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# Canton fights social media harassment

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Citing an uptick in bullying and harassment through social media and the Internet, Canton's elected officials Tuesday sharpened a local ordinance to usher in potential fines and jail time for such behavior.

Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said prosecutors,

lacking the legal tools they need, have struggled in court to prove charges against suspects. He said the problem heightened the need to adopt new rules.

"It's really a remedy for people who are being harassed through social media and use of the Internet," Mutchler said.

Canton already had rules to prohibit harassment by tele-

phone or in writing - misdemeanor crimes punishable by 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine. The decision by the Canton Township Board of Trustees broadens the scope of the ordinance to include social media and the



Mutchler

Internet. Greg Demopoulos, 35th District Court prosecutor, lauded the latest development. "Now we'll be able to handle these cases without having one hand tied behind our back," he said Wednesday morning. Demopoulos said he had one case involving an accountant who was harassed, mostly through Facebook, for refusing

to complete tax returns for a customer suspected of supplying fraudulent information. Demopoulos managed to prosecute the offender, but had to pin much of his case on a threatening phone call, even though the bulk of the harassment occurred on Facebook. The township board's deci-

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Hagerty youth judges (from left) Max, Carter and Clay Firment of Farmington Hills.

CHRISTOPHER GUDDECK

## Police offer lobby for Craigslist, other transactions

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Canton authorities hope to thwart certain Internet crimes by offering the police station lobby as a place where buyers and sellers can meet to conduct transactions initiated through sites such as Craigslist and eBay.

The effort, announced Monday, comes after Canton and other communities have had reports of criminals seizing smart phones, laptop computers and other items rather than paying for them.

"This is just offering a safe spot so that individuals can feel more secure when they are finalizing a transaction," said Canton police Officer Patty Esselink, community relations coordinator.

Canton, Novi, Redford and a growing number of police departments have formally rolled out efforts to curb Internet-based crimes by giving sellers and buyers a safe place to conduct transactions.

Plymouth Township and Plymouth don't have formal programs but, if residents call, they will allow such transactions in their parking lots and lobbies.

"We don't have a formal program, but we have allowed people to do that in the past," Plymouth Township police Lt. Bob Antal said, though he encouraged residents to call before arranging meetings in the parking lot or lobby so that the department is aware.

Antal said police also have arranged for child custody visitation exchanges between parents who are divorced.

Canton Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said some residents have become victims of Internet scams by paying money for smart phones and then learning they bought an empty box, among other crimes. He advised against arranging a sale at places such as retail parking lots.

Traylor said the police station lobby, which is always open and has video surveillance cameras, is a much safer place.

"It would definitely increase the probability that the sale is legitimate," he said, especially "when you're dealing with a stranger."

The Canton Police Department

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# CONCOURS

## A SLICE OF HEAVEN FOR CAR ENTHUSIASTS

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

Concours d'Elegance of America is a slice of heaven on Earth for car enthusiasts, collectors and owners. "This has got to be one of the best in the country," said Mike Toney, a curator for a Canton collector. "It was really, really good with the levels of cars. It is amazing how every year they put together the types of

cars they have here."

For those who didn't attend the Concours last weekend, you missed steam-powered cars, Ferraris, vintage race cars, midgets and sprint cars and, as Toney described, "old nostalgic cars."

If you did attend Sunday's show at the Inn at St. John's, you were among 10,000 other visitors which,

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## On the move: Michigan Phil expands to PARC

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

The Michigan Philharmonic this week is expanding its horizons with a move to its new home in the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex. "Our offices are going into the main office. I will be in the principal's office," said Beth Stewart, Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra executive director.

The move is actually historic in the sense that the Michigan Phil will be the PARC's first full-time tenant, making way for other tenants, including Forever After Productions, which is also preparing its space.

For about eight years, the Phil has shared space at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center For The Arts building at 774 N. Sheldon.

"Our partnership with the MPO was essential to the success of both of our organizations. When our regional economy hit a low, funding and support for the arts also dropped," said Lisa Howard, PCAC executive director. "By inviting the MPO to share our building, calendar and overhead costs, we were each able to get through that tough time and prepare our organizations for a strong future."

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MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex in the former Central Middle School offers additional room for the Michigan Philharmonic.



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## Kelly Miller Circus returns for two performances Aug. 8

There is still time to get tickets for the annual visit of the Kelly Miller Circus to Wayne's Atwood Park. Performances are at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. The circus will be on Anderson ball field II at the park on Howe, south of Annapolis.

The public is invited to come out and watch the animals be unloaded and fed, witness the raising of the giant big top, followed by a special tiger meet and greet.

Activities will begin at 7:30 a.m. Guides will be furnished for school

groups and anyone attending. Prior to the day of the circus, tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 children. Tickets are being sold at the Wayne Community Center, Westland City Hall, Wayne Public Library, Professional Insurance Associates, Jack Demerout and Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union.

Advance tickets are also online at [www.KellyMillerCircus.com](http://www.KellyMillerCircus.com). Tickets at the door are \$16 for adults and \$8 for children.

# Fire damages four condos; careless smoking suspected

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A fire that damaged four Canton condominiums may have been caused by careless smoking on a balcony, officials said Tuesday.

"The homeowner reported smoking on the balcony prior to the fire," Canton Fire Chief Joshua Meier said. "The fire investigator is looking into that at this point as a possible cause of the fire."

The second-story fire – ruled accidental – started

about 2 a.m. July 23 at Lilley Pointe, a condominium neighborhood off Lilley Road, north of Cherry Hill.

"There were no injuries," Meier said.

The fire displaced residents of four condos.

According to a police report, a 32-year-old resident said he drank a few beers and went onto his balcony to have a cigarette before going to bed.

The resident told police he woke up about 20 minutes later, smelled smoke and realized his balcony had caught fire.

He called 9-1-1.

The resident indicated to police that he has an ashtray that he places on a towel on the balcony.

Meier said firefighters could see flames coming from the building as they arrived.

"The first arriving crew reported heavy fire conditions on the second floor in what equated to two units," he said, adding later, "The fire was quickly brought under control and extinguished."

The fire had spread into the attic and roof

areas, causing "significant fire damage" to the second-story condos, Meier said.

The lower units mostly had water damage.

Meier said residents displaced by the fire were given temporary vouchers to stay at a nearby Days Inn. Officials were working after the fire to get the first-floor residents back into their homes, but repairs to the upper-story units would take longer.

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### CORRECTION

A story in Sunday's *Observer* on the Music from the Heart outdoor concert series at Livonia City Hall should have listed T.J. Thomas and Kentucky Strait as performing 7-9 p.m. Aug. 27.

## Canton's LaFever named mParks director

Jon LaFever of Canton Township has been named a director at large for mParks, the Michigan Recreation & Park Association.

LaFever, Recreation & Facilities supervisor with Canton Leisure Services, will begin his term on the board in August at the organization's annual Strategic Planning Retreat on Mackinac Island.

"This is a very exciting time for our organization and for the parks and recreation profession in Michigan," mParks Chief Operating Officer Ann

Conklin said. "With our new brand and campaign inviting Michiganders to 'Come Out & Play' comes new awareness and new opportunities for mParks to lead the way in promoting parks and recreation. Jon has been an energetic and involved member of mParks and we're thrilled to have him as a leader on the organization's Board of Directors."

LaFever has worked in a variety of parks and recreation capacities with Canton Leisure Services since 2001. An

MRPA member since 2001, he has been a frequent presenter at the annual mParks Conference & Trade Show, a member of the Youth & Teens and Programming Committees, served as the mParks Michigan Youth Symposium Chair and was recognized as the organization's New Professional of the Year in 2006.

"The Michigan Recreation & Park Association, (mParks) means so much to our profession and provides an incredible amount of advocacy and

professional development for its members," LaFever said. "It's a very exciting time for the organization and I couldn't be more honored for the opportunity to jump in and help continue developing the many great partnerships and endeavors taking place throughout Michigan."

mParks, the Michigan Recreation & Park Association, is the state's leading advocacy organization dedicated to parks, recreation and natural resources.

computers to help prove a case."

Often, Mutchler said, suspects who are harassing victims via social media will halt their aggressive behavior after they are warned by authorities. However, he said the new rules give police and prosecutors a new tool if they need it.

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### SOCIAL

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sion shows how the Internet – social media specifically – has changed the legal landscape for police and prosecutors. The new rules are expected to take effect Aug. 20, after a required second vote in early August by the board.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the new rules close gaps within the existing ordinance, a change he called important because "harassment via the Internet or a social media site is, unfortunately, becoming a regular occurrence."

Kristin Kolb, township attorney, said the ordinance can be used against offenders regardless of age. She said it "would apply to all

defendants, juvenile or adult."

Mutchler said anyone who is being harassed through social media or other Internet sources is urged to contact the police department.

"We have officers that are equipped to assist them and we will point out the course of action," he said. "We have a digital forensics person who can secure evidence from cell phones and

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# Newcomers, neighbors support Camp A.B.L.E.

Canton Leisure Services has received a \$2,022 donation for its Therapeutic Recreation programming from the Canton Newcomers & Neighbors Club that will assist in funding Camp A.B.L.E., a summer camp for children ages 8-14 with a broad range of disabilities.

"We couldn't be more excited about and appreciative of the Canton Newcomers & Neighbors' generous decision to donate these funds to Camp A.B.L.E.," said Jennifer Provenzano, recreation coordinator. "Providing a traditional summer camp experience with adaptations that keep activities fun and inclusive despite the wide range of disabilities that often challenge our campers isn't always easy, but it is always worth it for us. The ways that we see our participants try new things, develop skills and make friendships and memories is incredibly rewarding."

This year Canton Newcomers & Neighbors selected Camp A.B.L.E. to be the recipient of its philanthropic efforts, which included funds raised from its popular Mom-2-Mom Sale.

"Camp A.B.L.E. is a perfect match to our organization's funding priority this year," said Betty Nolan, vice president and director of community relations for Canton Newcomers & Neighbors. "We have a tender heart for children with special needs. We want campers to be able to focus on fun rather than disabilities. We are



Canton Newcomers & Neighbors Club made a contribution to help Camp A.B.L.E. for children with disabilities.

very pleased to provide funds for Camp A.B.L.E.'s wish list of items including toys that will help make camp days more fun for campers and staff members."

Supplies that will be purchased with these funds for Camp A.B.L.E. include specialty items, such as weighted blankets, sensory brushes and cushions, noise canceling headphones and

more, which can assist camp staff by providing tools and resources that help some children better cope with and adjust to the big transitions that often accompany an exciting day at camp.

"We're so grateful for organizations like the Newcomers who choose to step up and offer their help to make the sun shine a little brighter for the kids and staff all

summer at Camp A.B.L.E.," Provenzano said. "Specialty supplies don't often make it into our general operating budget ... we're grateful for donations in any amount that help us better serve these children and their families."

Camp A.B.L.E., which stands for Achieve, Believe, Learn and Experience, is one of several activities and services

offered by Canton Township's Therapeutic Recreation program. Therapeutic Recreation offers year-round program opportunities, socialization and support for individuals with disabilities of all ages residing in western Wayne County.

Camp A.B.L.E. is funded in part by a Western Wayne County Therapeutic Recreation Grant. However, the need for

specialized supplies, transportation and other important programming assistance remains. Donations to the Camp A.B.L.E. fund can be made online at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org) or by writing a check to the Canton Community Foundation and earmarking those dollars in the memo line with "Camp A.B.L.E. Fund."

Scholarships are also available for those interested in attending Camp A.B.L.E. through the Marion and Jerry Rozum Family Fund, which was established to organize support from individuals and business owners within the community. Realizing that summer camps can make a difference for families with special needs, Marion Rozum established this Donor Advised Fund at the Canton Community Foundation for children with disabilities or those with life threatening illnesses. Participants of Camp A.B.L.E. are encouraged to apply annually for these available funds at [cantonfun.org](http://cantonfun.org).

Established in 1971, the Canton Newcomers & Neighbors Club is an all-volunteer women's social club serving new and existing Canton-area women who like to be connected to others and the community. To learn more about the Canton Newcomers & Neighbors, go to <http://www.cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org/>.

To learn more about the Canton Leisure Services Therapeutic Recreation Program, including Camp A.B.L.E., go to [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).



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## Shopping alert! Plymouth VFW Palooza is Sunday

If you are looking for good stuff to buy, the Parking Lot Palooza this weekend in Plymouth is for you.

The event, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 2, is hosted by the VFW Lt. Gamble/Mayflower Post 6695 and will offer a host of items you may typically find from vendors, crafters and garage sales.

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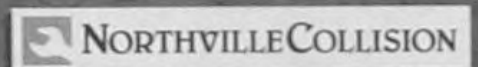
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# Fire, police vehicles highlight Touch a Truck program

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

It's no secret that children are fascinated by fire trucks and police cars.

"They're loud and flashy and they draw your attention," Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said.

Even adults are drawn to emergency vehicles, slowing down and gawking when they drive by a crash scene or oth-

er situation, he said.

"We're mesmerized by it," Mutchler said.

Children – and the young at heart – will have a chance to touch and get an up-close look at fire trucks and police cars, perhaps even sit in one, as the Canton Public Library hosts a Touch a Truck program.

It all happens at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, behind the library, 1200 S. Canton Center. "This will give children a

hands-on opportunity to get up close to the trucks they admire," said Amelia Yunker, information services librarian.

Canton children – potentially next-generation police officers and firefighters – have long shown their interest in such events. Just last fall, Deputy Fire Chief Chris Stoecklein said an open house at Fire Station No. 1 drew an estimated 1,200 people.

The library's 90-minute

program is free and open to the public.

Laurie Golden, the library's community relations department head, said the event is expected to feature a fire truck, a police car, an ambulance, a dump truck, a backhoe and a vactor truck – one of those big public works rigs used to clean out catch basins and storm sewers.

"Patrons will be able to get up close and actually touch

and, in some cases, sit inside the vehicles and learn about what they do," Golden said.

Library employees are hopeful the program will happen without any snags. Golden cautioned that some vehicles, such as a fire truck, are expected unless they are needed for an emergency.

Touch a Truck patrons do not need to register to attend the library program.



DARRELL CLEM

Summit on the Park (shown here) is open as a cooling center, as is the Canton Public Library.

## Canton offers cooling centers as summer sizzles

Canton has two cooling centers open for residents who need to seek relief from the heat.

Residents are asked to check in at the front desk at both facilities.

Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, is open 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

The phone number is 734-394-5460.

The Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The phone number is 734-397-0999.

## Naked man on school playground arrested

Canton police arrested a 51-year-old Wayne man after witnesses say he was seen naked on a playground bench at Field Elementary School, on Haggerty south of Cherry Hill.

A police report indicated the man had been wearing turquoise women's underwear, but took it off and tossed it in a garbage can after he defecated in it.

Police received a call about 1:30 p.m. Saturday after a school employee reported seeing a naked white male on the bench outside the school. He had what appeared to be a bottle of olive oil with him.

During an investigation, the man told police he had been playing on the swings and had taken off his pants because he had defecated in them. The police report indicated he was taken into custody for indecent exposure.

The police report didn't indicate if the man might have a medical condition.

## Stolen car crashed

Police arrested a 26-year-old Canton man following accusations he stole a friend's car and then crashed it after they had been drinking together in the 45000 block of Rudgate, near Canton Center and Palmer.

The incident happened shortly before 2 a.m. July 23 after the suspect, his 55-year-

old uncle and a 28-year-old friend from Garden City had been drinking together.

A police report indicated the suspect, after his friend fell asleep, took the keys to his 2005 Chevrolet Impala because he allegedly wanted to drive to visit a girlfriend. The uncle, however, told police the suspect was supposedly going to get more beer.

The suspect later returned without the car, claiming he had struck a curb and damaged its tires, the report said. Police learned the car had been left outside a business in Westland and had heavy damage to the passenger side, with one of the wheels buckled under the car.

Police learned the suspect had warrants out of Garden City and upstate Michigan for infractions such as having open intoxicants and aggravated assault.

## Bank fraud

A 71-year-old Canton man notified police that his bank account had been blocked because it didn't have sufficient funds to cover two checks that had been fraudulently deposited into his account, a report said.

The incidents happened this month. A police report said two mobile deposits had been completed in Nigeria, even though the victim told police he hadn't been to that country. The man told police he was advised by his bank and an attorney to

document the incidents by filing a police report.

## Larceny arrest

Police arrested a 49-year-old Belleville woman for simple larceny amid allegations she stole two tire gauges worth \$7.88 from the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue, west of Belleville Road, a report said.

Police were investigating reports that a 52-year-old male cousin of the woman was with her but had fled the scene, leaving her behind. A report said the man was suspected of stealing alcohol from the store over the course of a few days. It also said he may have made "suspicious returns" of merchandise to receive Walmart gift cards as credit.

