or organizations that are interested may call McCall at 734-748-

Participation costs include: \$30 for adults; \$20 for ages 13-19, \$10 for ages 10-12 and kids nine and younger are admitted free. Admission includes the course, a drawstring backpack, buff and finishers medal. Kids nine and younger will not receive a bag or medals.

Registration is ongoing and may be complet-ed online at www.The-VETProgram.org (under events). Participants may also register and pick up information packets the weekend before noon-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 5 at Plymouth High School.

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Northville Public Schools

Sealed proposals from Prime Mechanical Contractors for the construction of all Trades Construction Work are requested. A Walk-through will take place at 3:30 P.M., on July 29, 2015

Due Date and Place: at Northville High School. All contractor or subcontractor representatives shall meet at the Front Reception Desk. The purpose of the walk-through is to clarify the procedures, scope of work, and to identify any omissions or inconsistencies in Bidding Documents which may impede preparation and submission of representative competitive bids.

> Attendance by Representatives(s) of bidders of record is mandatory. Any contractor who missed previous walk-through must contact Bob Roop by 4:00P.M., on July 30, 2015 to arrange a time to visit project site. Contact Bob Roop at the following phone number (248) 879-5666 or email RRoop@pbanet.com.

All contractors have until 4:00 P.M. on July 31, 2015 to submit a Request For Information (RFI). All RFI's shall be directed to Bob

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Sealed proposals shall be received until 2:00 P.M. on August 6,

ATTN: Michael Zopf, Administration Building Northville Public Schools 501 West Main Street Northville, MI 48167

At which time all bids will be opened and read out loud. All proposals submitted shall remain firm for a period of 45 days after the date specified for receipt of proposals

Copies of the proposed Contract Documents may be obtained from: Northville Public Schools, under the Business Office, Bid Information Tab: http://northville.k12.mi.us

PlanWell via http://www.e-arc.com/ (formerly dunnblue), Phone:

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Proposals not received by the time and date specified in this notice, will be returned to the Contractor unopened. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities and to make award in any manner deemed for the best interest of the School District.

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Grab your kilt: Highland Games return this weekend to Livonia's Greenmead Village

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

Metro Detroit's premier Scottish event is returning to Livonia later

The 166th annual Highland Games return July 31 and Aug. 1 to Livonia's Historical Greenmead Village, 20501 Newburgh. The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit expects to see several thousand fill the village for the annual event, the longest-running highland games in North America, co-chairwoman Peg Dunlop said.

'We're sure hoping there will be about 12,000 people there," said Dun-lop, a Center Line resident. "It's always good family fun. It's a good

The games begin the festivities Friday night with the Ceilidh, a concert that will feature several new and old names to the festival, including Stone Clover, Seven Nations, Albannach and folk singer Ed

The variety will appeal to all audiences, Dunlop said, with some groups performing Celtic rock and folk music.

"Last year, it was



FILE PHOTO

Tickets for the games are on sale online through Thursday (July 30). Advance tickets for adults are \$15, while children are free. Tickets at the door will be \$20.

mostly Celtic rock," she said. "It's a wide range this year.'

A new addition to the games this year is Celtic chef Eric McBride, whom organizers met earlier this year at the Highland Festival in Alma, Dunlop

McBride will be around all day showing off some Scottish delicacies during the games, Dunlop said.

"He's going to be doing food demonstrations throughout the day," she

Fan favorite sports

such as the tug o' war return this year with seven teams, including two women's teams for the second straight year. The opening ceremonies take place at noon and will feature many bagpipers. Activities for children will be available



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Jeremy Gillingham warms up before competing in the stone throw, similar to the shot put. He's from New Haven, Ind.

Another newcomer to this year's games will be Kati Meeks, who helped create the state of Michigan's official tartan, which was approved in 2010. Dunlop said she'll be on a stage during the

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Shuttle buses will run from Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, to Greenmead, as well as from the Fairfield Inn and Suites, 17350 Fox Dr.,

the official hotel for the

More info, including a schedule, can be found on the games' website, highlandgames.com.

Dunlop said the Highland Games have enjoyed being at Greenmead over the past several years, something that will take place again for the next two. The city council agreed to another lease with St. Andrew's Society of Detroit last month, meaning the games will take place at Greenmead until at least 2017.

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Plymouth offers found property sale

The city of Plymouth has started a found property sale program that includes bicycles and skateboards with other items as they become available.

Items are sold on a first-come basis and are sold as is, where is, with no warranty. There is no price negotiation. There is no reserving or previewing of items before sales.

Interested shoppers



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pal Services Department, 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), at 1231 Goldsmith.

The current found property items for sale are listed on the city's website, www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/Index.aspx?NID=1597.

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eateries, to help the marching band's quest

for the parade. The Thursday concert is one of a number of fundraisers scheduled, with more on the way, to offset the costs for the marching band's role in

the signature parade. "It is like moving a small army," Zygmunt said earlier this year. "Moving the equipment in trucks — three days there and three days back — will cost about \$25,000."

Each student will pay an estimated \$2,500 for



The P-CEP Marching Band will be front and center at a Thursday, July 30, concert in Kellogg Park.

"I know a lot of families who are not taking summer vacations to help pay for this," Stew-art said. "Everyone will be proud of the only high

school that will march 5.5 miles by noon. These are Michigan's children."

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting for candidates for positions on the Plymouth City Commission. There are nine candidates on the ballot and one will be eliminated in the Primary Election and the remaining eight will proceed to the ballot for the General Election to be held on November 3,

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Applications for Absent Voter Ballots for the City of Plymouth registered voters may be obtained at the City of Plymouth Clerk's office, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170

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Linda Langmesser City Clerk

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- ZONING ORDINANCE INTERPRETATION: Section 78-217, Projections into Yards.
- Z 15-09 662 Ann
 - Non-Use Variance Requested Allow a Front Facing Garage on a lot less than 60 feet wide lot Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
- Applicant: Matt Thurber Z 15-10 1032 Beech Non-Use Variance Requested Allow a Front Facing Garage on a lot less than 60 feet wide lot Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
- Applicant: Matt Thurber Z 15-11 189 Hamilton Non-Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential

Applicant: Cal & Sarah DePotter All interested persons are invited to attend

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

201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

Review your alternatives when considering insurance settlement

few weeks ago, I sat down with a new client to discuss her financial affairs. What made this woman's situation unique is that she has terminal cancer and, according to her doctor, she only has at most about two years to live.

Most of our meeting dealt with getting her financial house in order so that, upon her death, things would be as easy as possible on her children. We discussed wills and trusts, beneficiary designations and other areas to make sure her financial house was in

We also discussed her life insurance policy, which has a \$500,000 death benefit and an annual premium of about \$4,500. The policy has some cash value, but not a lot. As we were discussing the insurance, she mentioned that her agent made an offer to buy her current policy. She said he offered \$150,000 to buy out the policy.

Her question was whether I thought this is something she should pursue.

What the agent was proposing - known as a

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Inn at St. John's,

corner of Beck and Five Mile,

Details: The Concours d'Ele-

gance of America is an exhibi-

tion of hundreds of collectible

rolls. Cars on display will include

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Contact: For information, listing

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Time/Date: July 29 through

Location: Village Theater at

Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge and

Details: In its 21st season, the

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speare's A Midsummer Night's Dream and Henry IV, as well as

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Contact, tickets: Ticket prices

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Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednes-

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Location: Plymouth Historical

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Details: The Fair That Changed

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SALINE ANTIQUES

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 9, Sept. 12 and 13, Nov. 22

Location: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann

Arbor/Saline Road, in Ann Arbor

Details: The Saline Antiques &

Vintage Market is open. The

event is pet friendly, but pets

continues rain or shine. Every-

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Cost: Admission is \$6. Parking is

Contact: www.salineantiquesmarket.com. To become an exhibitor, contact Doug Sup-

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Location: Abundant Life Church

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Rick Bloom MONEY

life settlement - was popular years ago, but has fallen out of favor because so many people have been ripped off.

Life settlements are basically where an investor buys someone's life insurance policy during that person's lifetime. The insured then has the proceeds to do as they wish. The investor would then own the policy and is responsible to make the premium payments. Upon death of the insured, the investor would receive the face value of the

The theory behind life settlement is it allows someone to enjoy some of the proceeds of their life insurance policy during their life-time. This could be particularly valuable for someone who needs the proceeds to increase the quality of their life.

Many people have life insurance policies that they don't need and no longer want to pay the premium. In those

situations, selling your life insurance policy to an investor may make sense. After all, if you don't need the policy and you can make money selling it, why not?

However, the problem develops like in this case where the agent is taking advantage of the situation and his offer to purchase the policy was unrealistically low.