The latest incident happened about 3:30 p.m. July 23. The report said employees confronted the suspects after the woman was seen placing the tire gauges in the waistband of her pants.

The report said the man paid for automotive headlamps using what was believed to be a fraudulent gift card. The woman reportedly paid for cigarettes, but not the tire gauges.

Police learned the woman also was wanted in Van Buren Township for failing to appear in court on unrelated offenses. The woman told police she was unaware that her male cousin may be using fraudulent gift cards to make purchases.

## Coney snafu

Police advised a 25-year-old Detroit woman not to return to the L. George's Coney Island restaurant on Michigan Avenue in Canton after she refused to pay her tab, saying she didn't believe her order came with enough food.

The incident unfolded about 2:25 p.m. Friday. A woman who was with the suspect did pay her portion of the bill.

An employee got a license plate number of a vehicle the suspect was in and gave it to police, who contacted her. Police advised her not to go back to the restaurant.

## Drunk and disorderly

Police took a 56-year-old Livonia man into custody for disorderly conduct after he was found drunk inside a vehicle that was parked in the Canton Crossings apartment complex, near Joy Road and I-275, a report said.

The incident happened Sunday night. Police received a call about a man who was acting suspiciously by repeatedly getting in and out of his car.

Police found an open bottle of whiskey on the man's passenger seat. He told police he was homeless and had been drinking. A blood test revealed the man would have been three times over the legal limit if he had been driving.

—By Darrell Clem

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# Canton celebrates parks and recreation

**P**arks and Recreation agencies across the United States are finding themselves in the spotlight this month as the country observes National Parks and Recreation Month. During the 30th anniversary of this annual event, Canton Leisure Services is encouraging residents to visit their local parks and recreation facilities and take part in several family-friendly programs and activities as part of this nationwide celebration.

The National Recreation and Park Association has organized this month-long celebration of parks every July since 1985 as a way of highlighting the many roles recreation facilities play in communities, including conservation, health and wellness and social equity.

From the start, parks were created to serve area residents by providing them with a place to



**Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

appreciate nature, exercise, socialize and have fun. This mission lives on and will continue to intensify into the future. Canton Leisure Services is leading these initiatives and providing opportunities for people to achieve healthier lifestyles, promote and understand nature and conservation, as well as bringing the community closer through a variety of programs and services.

Canton currently offers more than 2,000 recreation programs and events each year. In addition to these activities, Canton also maintains nine parks with more than 400 acres, 35 additional outdoor sites covering more than 1,300 acres and more than

seven miles of non-motorized pathways and trails.

By providing places to get active, explore nature or connect with community members, parks and recreation have the power to strengthen communities, transform lives and protect the future.

Our local parks and recreation directly contribute to reduced obesity rates, an improved ecosystem and increased property values. Various research studies are confirming that community parks and recreation, green space and time outdoors is critical for creating healthy, active and sustainable communities. You can experience the benefits by visiting a Canton Leisure Services facility or park any time of the year.

Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz, CPRP, is the Canton Leisure Services director.

## LARA warns businesses of new scam

The state's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs is warning the business community to beware of a scam hitting the mailboxes of Michigan corporations and limited liability companies.

The scam is from a nongovernmental entity called Division of Corporate Services and it's trying to collect a \$150 fee to prepare corporate meeting minutes. The misleading compliance solicitation implies that Michigan requires companies to complete a 2015 Annual Minutes Form, but it is not an official document, LARA officials said.

"Beware of mailings that may appear to come from the state of Michigan offering assistance in performing non-existent or nonrequired services," LARA Chief Deputy Director Shelly Edgerton stated in a release. "Our corporation customers should only respond to correspondence from LARA. No such letters are being sent from the LARA Corporations Division, no matter how official they may look."

The accompanying instructions for completing the fraudulent form list a return ad-

dress at 3105 S. Martin Luther King Blvd., Suite 317, Lansing, MI 48910. In 2012, 2013 and 2014, LARA warned of similar scams requesting \$125 that involved a company with a similar name and an address located in Lansing.

The phony letters can look authentic. They may be addressed to the corporation, the resident agent, director or officers; cite a Michigan statute or a federal statute; and may appear to be issued by the LARA Corporations, Securities and Commercial Licensing Bureau, Corporations Division.

## Citizens for Peace program: 'school-to-prison pipeline'

Find out about positive approaches that work to end the "school-to-prison pipeline" at the Citizens for Peace meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Learn about the effects of negative approaches such as suspending kids from school, placing youth in detention centers and prisons and the positive approaches that work.

Thomas Taureen Thomas will share his story of four years in the juvenile justice system starting at age 10. Currently, he works at the nonprofit SER METRO, and has worked with at-risk youth for the past 16 years; he knows that when youth are supported and nurtured, they experience many successes in their lives.

There will be a short video of author Nell Bernstein calling for the shutdown of the nation's counterproductive juvenile prisons as described in her latest book *Burning Down the House; the End of Juvenile Prison*.

Ann Abdo, a Citizens for Peace board member, will give an update on federal legislation, The Youth PROMISE Act (HR 2197; S 1770). PROMISE is an acronym that stands for prison reduction through opportunity, mentoring, intervention, support and

education. Rachel Bruinsma, a senior at Churchill High School, will report on her experience at the Ralph Bunch Summer Institute offered by Wayne State's Center for Peace & Con-

flict Studies. For more information, call Abdo at 734-525-4326. Meetings are free and open to the public. Learn more about Citizens for Peace at citizens4peace.org

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## LOBBY

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ment issued a statement about the program Monday, saying it is committed to the "highest level of service and safety to our residents."

Esselink said financial transactions that didn't necessarily start from an Internet site also may be conducted at the police station.

"It doesn't just have to be Internet sales," she said. "If you're not aware of the person (buying or selling an item), we are offering our lobby as a place where you can come and make the sale."

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An 1893 Cunningham carriage hearse was part of the horseless carriages on display.

CHRISTOPHER GUDDECK  
Chris and Beatrix Pray of Birmingham with a 1968 Shelby Mustang GT500.

# CONCOURS

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when added to some 3,000 at other Concours events, made the estimated total a whopping 13,000, said Steve Keyes, Concours spokesman.

"I saw a lot more families here this year," Keyes said. "Usually, you see groups of guys."

Though saying "it's all anecdotal," for many visitors it was their first time at the Concours since it moved from Meadowbrook Hall in Rochester to the Inn at St. John's. "A lot of people before had said it was just too far for them to come," Keyes said.

But Sunday, according to what Keyes was told, first-time visitors were pleasantly surprised. "There is easy access, there is the ease of parking with shuttles," he said.

The warm temperatures had a lot of people heading under shade trees on the adjoining golf course, where 300 cars were on display. While there were tents where visitors could stop for a quick bite or refreshment, Keyes noted many went into the Inn at St. John's hotel, restaurant and convention center, as well.

"People who had never been to the event, seemed to have totally changed their perception," Keyes said.

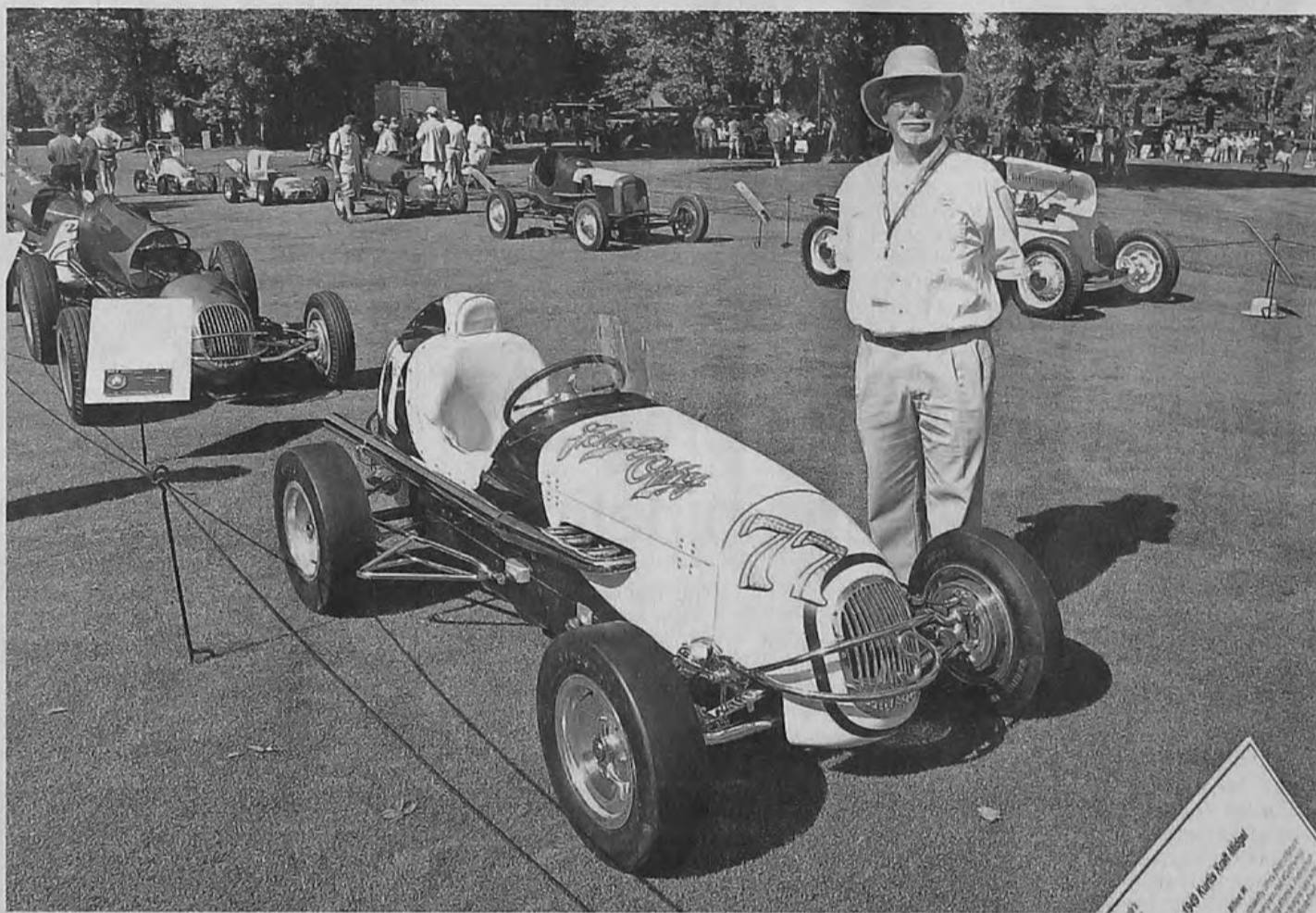
One of his fun encounters occurred when he walked into the inn and took a moment to look at the large picture of retired Cardinal Adam Maida, who had served as archbishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Keyes then turned around and took a double-take when he saw someone entering the building. It was the cardinal himself, who said, yes, he was going to take a stroll and a peek at the cars on display.

"I told him that he looked an awful lot like the man in the picture. He said it was him," Keyes said.

Next week, Concours planners will debrief and start planning the 2016 event. Sometime in February, car owners, such as the one Toney represents, will likely receive an invitation to participate. "We start preparing," he said.

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CHRISTOPHER GUDDECK  
Roger Meiners of Milford with his 1948 Kurtis Kraft Midget Racer.



CHRISTOPHER GUDDECK  
Car enthusiast or not, it was hard to pass the race car display without taking a second look.



CHRISTOPHER GUDDECK  
Dwayne Parks with his grandson Max Cadaret with a 1932 Ford.



CHRISTOPHER GUDDECK  
Nostalgia was oozing with this Pontiac.  
CHRISTOPHER GUDDECK  
Mike Toney, curator for a Canton auto collector, stands with a 1971 Hemi Cuda, one of 53 that have a four-speed transmission.



CHRISTOPHER GUDDECK  
Peter and Elizabeth Kosak of Northville enjoy the Lamborghini.



CHRISTOPHER GUDDECK  
Boy Scouts take a quick break at the 2014 Ferrari (from left): Andrew Hodge, Adam Rowlands and Andrew Leon with Troop 179 of Farmington Hills.

# Spotlight Players will perform 'The Producers' at Village Theater

By Sarah Osen  
Correspondent

"He's done it again, he's done it again, Max Bialystock has done it again!" proclaims twirling hysteric-eyed usherettes as the opening music of *The Producers* parades, "... it's the worst show in town!"

The plot is simple: A down-on-his-luck Broadway producer and his mild-mannered accountant come up with a scheme to produce the most notorious flop in history and bilk their backers (all "little old ladies") out of millions of dollars. Only one thing goes awry: the show is a smash hit!

The antics of Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom as they maneuver their way fecklessly through finding a show (the gloriously offensive *Springtime For Hitler*), hiring a director, raising the money and finally going to prison for their misdeeds is a lesson in broad comic construction. At the core of the insanely funny adventure is a poignant emotional journey of two very different men who become friends.

Spotlight Players is putting on the best, worst show, in town and opening night is Sept. 18 at The Village Theater in Canton.

With returning sensations like Josh Getto from last season's *Young Frankenstein* and Aleksander Papanastasopoulos (*The King & I*) to new promising faces like Brian Playter, Dale Allen, John Szczotka and Justin Digue — Spotlight Players' *The Producers* musical promised to be a show-stopper.

"You're all my making my job very difficult," director Alan Highe said to all who auditioned July 20-21.

Facing a hard decision to cast a variety of strongly talented individuals led the production team to double casting.

"Go big or go home!" Highe said. This can only mean the show will be doubly as bad in an oh-so-good way.

Cast for the role of Ulla are promising stars Madison Merlanti (Anna in *King & I*) and Hayley Boggs (Inga in *Young*



The cast rehearses. Members include (from left) Madison Merlanti, Aleksander Papanastasopoulos, Chad Childers, John Szczotka, Emma Doyle, Dalle Allen, Amber Bryant, Maura Doyle, Morgan Gagnon, Jordan McAllister, Brian Playter, Renée Pawolski, Josh Getto, Amanda Buchalter and Stephanie Miller-Allen.

*Frankenstein*). In addition to many repeated names in the cast such as Justin and Justin, Hayley and Hayley, Stephanie and Stephany, you might think you are seeing doubles until you realize twins Maura and Emma Doyle gracing the stage.

An energetic cast of 39 belts out lyrics to *Opening Night* as the first read-through commences. With a growing repertoire of theater productions under his belt, Highe will surely bring us the best worst show in town.

*The Producers* takes the main stage for six performances Sept. 18-20 and 25-27, with Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m. and Sunday performances at 2 p.m. Seating is assigned.

Tickets are \$16 to \$18 each. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or at <http://www.spotlight-playersmi.org/>. Tickets are also available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time. The Village Theater is at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.



Justin Digue, Aleksander Papanastasopoulos, Madison Merlanti, Renée Pawolski and Amanda Buchalter run through their lines.



Spotlight Players patrons will see twins Emma and Maura Doyle.



Brian Playter, Chad Childers, John Szczotka, Dalton Barthold and Dale Allen talk "The Producers."

## Shakespeare Festival debuts this weekend in Canton

Tickets are on sale for the Michigan Shakespeare Festival's first tour at the Canton Village Theater, beginning tonight through Aug. 16.

In its 21st season, the Shakespeare Festival features productions of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Henry IV*, as well as Richard Brinsley Sheridan's *The Rivals*.

The festival's arrival in Canton is a first for the Village Theater. Actors, sets and props and all that's involved with the

production of three shows has been moved from the festival's home theater, the Potter Center on the campus of Jackson College in Jackson. The three shows, however, were designed specifically for the Potter Center and the Village Center.

Founded in 1995, the Michigan Shakespeare Festival has performed in Jackson for more than 20 years. Starting as an outdoor festival in Ella Sharp Park, the company moved indoors to its

current home at the Potter Center in 2003.

Tickets for the Canton performances, including season flex passes, are available at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org). A flex pass will include one ticket to each production; show dates and times can be chosen at the time of purchase or at a later date. Ticket prices range from \$16 to \$40, depending on a patron's age. For more information, go to [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or call 734-394-5300.



Sarah Pidgeon as Moth, Shawn Pfautsch as Puck and Evelyn Blixt as Peaseblossom in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer's Night Dream."

# MSU, Providence establish medical school campus

Michigan State University and Providence Park Hospital announced an agreement to establish a new medical school campus in southeast Michigan. The new partnership creates the college's seventh statewide community campus.

Joining MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon at the announcement reception were Jean Meyer, president and CEO, St. John Providence, PPH-Southfield President Michael Wiemann, MD, FACP; PPH-Novi President Peter Karadjoff, FACHE; and MSU College of Human Medicine's Dean Marsha D. Rappley, M.D., and Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Aron Sousa, M.D.

"This partnership with Providence Park Hospital is the result of shared goals to educate medical

students within a health care system that values quality and provides care to a diverse population of patients," Simon said.

PPH's Director of Students Valerie Overholt, D.O., has been appointed community assistant dean for the College of Human Medicine's southeast Michigan campus. The first cohort of students will start in July 2016. At full capacity, MSU College of Human Medicine plans to have a total of 60 third- and fourth-year students at the southeast Michigan campus.

"We are thrilled to be part of the MSU College of Human Medicine's plans to expand in southeast Michigan," Wiemann said. "Providence Park Hospital and its exceptional medical staff will provide students an opportunity to learn in an



Providence Park Hospital is part of St. John Providence, the largest provider of inpatient care in southeast Michigan.

environment dedicated to high quality, compassionate care for the whole person." Karadjoff adds the

new medical school campus will open new possibilities for physician recruitment. "This new effort will provide MSU's

third- and fourth-year medical students a chance to study and live in an area of the state where many come from

and where we hope they'd like to return to practice medicine someday," Karadjoff said.

In addition to the southeast Michigan campus, MSU College of Human Medicine has six community campuses located in Flint, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Midland, Traverse City and the Upper Peninsula.

Providence Park Hospital is part of St. John Providence, the largest provider of inpatient care in southeast Michigan. Since 1964, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine has drawn upon MSU's land grant values to educate exemplary physicians, discover and disseminate new knowledge and respond to the needs of the medically underserved in communities throughout Michigan.

# Red Cross urges people to donate blood in time of need

The American Red Cross is urging eligible donors to give blood in August and help meet the constant need for blood products by patients. Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Summer is an especially difficult time to collect enough blood to meet the needs of hospital patients. Despite travel and other activities that may cause some donors to be less available to give, the Red Cross must collect 15,000

blood donations every day to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country.

With more summer days ahead, every blood donation is important in helping ensure blood is available for patients in need, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those who need it. Donors of all blood types — especially those with types AB, O-negative, A-negative

and B-negative — are needed to help ensure blood products are available to hospital patients this summer.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to redcrossblood.org or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities are:

- Aug. 3: 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., TRAM, 47200 Port, Plymouth.
- Aug. 5: 12:30-6:15 p.m.,

Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Plymouth.

Aug. 9: 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., St. Damian Catholic Church, 29825 Joy, Westland.

Aug. 10: 1 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard; 1-6:45 p.m., St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia.

Aug. 11: 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Perceptron, 47827 Halyard, Plymouth.

Aug. 12: 2-7:45 p.m., Connection Church, 3855

South Sheldon, Canton.

Aug. 13: 11 a.m. to 7:45 p.m., Gardner White Furniture, 39453 Ford, Canton.

Aug. 14: 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Canton Public Library, 1200 Canton Center Road, Canton.

Donations also can be made at American Red Cross Blood Donation Centers at the Livonia Blood Donation Center, 36650 Five Mile, Livonia, 12:45-6:45 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and 8

a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet height and weight requirements.

## Forever After Productions stages Cabaret at PARC

Forever After Productions will present a Cabaret in a dinner theater Aug. 7-9 and Aug. 14-16 at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church Street, Plymouth.

The Cabaret will highlight favorite Broadway shows and composers. Tickets are \$35 per person. Tickets are available at [www.iheartforeverafter.com](http://www.iheartforeverafter.com) or by calling 734-547-5156.



## Michigan Phil presents jazz trio Saturday in Kellogg Park

Remember June 27? That was a day and night of bad weather. It was also the evening that the Michigan Philharmonic was scheduled — and canceled — to perform at Kensington Metro-park.

To make it up to disappointed fans, many who had planned to be out on Kent Lake during

the performance, the Philharmonic, in conjunction with the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, will present the Michigan Phil Jazz Trio at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, in Kellogg Park.

The free concert, "Fly Me to the Moon," will offer plenty of Sinatra and other music on the

drums, bass and piano. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs and outdoor blankets for comfort.

The concert that was to be performed at Kensington — "Motown, Mamma Mia & More!" — will be presented at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, in Grand Circus Park in downtown Detroit. The concert is free.

## PHIL

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The Michigan Phil's departure leaves two vacant offices at the PCAC, which Howard noted are open for lease. "Ideally, it will be another nonprofit or service group," she said. "It's going to be about a positive relationship. It's about finding another organization that we can mesh with."

And that's the kind of relationship PCAC and the Michigan Phil had. "We found that working together helped each other," Howard said, adding that the PCAC offers room for seminars and marketing meetings and other amenities. She encourages emails of interest at [lisa@plymoutharts.com](mailto:lisa@plymoutharts.com).

"They have been great arts partners with us," Stewart said, referring to the PCAC. Relocating to the PARC gives the Michigan



Jack Farrow (left) and Robert Harley work July 18 trimming shrubbery outside the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex.

Phil additional space, including offices, a second-floor classroom that will serve as its large music library, as well as the cafeteria, where the orchestra will rehearse.

"We have grown and expanded and we needed more space," Stewart said.

The move also provides space for the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, as well as the flute choir. "We are thinking of starting a wind ensemble," Stewart added.

Howard is supportive of the Phil's move and understands the need for additional space and the opportunity to be a part of PARC. Will the PCAC follow suit? Not really, at least in the near future. "We own our building outright. We don't even pay rent," Howard said.

PCAC is also in the second of a five-year plan. "Our business plan relies on rental income," Howard said, adding that the Sheldon Road facility is also the arts organization's identity.

"We really hope everything goes well for PARC," Howard added.

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Bruce VanOverloop is director of operations for Fresh Thyme's Northern Region, including this store in Northville Township, specializing in fresh and organic produce and meals, at Five Mile and Sheldon roads.

## Fresh Thyme brings healthy food, values to local market

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Healthy food and healthy values is how Bruce VanOverloop describes Fresh Thyme Farmers Market, which just opened three locations in metro Detroit, including Northville Township.

"We want people who come in here to understand right away what we are about and that's quality and service," said VanOverloop, Fresh Thyme's director of operations for the Northern Region. "It starts with us, the employees of Fresh Thyme, establishing a culture that we would want if we were the customer. We want our customers to be comfortable and feel the warmth."

Fresh Thyme opened July 22 at the location at Five Mile and Sheldon roads. That same day, it also opened markets in Troy and Rochester Hills. Its first Michigan location was in East Lansing.

Fresh Thyme is a full-service specialty retailer focusing on value-priced fresh, healthy, natural and organic offerings. It boasts an extensive produce department with organic and local fruits and vegetables, a natural meat department, healthy deli

foods to go, bakery goods, 400 bulk food bins, dairy and frozen, plus health supplement products.

"Fresh Thyme is excited to open its first three metro Detroit stores on the same day. These communities have an amazing pride in their local goods and we are proud to be able to source these high-quality offerings for our stores," Fresh Thyme CEO Chris Sherrell said. "As part of our commitment to providing local, healthy choices to the community, we will offer over 400 locally sourced grocery goods from Michigan within these stores."

VanOverloop believes the chain's produce is "second to none" and said a healthy lifestyle is important to it and that's what customers will find inside the new market.

Its mission statement is "to improve the way our communities eat by offering fresh and healthy food at amazing values - all in a vibrant and fun shopping environment, with smiling friendly faces. Our stores don't follow traditional grocery store design, nor do they have tall aisles or glitzy fixtures. In fact, our stores are so simple and easy to navigate that we don't number our

aisles or hand out store maps. We believe shopping for fresh and healthy food should be easy and enjoyable."

Fresh Thyme's produce, butcher shop and wellness items are all encompassed by a local, hometown atmosphere.

"We do all this while keeping our produce and health items competitively priced at a great value. Cost really shouldn't - and doesn't have to - be a barrier to eating healthy," Sherrell said.

"Fresh Thyme's first Michigan store recently opened in East Lansing and we are thrilled to join three new communities in the Detroit market."

The market will have a grand opening celebration and deals throughout the first week. Fresh Thyme will be donating \$5,000 to the Northville Historical Society in recognition of the partnership it wants to establish with the local community.

"World-class customer service and a deep desire to serve the community. That's who we are," VanOverloop said.

The store is located at 15480 Sheldon Road.

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## Canton's Title Boxing Club opens



A ribbon-cutting was recently held to mark the official opening of the Title Boxing Club in Canton.

## Super Center, Real Estate One join for Forgotten Harvest benefit

The Plymouth Super Center and the Plymouth Real Estate One Office will join together in a fundraiser for Forgotten Harvest throughout August.

Drew Wolford, owner of the Plymouth Super Center, 400 W. Ann Arbor Road, will donate \$3 for every car wash during the month to the Real Estate One Charitable

Foundation and Real Estate One will match each wash with \$1.50. The Plymouth Super Center has a long history of support for charitable community endeavors.

Forgotten Harvest collects more than 48 million pounds of food a year for food banks, soup kitchens and other nonprofits to feed thou-

sands of clients each year in the tri-county area.

You may also mail a donation (check payable to Forgotten Harvest or the Real Estate One Charitable Foundation) to: REOCF, Attn: Duke Hynek, 217 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Suite 102, Plymouth, MI 48170.

## Heartland Health Care will host an open house Thursday

Heartland Health Care Center in Canton will host an open house 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, to spotlight its MedBridge unit and

therapy gym.

The Canton facility, at 7025 Lilley Road, earned the MedBridge distinction by demonstrating a higher rate of

home discharges, customer satisfaction ratings and lower re-hospitalization rates, according to Heartland.

## Twelve Oaks celebrating final days of summer with weekly events

Beginning Thursday, Aug. 6, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi will welcome families and visitors to kick off the annual "Summer Fun Thursdays," a free weekly entertainment series that aims to celebrate the season and provide high-energy performances for the whole family to enjoy.

"We're committed to introducing family-focused amenities throughout the year and enhancing the shopping experience for those who visit Twelve Oaks Mall," said Emily Taucher, marketing and sponsorship director for the mall.

"School is just around the corner, so our hope is that this entertainment series will be a fun way for the entire family to enjoy the last days of summer."

All performances are free and take place in the mall's Center Court. Seating is limited, so guests are encouraged to arrive early and register in advance. On-site registration opens at noon; performances begin at 1 p.m. and last approximately one hour. The first 100 children registered each week will receive a free gift, while supplies last.



For more information on "Summer Fun Thursdays" at Twelve Oaks Mall, go to <http://www.shoptwelveoaks.com/events>.

Presented by Child-time Learning Centers and Tutor Time Child Care/Learning Centers, with support from Auntie Anne's Cinnabon Café, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Excel Orthodontics and Metro Parent magazine, the "Summer Fun Thursdays" lineup includes:

» Aug. 6, Children's Theatre of Michigan: Presenting "Imagine That!" Loaded with songs and silliness, perfect for kids and the grown-ups who love them.

» Aug. 13, Scheer

Genius: Children's magician who brings surprises, magic and laughs galore in this stand-up comedy show for kids.

» Aug. 20, Cirque Amongus: Be entertained with the zany antics of artists who unicycle, juggle, balance and perform acrobatics, comedy, music and magic.

» Aug. 27, Baffling Bill the Magician: A show for all ages that includes astonishing magic and the appearance of "Gus the Bunny," a live rabbit who performs card tricks.

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## OUR VIEW

# Voters should pick Plymouth commission incumbents, plus Deal and Wilson

They have been told they agree with each other too much and they don't make as much noise as do many other surrounding communities. But let's face it, the Plymouth City Commission gets the job done — with much research and deliberation.

Voters will have their hands full on primary election day, Aug. 4, as they narrow the field from nine candidates vying for eight spots on the general election ballot. The top four finishers in the November general election will win commission seats, which will include one new person as Commissioner Ed Hingelberg, whose term expires in November, is not seeking re-election.

Voters should start the ballot by immediately choosing the three incumbents — Daniel Dalton, Colleen Pobur and Michael Wright. To balance the mix, voters should also pick newcomers Suzi Deal and Jack Wilson.

Dalton, Pobur and Wright are a good trio, a steady group that brings plenty of history and a working knowledge of lo-



Deal



Dalton



Pobur



Wright



Wilson

cal government to bear on decisions. The three incumbents are keenly aware of the need for succession planning as employees, particularly those in leadership roles, are crossing a threshold of opportunities to retire.

The incumbents are thinkers and bring a strong knowledge of how to help manage the city as it continues to progress. And if the three have their way, the community will indeed progress as opportunities become available.

Deal has honed her skills, not only as a partner in a local business, but on the planning commission, which always offers a tough learning curve. She has her ears to the ground and is willing to listen to residents and business owners.

Deal is conscientious and embraces the need to foster and improve communication between residents and officials. Deal also recognizes the need to strike a balance in housing types and prices to attract a varied mix of residents.

Wilson is critical of many of the decisions made by the city commission, including purchasing the former Saxton's for parking, safety millage and quiet zones. But Wilson is also a listener and a thinker. He will communicate with residents and business owners and bring to the commission table a sincere desire to represent opinions not necessarily shared by current elected officials. Equally important, Wilson will bring the voice of skepticism, which will help balance the

commission's "one size fits all" reputation.

Commissioners have had some issues and criticism with which to contend: quiet

zones, a failed public safety millage to add police officers and a new fire truck and purchase of the former Saxton's property to eventually turn into parking. Also on tap is the need to work out the discrepancies on the legacy costs from the fire service the city once shared with Plymouth Township. This issue needs to be resolved promptly, because it is a major hindrance to what appears a broken relationship between the two governmental entities that can share so much.

As a whole, commissioners work hard, do their homework and make sound decisions, based on the research on which they have relied. As in all communities, money drives decisions, such as the quiet

zones. It may be a great idea, but funding not only for the zones, but for potential liability down the road, created a deal breaker.

Plymouth is now in a sweet spot. It's a popular destination that brings money into the mix and supports the downtown businesses. Vacancies downtown are less than 10 percent and a check with other downtown areas indicates Plymouth is going gangbusters.

Issues will remain, as will criticism. The battle over whether the city needs more or less parking goes back years and will continue into the future. There's also the housing question, liquor license caps, budgeting and financial stability. And there is the question of managing growth, while keeping an eye on the future.

Incumbents Dalton, Pobur and Wright are the right choices, as are newcomers Deal and Wilson, for the Aug. 4 primary. With incumbents as a foundation, newcomers Deal and Wilson will bring unique skills to the mix as Plymouth enters the future.

## LETTERS

### 'A rare voice'

I was very disappointed to hear the news of Mark Horvath's resignation from the Plymouth-Canton school board. Mark was a rare voice of reason and integrity on the board. I wonder how much longer Mike Maloney will remain, given the many uphill battles he and Mark often faced with a board making decisions contrary to data and former promises.

My case in point is the board's decision earlier this year to allow more school of choice students in our district. A year prior, I attended and spoke at a special meeting convened to "discuss" their upcoming vote allowing one-time school of choice students.

By my estimate, 80 percent of those in attendance were against allowing school of choice for a multitude of reasons. In an absentee letter read by Mr. Maloney, Mr. Horvath adamantly noted school of choice was a temporary fix to a long-term declining enrollment problem. He further suggested alternative long-term fixes available that more adequately addressed declining enrollment.

The board ignored his recommendations and was deaf to the community feedback on hand at the meeting. It became clear the "discussion" was never intended to be a two-way communication as they'd clear-

ly made their decision long before the meeting. As an appeasement to the many heatedly expressing their disagreement, they promised this would be a one-time school of choice.

A year later, I found myself speaking to the same board about the same issue, even though they'd promised a year prior it would never happen. As with the first meeting, I found the board members, excepting two, without ears. Decisions had already been made and, what frustrated me as much as the broke promise, they never explained why they'd decided to open our district to even more school of choice students.

I don't believe this board understands or listens to the pulse of our community. I wonder if they even care. Losing Mr. Horvath removes one of the few voices of reason on the board. I wish him well in his new endeavors. I'm certain he will be successful. I wish I had the same confidence in our school board.

Richard Bantau  
Canton

### Thank you

The Canton Republicans would like to formally thank Mark Horvath for his service to our community. Starting back in 1994, Mark decided to make the Plymouth-Canton school district a better place. He wanted to engage and lead

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the school board as an obligation to our future leaders. Many times, a school board is a thankless and time-consuming position; however, Mark volunteered his time and talents to the community. Your leadership and expertise will be missed moving forward.

Our community is much better for your service.

We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Geoff Boltach  
Canton  
Canton Republicans

### No need

Our astute lawmakers in Lansing continue to pass or propose laws that we are told will attract an influx of tourists from other states. Thus we have the fireworks law that allows incendiary aficionados to purchase professional-grade Roman candles, cherry bombs,

missiles and artillery shells.

We are told that the relaxation of the requirements to purchase fireworks will discourage Michigan residents from traveling to nearby states to make a purchase and will attract those from other states to satisfy their explosive fix here in Pure Michigan. What it has done is increase the number of injuries as amateurs attempt to ignite explosives that are regularly seen at the downtown Detroit annual event and handled by professionals.