My client does not need the money from the life insurance policy and, considering her health issues, I recommended that she reject the offer.

All too often people who are involved with life settlements are looking at taking advantage of a senior citizen. Therefore, if you are considering a life settlement and selling your policy, proceed with caution. Before you accept an offer consider other alternatives. Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloom assetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomasset management.com.

Seat belts by the numbers

Baseball cards: I would study them, trade them, learn the stats and argue with friends over who were the better players. Home runs, RBIs, hits and strikeouts were what my friends and I cared about growing up. Oh yeah, of course . keeping them pristine because we were all going to sell them at some later date for a fortune.

Did you know that back at the turn of the 19th century you could get baseball cards in cigarette tins? At least that's what my grandfather told me. He would find empty tins lying around and check them for cards. He used to collect them, too, but his mother threw them away one day. I guess moms, no matter what generation, don't like things being left out on the table during dinner-

Something else I love is when people ask, "Let's see some numbers." Rick from How-ell writes, "You talk about seat belts a lot. Do you have any numbers on or stats on your current traffic initiatives? I would like to know the results, if any."

Well, Rick, you couldn't have asked at a



better time. I do, indeed, have some numbers to throw at you.

Currently, Michigan's seat-belt use remains at 93 percent, which is 10th highest in the nation according to a recent direct observation statewide survey con-ducted by Wayne State University Transportation Research Group. Michigan's official seatbelt use rate for 2015 will be determined after a second survey to be completed this fall.

The purpose of the current statewide Click it or Ticket enforcement and ongoing Michigan Summer of Safety campaign is to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries on Michigan roads by increasing seat-belt use.

In 2009, Michigan had a record-high 98 percent compliance rate for seat-belt use, which has obviously declined over the last several years. Here's the kicker: For every 1-percent increase in seat-belt use, it means 10 fewer traffic deaths and 130 fewer injuries.

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Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. second

Sunday of each month, begin-

Location: St. John's Episcopal

Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road,

Details: PFLAG P-C has changed

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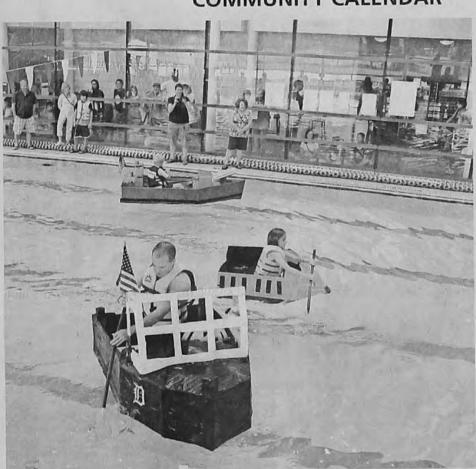
According to preliminary reports, there were eight traffic deaths during the 2015 Memorial Day holiday period; this is potentially the lowest number of traffic fatalities in more than 40 years. Twenty people were killed in traffic crashes during the 2014 Memorial Day holiday. It appears people are starting to utilize their seat belts more

Law enforcement officers from police departments, sheriff's offices and the Michigan State Police across the state conducted more than 12,700 traffic stops resulting in 6,113 seat-belt and child-restraint citations during the Click it or Ticket enforcement campaign this May.

Remember, enforcement is ultimately to save lives; the only goal is to make sure people reach their destination safely. This to me is as simple as the numbers gets: Wearing a seat belt truly saves lives.

If you have questions or comments, email them to askatrooper12@gmail.com, or mail them to Ask A Trooper, Michigan State Police Brighton post, 4337 Buno Road, Brighton, MI 48116.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Last year's race is proof a cardboard boat can float.

villagetheater.org or call 734-394-5300 MEMBERSHIP **VISIT THE FAIR**

MEETING Time/Date: 6 p.m. Monday, July

Location: Fellows Creek Golf Course, 2936 Lotz Road, Canton Details: The Canton Lions Club is seeking new members and will host a membership drive.

Contact: Lion Bill Van Winkle at

724 254-9404; govbill1@wowway.com or canton lions.org.

RALLY ON RIDGE

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

Location: Cherry Hill Village District, at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads

all to benefit the Canton Farmers Market — will join forces for the second annual Rally on Ridge Road. On tap for the evening is live music featuring local artists, such as Meg Nye, Oakland County Brassworks and Ryan Brake; and tasty food truck fare from Smokey Rhodes BBQ, The Rolling Stoves, Shimmy Shack, The Mean Weenie, Hero or Villain, Delectabowl, Time2Chill Detroit Gelato Truck and more (while supplies last). A portion of the proceeds collected during the fundraiser will benefit the Canton Farmers Market, which is currently

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Sunday Location: Parking lot of Biggby Coffee, 44601 Five Mile, Plymouth

Details: Car buffs and enthusiasts are invited to bring themselves, their families and their classic or hot-rod vehicles for a weekly gathering for talk and

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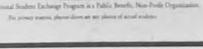
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REC-KING IT



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tossing the 'heavy' ball during warmups is Mudville pitcher Bill Springer of Canton. At right is Livonia's Marc Baron.

STILL IN THE GAME



Peering out in the direction of the Capitol Park baseball field before the game starts is Bill Springer.

Middle age doesn't cramp his style when it comes to playing rec baseball

By Tim Smith

Bill Springer can barely keep from grinning whenever he steps onto a baseball diamond to compete.

Rocking wraparound sunglasses and his gray-andgreen Mudville uniform, the 50-year-old Canton resident did just that recently in a Detroit Men's Senior Baseball League game at Capitol Park in Redford, Twp.

Oh sure, the southpaw -

CHECK IT OUT

Canton's Bill Springer said the Detroit Men's Senior Baseball League always is looking to recruit players age 18 and older who maybe didn't know fastpitch leagues existed.

"Come out and take in a game; see what you think," Springer said.
"We've got levels of play for everybody in this league.

League fees for Mudville this season are more than \$300 per person. For info about the DMSBL, go to www.detroitmsbl.com

who returned to the game of his youth in 2008 after deciding slow-pitch softball wasn't for him — knows his days as a hard-throwing pitcher are long gone.

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PRO BASKETBALL

Dezelski's getting it done over in Luxembourg

Former CC, Hillsdale standout excels in first season

> By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Tim Dezelski wouldn't exactly call it a European vacation, but for the former Novi Detroit Catholic Central High and Hillsdale College basketball standout, it was the next best thing.

The 6-foot-6, 228-pound forward from Farmington Hills landed in the tiny country of Luxembourg playing for Residence Walferdange, a seconddivision team.

He averaged more than 17 points and a league-best 15-plus rebounds per game in his inaugural pro season.

Dezelski was stationed five minutes outside the capital city of Luxembourg and helped his team to a 30-3 overall record and an 11-3 mark in the play-

"It was great," Dezelski said. "I was playing in a little village and it awesome. Very nice city and the whole country is beautiful. But Luxembourg city is a really cool place, too."
The nine-month experience

overseas left nothing but a positive impression in Dezelski's eyes, not to mention the fringe benefits and getting paid

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COLLEGE ATHLETICS. Tim Dezelski (left), now playing professional basketball in Luxembourg, was a four-year standout at Hillsdale College and also played at **Novi Detroit** Catholic Central High School.

HILLSDALE

Lakers tryouts

The Livonia Lakers 14U travel baseball team will hold tryouts 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 27, at Livo-nia Franklin High School. For more information, email coach Aaron Rumberger at ccrumberger@yahoo.com.

Today's the day to bowl

The Intensity Track Club is hosting a bowling fundraiser at 4 p.m. Sunday at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia (Five Mile near Merriman).

Tickets to bowl will be \$20 and there will be a 50/50 raffle, basket raffle and Detroit Lions preseason tickets to be auctioned off.

Money generated by the event will help Intensity, based at Wayne Memorial High School, to make an August trip to the AAU Junior Olympics in Norfolk, Va.

Rams win two

The Michigan Rams broke out early Monday night against the Southfield Lightning at Ford Field in Livonia, scoring three runs in the first inning and four more in the second en route to a 11-1 victory. Sparking the Rams to

the five-inning Livonia Collegiate Baseball League win were Zack McGuire (2-for-3, double, three runs), Westen Price (2-for-3, three runs), Ben Hart (1-for-3, three RBIs) and Nolan Page (1-for-3, three runs).

Other hits were collected by Danny Kerr (1-for-2, two runs), Anthony DiPonio (1-for-3, one RBI), Kevin O'Malley (1-for-3, one RBI) and James Hall (1-for-2).

Josh Bays started and gave up one run before winning pitcher Alex Kinch came on with one out in the third with the Rams up 7-1. He gave up just two hits the rest of the way

» On Wednesday, Price went 3-for-4 and drove in two runs as the Rams defeated the Storm 6-2, improving to 24-8-1.

Also chipping in with multiple-hit games for the victors were Sean Winkelseth (2-for-3, two RBIs), Hart (2-for-4, two runs) and McGuire (2for-3, run). Jared Tobey pitched four shutout innings and got the win; finishing up with three innings of work was McGuire.

Softball tryouts

The NFWB Impact will have tryouts for its 14U, 12U and 10U travel softball teams in early August. The day and time will be the same for all three levels.

Tryouts will take place 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Pioneer Park in Farmington Hills and 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, at Drake Park in West Bloomfield.

Players should arrive for registration at 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Pioneer Park is on Farmington Road, north of 13 Mile; Drake Park is on Drake Road, south of Maple.



PGA CHAMPIONSHIP AWAITS

WALKING THE WALK

Fox Hills teaching pro Cairns takes 'par-fect' approach to PGA success

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

With his gray-speckled Van Dyke beard and glasses, Brian Cairns looks more like a college professor than a guy who is about to make his third trek to the PGA Champi-

He sounds like one, too. Well-measured words are spoken in a low voice, but his message is always on point.

That's just how the 51-year-old Walled Lake resident and PGA teaching pro at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth approaches the game he excels at enough to be on network television with a galaxy of big-time stars.

Not a long hitter off the tee, Cairns relies on smarts and a penchant to turn potential problems into solutions (he calls them "tide-turns"), as well as his proficiency with irons, wedges and putters.

"You really that good? You really that good to play in the PGA?" Cairns said, responding to a question about what his high school students often ask him these days.

"'How'd you get into that?' Most of the kids don't fathom the difference between me and those guys.'

Cairns then mentioned the names of Jordan Spieth and Tiger Woods, who incidentally are not among approximately 150 golfers competing Aug. 10-16 in the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits Golf Course in Kohler, Wis.

"It's unbelievable how good those guys are," Cairns said. "And just to kind of be able to walk the same grounds and hit the same shots and feel the same thing they're feeling for a little bit of time is kind of cool."

He belongs

At the 48th PGA Professional National Cham-



One thing Brian Cairns would rather do than golf is teach the game to high school kids at Fox Hills Learning Center in Plymouth.

pionship, held June 28 through July 1 at the historic Philadelphia Cricket Club, Cairns showed that, yeah, he's pretty good,

He registered a fourday tally of 283 (including 69 in both middle rounds) to finish in a tie for fifth place. With that performance, Cairns qualified a third time for the PGA Championship.

He also made the cut in 2011 and 2012, at Atlanta Athletic Club and Kiawah Island, S.C., respec-

This time around, he figures to be better equipped than the first two times at just focusing on each shot as it comes.

"I won't look around as much, that's for sure,' Cairns said during an interview Thursday at Fox Hills. "I definitely looked around, just the mass and size of the event. It's pretty amazing.

"But it's just a golf tournament with all those people. And in '12, I think I competed better because I had Jordan (Young) with me, director of instruction here. I was a lot calmer. But this year, I expect to at least compete right out of the gate and not be so awestruck."

With a knowing nod, Cairns credited Young for enabling him the chance to concurrently enjoy

THE CAIRNS FILE

Who: Brian Cairns, PGA teaching professional at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth.

What: The 51-year-old Walled Lake resident will compete Aug. 10-16 in the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits Golf Course in Kohler, Wis. He qualified by finishing in a tie for fifth June 28 through July 1 at the PGA Professional National Championship at the Philadelphia Cricket Club.

Third time: He also competed in the PGA Championship in 2011 and 2012.

Honors: Cairns was named the Michigan PGA Player of the Year in 2000, 2011, 2012 and 2013 and was Michigan PGA champion in 1996, 2000 and 2013

A Champions Tour member in 2014, he also was a National PGA of America Top Ten Player of the Year in 2000, 2012 and 2013 and earned Maxfli National Player of the Year honors in 2000.

careers as a golf instructor and PGA pro.

Double-duty

None of what he is doing now would be possible without that goahead.

"(Young) said you should pursue that, but you still got to be active here a little bit," Cairns said. "But in a few years, I'll have to make up my mind. Kind of hang up the

clubs and teach.
"I got a few more years, I think, and if I keep getting better, it's going to be a few more years after that, so Jordan will have to wait."

That last sentence was punctuated at the end by a hearty chuckle.

Cairns turned serious again and spoke from the heart.

"It's really hard to let go of it when you get inside those ropes; it's a high," Cairns said. "I can see what those guys on TV feel."

tide-turns. And that was a tide-turn, even my caddie (agreed). That could have been a mess.

Brian Cairns follows the flight of an iron shot July 1 at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. He finished

in a tie for fifth at the PGA Professional National Championship.

The way things went at

the Philadelphia Cricket

Club also left Cairns feel-

quickly pointed out how

things could have played

On the seventh hole in

tne second round, Cairns

"It was probably the

said. "I hit it (to the) right,

"I hit it above the flag

was faced with another

tide-turning scenario.

only time I missed the

fairway all week," he

then I slashed another

one left. The flag was

stick about 20 feet. The

ball stayed up on this hill,

so I had this severe down-

hill putt. And my caddie

and let's move on."

said, 'Just keep this close

Even better was that

cup.
"And I make it," Cairns said. "I looked at him (the

caddie) and said, 'That's

the turning point.' From

Cairns finished that

well on his way to qualify-

It was a momentum

round with a 69 and was

ing once again for the

swing that went in his

Feeling confident

"And that's how I

teach," Cairns said. "I

teach how you have to

take advantage of your

PGA Championship.

then on, I was good."

the ball rolled into the

back-right.

out differently without

ing euphoric. Yet he

his trademark even-

keeled mindset.

The way he performed in Philadelphia will give him extra confidence as he sets his sights on Whistling Straits.

"It definitely gives you a good feeling, that your short game can help when you're not hitting it very well," Cairns said.

In Wisconsin, he intends to play well enough to earn a spot on the prestigious PGA Cup Team.

"That's something that eluded me; I lost in a playoff at the Cricket Club," Cairns said. "The Cup Team is comprised of the top 10 golf professionals in the United States against the top 10 club professionals in Britain and that's in late Septem-

"I pretty much have to make the cut to make that. It's still a goal. That would be a tall task to make the cut at a major very tall task. (With) my age and my lack of distance, I'd have to play pretty smart.'

Cairns will likely need to average in the low 70s to have a shot at making it to the final rounds of the PGA Championship. It helps that he is sporting the best average per 18 of his career — 70.37 strokes.

Words of wisdom

MONTANA PRITCHARD I PGA

Of course, the way things unfold at Whistling Straits won't deter Cairns from using the experience - good or bad - to serve up new lessons for his golf students.

"The best player I have, James Piot, he goes to (Novi Detroit Catholic Central) and lives in Canton," Cairns said. "He is amazed that somebody can kind of slap it around and play in a major.

"You can still impress kids at times with knowledge and not just mechanics. Experience gets you everything in this game."

Then, as softly as he might loft a wedge shot onto the green, Cairns bottom-lined what it really comes down to for golfers of any age, any skill level. "It takes a lot of work,

a lot of reps, a lot of reps at everything - putting, chipping, pitching," he said. "You name it, drivers, woods, irons. There's a lot that goes into it.

"But confidence and being very comfortable with where you are and who you are has a lot to do with it, too."

Piot and others his age might want to heed that message. After all, Cairns is a man in the ultimate comfort zone these days.

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24TH GAM WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Area golfers among top 20 at GAM event

A number of Hometownlife.com-area golfers participated in the 24th GAM Women's Championship, which concluded Wednesday in Owosso.

Linden's Julie Guckian, a golfer at Grand Valley State University, carded a two-round total of 139 on the par-71 Owosso Country Club to capture top honors. Jennifer Elsholz of Grand Rapids, the defending champion, shot a final round of 66, but still fell two shots short of Guckian with 141.

Ashley Crain (Bloom-field Hills) and Katie

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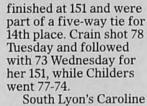
GREG JOHNSON

Julie Guckian, a Grand Valley State University golfer who hails from Linden, captured top honors in the 24th GAM Women's Championship.

Childers (Northville) were the top area performers, as they each

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Harding also placed in the top 20 among the field of 80 players with 152 (81-71).

Canton's Kelsey McDougall tied for 41st with 162 after consecutive rounds of 81. Elizabeth Harding (South Lyon) tied for 64th at 174 (89-85) and Priscilla Harding (South Lyon) tied for 70th at 179 (93-



Friday marked the second annual Sunshine's Skills and Drills Camp at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Here, 8-year-old Peyton Domzalski slams into a blocking dummy held by Plymouth football player Alan Farmer. For the story and photos, please see an upcoming issue of the Observer or go to www.hometownlife.com.