As a follow-up to this ridiculous law, which has prompted local communities to enact restrictions on the use of the explosives because of numerous complaints from residents, we were subjected to the helmet-less law. This allows motorcyclists to drive their "hogs" sans helmet. Once again we were told this will attract riders from other states, but frankly have we seen a tremendous influx of riders with out-state plates? I think not. What it has done though is increase the number of injuries, hospital admissions, and deaths.

Still on the proposal list would be to raise the speed limit to 80 mph and allow saloons to remain open until 4 a.m. to compete with New York and Chicago bars. We all love our home town of Detroit and the surrounding communities, but comparing our cultural sites to the Big Apple and the Windy City seems a bit of a stretch.

Now comes another attempt to attract tourists thanks to Michigan Rep. Pete Pettalia of Presque Isle, who has introduced SB 165-166 which would allow party-goers to imbibe on pedal pubs as they wander through various towns in search of adult beverages on their late-night cruising. By way of background, a pedal pub is a saloon on wheels, a bicycle-type contraption that allows multiple people to sit on and pedal the bikes while the owner steers and brakes. It transports revelers to various drinking establishments. Pettalia states that "this bill is another way to improve our tourism in Michigan. It not only allows folks to enjoy their favorite cold beverage, it allows the industry to take these vehicles on tours. It's a great way to enjoy pure Michigan."

Frankly, I see this as a way to encourage more imbibing. Revelers will now be able to enjoy their Budweiser on the way to enjoying more Budweisers at their destination. The only thing missing would be to have the Clydesdales hooked to the pedal pub to make it a real fun event.

We can only hope that our dilapidated roads will have an adverse impact on the pedal pub as it encounters one of Pure Michigan's special tourist attractions — potholes!

Bill Kalmar  
Lake Orion

## GUEST COLUMN

# Time to upgrade our state's crumbling roads

The resounding defeat of Proposal 1 by a 4-1 margin May 5 was a triumph of common sense over politics-as-usual. It was a perfect example of what happens when the grassroots flexes its voting muscle. The 80 percent no vote demonstrated a bipartisan rejection of a solution that did not put the interests of our citizens at the top of the priority list. I wish that I could say that our job is done and we could all just kick back and enjoy a beautiful summer, but no such luck. We now need to ensure that common sense prevails in our next road solution in the wake of the Proposal 1 thumping. (Remember that Thomas Jefferson said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.")

We do have some promising indicators on the horizon. In a recent interview with Frank



Patrick Colbeck

GUEST COLUMNIST

Beckmann on WJR-AM (760), House Speaker Kevin Cotter framed the road debate exceptionally well when he said, "We are going to take care of our needs first and our wants later." It is the pursuit of these "wants" that drives the relentless push in Lansing for some sort of a tax increase despite 80 percent of us common folk rejecting their "politics-as-usual" approach to solving problems with the resounding defeat of Proposal 1.

In Michigan, our current budget benchmark for roads is \$3.3 billion. Most transportation officials agree that we need an additional \$1.2 billion

to keep the condition of our current road system from degrading further. In other words, it costs taxpayers \$4.5 billion to maintain our state's current transportation system.

There is widespread agreement that we need to find a sustainable solution to maintain our transportation system. Where there is disagreement is on the topic of how.

Those who favor a tax increase like to cite polling numbers that assert that voters would support tax increases if those increases were dedicated to the roads. I believe that we should also ask the question, "Would you prefer a solution that fixes the roads without increasing taxes or cutting schools or cutting police and fire?" Most of our citizens would say "yes" to this question, which leads me to the other side of the argument. Sir Winston Churchill once sagely opined during budget discussions, "Gentleman, we have run out of money. It is now time to think." In this spirit, I believe that we need to pursue ways to reduce the costs of maintaining our roads by at least \$1.2 billion.

It is possible to do so. The key is to upgrade our roads from our current, dilapidated Version 1 road system to a

higher quality Version 2 road system.

Did you know that there are ways to build roads that last up to four times as long for only 15 percent additional upfront expense? In other words, if our entire road system were to be upgraded to such a Version 2 road system, our \$4.5 billion budget target could be reduced to as low as \$2.5 billion — which is \$800 million lower than our current transportation budget!

True, it would cost more initially to upgrade our roads to a higher quality Version 2 system. That means that we will need to initially re-prioritize slightly more than 2 percent of our current \$54 billion state budget. Speaker Cotter recently set the tone for this discussion when he stated the following in context of the House roads plan: "We are going to take care of our needs first and our wants later."

If we were to dedicate 100 percent of all one-time and incremental fiscal year 2016 general fund spending to roads, schools and local governments, we could add another \$98 million. Another \$199 million could come from the Michigan Strategic Fund, which would in essence temporarily substitute targeted economic development subsidies

for a broad-based economic development incentive in the form of a better transportation infrastructure for everyone. Another \$299 million in funding could come from opening up a subset of the 344 state restricted funds to free up additional funds for roads. This yields a total of \$1.2 billion in incremental road funding, without raising taxes or cutting K-12 or cutting police and fire. Furthermore, the amount that needs to be re-prioritized would decrease each year as more and more of the roads are upgraded.

The bottom line: If we were to make higher quality roads a priority today, we would eventually need up to \$800 million less to maintain our roads, not \$1.2 billion more. It comes down to a discussion of priorities. Tax increases simply push the prioritization discussions from the halls of Lansing to the kitchen tables of our citizens. It is time to upgrade our discussions about how to fix the roads and focus on ways to prevent forcing even more of these kitchen table discussions.

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Plymouth football player Matthew Barno (No. 3) holds up a blocking dummy for Sunshine's participant Reid Fox.

## Holes-in-one galore by local golfers

Several holes-in-one were registered recently at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford Township:

- » On July 12, Dearborn resident Matthew Rybinski aced the 119-yard fourth hole using a pitching wedge.
- The 56-year-old, who has been playing since he was 30, fired a nine-hole round of 36.
- It was his third career hole-in-one.
- » On July 13, Canton resident Dennis Rowland knocked his tee shot in the cup on the 165-yard 15th hole using an eight iron.
- The 53-year-old, who has been playing for the past 25 years, carded a nine-hole score of 36. It was his first career ace.
- » On July 17, William S. Sims, Sr. of Southfield aced the 146-yard 17th hole using an eight iron.
- The 75-year-old Sims, who has been playing for 63 years, fired an 18-hole round of 84.
- It was his 12th career ace.

## Garden City football extravaganza

The inaugural Garden City Alumni Flag Football Extravaganza will be held Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Cougars' football stadium.

Orchestrated by current head football coach Scott Murray, the event is expected to attract hundreds of former Garden City high school football players, regardless of which school — East, West, the original high school or the current one — in a joint effort to raise funds to build a "Wall of Fame" that will honor past (and future) Garden City gridiron greats.

The action-packed day's agenda will kick off at noon with a flag football contest pitting Garden City police officers against members of the city's fire department.

Other highlights on the docket include a matchup between players from East and West, and games featuring recent Cougars alumnae.

There is no admission fee for fans, but each player will be asked to donate \$25.

All money collected from the entry fees and from raffles throughout the day will go toward the costs of building a "Wall of Fame," which will initially include plaques commemorating the accomplishments of all former Garden City football players who played four years of college football and earned a degree.

All of the Garden City's high school athletic directors and head football coaches will also be recognized on the monument.

The monument will hold a temporary home on the exterior wall of the football coaching office, facing the field.

Murray said it's not too late for former players to register to play in the extravaganza.

For more information, visit [www.gccougarcountry.com](http://www.gccougarcountry.com).

# RAY OF 'SUNSHINE'S'

Football camp for special needs kids brightens lives, offers hope

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Peyton Domzalski is confined to a wheelchair because of spina bifida, but nothing was going to stop him from having a blast at Friday's Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic.

The second annual clinic, held on the junior varsity grass field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, provided Peyton and nearly 70 others with special needs the opportunity to experience the joy of football.

Kids such as Peyton went through various stations with Plymouth High School football players and coaches, then afterward ran through the inflatable "Wildcat" tunnel at one end of the field and received trophies for participating.

"I'm throwing and tackling and stuff like that," said Peyton, partnered up for the eve-

ning with Wildcats varsity player Alan Farmer. "... And some offensive line work, too." Peyton also was at the 2014 Sunshine's clinic, and said he's made some improvements in his game since then.

"Throwing better spirals and stuff," he said, beaming.

According to Farmer, entering his junior year, "Peyton's doing great, he threw a tight spiral of about 25 yards."

Farmer and varsity teammate Joe Supernois, whose buddy was 10-year-old Emily Markenstein of Whitmore Lake, both said seeing the widespread enthusiasm and happiness among Sunshine's participants is a definite eye opener.

"Yeah, it makes you realize what you have," Farmer said. "I love playing football and if I didn't have the chance, then I feel like it would be no fun, being able to watch them and not play."

"Now that they're out here and actually playing they're having a great time."

Supernois called it a "great experience" to spend the evening with Emily, who has au-



TIM SMITH

Peyton Domzalski, 8, slams into a blocking dummy held by Plymouth football player Alan Farmer.

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SUMMER SPORTS PROFILE

## Livonia's Joseph is a rising judo star

Senior-to-be at CC earns national ranking in demanding sport

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Armed with a sharp mind, lean body and super-diligent work ethic, Livonia teenager Nick Joseph has rocketed to national stardom in the relentless sport of judo.

Although just 17, the senior-to-be at Novi Detroit Catholic Central High School is currently ranked No. 4 in the country in the IJF division (18-20-year-olds) 73-

kilogram weight class.

Training under the supervision of Noboru Saito in Birmingham and coached by his father Ricardo, Joseph recently returned from the Junior U.S. Open Judo Championships and International Training Camp in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he earned a silver medal while grappling against many of the most accomplished athletes in the sport.

One week earlier, Joseph started his summer to remember by earning a bronze medal at the USA Judo Junior Olympics National Judo Championships in Irving, Texas.

Joseph's interest in the

challenging sport — which requires participants to deploy holds and leverage to separate opponents from their balance — came at an age when most of his young peers were taking their cuts at T-Ball.

"When I was 5, I went to watch my sister (Alexandra) compete in a judo tournament, and I told my dad, 'I want to do that,'" Joseph remembered.

"I talked to his initial instructor, Jerry Wee, and he told me, 'Well, 5 is a little early, but bring him down and we'll work on it,'" Ricardo Joseph added. "He com-



Livonia resident and Catholic Central senior-to-be Nick Joseph is excelling at the sport of judo.

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WORTHWHILE FUNDRAISER

# Live Like Max 5K set for Aug. 15

Event to raise funds for student heart check program

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Over a year after his untimely death, Max Pardington continues to affect lives in a positive way.

The former Canton resident who passed away last June at the age of 20 from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, or an enlarged heart, is the inspiration for the Live Like Max 5K walk/run set for Aug. 15 at 8:30 a.m. on the campus of Orchard Lake St. Mary's, which is located at 3535 Commerce Road, Or-

chard Lake, 48324.

All proceeds raised by the upcoming event will go toward Beaumont Hospital's student heart check program, a thorough examination that can help detect the silent killer that claimed Pardington, who was a standout athlete training for an Ironman competition at the time of his death.

It is believed that if Pardington — and other victims of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy — had undergone a healthy heart check during high school physicals, he may still be alive today.

The Live Like Max 5K will be run on a certified course and Fast Dog Timing will be timing the event.

Day-of registration

will be conducted near the start line and registration area. Restrooms are close to the registration area.

The walk/run will cover gravel, grass and paved roads. Children in strollers are welcome.

Race packets will be available on Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Road Runner Sports, which is located at 4297 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. The race packets will include bibs for racers, a 10-percent-off coupon good for all purchases at Road Runner Sports, a course map, information about sponsors and T-shirts.

Water will be provided for event participants at aid stations along the

route. There will also be fruit, bagels and sports bars at the end of the route.

The entry fee will be \$30 for adults and \$15 for students (18 years old and under) until Aug. 9. The registration fee will be \$35 for adults and \$20 for students the day of the event.

Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in several age divisions for participants to register for the competitive run.

Registration forms can be picked up at Holiday Market in Canton or found on the [www.livelikemax.org](http://www.livelikemax.org) website.

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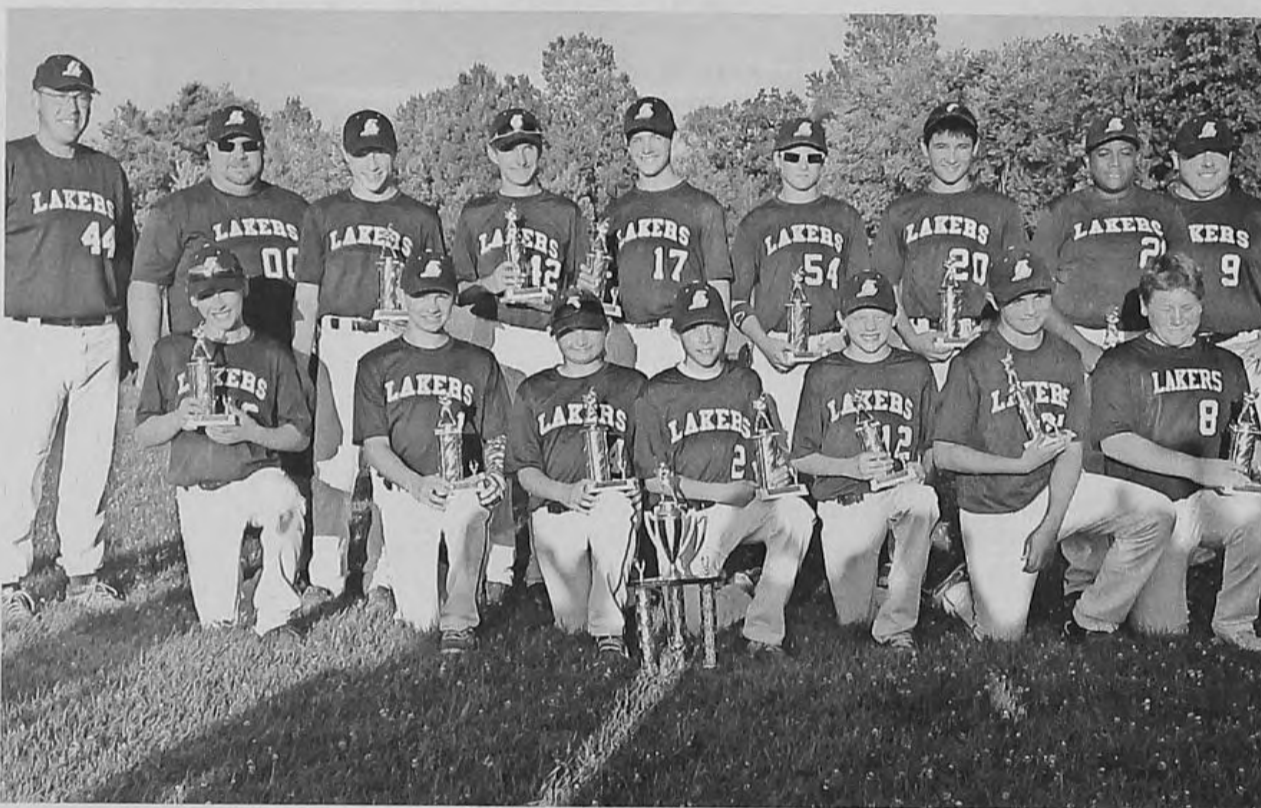
## Livonia standout helps 11U Jays win title



Livonia resident Andrew Kent helped lead the Michigan Blue Jays to a USSSA AA 11U World Series title last weekend in Canton. Fueled by a strong tournament from Kent, who pitched and played shortstop, the Blue Jays went 7-0 and defeated the Bloomfield Storm, 13-5, in the championship game.

YOUTH SPORTS

## Lakers finish strong



The Livonia Lakers dominated the end-of-the-season Berkley Brawl tournament held July 17-19 as they outscored their opponents 51-11. The Lakers upended the Michigan Red Sox, 8-0, and the Motor City Royals, 14-9, in pool play before derailed the Red Sox, 12-2, in the semifinals and the Royal Oak Wolfpack, 17-0, in the championship game. Led by head coach Aaron Rumberger and assistants Patrick Greener and Dino Poulos, the Lakers finished the 2015 season with a 22-12 record. Pictured are (front row from left) Danial Rumberger, Andrew Poulos, Aaron Haist, Luc Greener, Collin Sheahan, Jimmy Targosz, Steven Dulzo, (back row from left) Aaron Rumberger, Dino Poulos, Cam Greener, Frank Pastula, Zack Allen, Steven Champagne, Evan Beck, Lon Turner and Patrick Greener.