PWBA BOWLING

PWBA tour headed Aug. 27-30 to Canton

Super Bowl in Canton next month will will be the host of a stop on the inaugural tour of the new Professional Women's

Bowling Association. The Detroit Open will take place Aug. 27-30 with a field of some of the best women bowlers in the country. Qualifying rounds will take place Friday, Aug. 28, then match play Saturday, Aug. 29, culminating in Step-Ladder Finals that evening at 6:30 p.m.

A Pro-Am will also take place with sessions Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, providing an opportunity for local bowlers, women, men and youth, to bowl with the pros.

This will be a fun 9 Pin No-Tap event, giving the bowlers a chance to meet

the pros, get autographs and possibly some tips for their bowling. Pro-Am participants will also receive a souvenir bowling pin and have many chances to win great prizes. All this for just \$35 per adult or \$30 per youth.

As a closing event on this stop on the tour, the PWBA will present a youth clinic Sunday, Aug. 30, open to all youth bowlers for just \$20. Entries into this clinic are lim-

The PWBA opened its new tour with an overflow of entries in the tournament in Sacramento, Calif., last week and an enthusiastic crowd to cheer them on. The tour will continue to work its way across the coun-

try, arriving in metro

Detroit at the end of August on the way to the East Coast for the last two events of this season.

"We're expecting a full turnout of both the professional bowlers as well as the spectators for this exciting event," said Mark Voight, owner of Super Bowl. "Detroit is still the bowling capital of the country and a big supporter of bowling, as both a sport and recrea-

Entries are available to participate in the Pro-Am, which is open to women, men and youth. Tickets to watch the competition are also available with proceeds to support Strike Force Youth Bowling in this area.

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Bill Springer rips a line-drive single to left to score a run during the first inning for Mudville.

SPRINGER

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Instead, he rears back and delivers a mix of tantalizing breaking pitches, slow, slower and slowest. Regardless of what happens after that, it's still a slice of heaven to Springer, even though on a particular Friday night against the Yankees in a 45-plus league match-

up he got shelled.
"It used to be a fastball, change-up and curve," Springer said during a pregame interview. "Now it's more like a slow ball, change-up and a curve. I can't throw nearly as hard as I used to. I'm lucky if I get it over the plate.

"It gets over the plate on the fly and that's all I worry about. At this age, you just change speeds and try and keep them off-balance. I don't worry about radar guns anymore; that's for the younger guys."

Still loves it

But for Springer, results matter less than being out with baseball-loving friends, playing the game they've been around for years.

'Competition's a lot of fun and half of it's getting out here and also hanging out with the guys," he said. "We've had this team (Mudville) since 2011 and I've played with these guys

Asked about how long he hoped to continue playing in the adult rec baseball circuit, Springer looked up.

"Until they won't put a num-ber on my back," he said. "Until no one wants to have me on a team.'

That might take a few years, because Springer isn't about to stop doing what he

Springer, who played high school and college baseball near Pittsburgh, still enjoys getting into the batter's box and swinging the lumber. Unlike adult softball leagues, DMSBL players swing wood bats.

In his first at-bat against the Yankees, he laced a line drive to left-center to score a run. A half-hour before game time, he talked about the joy of hitting.

'When you can't feel the bat hit the ball and it goes out there, that's the best feeling in the world," Springer said.

The real deal

Before the contest began, Springer loosened his left arm by throwing a "heavy ball." Watching the pitcher get warmed up was another teammate, 47-year-old Marc Baron of Livonia

Baron, who played high school baseball at Redford Bishop Borgess, echoed Springer and others about what drives them to still put on the spikes.

"Love to be able to play baseball, that's why I come out as much as I can," Baron said. "I like it a lot better than softball, it's still fastball-curveball;

it's real baseball. Springer's check mark also goes into the baseball column.

'I played softball for a few years after I moved here, but it just wasn't the same," Springer said. "The fact that, being a pitcher, that's the big difference, pitching (in) softball and baseball.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

After pre-game tuneups, Bill Springer wraps his arm to keep it warm.

ABOUT THE SERIES

What: "Rec-king It' is a series about adult recreation that will be published as space permits in the Observer as well as hometownlife.com Who: Looking for adults (age 21 or older), who have a potential story to tell. They can detail their leagues, activities or other recreational pursuits. Why: High school and college athletes get heavy coverage and that is understood. It would be nice to spotlight older people and what they do to remain healthy and active.

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"Stealing 90-feet bases rather than 60-feet bases, outfield dimensions, you have three (outfielders) rather than four. It's just a much different feel."

Of course, middle-aged men have to deal with middle-age issues. For Baron, it was tearing his Achilles' tendon last summer. He now is getting back into gear following surgery and physical therapy.

Injuries for any of the players could happen on any pitch, any swing, any attempt to to go first-to-third on the bases.

Having fun

But the possibility of that happening doesn't dim their enthusiasm one bit. Playful banter common in their boyhood years still resonates around the dusty diamond.

'Go get him kid," first baseman Baron yelled to Springer during the Yankees game.

When a Springer pitch sailed well out of the strike zone, Baron barked a Bob Uecker impersonation: "Just a bit outside.

One base runner later, Baron implored his teammates to go for a double play: "Twist it boys, twist it.

Even though the Yankees wound up routing Mudville, it was still a great night for

Springer and his teammates,

baseball.

just because they were playing

"It's nice to get out on a summer night and play a game that you played for a while and compete," said Springer, who is a partner at Conrad Insurance Agency in Canton.

Baseball with his buddies also provides exercise, as well as a way to let off steam from day-to-day issues.

For their friend

Still, real life is hard to shut out for guys in their 40s, 50s and 60s. Cancer struck Mudville teammate Mike Gordon of Pleasant Ridge, who just had

During good games or bad, Mudville players are thinking about Gordon as he begins his long road ahead.

And soon, a reminder of Gordon will be there with them at every game. Batting hel-mets will sport decals with

Gordon's uniform No. 7 "We have already dedicated the season to him," Springer said.

Somehow that mission will enable Mudville players to maintain perspective as they ward off errors, injuries and

After all, life — and baseball changes fast, especially for guys who just don't move all

that quickly these days. tsmith@hometownlife.com

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REMEMBERING WIDZINSKI

Widzinski's legacy carries over

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

A childhood friend of the late David Widzinski since the third grade, Ed Szczypka said the Detroit Catholic Central High weight room was the perfect place to dedicate and honor his name.

'Whenever you needed to find him, just go look in the weight room and he'd be there," Szczypka said. "It's good they named it after him.'

Widzinski, a promising sophomore linebacker for the Shamrocks who made a team-high 15 tackles in the 2012 MHSAA Division 1 state championship game in a 36-21 loss to Detroit Cass Tech, was only 16 when, just days later, he tragically died in his sleep due to natural causes Dec. 3, 2012. Hundreds, including his

parents Paul and Barb, along with brother Stephen and sister Emily, were joined by other family members, friends and classmates who recently just inside the weight room, where a brief dedication ceremony was held in Widzinski's honor.

A special plaque was unveiled and the entrance to the weight room bears his name as well.

Widzinski, who grew up in Northville, would have been

a graduating senior in 2015. Dan Collins of CC's alumni association made the opening remarks.

"We are here to remember David, to make sure his family knows that we remember him and we'll remember him forever, to make sure that they know that he will continue to motivate and inspire the men of Catholic Central forever,' Collins said. "This is more than just a name outside a door that we've done to this room. It bears David's name, but he inspired and continues to inspire us. There are words around this room that David would be proud of. I know he continues to be proud of all of you.'

One long inscription on the left wall quotes the New Testament Bible passage from Phillippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'

There will also be a golf outing in Widzinski's honor Sunday, Sept. 6, at Tanglewood Golf Course, 53503 W. 10 Mile Road, South Lyon.

The third annual David Widzinski Golf Classic begins at 9 a.m. with a Mass at the high school, followed by registration at 11 a.m. and shotgun start at noon.

For more information, visit davidliveson.com.

DEZELSKI

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handsomely as well.

'I loved every second of it," he said. "Luxembourg is a pretty wealthy country and I really didn't have much of a transition issue because there's a lot of English spoken there. All my practices were in English. All my teammates spoke English, so as far as that goes, that was relatively easy.

"The people there were super-friendly and they're used to Americans coming over and playing there every year, so they're really welcoming and will help you out with whatever you need. If there was a little problem with my apartment and my car, it was easily handled and they were willing to help me



New lifestyle

During his down time, Dezelski stayed occupied outside of basketball, trying to soak up as much of Europe as possible while keeping in contact with his family.