## SPORTS TRYOUTS

### 11U Livonia City Thunder

Tryouts for the 2016 Livonia City Thunder 11U baseball team will be held Aug. 1-2 from 9-11 a.m. at the Livonia Stevenson varsity softball field.

Players are encouraged to arrive at least 15 minutes early to register and warm up. Baseball attire is required.

All dedicated baseball players are welcomed and all positions are open.

For more information, send an email to [s8henriksen@yahoo.com](mailto:s8henriksen@yahoo.com).

### Garden City Gators

The Garden City Gators fast-pitch softball program offers fall ball, indoor winter training, spring/summer leagues and tournaments along with hitting, pitching and catching camps for four age levels: 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U.

Tryouts will be held Aug. 22, Aug. 23, Aug. 25 and Aug. 26 at Garden City High School's "Lighted Field," which is located at the intersection of Maplewood and Hartel.

The times of the tryouts on Aug. 22 and Aug. 23 are 9-11 a.m. for 10U and 12U; and 12:30-2:30 p.m. for 14U and 16U.

The Aug. 25 tryout day will feature a 6-8 p.m. slot for 10U and 12U, while the Aug. 26 day will feature a 6-8 p.m. time block for 14U and 16U.

Players are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes before the scheduled start of each tryout.

For more information, contact Barry Patterson at 734-635-2388 or [gcsoftball@mi.rr.com](mailto:gcsoftball@mi.rr.com). You can also check out the program's Facebook page by searching for "Garden City Gators Fastpitch Softball."

### 11U Livonia Patriots

The 11U Livonia Patriots travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for the 2016 season on Aug. 9 and Aug. 16 (both Sundays) from 2-4 p.m. at Franklin High School.

In order to be eligible to try out, players may not turn 12 before May 1, 2016.

This will be a highly-competitive team that will play 18-20 games in the KVBSA in addition to three or four summer tournaments.

For more information, contact head coach Tim Napier at 734-751-3896 or [Tnapier4@yahoo.com](mailto:Tnapier4@yahoo.com).

### 12U Livonia Stars

The Livonia Stars 12U travel baseball team will be looking to add additional players for the 2016 season.

Players can not turn 13 before May 1, 2016.

For more information, contact head coach Matt Fournier at [mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net) or 734-968-0499.

## JOSEPH

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peted in his first tournament when he was 6 and he's been doing it ever since."

And doing it well. By training up to six days a week Joseph has risen to a level in his sport that could be compared to a five-star

quarterback in football.

"Judo has not only helped me with discipline, but it helps keep me in shape and it has increased my mental toughness," Joseph said.

Not surprisingly, given his national ranking — he was ranked No. 1 in his weight class last year — Joseph is being pursued by several collegiate judo pro-

grams, including Texas A&M, San Jose State, the service academies, the University of Michigan and Michigan State.

While he still has ample time to make his decision, Joseph admitted A&M is very appealing since he has a strong interest in studying engineering and/or business at the next level — two fields the Texas school is noted

for.

Joseph's passion for grappling and hard work has paid dividends on the wrestling mats at CC, where he was a Division 1 regional qualifier at 145 pounds as a junior.

Joseph also has chiseled out a cumulative 3.6 grade-point average at CC.

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## SUNSHINE

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tism. "It's been great, I just love being able to make another person happy through the game of football, especially someone as nice and willing to work as Emily," Supernois said. "It's just been a great experience for everyone in the whole community, I think.

"This is something you can reflect on. It's a great experience. She's quite the athlete and she really loves to hit. We have a future linebacker on our hands."

### Winning format

Just like the 2014 event, children of all ages and from all over southeast Michigan went from station to station — getting in some reps throwing and catching the ball, going through running drills and getting the chance to hit a tackling dummy.

"We're not trying to create a high-pressure high school practice or train NFL players here," said Plymouth assistant football coach Brian Rochon, who again teamed up with Connor Sherman (the young man who last year came up with the concept for

Sunshine's). "We're just trying to get them to run and catch and throw and hit the dummy. Everybody loves to hit the dummy."

The Wildcats' varsity and junior varsity teams took the field with their new friends, with a number of incoming freshmen also helping out.

"It was optional for our freshmen," Rochon said. "But about half of them showed up which is a really cool thing to see when it's optional.

"This is something they choose to do rather than something we ask them to do."

### Meeting Brindza

Also cool for Peyton and others — who deal with a myriad of special needs — was getting the chance to meet rookie Detroit Lions kicker Kyle Brindza, a 2011 Plymouth alum.

Brindza uses his right foot to boot footballs long distances and with razor-sharp precision. Yet, he was born with a deformity (clubfoot) to that very foot.

He worked and persevered to ultimately become a standout kicker in high school and college (at Notre Dame), with his first NFL camp around the corner.

"Look where I am today," said Brindza, who



Joe Supernois, a football player for the Plymouth Wildcats, accompanied 10-year-old Emily Markenstein to 'Sunshine's' various stations.

spoke during Friday's event.

He said he wanted to help out at Sunshine's not to share the story of his own physical struggle but to support the ongoing efforts of Connor Sherman, an 11-year-old entering sixth grade at Pioneer Middle School.

"Tonight I just told them I wish we had this when I was in high school, and to just give a big round of applause to Connor for even being able to put this on at such a young age," Brindza said. "It's truly, to me, a blessing for someone that young to be able to

understand how big an experience it is and how it can make someone else happy.

"And make 'em smile, that sometimes (when) they're going through all the struggles that they might not have that smile. They're always being told, you can't do this. But you can do this."

Many of the youngsters at Friday's clinic now can look up to Brindza as a source of inspiration.

"They want to achieve higher goals and that's how I was when I grew up," Brindza added. "I was always told I'd never be able to walk or run, or ever play a sport."

### Kudos for Connor

They also are inspired by Connor, who came up with the idea for Sunshine's during a fourth-grade class project at Workman Elementary School.

Nearly two years later, the boy with the shaggy blond hair who plays quarterback at Our Lady of Good Counsel couldn't be happier with how the program continues to grow and succeed.

"I wasn't thinking that far (ahead), but here we are and it's been an awesome night so far," Connor said. "Pretty much (the same setup as 2014), we have maybe 20 more

kids than last year, so that's successful."

Donations and community volunteers were instrumental in the clinic again running without a hitch.

"The wheels were in motion (for the 2015 program) right after this ended last year," said Connor's dad, Erik Sherman of Canton. "Connor and my wife Jen didn't stop."

The endeavor took on new life last September when Connor was honored at a Detroit Tigers game.

"Donations started pouring in from random people right after the Tigers game," Erik said. "Really, it kicked it right back off and they were in the planning phases all year along with Brian Rochon.

"They were using the same theme and maybe expand on it, but not get too big where we couldn't keep it special for the kids that are here."

With the number of participants going from 50 to 69, Erik said the second annual Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic was "another big success, we're happy. Connor did a great job, and we're absolutely thrilled."

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ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

# Standout pitch players kick it into high gear

**FIRST TEAM**

**Olivia Janke, forward, Plymouth:** Always a play-making



threat up top for the KLAAs South Division champion Wildcats, Janke delivered with 11 goals and eight assists, to lead the team.

Janke earned plenty of postseason accolades for her standout season.

The junior forward, who also saw minutes in the midfield, was named to the all-KLAA, Division 1 all-district and all-region teams while also being selected as a second team all-stater.

**Chloe Donlin, midfield, Canton:** The senior co-captain provided leadership on and off the field to help the Chiefs win a D1 district championship and make it to regional finals.

Donlin, who will play women's soccer at Northwood University, scored 12 goals and had six assists. She also was Canton's top female athlete and scholar-athlete of the year.



Her efforts were rewarded with selection to the all-KLAA, all-district and all-region teams.

"She is an outstanding person, player and student," coach Jeannine Reddy said. "She has started for three years and has been a clear leader in our program. She is going to do great things at Northwood."

**Taylor Babcock, midfield, Mercy:** The senior standout is a repeat member of the all-area first team and will continue playing soccer next year at the University of Portland, Ore.

Babcock excelled as a center midfielder, helping to make the Marlins a tough team on which to score and contributing four goals and four assists to the offense, too. She was named to the Division 1 all-state second team.

"Taylor was the straw that stirred the drink for us," coach Butch Babler said. "She kept us on task. She was the second player (chosen for the all-district team), and that was a big compliment to her."

"She had to know her position along with everybody else's. She was a really good kid to coach. Though she played at a high level for a long time, she would listen to everything."

"She was very cool under pressure. Not a whole lot rattled her. She played the game the right way. She tried to do everything she could to help the team."

**Lindsay Yankasky, midfield, Garden City:** Yankasky graduated in June with over 100 career points for the Cougars. She proved her vast versatility by starting this past season on defense, in the midfield and at forward. Despite limited time up top, she still accumulated 14 goals and 12 assists this past spring, earning all-state honorable-mention accolades in addition to all-district and all-region

awards. Academically, she carved out a spectacular 3.97 grade-point average. Yankasky will be continuing her soccer career later this year at Indiana Purdue-Fort Wayne University, which is located in Fort Wayne, Ind.

"Lindsay's work ethic and passion for soccer helps her to always be focused and on top of her game," said head coach Jeff Szypula. "She can play anywhere on the field, which creates huge match-up problems for opponents."

"Lindsay's career here was amongst the best ever and we will miss having a player with her skills and character."

**Samantha Riga, forward, Ladywood:** The senior, bound for Grand Valley State, finished the year with 19 goals and six assists despite missing the final seven games.

Riga was named all-Catholic League and second-team Division 2 all-state.

"One of the most explosive forwards I've ever coached," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Exciting player to watch and was feared every time she stepped on the field. Unfortunately she suffered an injury that ended her season and her high school career. She probably would have been the all-time leading scorer at Ladywood."

**Conner Huggins, defense, Ladywood:** The Villanova University (Pa.) recruit earned first-team Division 2 all-state and all-Catholic League honors after scoring 11 goals and adding 11 assists as a junior. Huggins missed making the Dream Team by one vote.

"Conner can affect the game in so many different ways offensively and defensively, scoring goals, setting up goals," Shingledecker said. "She's a very special player and a great kid. It's been a pleasure to coach her and be around her the last three years."

**Taylor Bullard, forward, Ladywood:** The sophomore wound up with 19 goals and 11 assists en route to all-league and third-team Division 2 all-state honors.

"Totally break-out season this year and has a real big career in front of her," Shingledecker said. "At her current pace she'll be the all-time leading goal scorer in Ladywood history. She's fantastic in the air winning around the goal and just finds ways to score goals. And she's another really, really good kid."

**Erin Winters, defense, Plymouth:** Despite a mid-season injury that forced her from the lineup, the senior co-captain was the glue that kept the Wildcats defense and midfield going strong.

"She did a great job of holding down the center," coach Jeff Neschich said.

Winters earned selection to the all-conference, D1 all-district and all-region teams. In addition, she was named as an all-state honorable mention selection.

**Brittney Hayes, goalie, Churchill:** The super sophomore gave the Chargers a good shot at winning every time they stepped on the pitch this past spring as she protected the goal with a potent blend of athleticism, tenacity and focus. She finished the season with an impeccable 0.7 goals-against average and she allowed more than one goal just twice in 20 games.

**Kaitlyn Pelech, defense, Salem:** The Rocks' senior captain closed out a stellar prep career. Pelech, a strong defender, chipped in two goals and three assists on offense.

An all-state honorable mention selection, she was signed to play Division I soccer at Western Illinois University.

**Karlie Cummins, midfield, N. Farmington:** The junior midfielder is a three-year starter for the Raiders, who were in contention for the OAA Red Division title and finished with a 12-4-4 record, following a 1-0 loss to No. 7 Brighton in a district game.

Cummins was named team MVP after scoring nine goals and assisting on nine more. A Division 1 all-state honorable mention and all-OAA selection, Cummins plays club soccer for the Michigan Hawks 98 Black.

"Karlie plays midfield for us, though she will likely play defense in college," coach Tim Russell said. "She has a full range of excellent skills from shot power with both feet to excellent touch and great defensive instincts."

"This past season, where she improved most was in her ability to distribute the ball to her teammates. She has an unstoppable motor, playing 80 full minutes most games, even when we are playing our toughest opponents."

"We are lucky to have her another year, because her leadership on and off the field has been terrific."

**Aliya El-Sabeh, defense, Stevenson:** A four-year varsity starter and two-year captain, El-Sabeh was a stabilizing force along the back line for the Spartans, who relied on her intelligence, instincts, leadership qualities and athleticism throughout the course of her outstanding career. A multiple-time all-conference performer and all-academic honoree, El-Sabeh will continue her soccer career later this year at Saginaw Valley State University.

"Aliya is a tremendously smart soccer player," said head coach Chris Grodzicki. "Her knowledge of her position and her ability to read the game as it unfolds is a coach's dream. She's smart, she's fearless and she's bossy. Those are the

outstanding qualities of a center back who spent more minutes on the field than any Stevenson player in the past six years."

**Jennifer Richmond, forward, Canton:** After breaking into the Chiefs lineup, the speedy forward proved to be a clutch offensive performer.

Richmond scored eight goals and collected five assists, also scoring the winning goals in the D1 district semifinal and final games.

The sophomore was named to the all-KLAA and D1 all-district teams and is a Canton scholar-athlete. She also was named as an all-state honorable mention selection.

"She is a great player who has moved her way up in the starting lineup," Reddy said. "She never gives up and plays her heart out every day at practice and in games."

**Sylvia Cervantes, defense, Churchill:** Only a sophomore, Cervantes brought a relentless level of intensity to every game the Chargers played this past spring.

Fearless and supremely talented, she anchored the Churchill defense from the center-defender position, playing a starring role on a defense that yielded more than one goal in just two games.

"Sylvia was our toughest and best player every game, no matter what or who it was against," said head coach Reid Friedrichs.

**Megan Schulz, defense, Farmington:** The veteran defender was a four-year starter for the Falcons and was instrumental in her team being known for its solid defense.

Schulz was a team leader and a contributor on offense, too, with five goals and five assists. An all-district selection, she will continue playing soccer at Schoolcraft College.

"She probably played out of position as our center back, but she allowed us to rely on her skills in that position to do things most traditional center backs can't do," coach Matt Gasparotto said. "It allowed us to be a lot more dynamic."

"She's just a really hard-working player. She's very confident in her abilities. She stepped up at big moments and did everything the team needed her to do."

"We looked to Megan to keep us organized. Her confidence spread throughout that back line and brought us to another level."

**Maya Jamison, goalie, Harrison:** The senior keeper was a four-year starter for the Hawks and all-OAA selection the last three. She posted seven shutouts and a 0.162 goals-against average, facing 111 shots and allowing 18 goals.

She made the all-district first team in a quality district and

earned a scholarship to play for the University of Tennessee at Martin.

"Maya is one of the most hard-working, coachable players I've ever come across," coach Stacy Punzal said. "She was a diamond in the rough. She trained year round to gain the skill and techniques necessary to be an outstanding keeper."

"She came back to soccer as a freshman, took up a new position and set her sights on college soccer. I'm proud of what she has accomplished and thrilled she will have the opportunity to play Division 1 soccer next year."

**Erin Bahm, defense, N. Farmington:** Bahm was voted the Most Valuable Defender on a team noted for its defense. She had a lot to do with the Raiders having 14 shutouts and allowing only seven goals in 20 games for an average of 0.35.

She also received the Sparkplug Award as the player with the most team spirit. Bahm was named to the all-district team in one of the toughest Division 1 districts in the state. She plays club soccer for AC Milan Detroit 99, the Premier One team.

**2015 ALL AREA GIRLS SOCCER FIRST TEAM**

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Aliya El-Sabeh, sr. def., Stevenson  
Jennifer Richmond, soph. fwd., Canton  
Sylvia Cervantes, soph. def., Churchill  
Megan Schulz, sr. def., Farmington  
Maya Jamison, sr. goalie, Harrison  
Erin Bahm, jr. def., N. Farmington  
Maria Pulice, sr. def., Mercy

**SECOND TEAM**

Sara Taylor, soph. fwd., Churchill  
Bridget Nicol, jr. fwd., Salem  
Riley Burnette, jr. def., Franklin  
Megan Verant, soph. mid., Stevenson  
Anna DeBiasi, jr. mid., Plymouth  
Jordan Anheuser, jr. goalie, Canton  
Alex Griffin, sr. fwd., Mercy  
Kimberly Lindberg, jr. mid., Harrison  
Olivia Elby, soph. fwd., N. Farmington  
Hope Sheffield, sr. mid., Plymouth  
Sydney Clime, sr. fwd., John Glenn  
Samantha Sultana, soph. mid., Garden City

Jessica Clappison, sr. def., Farmington  
Andrea Kwasniewicz, sr. def., Ladywood  
Madison Archibald, jr. mid., Canton  
Jessica Paulson, soph. mid., Ply. Christian

Patil Tcholakian, fr. goalie, N. Farmington  
Maddy Erdman, jr. mid., Mercy  
Bri Rogers, soph. mid., Ladywood  
**CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR**  
Ken Shingledecker, Livonia Ladywood  
Jeannine Reddy, Canton

**HONORABLE MENTIONS**

**Canton:** Sarah Willett, Paige Messmer; **Plymouth:** Kathryn Gordon, Cassidy Lewis, Alyssa Swanson, Hannah Badger, Katie Chipman; **Salem:** Gabby Teodorescu, Hayley Rogers, Caroline Simko, Hailey Katulski; **Ply. Christian:** Sarah Durham, Anna Nichols, Lauren Schlientz, Abby Wyman; **Harrison:** Jessica Khoury, Madison Jones; **Farmington:** Katie Nuttall, Ashley Grove, Teagan Evans, Tara Arlin, Kayla Sharp, Angela Boyce, Marlee Pope; **North Farmington:** Alexis Cohn, Arti Vaishnav, Gabriela Sgambati, Bethany Wood; **Mercy:** Marge Terhune, Allia McDowell, Kacey Cerretani; **Ladywood:** Kennedy Bullard; **Churchill:** Erin Emmanuel, Alexis Lubonja; **Franklin:** Isabella Yardley, Kathryn MacRae; **Stevenson:** Jenna Thom, Audrey Kopitz; **John Glenn:** Susie Bryan, Kendra Pennington; **Wayne:** Amiee Hutton; **Garden City:** Gabby Castillo; **Redford Union:** Erin Miley, Bailey Tamange, Maggie Osowski.

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For Reddy, it was her third district championship in five years. In earlier seasons, her teams made it to the Elite Eight and Final Four.

"I have been so privileged to have such great players, seniors, captains, assistants that have made our seasons so successful and, above all, fun," Reddy said. "I enjoy coaching and above all, teaching life skills, the importance of education, priorities and respect to all my girls."

after posting a 14-6-4 overall record this season before being ousted by Trenton in the regional final, 1-0.

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SUMMER COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

# Balicki's gem helps Rams clinch LMCBL crown

Rams win title with 2-0 victory over A Green

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Jake Balicki tossed a two-hit, complete-game gem Friday night to lead the Michigan Rams to a 2-0 victory over A Green in a Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League game played at Livonia's Ford Field.

The victory clinched the LMCBL title for the Rams (25-8-1) and earned them a berth in this week's NABF college division national tournament in Toledo.



The Michigan Rams earned a berth in this week's NABF national tournament after clinching first place in the Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League on Friday.

Capitol City Reds at Toledo's Bowman Park. Following a couple-hour

break, the Rams will take on the Capitol City Athletics at 3 p.m. at Korber

Field in Toledo. The Rams' third game is set for 9 a.m. Friday at

Korber Field against the Crystal Lake (Ill.) Cardinals.

Balicki was lights-out in the title-clinching game as he struck out 12 while yielding just five base runners.

The Rams made efficient use of their two hits, plating a run without a hit in the top of the first before adding an insurance marker in the sixth.

Anthony DiPonio did the most damage for the winners, going 2-for-3 with an RBI. Zack McGuire knocked in a run while Westen Price scored the game's only two runs.

Ryan Blake-Jones and Chris Houle laced the only hits off Balicki, who pitches for the University of Michigan.

The loss dropped A

Green to 14-20.

On Saturday, the Rams closed their season with an exciting 4-3 setback to the Bulls (25-10). Maverick Prine was a beast at the plate for the Bulls, going 2-for-3 with a home run and three RBI. Alex Fultz also knocked in a run for the winners.

DiPonio was the lone Ram to pick up two hits. Nolan Page, Ben Hart and Zack Schmittke added RBI.

The Rams led 3-2 until the bottom of the seventh when Prine belted a walk-off two-run home run to make a winner out of relief pitcher Jack Hranec (three innings, three strikeouts, three walks). Page suffered the loss for the Rams, who were outthit 8-5.

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LIVONIA COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE

# Hurricanes storm into prestigious AAABA tournament

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

For the second consecutive summer, the picturesque town of Johnstown, Pa., will be bracing for the arrival of Hurricanes — fortunately, the kind more likely to show up on ESPN than the Weather Channel.

For the 71st consecutive year, Johnstown will host the All-American Amateur Baseball Association national tournament, and one of the 16 teams that qualified for the week-long event is the Michigan Hurricanes, a squad of Observerland-area players who compete in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

Under the guidance of head coach Art Cameron, the Hurricanes will open play in the double-elimination format on Aug. 10 — two days after they attend the prestigious AAABA Hall of Fame Banquet. Opening-day matchups and the entire tournament brackets will be released on Aug. 9.

Among the players leading the Hurricanes' charge to Johnstown were Dan Cameron, who led the team in batting average (.349), RBI (16), runs scored (23) and hits (30); and Alex Oleszkowicz, who was among the 'Canes' leaders in every important offensive category, including

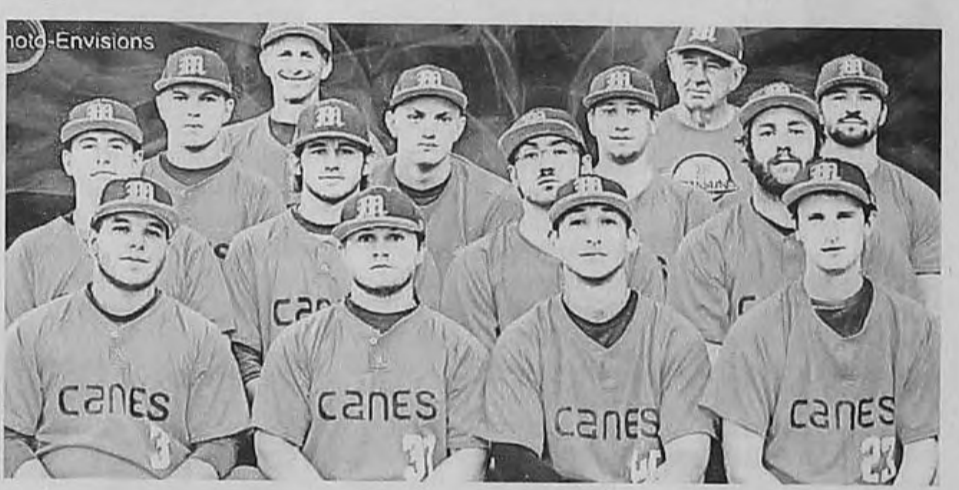
walks, which he topped with 25.

Also registering big numbers for the Hurricanes was Jake Weshalek, who hit .279 with 13 RBI and 14 runs scored.

The Hurricanes' pitching staff was paced by Eastern Michigan University hurler Devon Bronson, who chalked up an 8-0 record thanks to a solid earned run average of 3.28.

Many of the top wooden-bat collegiate summer leagues in the Midwestern and Eastern U.S. will be represented at the tournament, which will crown a champion in mid-August.

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The Michigan Hurricanes' roster includes (front row from left) Jose Salinas, Dan Cameron, Enrique Roboyras, Patrick Wierimaa (pickup for tournament), (second row from left) Tre DeVoe, Jared Hagen, Nolan Duvall, Devon Bronson, (third row from left) Zach Zsolchak, Kyle Roberts, Jake Weshalek, Jake Makowski, (fourth row from left) coach Weshalek and coach Makowski. Not pictured are Greg Galetto, Joey Galetto, Travis Harvey, Badih Jawad, Josh Lockwood, Alex Oleszkowicz, Dan Schmidt, Jared Terrill and head coach Art Cameron.

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NO PLACE LIKE HOME

## Novi home offers ample amenities, room to grow

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

At least one Detroit Red Wings player calls the Chase Farms subdivision in Novi home, while others have lived there in the past. A home now on the market in that sub, 21850 Picadilly Circle, is listed at \$560,000 with Jeff Glover & Associates Realtors/Keller Williams.

"They have a lot of very well-known people. It's a very desired sub," Realtor/listing agent Elena Kulpa said.

It has four bedrooms, 4½ baths, 3,650 square feet and is in the Novi school district.

The departing owner is a high-tech consultant who located in Novi in 2003, said Kulpa of Jeff Glover & Associates Realtors.

"At this point in their life, their children are grown," she said, noting they have grandchildren and family in upstate New York. "They're wanting to be a part of that."

The Picadilly Circle home has a gourmet kitchen with granite counter tops, as well as maple wood floors in the kitchen, foyer and back entryway. There's a vaulted foyer ceiling.

Kulpa noted the Chase Farms sub as especially desirable. "It's one that's been around a while. It's easy access," she said of the Meadowbrook/Nine Mile area. "It's still kind of secluded."

The home is close to Twelve Oaks Mall, she said, as well as freeways for commuters.

"You have the entertainment value, for sure," Kulpa said. The formal dining room is conducive to adult conversation over wine, while the basement offers "room for a growing family," she said.

"Novi is very well-known for the school district. It's definitely a good choice for them," she said of potential buyers.

The Picadilly Circle home has custom landscaping, a two-tier deck and brick paver patio. There's a finished walk-out basement.

Kulpa noted a bigger family could be accommodated in the home, including an in-law suite which could be added. The stairs leading upstairs are carpeted, as are the other rooms not having the maple wood floors.

The Plymouth-based Jeff Glover & Associates Realtors/Keller Williams has been at that location almost 13 years, she said.

It has been the No. 1 team in the industry in sales the last three years, Kulpa noted with pride.



JEFF GLOVER & ASSOCIATES REALTORS/KELLER WILLIAMS

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Conversation flows easily in the Novi home's open areas.



JEFF GLOVER & ASSOCIATES REALTORS/KELLER WILLIAMS

Bedrooms offer ample space in the home for sale in Novi's Chase Farms subdivision.



JEFF GLOVER & ASSOCIATES REALTORS/KELLER WILLIAMS

The kitchen island's an ideal place to gather for food and conversation.

"We're 16th in the nation," she added of the *Wall Street Journal* designation.

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of March 9 - 13, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>BEVERLY HILLS</b>	16012 Birchwood Ave	\$240,000
<b>BINGHAM FARMS</b>	23172 Old Orchard Trl	\$453,000
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	175 Aspen Rd	\$1,663,000
	425 Bird Ave	\$225,000
	514 Chesterfield Ave	\$470,000
	488 Harmon St	\$600,000
	810 Harmon St	\$475,000
	1090 Lake Park Dr	\$1,340,000
	898 N Adams Rd Unit 1	\$103,000
	592 Oakland Ave	\$482,000
	2799 Pembroke Rd	\$235,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>	1980 Dell Rose Dr	\$425,000
	15 Cranbrook Ln	\$975,000
	1750 Hammond Ct	\$680,000
	1000 Stratford Ln	\$418,000
	1450 Trailwood Path # C	\$132,000

#### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

6932 Cathedral Dr	\$300,000
4555 Quanton Rd	\$615,000
384 S Williamsbury Rd	\$359,000
4293 Sawgrass Dr	\$430,000
5574 Shadow Ln	\$364,000
4001 Spur Hill Dr	\$200,000
1780 Sunset Dr	\$325,000
4175 Valley Forge Dr	\$282,000
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>	
8627 Cooley Lake Rd # 312	\$335,000
2305 Verna Ln	\$50,000
<b>FARMINGTON</b>	
22449 Lilac St	\$93,000
23606 Longacre St	\$180,000
36698 Vicary Ln	\$232,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
27820 Berrywood Ln Unit 3	\$90,000
34650 Bunker Hill Dr	\$223,000
26821 Five Mile Rd	\$110,000
38888 Country Cir	\$110,000
38374 Darbyshire	\$149,000
26049 Drake Rd	\$184,000
28300 Forestbrook Dr	\$305,000
32206 Hull Ave	\$133,000
37040 Kirkshire Ct	\$122,000
25435 Liberty Ln	\$260,000
39384 Lilly Ct	\$432,000
24474 Martel Dr	\$185,000

35032 Meadow Lane Ct	\$190,000
38198 Saratoga Cir	\$190,000
25501 Westmoreland Dr	\$242,000
<b>HIGHLAND</b>	
2778 Davista Dr	\$43,000
3487 Lakeview Dr	\$70,000
4045 Loch Dr	\$116,000
<b>LATHRUP VILLAGE</b>	
18811 Bunglow Dr	\$145,000
18266 Rainbow Dr	\$181,000
<b>MILFORD</b>	
321 Caroline	\$151,000
650 Olivia Dr	\$320,000
318 S Main St	\$167,000
522 Union St	\$157,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
21878 Bedford Dr	\$318,000
49701 Deer Run	\$120,000
41745 Onaway Dr	\$100,000
21208 W Glen Haven Cir	\$110,000
<b>NOVI</b>	
45321 Bartlett Dr	\$345,000
28281 Carlton Way Dr	\$215,000
45235 Courtview Trl	\$333,000
1286 E Lake Dr	\$520,000
26362 Fieldstone Dr	\$340,000
50652 Glades Ct E	\$645,000
24826 Joseph	\$179,000

39600 Kartar Ln	\$96,000
23571 Meeting Hall Ln	\$103,000
22230 Meridian Ln	\$275,000
40551 Rock Hill St	\$181,000
27372 Sloan St	\$295,000
25600 Strath Haven Dr	\$261,000
30971 Tanglewood Dr	\$214,000
49750 W 9 Mile Rd	\$185,000
23405 W Le Bost	\$213,000
<b>SOUTH LYON</b>	
57962 10 Mile Rd	\$272,000
967 Devon Ct	\$200,000
340 Hampton Ct	\$275,000
23396 Millwood	\$482,000
24780 Purfin Ct	\$470,000
140 Woodland Dr	\$405,000
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>	
27055 Everett St	\$68,000
20755 Melrose St	\$145,000
17241 Revere St	\$178,000
5000 Town Ctr # 207	\$58,000
29214 W Chanticleer Dr	\$130,000
<b>WHITE LAKE</b>	
9151 Funston Blvd	\$74,000
1825 Kristina Dr	\$50,000
1105 Pinecrest Dr	\$26,000
654 Plainfield Dr	\$354,000

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### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Short sales

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

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

Call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for a reservation or additional information.

#### Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.



Robert Meisner

## Don't delay, investigate discrimination complaint

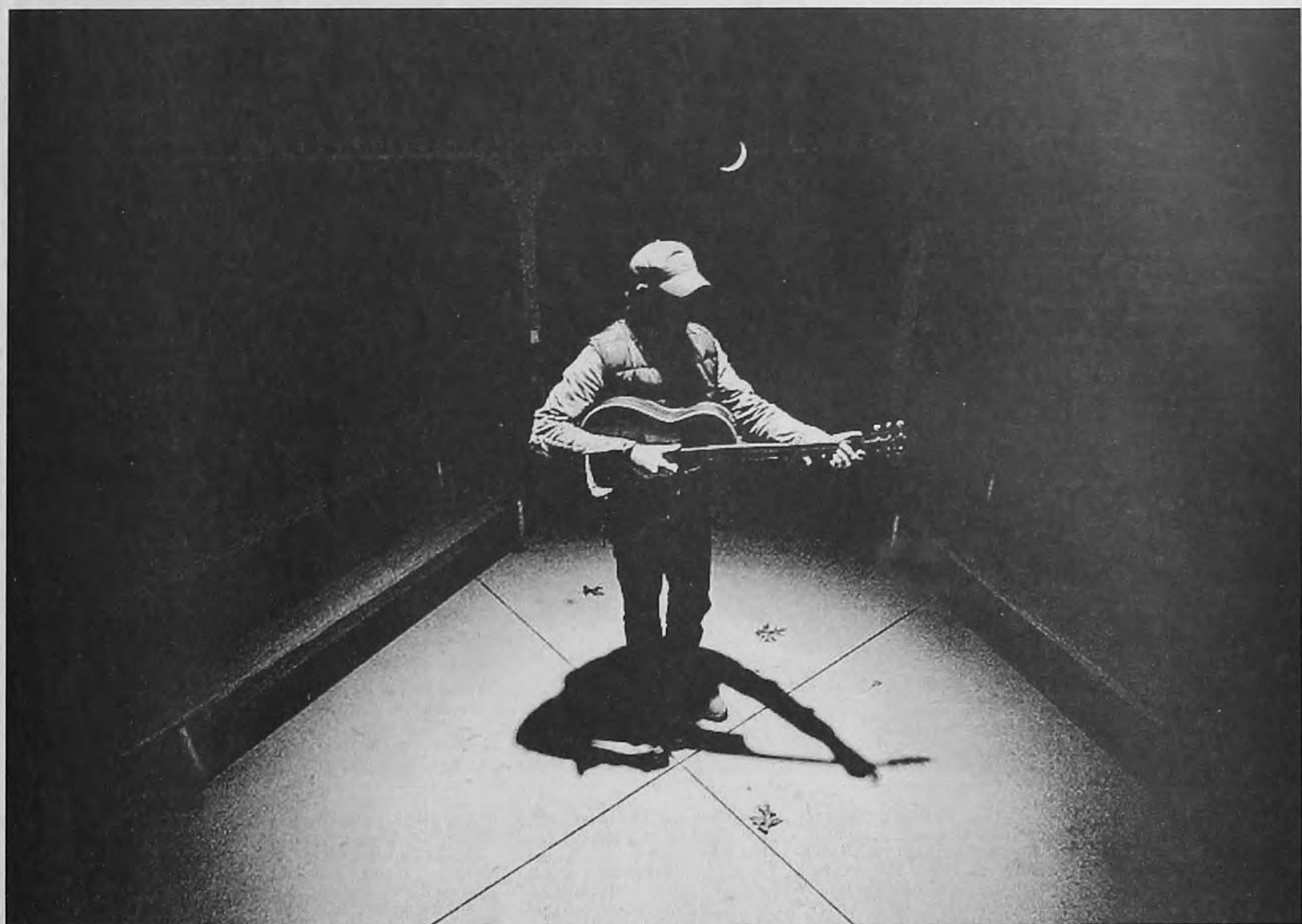
**Q: One of our cooperative directors believes she has been mistreated because of age and racial composition. The board seems to be delaying any kind of response, hoping it will go away. How can we more effectively deal with this problem?**

**A:** The board simply needs to pay attention to all requests that it receives, regardless of the nature of the request, and prioritize which ones must be made immediately or, possibly, face major consequences, particularly when we are dealing with a fair housing request. The board and association may be required to defend its actions regarding members rights and they should be addressed as soon as possible. First, the fact that the board is silent could lead to a discrimination claim and, moreover, the board should be clear as to whether or not members actually have acted upon the request and denied it. In two recent cases, the associations' lengthy delay in responding to fair housing requests led to expensive litigation and possible liability.