'Luxembourg is awesome because it's pretty much the center of Europe, so I could drive 30 minutes to Germany, France or Belgium, so I was able to do a decent amount of traveling and see different cities," he said. "That was one thing I really enjoyed doing, too. I'd go to Amsterdam and a couple of the other bigger cities in Germany just to see. Every city has beautiful, old architecture and it's pretty

cool stuff to see. "There was a lot of Skype and phone calls home. There was a lot of Netflix watching. I was a finance major, so I was able to follow the markets. The time difference messed me up a little bit because it was six hours ahead, but I tried to keep my brain activated. I was reading books and following the markets and stuff, too. Not just watching Netflix all day, just a couple of hours.

As a senior at Hillsdale, Dezelski was an NCAA Division II third team All-American. He averaged 22.9 points and 9.6 rebounds per game while shooting 57 percent from the field.

During his four-year career with the Chargers, he ranked ninth in career rebounds (713) and fifth all-time in singleseason total points (617).

Star teammate

With Residence Walferdange, Dezelski shared the spotlight with the Luxembourg-Total League's leading scorer Everage Richardson, a 6-3 guard from Coastal Carolina who averaged nearly 29 points per game.

"(Richardson) is amazing," Dezelski said. "He was really

great to play with. He shot 50 percent from (beyond the arc) and hit 10 threes a game.' The basketball culture in Luxembourg, however, was

the biggest shock, something

that he had to get acclimated

"The two Americans on the team were the only two professionals," Dezelski said. "And then everybody else either worked or went to school. That was kind of like their high school and college basketball. They'd come all day from working or at school and come to basketball. I thought it was really a test of my professionalism, because we really wouldn't work on

defense or discipline or any-thing like that. You just had to take it upon yourself to work hard on defense and play team defense. It was interesting. It was a lot less intense than college basketballwise, that's for sure. It was an adjustment from that aspect."

And the import players find themselves more under the microscope.

"The year before I got there, (Residence Walferdange) were in the first division and they had six different Americans in one year," Dezelski said. "They shuffled them out because, as a professional, a lot is expected of you. And if you don't get along with the team, they can just send you home at any time. There's a little pressure from that stand-

New destination

While Richardson plans to return for his second season with Residence Walferdange, Dezelski will be headed elsewhere in 2015-16. He hopes to learn within the next couple of

"I really wanted to go back, but it just didn't work out, Dezelski said. "My negotiations for my second year kind of fell through, so now I'm waiting for my agent to get me something else. I'll be in the same area probably, but I don't know exactly where. The last I heard from my agent was either Germany or the Netherlands, somewhere around there. Hopefully, I have another job. I'm planning on it. We'll see how long I can keep it going. After playing 43 games,

which included 10 during the preseason, Dezelski made sure he got plenty of rest after returning home before resuming his summer workouts at Lifetime Fitness in Novi 'The body is holding up, but

when you come back, you have to take a little time off because pretty much it's nine months of straight basketball over there, every day," he said.

Dezelski, a 2009 CC grad, played his final game in Luxembourg on May 2 and flew home immediately the follow-

"Obviously, my family and my girlfriend I miss the most, but food-wise ... coney islands for sure," Dezelski said. "I think I might have gone straight to a coney island. The food over there is good, but not quite the same. Been getting in my Buffalo Wild Wings fix and stuff like that.'

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MID AMERICAN POM CAMP



Plymouth literally got a leg up on the competition at the Mid-American Pom Camp at Davenport University. The team shared Grand Champs honors.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

POM CAMP'S A KICK!

Canton, Plymouth programs share Grand Champs honors at Davenport University-hosted camp

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Literally getting a leg up on the competition during the recent Mid American Pom Camp at Davenport University were the Canton and Plymouth pom squads.

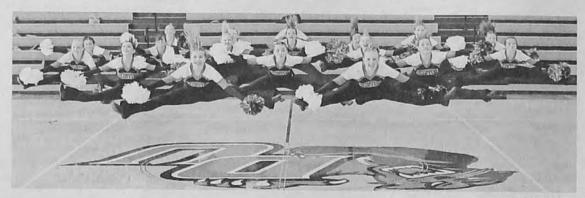
The Chiefettes and Wildcats displaying uncanny athleticism and synchronicity, along with artistic flair — each were named Grand Champs both in the varsity and junior varsity competitions.

It marked the first time two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park pom programs shared top honors at the prestigious event, held July 9-12.

To earn Grand Champs status, a team must finish first in all three categories — speed learning, kick line and original routine (which teams began perfecting prior to going to Davenport).

With the success, both teams will send large contingents to the Mid American Pompon All-Star team and travel to Hawaii in December to perform in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade

"The girls worked very



MICHAEL VASILNEK Displaying big-time athleticism and synchronicity, Canton's varsity pom squad shared Grand Champs honors.

hard, grew closer as a team and had a great time," Canton pom coach Jenny Kesler said. "This was a great start to our year and it will motivate the team to continue to reach our goals and vision for the remainder of the season."

Taryn Holowicki, director of the Plymouth pom program, said earning Grand Champs honors "is not an easy task and takes a lot of hard work and focus, both ahead of time and especially during the four days

"Maintaining a positive atmosphere as a team both in and outside of practice is what really makes a difference in the strength of a team," Holowicki added. "Our teams (varsity and JV) think of themselves like family first and as coaches we can really see that reflected in the way they per-form when they get on the

Canton and Plymouth also scored big in other categories, such as the senior kick competition. Abby Crippes and Micala Tafelski of the varsity Chie-fettes finished first in the kick event, with the Wildcats taking

Awards were given out daily per category, with overall trophies presented at the camp's conclusion.

The Canton varsity team also won the overall Peppy Pom award for "being the most spirited and cheering other teams on at camp," said Kes-ler, assisted by Gabby Cayao. Canton's JV, coached by Brandee Amick and Nikki

Battaglia, captured Peppy Pom, Knock Your Socks Off and Showmanship awards. For Plymouth's varsity

(coached by Lauren Fisher and Christie Wilde), senior Ryan

Fisher won the Smile, Sparkle, Shine Award. Meanwhile, the JV Wildcats (coached by Holowicki and Jillian Covault) came away with overall Peppy Pom and Team Unity awards.

Programs from all over the state participated, including Livonia Franklin.

Park rosters

Park rosters

CANTON: (Varsity) Grace Brekke, Maigan Byars, Claire Carrier, Emily Cesario, Abby Crippes, Jessi Dawson, Alexis Faught, Morgan Fillmore, Danielle Guerra, Alia Jones, Clara Mason, Arianna Mattioli, Sophie Mekled, Jenna Milewskt, Kendall Milo, Stacey Partain, Shelby Petersen, Nicole Piontek, Brenna Shaw, Micala Tafelski, Mia Tavian, head coach Jenny Kesler, assistant coach Gabby Cayao; (Junior Varsity) Rachel Allen, Jenna Anheuser, Caitlyn Carrigan, Nikki Christensen, Rani El-Amin, Sydney Gruczelak, Ke-Era Jordan, Brooke MacIntyre, Olivia Mueller, Payton Rasmussen, Danielle Sullivan, Chloe Vela, Samantha Yono, coach Brandee Amick, coach Nikki Battaglia.

PLYMOUTH: (Varsity) Erin Berger, Courtney Bryden, Kelsey Connell, Lily De Santis, Olivia Dillaha, Emily Divens, Ryan Fisher, Kylie Foster, Sarah Gamble, Kaytlyn Glud, Jessica Hall, Jessica Isaacson, Kenzie Jones, Chelsea Justice, Urara Kaneko, Jordan Kelley, Brittany King, Makenzie Kreger, Emily Lindbloom, Kennedy Parker, Nina Pascua, Anastasia Piwko, Alyssa Salloum, Haley Shawver, Kara Timko, Ryann Traver, Taylor Tyszkiewicz, Michelle Zydeck, coach Lauren Fisher, coach Christie Wilder, (Junior Varsity) Kayleigh Belanger, Madison Cashero, Allison Farenger, Madeline Justice, Jillian Koviak, Maggie Lloyd, Lian Martin, Alexa Maruszewski, Lauren Merkel, Susan Shelton, Camryn Solomon, Rachael Stoeckle, Rachel Vasilnek, Olivia Walker, Celina Winkler, Delaney Woodard, coach Jillian Covault, coach Taryn Holowicki (PHS program director).

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John Stewart of Plymouth Township, left, with Carl Grapentine, voice of University of Michigan football and marching band.

'GO BLUE' FOR P-CEP BAND AT **KELLOGG PARK IN PLYMOUTH**

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Stop by Kellogg Park in Ply-mouth this Thursday, close your eyes, listen and you'll swear you're at Michigan Stadium on a Saturday afternoon in Ann Arbor.

You'll hear a marching band that will have you cheering, "Let's Go Blue!" and "Hail to the Vic-

The beat of a drum line will get you to your feet. And that familiar-sounding voice? That will be Carl Grapentine, public address announcer for the Michigan Marching Band and Wolverines' football program, calling the ac-

"The real rock star is Carl Grapentine. He has a marvelous bass voice that energizes everyone, said John Stewart, the Plymouth Township resident and attorney who suggested pairing Grapentine with the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (P-CEP) Marching Band, the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps and Plymouth Community Band in a free concert, 7 p.m. July 30 at the park in downtown Plymouth. "Let's Go Blue" aims to raise awareness of the P-CEP band, garner financial support for its appearance next year in the

Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif., and to entertain the 1,500-2,000 visitors Stewart hopes will be drawn to the park to hear the legendary announcer and

"People aren't thinking of Jan. 1 yet ... it will be five months and those kids will be marching 5.5 miles. Those are Michigan children that you and I will be watching on New Year's Day morning The P-CEP Marching Band, with more than 200

members, is the first Michigan band in more than 12 years to march in the parade. Estimated cost for the trip is ap-

proximately \$500,000. The band parents will tactfully hand out offering envelopes. It's a free concerts but if you want to donate to the band, bring your checkbook and put a little in an

envelope.' Stewart said the marching band will perform on stage in concert formation. In addition to the three bands, which will play the pregame music to U-M football

games, and Grapentine's announcing, the concert will include an appearance by Matt Cloutier, University of Michigan Marching Band drum major and the P-CEP Marching Band drum line.

"They will get everyone's at-tention," Stewart said, referring to the drum line. "It's going to be

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The concert began to take

shape in February when parents with Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters invited him to a meeting. He suggested they consider

a concert with the Plymouth Community Band and bring in a "rock

star" to emcee. "No one is loved or admired more than Carl," he told the group. "Let me call my friend."

Grapentine, who grew up in Walled Lake, has been the morning program announcer at WFMT in Chicago, Ill., for 30 years. He attended U-M from 1966-71, where he played oboe in the symphony band and was a music education major with a broadcasting minor. Both he and Stewart sang with the Men's Glee Club at U-M.

"I ran into John at a Michigan-Michigan State game in East Lansing and we hadn't seen each other for a few years and we connected on Facebook," Grapentine said.
"He came up with the idea of doing it (the concert). I said I would.

Grapentine, the voice of the University of Michigan Marching Band for 45 years, began announcing the Wolverines football games 10 years ago. During football season, he makes the fourhour drive from Chicago to Ann Arbor on Thursday evening, before every home game to watch the band rehearse, pull a basic script together and "get timing down and see how it all fits togeth-

"Friday night, I'm holed up in the motel making changes and looking at phonetic pronunciation and memorizing numbers (of football players)," he said.

2015 season

Since he began announcing at Michigan Stadium, Grapentine

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GUEST COLUMN

On the job: Appliance technician's role gets racy, unpredictable

ome 25 years ago, I began writing this column and I can still remember the thrill of it all. Not having any education in the field of journalism, you can't even imagine the guidance I received from editors with this paper. I must have been listening because I'm still here and love to hear from so many of you.

But I'm going to switch the format a bit, to give you honest-togoodness true stories that happened in my lifetime as an appliance technician. I expect you will let me know whether they're educational, funny or too serious in nature. I will start with the



topic of sex which is the biggest selling part of many advertising cam-paigns. It's titled, "The lady who tried to seduce the Appliance Doctor.'

Years ago while I was the service manager for the Amana Corp., I was told by one of my service technicians that an owner of an Amana side-byside refrigerator was not happy with her product. This lady wanted to speak with a company representative because her white refrigerator

was almond in color. This was before there even was an almond-colored appliance in the industry.

In my position, I was not supposed to ever go into a home by myself but I was short a few employees so I ventured alone into the western part of the Detroit area and knocked on the woman's door. I could hear about five or six bolt locks being opened and the door opened to reveal a very beautiful young lady inviting me in. We sat at the kitchen table as she gave me details on the refrigerator and how it changed colors from white to almond. She had purchased the product

from a longtime Amana

dealer who sold meat and refrigerators and freezers and this particular refrigerator had been sitting in the showroom in the direct sunlight for two years and this resulted in the color change.

Shocking incident

After offering this woman a new product or money in exchange for keeping it, she chooses the dollars. In my endeavor to educate her on the care of this product I gave her a refrigerator condenser brush and got on my hands and knees and physically showed her how to clean the condenser. She stood

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SUDDEN BACK PAIN

For a doctor, any patient over age 70 with sudden back pain represents an emergency. Unless the patient has experienced a sudden fall, the two most important causes are 1) an insufficiency fracture or 2) a cancer, most likely one that has metastasized from its original location.

Patients who have a slipped disk and are feeling the first pangs of sciatica are readily separated as sciatic pain radiates down a leg. The sudden pain I am discussing is a sharp unrelenting pain that remains in the back or moves about in a small area, likely one or two vertebrae up or down, between the shoulder blades, or next to the spine initially feeling the pain.

If the pain came on with a trivial movement such as bending over to pick up a newspaper, or bending forward slightly to put a key into a door lock, then the most likely cause is an insufficiency fracture sometimes called a mini-fracture. Another feature of this type of vertebral fracture is that the pain radiates not down the leg but back to front. The fracture may be so small an x-ray of the back will not reveal it.

A fracture associated with a cancer usually does not come on so suddenly. The person previously felt a discomfort that then suddenly intensified. Another feature is that the back pain lessens when going to bed but returns in the middle of night sufficiently severe to awaken the person. Arising from bed and walking about clears the pain to allow the person to go back to sleep. In this case, x-ray of the back may show an area of density in the back that indicates the presence of the tumor

A physician's approach to sudden back pain illustrates how important history is to diagnosis.

Signup deadline for Miss Wayne County pageant is Aug. 10 lives, works full time or at-

Applications are being accepted for the 2015 Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant, an official Miss America preliminary. Any woman age 17-24 who

tends school full time in Wayne County is eligible to apply. Contestants will compete in interview, lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit, evening gown, talent, and onstage question.

The winner will receive a \$500 cash scholarship and will represent Wayne County at the 2016 Miss Michigan

Pageant to be held in Muske-

The application deadline is Aug. 10. To apply online, visit www.misswaynecounty.org. For more information, email

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for 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, starting at Stroh River Place in Detroit. Orin

SheilaMae116@aol.com.

The pageant is set for 4:30 p.m. Aug. 22 at St. Valentine Catholic School, 25875 Hope, Redford. Tickets will be available at the door.

Local Friends of Unity Church leader is ordained

Florence Ernzen of Plymouth Township recently was ordained as an interfaith/ interspiritual minister at the One Spirit Seminary in New

Ernzen is the spiritual leader of the Friends of Unity Church in Plymouth. As an interfaith/interspiritual minister, Ernzen is committed to deepening her relationship to "the Divine" and supporting others in discovering and deepening their relationships. She celebrates both diversity and unity and is of service to anyone in need, no matter what their worldview or traditions are.

She has led Friends of Unity for five years. The congregation meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.



SUBMITTED

The Rev. Florence Ernzen with Joseph Hambor, seminary dean. Ernzen recently was ordained.

Master Gardener

at therouge.org.

Michigan State University Extension is accepting registration for the fall session of the Master Gardener program. Classes will meet 6-10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31 through Dec. 7, in Room 201 at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty, Belleville. Cost is \$300, which includes a training manual. Registration deadline is July 31 for payment by check and Aug. 14 for credit card payment. Visit msue.anr.msu.edu/events/master_gardener_program or call Shawn

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GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

English Gardens

at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1. » Kids can learn about succulents and

» Get low-maintenance gardening tips

create a succulent home, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4. The fee is \$29.99... » Learn to keep bugs at

» Make a container garden that repels mosquitoes, 11:30 a.m. Aug. 8. Cost is \$29.99. » Learn about plants you can use for screening at a free presentation,

bay, 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8.

10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15. Events are held at all stores, unless indicated. Nearby stores are located at 155 N. Maple at Jackson in the Maple Village Shopping Center, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive, Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road,

West Bloomfield, 248-851-7506.

Time to reminisce with classmates at a high school reunion.