**Q: I understand that some states have something called an Association Super-Priority Lien which has priority over their first mortgage in terms of the association getting paid. Can you explain what that means?**

**A:** Some states have in their Common Interest Ownership Act, which includes condominiums and homeowner associations, a provision that elevates the priority of the association's lien over all other liens and encumbrances on a unit except specified liens. One of the specified exceptions is a first security interest on the unit recorded before the date on which the assessments sought to be enforced first became delinquent, i.e., a first mortgage. However, the act creates a partial exception to a first mortgagee's priority. The association's lien has priority over a first mortgage for any maintenance and nuisance abatement charges incurred by the association on a unit pursuant to the act and the association assessments which would have become due in the absence of acceleration of the assessments for the fiscal year during the nine months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the lien. Unfortunately, Michigan has no such provision as the mortgage lobby is extremely effective along with the insurance lobby. Call your state representative and senator to get things improved.





SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Chris Bathgate of Ann Arbor is among the performers set for the Fair Lane Folk Festival, Aug. 1.

# Folk festival set at historic Ford estate

Henry Ford Estate, the historic former home of Clara and Henry Ford, is bringing back music and re-opening the estate for summer events to commemorate 100 years since the Fords moved into their Dearborn home, Fair Lane.

The Fair Lane Folk Festival, which is set for 4-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, will take a contemporary spin on the traditional folk music that Henry and Clara enjoyed. The festival will feature national, regional and local musicians performing folk, Americana, roots, and bluegrass music, presented on two stages in the gardens of the historic estate.

Attendees will also be able to enjoy Michigan craft beers in the Bell's Beer Garden, a variety of food trucks and local artisans and vendors. The full lineup of musicians includes NBC's *The Voice* finalist Joshua Davis, Matt Wertz, Frontier Ruckus, Rayland Baxter, The Accidentals, PigPen Theatre Co., Rachel & Dominic Davis, The Giving Tree Band, Chris Bathgate, Thunderwude and The Green Gallows.

"We are thrilled to be welcoming



The Fair Lane Estate, former home of Henry and Clara Ford, will be open for a folk festival.

visitors back to the estate to help us celebrate this momentous occasion,"

said Henry Ford Estate President Kathleen Mullins. "Clara and Henry's

home was often filled with the sounds of music and lively dancing, so it's an especially fitting way to commemorate this centennial celebration. We hope that the Fair Lane Folk Festival will bring a new generation of history- and music-lovers to enjoy this national treasure."

Advance tickets are available at two price levels:

» \$25 general admission includes admission to festival, parking in a University parking lot and access to estate grounds. If tickets remain available, they will be \$30 on site.

» \$75 VIP Includes VIP parking at the estate, admission to festival, access to House, VIP reception in the air conditioned Pool Room with snacks, drinks and private acoustic performances. VIP tickets are limited.

Bell's Brewery from Kalamazoo will host the two beer gardens. Food trucks will include Detroit BBQ Company, Delectabowl Gourmet, Taste Budz, Treat Dreams and Drifter Coffee.

For more information and a link to tickets, visit [www.fairlanefolkfest.org](http://www.fairlanefolkfest.org) or call 313-884-4222.

## AT THE MOVIES

### Friday, July 31

» *A LEGO Brickumentary* (exclusively at Cinema Detroit): Oscar-winning director Daniel Junge and Oscar-nominated director Kief Davidson takes viewers on a journey through the LEGO brand ... like never seen before. They explore the brick that has captured imaginations for generations and look at the fundamental question — is it a toy or something more? Not rated.

» *Mission Impossible – Rogue Nation* (in theaters and IMAX): With the IMF disbanded, and Ethan off in the cold, the team now faces off against a network of highly skilled special agents, the Syndicate. These highly trained operatives are hellbent on creating a new world order through an escalating series of terrorist attacks. Ethan gathers his team and joins forces with disavowed British agent Ilsa Faust, who may or may not be a member of this rogue nation, as the group faces their most impossible mission yet. Starring Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner, Simon Pegg and Ving Rhames. Directed by Christopher McQuarrie. Rated PG-13.

### Wednesday, Aug. 5

*Shaun the Sheep Movie* is about a sheep who decides to take the day off and have some fun. But he gets a little more action than he bargained for. A mix up with the Farmer, a caravan, and a very steep hill lead them all to



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"Shaun the Sheep Movie" opens Aug. 5.

the Big City and it's up to Shaun and the flock to return everyone safely to the green grass of home. Written and directed by Mark Burton and Richard Starzak. Not rated.

### Friday, Aug. 7

» *Dark Places* tells the story of Libby Day (Charlize Theron) who was only 7 when her mother and two sisters were brutally murdered in their rural Kansas farmhouse. In court, the traumatized child pointed the finger at her brother, Ben (Tye Sheridan), and her testimony put the troubled 16-year-old in prison for life. Twenty-five years later, a broke and desperate Libby has run through donations from a sympathetic public and royalties

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## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

**Details:** Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

**Wild Summer Nights:** Concerts run 6:30-8 p.m. and include Taylor Taylor, Aug. 5; The Verve Pipe, Aug. 12; Detroit Children's Choir, Aug. 19; Candy Band, Aug. 26

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### ARTS AND CRAFTS SIDEWALK FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** 3-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

**Location:** Old Redford-Brightmoor neighborhood, Grand River Avenue and Lahser area in Detroit

**Details:** Outdoor celebration of performance and installation art includes sculpture, dance, music and theater

**Contact:** [sidewalkdetroit.com](http://sidewalkdetroit.com)

### VILLAGE THEATER

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through July 30

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** "Healing Art," includes works by photographers Michelle Malloch and Amy Lockard and fiber work combined with painting by Kelly Darke

**Accepting entries:** Deadline to enter the 23rd annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition is Aug. 24. The

exhibition will run Oct. 2-31. Interested artists can visit [CantonVillageTheater.org](http://CantonVillageTheater.org) or call 734-394-5300, Ext. 8

**Contact:** 734-394-5300

### FILM

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, July 31, and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 1-2

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** Tomorrowland, \$3

**Summer Cinema:** *The Sound of Music*, July 30; *Back to the Future*, Aug. 6; *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, Aug. 13; *The Goonies*, Aug. 20; *The Muppets Take Manhattan*, Aug. 27

**Contact:** 734-453-0870; [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

#### POPCORN TUESDAY

**Time/Date:** Tuesday through Aug. 25

**Location:** MJR Digital Cinemas, including Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Any size popcorn is free; includes one refill

**Contact:** [mjrtheatres.com](http://mjrtheatres.com)

#### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Aug. 7 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 8

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit

**Details:** *Mildred Pierce*, \$5

**Contact:** 313-898-1481

#### SUMMER DRIVE-IN

**Time/Date:** Films screen at dusk, nightly through Sept. 6

**Location:** USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Ply-



Opera diva  
Kisma Jordan

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## GET OUT

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**Details:** Double features on three screens. Visit [summerdrivein.com](http://summerdrivein.com) weekly for updated film list. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, 4-12 and free for children, 3 and under.

**Contact:** 734-927-3284

### HISTORY

#### PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

**Location:** 155 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17. Free museum admission for active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day

**Exhibit:** The Fair That Changed America runs to Nov. 1, and focuses on the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, Ill. Many contemporary, commonplace objects were introduced at this World's Fair, including the Ferris wheel.

**Contact:** 734-455-8940

### MUSIC

#### BLUES@THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

**Location:** Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

**Contact:** 734-453-1780

#### CANTON COLOR TOUR

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Friday, through Aug. 21



ARCHIVE PHOTO

Steve King and the Dittilies will perform July 30 at the Music from the Heart concert series in Livonia.

**Location:** A different parking lot each week along Ford Road in Canton

**Details:** Gerard Gibbs "R.Y.Z.," July 31, Yancy, Aug. 7. Both perform at the Super Bowl, located between Canton Center and Sheldon. Charles & Gwen Scales perform Aug. 14 at JCPenney, located between Morton Taylor and Sheldon. Urban Jazz Coalition, Aug. 21, will be at Kroger, at Ford Road and Canton Center.

**Contact:** [shopcanton.org](http://shopcanton.org)

#### CANTON CONCERTS

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, through Aug. 13

**Location:** Heritage Park, adjacent to the Canton Public Library on the campus of Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

**Details:** Allen as Tim and the Dance

Hall Rockers, July 30; Greg Jaqua with an Elvis Presley Tribute, Aug. 6; and The Dan Rafferty Band, Aug. 13

**Contact:** [cantonfun.org](http://cantonfun.org)

#### CONCERT IN THE PARK

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, through Aug. 11

**Location:** Handy Park, 26650 Capitol at Hemingway, Redford Township

**Details:** Concerts at Handy Park include Terry Bar & No Left Turn, Aug. 4; Persuasion, Aug. 11

**Contact:** 313-387-2650

#### JAZZ@THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

**Location:** Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

**Contact:** 734-453-1780 or email [plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com)

#### JAZZ IN THE PARK

**Time/Date:** 4-7 p.m. Sunday, July-August

**Location:** Band shell at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

**Details:** Three different jazz acts perform each week at this free concert

**Contact:** [jazzinthepark.org](http://jazzinthepark.org)

#### MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

**Time/Date:** 6:15 p.m. Aug. 29

**Location:** Grand Circus Park in Detroit in August

**Details:** Mowtown, Mamma Mia and More! will celebrate the music of the 1960s-'70s by such artists as The Supremes, Stevie Wonder, The Rolling Stones and The Temptations. Local vocalists, Kathryn Calzone, Lauren Norris and Taylor Wallis, will join the Michigan Philharmonic on the "Mamma Mia" finale. Concerts are free.

**Contact:** 734-451-2112; [michigan-phil.org](http://michigan-phil.org)

#### MILFORD MEMORIES

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8

**Location:** Beer tent at the festival, in downtown Milford. Park at Holden's Party Store, 2055 S. Milford Road or Milford High School, 2380 S. Milford Road to catch the shuttle

**Details:** Local band Powerplay performs. Other performers during the festival, which runs Aug. 7-9 and includes an art show, are The Icemen, Dave Hardin, Leah and The Troublemakers, Lida Mary, Jon McAuliffe, Phoenix Theory, and more

**Contact:** [milfordmemories.com](http://milfordmemories.com)

#### MUSIC FROM THE HEART

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Thursday, through Aug. 27

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center grounds, Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Steve King and the Dittilies, July 30; Motor City Soul, Aug. 6; Billy Mack & the Juke Joint Johnnies, Aug. 13; Cosmic Groove Band, Aug. 20; Thomas & Kentucky Strait, Aug. 27

**Contact:** [ci.livonia.mi.us](http://ci.livonia.mi.us)

#### MUSIC IN THE AIR

**Time/Date:** 7-9:30 p.m. Friday through Sept. 4

**Location:** Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

**Details:** Mainstreet Soul, July 31; The Dan Rafferty Band, Aug. 7; Phoenix Theory, Aug. 14; The Randy Brock Band, Aug. 21; Magic Bus, Aug. 28; Steve King & The Dittilies, Sept. 4

**Contact:** [plymouthmich.org](http://plymouthmich.org)

#### MUSIC IN THE PARK CHILDREN'S SERIES

**Time/Date:** Noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, through Aug. 26

**Location:** Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

**Details:** The Chautauqua Express, July 29; Joel Tacey's Tip Top Entertainment, Aug. 5; Gemini, Aug. 12; Barbara Bailey Hutchinson, Aug. 19; Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic, Aug. 26

**Contact:** [plymoutharts.com](http://plymoutharts.com)

#### RHYTHMS IN RILEY PARK

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, through Aug. 28

**Location:** Downtown Farmington

**Details:** The Luddites, July 31; Allie Louise, Aug. 7; Hullabaloo, Aug. 14; Twisted Root Revival, Aug. 21

**Contact:** [downtownfarmington.org](http://downtownfarmington.org)

#### STARS IN THE PARK

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday through Aug. 27

**Location:** Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Kari Holmes & The Modern Day Drifters, July 30

**Contact:** 248-473-1848

## MOVIES

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from her sensational autobiography, without ever moving past the events of that night. When Libby accepts a fee to appear at a gathering of true-crime aficionados led by Lyle Wirth (Nicholas Hoult), she is shocked to learn most of them believe Ben is innocent and the real killer is still at large. In need of money, she reluctantly agrees to help them re-examine the crime by revisiting the worst moments of her life. But as Libby and Lyle dig deeper into the circumstances surrounding the murders, her recollections start to unravel and she is forced to question exactly what she saw — or

didn't see. As long-buried memories resurface, Libby begins to confront the wrenching truths that led up to that horrific night. Also starring Christina Hendricks, Corey Stoll and Chloë Grace Moretz. Rated R.

» *Fantastic Four* is a contemporary re-imagining of Marvel's original and longest-running superhero team, centers on four young outsiders who teleport to an alternate and dangerous universe, which alters their physical form in shocking ways. Their lives irrevocably upended, the team must learn to harness their daunting new abilities and work together to save Earth from a former friend turned enemy. Starring Miles Teller, Michael B. Jordan, Kate Mara, Jamie Bell, Toby Kebbell, Reg

E. Cathey and Tim Blake Nelson. Directed by Josh Trank. Not rated.

» *The Gift* is about a young married couple whose life is going just as planned until a chance encounter with an acquaintance from high school sends their world into a harrowing tailspin. Jason Bate-man plays Simon and Rebecca Hall is Robyn. Simon doesn't recognize Gordo (Joel Edgerton) at first, but after a seemingly coincidental series of encounters proves troubling, a horrifying secret from their past is uncovered after nearly 20 years. As Robyn learns the unsettling truth about what happened between Simon and Gordo, she starts to question: how well do we really know the people closest to us, and are past by-gones ever really by-

goned? Directed by Joel Edgerton. Not rated.

» *The Irrational Man* is about a tormented philosophy professor who finds a will to live when he commits an existential act. Philosophy professor Abe Lucas (Joaquin Phoenix) is at rock bottom emotionally, unable to find any meaning or joy in life. Abe feels that everything he's tried to do, from political activism to teaching, hasn't made any difference. Soon after arriving to teach at a small town college, Abe gets involved with two women: Rita Richards (Parker Posey), a lonely professor who wants him to rescue her from her unhappy marriage; and Jill Pollard (Emma Stone), his best student, who becomes his closest friend. Once Abe makes a pro-

found choice, he is able to embrace life to the fullest again. But his decision sets off a chain of events that will affect him, Jill and Rita forever. Rated R.

» *Ricki and the Flash* stars Meryl Streep as Ricki Endazzo, a hard-rocking singer/guitarist who has made many mistakes following her dreams of rock-and-roll stardom. Returning home, Ricki gets a shot at redemption and a chance to make things right as she faces the music with her family. Streep stars opposite her real-life daughter Mamie Gummer; Rick Springfield, portrays a Flash member in love with Ricki; Kevin Kline is Ricki's ex-husband; and Audra McDonald portrays Kline's new wife. Directed by Jonathan Demme. Rated PG-13.