RELIGION CALENDAR

JULY **LECTURE SERIES**

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 28 Location: Congregation Beth Ahm. 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Howard N. Lupovitch, director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University, wraps up a series on the Jewish presence on television with the topic Beyond the Yiddishe Mama. Free for Beth Ahm members. Cost is \$15 per lecture for nonmembers. Advance registration requested, but walk-ins

Contact: Alison Blau at 248-851-6880 or email ablau@cbahm.org

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, through

Location: Grounds of the Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, Canton

Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church holds worship services in a casual, outdoor setting. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton Contact: 734-459-3333

SOCCER CAMP

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. July 27-30 Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road,

Details: For boys and girls 5-12 of any skill level. Cost is \$25 per student and includes water bottle, instruction, snacks and a soccer ball to take home Register at christoursavior.org Contact: 734-522-6830

AUGUST **DEMENTIA SERIES**

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday,

Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Fourth session on dementia in a series of educational meetings sponsored by the Northwest Wayne Vicariate, focuses on ending the social stigma and isolation of someone with dementia and empowering the person who still is there

Contact: Sue Massey at 734-455-5910; smassey@sjncanton.org

FREE STUFF

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday,

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Clothes, home and yard goods, pictures, jewelry, toys and more. Take what you need. No charge Contact: 734-421-1760

MOTORCYCLE RIDE

Time/Date: Building tours at 9:30 a.m., ride departs at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 22

Location: The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, 9451 Main, Plymouth Details: Ride for the Red Shield is a motorcycle ride to benefit the Salvation Army of Plymouth and Downriver. The group will depart from Plymouth and ride to the Downriver Corps in Wyandotte. Cost is \$20 per rider by July 31, \$25 after, and \$15 per passenger. Includes a T-shirt

Contact: Sandy Kollinger at 734-453-5464, Ext. 24

SOCCER CAMP Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Aug. 3-7

Location: Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia Details: Soccer Camp for boys and

girls, 5 and up, any skill level. Nonrefundable fee is \$25 per student. Includes water bottle, instruction, snacks, and a T-shirt. Register at www.crossroadsnow.org.

Contact: info@crossroadsnow.org or pastor Steve at 248-890-5718

STUDY SERIES

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, beginning

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia Details: The Fault Lines series, an eight-week study, will focus on life's

periods of upheaval and how they can either make you better or worse, depending on how you respond. The series looks at how "God forms you best where life's breaks go deep'

Contact: pastor Roger at 313-682-7491 **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 3-7

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Theme is Market Place -Jerusalem AD; for kids age 4-grade five. Register at vbs.connectingwith-God.org

Contact: 734-459-3333

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study Contact: 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

Location: Canton Christian Fellow-

ship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 **HEALING SERVICE**

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, **Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers

(MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-

6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463 **Dunning Park Bible Chapel**

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road,

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritu-

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or

Kristen at 734-542-0767 PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162 PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223 Contact: 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed. Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional

information SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford,

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

ontact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit

www.singleplace.org Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an

opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399 SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009 **Detroit World Outreach**

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202 Details: Addiction No More offers

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

REUNIONS

DETROIT CODY CLASS OF 1965

50-year reunion is scheduled for Sept. 19. January and June 1965 classmates can email codvclassof1965@vahoo.com or call Christine Snopkoski Nashlen at 734-561-3501 for more information.

GARDEN CITY WEST **CLASS OF 1973**

A 60th birthday party is set for July 25 at Garden City Park Pavilion, east of Merriman, north of Cherry Hill Road in Garden City. Tickets are \$10 at the location. Participants should bring thei food and beverages. Grill will be provided. Bring a gag birth-day gift. For info, call 734-776-0024 or email blybe7@aol.com.

FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1954 61st reunion lunch, noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at the Stitt American Legion Post Hall in Dearborn Heights. For information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at 313-581-6623 or

318-399-7718 or email Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com

DETROIT COOLEY CLASS OF 1965

Looking for classmates from January and June for 50th reunion on Oct. 3 at Livonia Marriott Hotel. For information, email reunioncooley65@aol.com or call 734-397-

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1995 20th reunion is set for Saturday, Aug. 1, at Genitti's Hole in the Wall in Northville. Email Sandra Borante Brock at morantes@msu.edu for

more information. NOVI HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1995 Seeking classmates for a 20-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Embassy Sites in Livonia. For more information, email melissacohn8@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/groups/Noviclassof95/.

BAND

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has missed only three home games, including the last home game of 2014 when leg surgery kept him home.

He's looking forward to the upcoming Wolverines season. when he'll be back at the mic. In the meantime, he said he'll likely recreate his signature U-M marching band introduction at Kellogg Park, tailoring

it for P-CEP. Grapentine and P-CEP Marching Band fans alike should get ready to hear "Ladies and gentlemen, presenting the Michigan Marching Band . band, take the field," with a

Plymouth-Canton twist. For more on the P-CEP Marching Band's upcoming trip to the Tournament of Roses Parade, visit pcmb.net or check out the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters Facebook page at facebook.com/PlyCanMu-

GAGNON

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behind me and when I turned around she was completely naked. It took me about three seconds to make it to the front door and as I passed, a 1-yearold baby standing up in his crib made a rude gesture. The woman laughed and said that his father had taught him how to do it. Regardless, I was out the door.

For the next few days I worried that my boss in Amana, Iowa, might hear of this and I was sure I would lose my job. Then my phone rang and it was the woman's husband calling to talk about my affair with his wife. I suggested we meet and I assured him that nothing happened. I went back to the house the next day and this time I took with me a young

man I was training in sales who played football for the University of Iowa.

We walked into the home and the husband started to laugh and said it was all a puton. He wanted me to follow him downstairs and I told my friend that if he heard me yelling or gunshots to take off and get help. Nothing of the sort happened, but the wife's husband invited me to come over on Friday night and showed me all these gambling tables with sheets over them that would be filled with action. Don't plan on leaving until Monday, he stated, and it was all on the house. You may ask why he did this and the answer was simple at the time. I had offered his wife a new refrigerator. Stay tuned.

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

Food allergies can cause nutrition gaps

The first mission in creating safe meals for children with food allergies is avoiding the offending ingredient. But there can be a downside to diets that miss out on the nutritional value found in foods kicked off the menu, according to Carolyn O'Neil, a registered dietitian and nutrition adviser to Best Food Facts.

A study in The Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics cautions that such diets can induce vitamin and mineral deficiencies, anemia and other symptoms affecting a child's growth and nutritional status.

"Food allergies and intolerances are on the rise," said registered dietitian Vandana Sheth, representative for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. "But it's important that we identify that kids are actually allergic (through proper testing) before we avoid those foods unnecessarily."

Common food allergies

The eight foods that account for more than 90 percent of childhood cases of food allergies include milk, eggs, soy, peanuts, tree nuts (such as walnuts, almonds, pecans), wheat, fish and shell-fish. Food intolerances such as lactose and gluten add even more children to the at-risk list for nutrient deficiencies.

"A parent should always offer a variety of different foods within a food group," said registered dietitian Cheryl Orlansky, president of the Greater Atlanta Dietetic Association. Gluten-free grains include rice, corn and quinoa. If a child is allergic to peanut butter, substitute sunflower seed butter, advised Sheth.

"If you skip dairy you skip its nine essential nutrients," said registered dietitian and author of *The Greek Yogurt*



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Food allergies can cause nutrition gaps.



SUBMITTED Carolyn O'Neil, registered dietitian, author and journalist

Kitchen Toby Amidor. "Studies show people with lactose intolerance may tolerate up to a cup of fluid milk, which has 12 grams of lactose. Cheeses, Greek yogurt and cottage cheese are much lower in lactose."

Mind the gap

The food allergy study in JAND measured the benefit of dietary counseling in preventing and correcting nutrient deficiencies in children with food allergies. Results from the multi-center study in Italy showed that advice on what foods to eat to help fill in the gaps helped kids get enough calories, protein and other needed nutrients.

"I think it's fascinating," said Sheth. "They showed that dietary counseling really helped and growth patterns were improved."

Sheth added, "A lot of kids outgrow allergies to eggs and milk by age 16. But other allergies such as nuts may be lifelong." Her knowledge comes firsthand, as her own son was diagnosed with over 20 food allergies as a child.

"Now he's a healthy JV football player. He's down to four or five allergies, including all nuts. I always feed the team so I can keep an eye on what he's eating."

When parents are equipped with the proper knowledge of common food allergies, they can help their kids enjoy a healthier childhood. To learn more about food allergies, visit www.bestfoodfacts.org.

Courtesy of Family Features

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Bereavement Camp

Henry Ford SandCastles is accepting registration for its annual Camp Erin - Detroit grief support weekend for children and teens who have experienced the death of someone close to them. The free camp for youth in grades one-12 will be held Aug. 14-16 at Camp Tamarack in Ortonville. The camp will include fun activities combined with grief education and emotional support. A weekend highlight is an evening memorial service on the beach. Grief professionals and trained volunteers from the SandCastles Grief Support Program, part of Hospices of Henry Ford, lead the program. To register for camp or get information on volunteering, call 313-874-6881.

Birth classes

» A four-part class designed to help prepare parents for childbirth runs 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, 12, 19 and 26, at Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Participants will learn the stages of labor, relaxation and breathing methods, strategies for managing discomfort, the partner's role in labor in delivery, C-section deliveries, medications, anesthesia and more. Cost is \$75. Register at botsford.org or call 248-888-2500.

» Garden City Hospital offers a one-day class to prepare mothers-to-be and their coaches for the birthing experience, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Medical Office Building, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. \$50 fee for mom, coach is free. Pre-registration is required. Call 734-458-4330.

Diabetes management

Learn about meal planning, blood sugar control and medication management at a free seminar on diabetes, 5-7 p.m. July 29 in the Oakwood Physical Therapy & Wellness Center, 17101 Rotunda, Dearborn. Register at Oakwood.org or call 800-543-9355.

Exercise for seniors

"A Matter of Balance," a discussion and exercise class for adults, 60 and over, runs for eight weeks from 1-3 p.m., beginning Wednesday, Aug. 5, at the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. The workshop is designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. During the free class, participants will learn to: view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risk at home and exercise to increase strength and balance. Register by calling 734-458-4259.

Look Good Feel Better

Look Good Feel Better is a nonmedical public service program that teaches beauty techniques to cancer patients to help them with cancer treatment. The group program is open to all women with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy, radiation or other forms of treatment. The program runs 10 a.m. to noon the second Monday of the month at the Beaumont Cancer Center-Farmington Hills. For more information or to register for the session on Aug. 10, call 248-471-8120

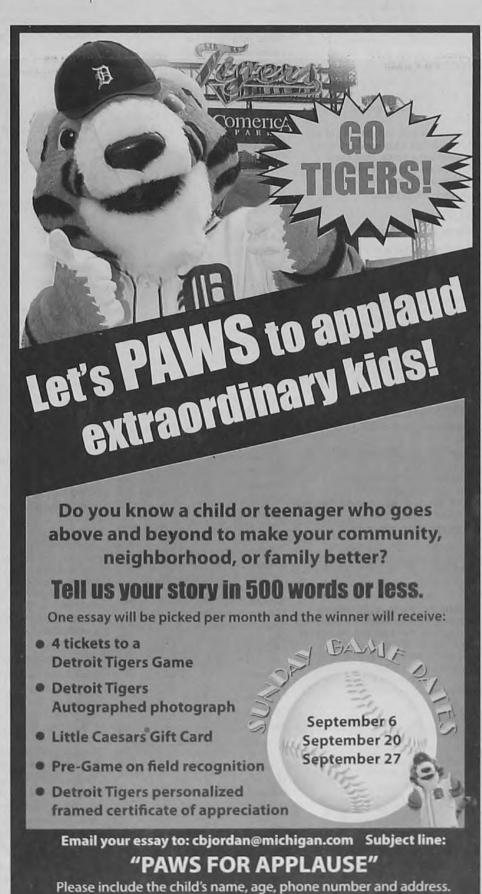
Pink Out tickets

Tickets are available for the fourth annual Pink Out at the Park, the Detroit Tigers vs. Kansas City Royals game, 7:08 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at Comerica Park in Detroit. The event raises awareness of breast health and helps raise funds for breast cancer research at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Ticket packages range from \$28-\$51 and include a free Pink Out at the Park T-shirt. Buy tickets at tigers.com/ pinkout. The event will include a pre-game ceremony honoring breast cancer survivors. Survivors who plan to attend the game can visit karmanos.org/ pinkoutsurvivors to find out more about being included in the ceremony.



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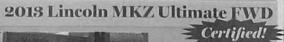
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Keep your vacation from becoming a 'work-ation'

THE FOLLOWING TIPS MAY HELP YOU MODERATE WORKING ON VACATION WHILE QUELLING THOSE GUILT PANGS -- SO YOU DON'T REACH THE END OF YOUR HOLIDAY NEEDING ANOTHER ONE.

Passport, check! Camera, check! E-ticket, check! Your well-deserved break has finally arrived. So will you spend the next seven days blissfully ignoring all your email and voicemail messages and avoiding falling into the trap of working on vacation?

Probably not. Let's face it, logging out and switching off while on vacation are not easy, especially when technology, connectivity and our devices are such a part of many workers' identity and habits. Besides, you don't want to face hundreds of emails piled up in your inbox when you get back to work, and that's certain to happen if you don't check your messages while you're on vacation.

So, if you must, how often should you check in while you're officially off-duty? The following tips may help you moderate working on vacation while quelling those guilt pangs -- so you don't reach the end of your holiday needing another one.

1. Tell everyone you're off

People will think twice about contacting you about the small stuff if they know you're on vacation. So whether you're planning a quiet staycation or a trip halfway around the world, let your manager, colleagues and clients know you'll be off the clock. In addition, set an out-of-office message to let folks know you won't be answering emails or phone calls -- or, if you will stay connected, explain in the auto-reply that they shouldn't expect a reply right away.

2. Deploy and delegate

To make sure business and client needs are taken care of in your absence, set the auto-reply on your email to provide the names and contact information for the colleagues who are covering for you. Be sure to give those co-workers any important files, project statuses and other pertinent information so they won't have to contact you unless it's an absolute emergency.

3. Set aside check-in times

If you can't resist the call of duty -- or find it nearly impossible to relax without knowing all is well -- consider setting aside some time each day to touch base. Checking in once in the morning and once in the evening may give you peace of mind and permission to stop thinking about work the rest of the day. That way, you can leave your work cellphone turned off -- and not feel bad about it -- when you're supposed to be relaxing and having fun.

4. Allow some transition time

You may want to build in a half-day or whole-day buffer at the end of your vacation in order to deal with messages and ease back into the swing of work. Doing so could prevent you from becoming overwhelmed by a work avalanche when you get back to your desk.

5. Prioritize that inbox

If you're working on vacation, whether by choice or not, skimming your messages and answering only the most urgent ones could help prevent you from turning your vacation into a full-time work-from-the-hotel situation. This, of course, requires self-discipline and a little forethought. Set up filters by senders or subjects so you don't have to pore through a sea of emails to find the ones that really

6. Let yourself off the hook

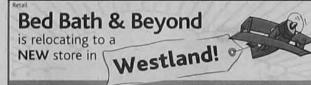
The chances of a crisis happening the one week when you decide to unplug and go on vacation are small. And even if it does, worrying about the possibility won't prevent it from happening. Know that you have talented colleagues who are capable of covering for you. Let them take care of putting out fires for a week.

Whether you decide to disconnect partially or completely, remember that you've earned a vacation. What's more, you need to take time off in order to recharge, revive and not burn out. The first day or two of unplugging will be the hardest, but once you get the hang of it, you'll wonder why you didn't take a vacation earlier.

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2015 Lincoln MKC: Arrive in style

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hunsinger says.

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

A wide selection of inventory is available now — customers don't have to wait to drive home the model they desire

Coupled with the seal of approval from A-list movie star Matthew McConaughey — who's appearing in a series of sleek, memorable TV commercials — the 2015 Lincoln MKC is a brand on the rise.

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



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ing forward, which is fantas-

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

Exterior

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

Interior

Inside, a panoramic sunroof, leather seats with French stitching and real wood trim give the cabin an airy, upscale look. An 8-inch touch-screen that uses Ford's Sync with MyLincoln Touch is front and center. Unlike many vehicles that use Ford's troubled multimedia system, the MKC's panel also features buttons and knobs for controlling audio and climate functions — a welcome sight.

Connectivity is a highlight. With the MyLincoln Mobile app, drivers can start, lock, unlock and locate their MKC. They also can use the app to call roadside assistance and check the vehicle's fuel level, tire pressure and battery charge.

Under the hood

Although the MKC shares a platform with the Ford Escape compact crossover, one of its powertrains is new. Under the hood is a turbocharged 2.3-liter EcoBoost four-cylinder. Lincoln says it's good for 275 horsepower; fuel-economy figures are not yet out. The standard engine, however, is

the Escape's turbocharged 2.0-liter; it makes 240 horse-power in this application. Lincoln hasn't confirmed the MKC's transmission, but we expect it to use the Escape's six-speed automatic. One item carried over from the concept version is the push-button shifter instead of an actual mechanical shifter.

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

Safety features

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

Value in its class

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

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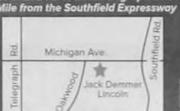
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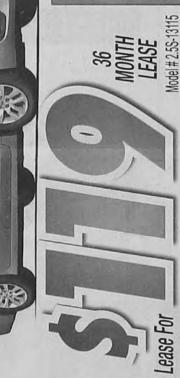




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