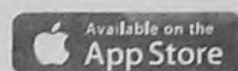
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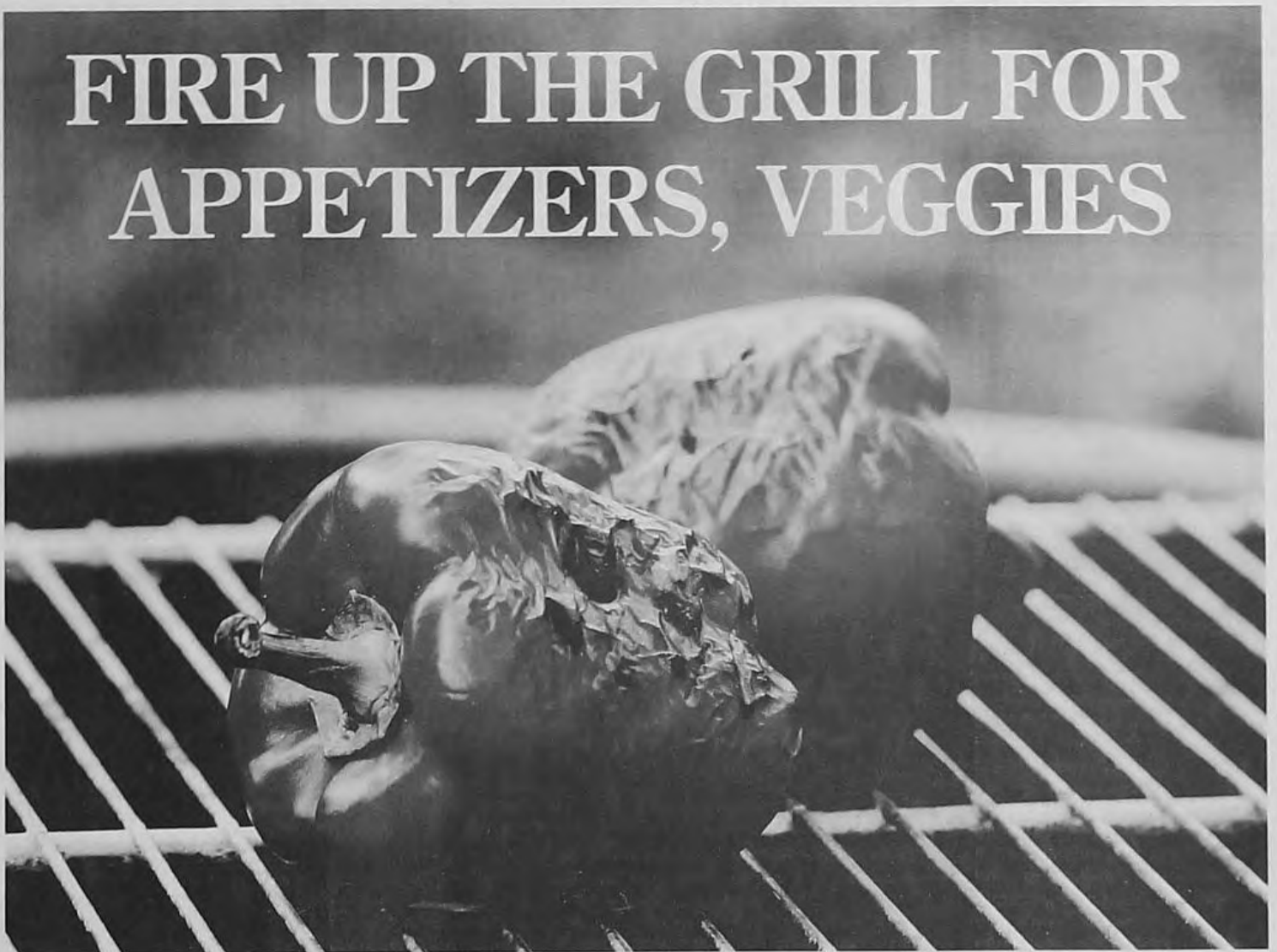
There's nothing better than firing up the grill and gathering in the back yard with family and friends. While everyone expects to see burgers, dogs and steaks, you can show your guests you're a true barbecue master by serving up smoky, grilled appetizers and veggies fresh off the grill.

Try a new fan favorite of the season - Barbecue Meatball Skewers with Mozzarella—courtesy of Chris Lilly, world champion pitmaster. This recipe for deliciously gooey grilled meatball skewers is a tasty way to kick the party off right.

The key is a little trick all pitmasters know: the two-zone fire. Simply put, the two-zone fire splits the grill in half. Pile hot charcoal on one half for direct, high-heat cooking and searing, while leaving the other side free of charcoal for lower-temperature cooking of dishes, such as appetizers and sides.

Follow these tips for creating the perfect two-zone charcoal fire:

1. Light your coals using a chimney starter or lighter fluid. For high heat, use a full chimney of charcoal or light a pile of about 100 briquettes.
2. Pour out your hot coals on one side or use a spatula or tongs to carefully move all the coals to cover 50 percent of the lower grill grate.
3. The void space, free of coals directly underneath the grates, is still hot. Food will cook there — just not as fast as on the direct side, right above the coals.
4. Use the hot side of your



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grill for direct cooking with high heat—for example, searing a steak to get good color, caramelization and grill marks. Use the other side for slow, indirect cooking and to

let foods cook through after searing. The coal-free side also serves as a flame-free zone. In case of flare-ups, just move your food to the indirect side until the flames

subside, then move them back to the direct side. For more tips and recipes, visit [www.kingsford.com](http://www.kingsford.com).

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## GRILLED CHICKEN LETTUCE WRAPS WITH SPICY MANGO MARINADE

Prep time: 30 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes  
Serves: 6

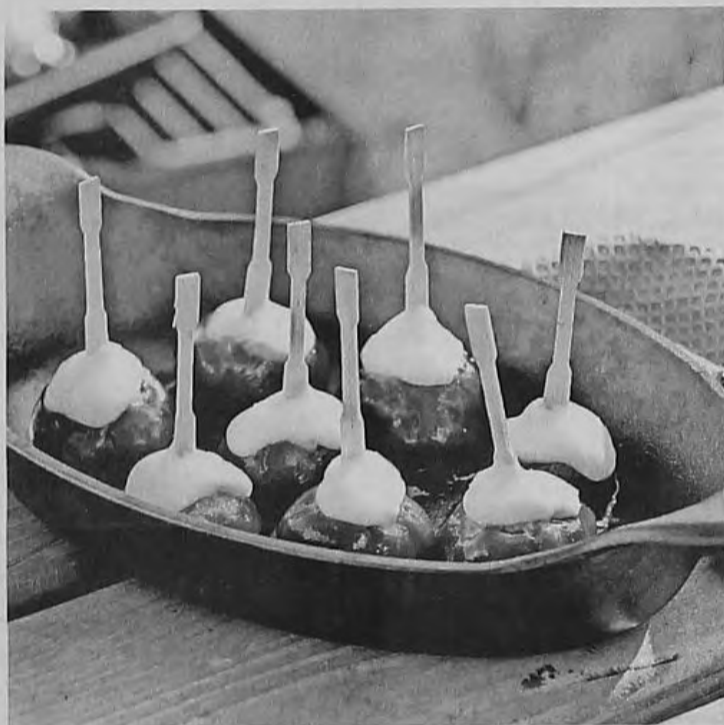
- 1 can (18 ounces) diced water chestnuts drained
- 1 clove garlic peeled, minced
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar
- 1½ pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs (4–6 thighs)
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 3 green onions white and green parts, thinly sliced
- 3 ounces fresh button, or white mushrooms wiped clean, stems trimmed, diced
- 6 to 8 Boston or butter lettuce leaves, rinsed well, patted dry
- ½ cup KC Masterpiece® Spicy Mango Marinade
- ½ teaspoon rice vinegar
- Asian Honey-Mango Sauce 1 tablespoon hoisin sauce
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 teaspoons KC Masterpiece Spicy Mango Marinade
- 2–3 teaspoons chili paste (add more to increase spicy flavor)

Preheat the grill and build a charcoal fire for direct grilling. In a 2-quart storage bag, combine the chicken and ½ cup of KC Masterpiece Spicy Mango Marinade. Seal the bag and toss until well coated. Chill for at least 30 minutes.

In a small sauce pan, add the honey, hoisin, chili paste and the remaining marinade, and cook over a medium heat for 3 to 5 minutes or until the marinade mixture is well blended and heated through. Remove the pan from the heat and set aside.

In a small bowl, add the water chestnuts, mushrooms, green onion, garlic, soy, brown sugar, sesame oil and vinegar and stir until well blended. Pour this mixture into the center of a 12-by-12-inch sheet of heavy duty foil. Fold the foil over the mushroom mixture, seal the edges and pierce with a fork.

Place the foil packet on the grill and cook for 12 to 15 minutes. Grill the chicken for 5 to 7 minutes on each side or until juices run clear. Remove the chicken and the foil packet from the grill and let stand until cool enough to handle. Dice the chicken into ½-inch pieces and remove to small serving dish. Remove the mushroom mixture from the packet, drain the liquid and place in a small bowl. Toss the mushrooms with the marinade mixture until well coated. Trim the stem from each lettuce leaf and shape each leaf into a cup. Fasten with a toothpick if needed. Divide the chicken evenly between the lettuce cups and top with the sauce, or serve the lettuce on the side for guests to fill their own tasty appetizer.



## BARBECUE MEATBALL SKEWERS WITH MOZZARELLA

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 12 minutes  
Makes: 20 meatball skewers

- 1 pound ground beef
- ½ cup bread crumbs
- ½ cup basil, chopped
- 1 egg, scrambled
- 3 tablespoons onion, diced
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 4 ounces fresh mozzarella
- 2 cups KC Masterpiece Kansas City Classic Barbecue Sauce
- 20 3-inch wooden skewers

Build a charcoal fire for indirect cooking with charcoal by situating the coals on only one side of the grill, leaving the other side void. Preheat to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.

In medium bowl, combine ground beef, bread crumbs, basil, egg, onion and salt. Mix well.

Form about 20 meatballs using 2 tablespoons of beef mixture for each meatball. Place meatballs over indirect heat and close grill lid. Cook for 10 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 160°F.

While meatballs cook, form a ball of mozzarella (1 teaspoon each) around each wooden skewer, 1 inch from end. Remove meatballs from grill and stick a mozzarella skewer into top of each meatball. Place back on grill over indirect heat, close grill lid and cook for an additional 2 minutes, or until cheese melts.

Pour 2 cups barbecue sauce into bowl. Once cheese melts, remove each skewer from grill and immediately dip meatball into barbecue sauce, up to bottom of melted cheese. Serve warm.

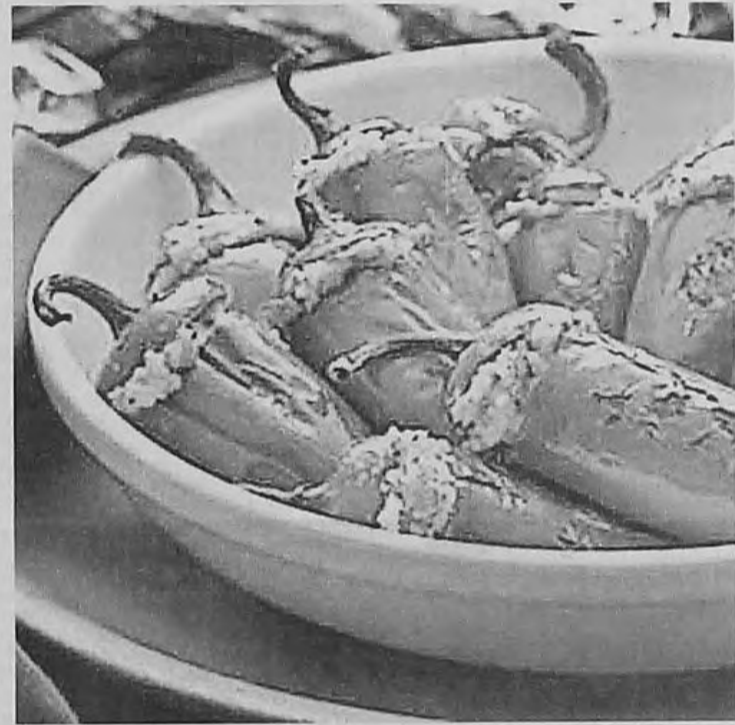
## ELOTE (GRILLED MEXICAN STREET CORN)

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 20 minutes  
Serves: 4

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 ears corn (husked)
- ½ cup Mexican crema or sour cream
- ½ cup crumbled Cotija cheese
- 1 teaspoon ancho chile powder
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- ½ teaspoon cumin
- 1 juice of a lime
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro

Heat grill to medium heat. Drizzle olive oil over the ears corn and place on grill for 3–4 minutes rotating on each side until slightly charred. Remove corn from grill.

Place sour cream in a bowl with ancho chile, cayenne, cumin, lime juice and salt. Mix well. Using a brush, brush this mixture over the corn and sprinkle with Cotija cheese and chopped cilantro.



## GRILLED JALAPEÑO POPPERS WITH BACON

Prep time: 30 minutes  
Cook time: 12 minutes  
Serves: 6

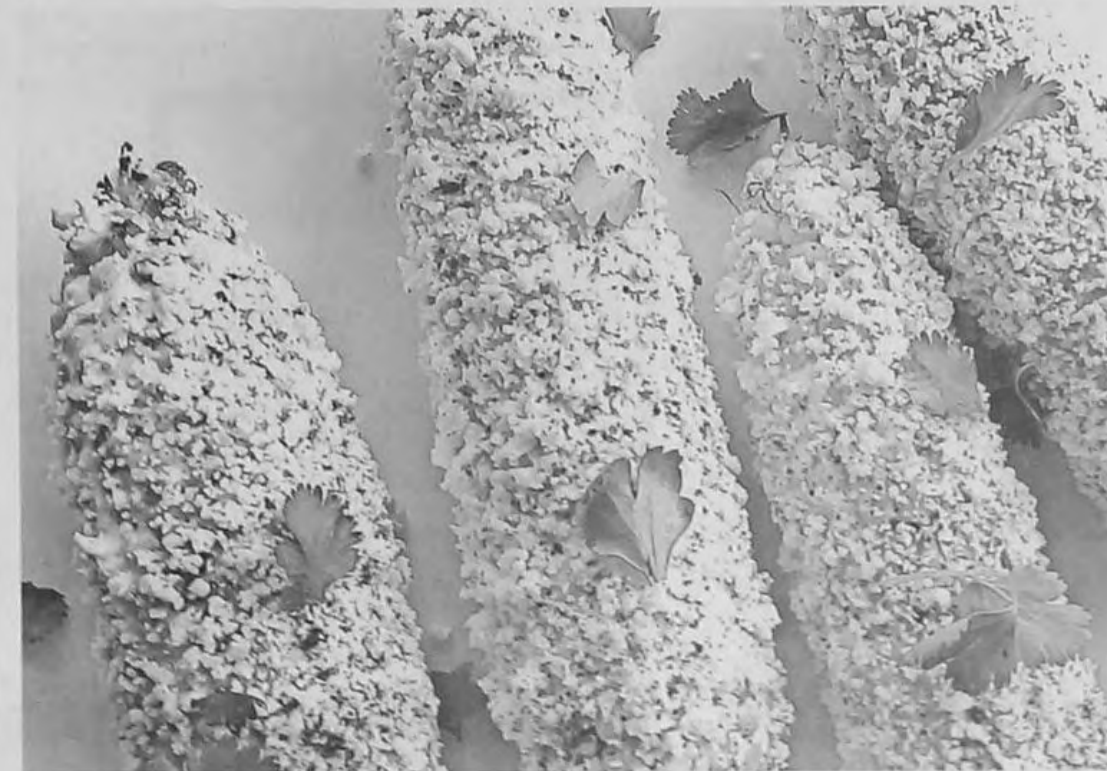
- Dipping Sauce:**
  - 1 packet (1 ounce) Hidden Valley Original Ranch Dips Mix
  - 16 ounces sour cream
- Poppers:**
  - 1 pound bacon
  - 1 tablespoon garlic powder
  - 1 teaspoon black pepper
  - 18–20 large peppers For a less spicy substitute, try 6–8 small poblano peppers instead.
  - 2 teaspoons cumin
  - 6 ounces (1½ cups) aged provolone cheese shredded
  - 8 ounces cream cheese room temperature

Mix dipping sauce ingredients together in a medium-sized bowl and refrigerate.

Fry bacon, drain and let cool. Crumble bacon into cream cheese and add all additional ingredients. Mix together well. Place cream cheese mixture inside a quart-size food storage bag. Cut off one of the corners to make a pastry bag.

Cut off the top of the peppers approximately ¼ of an inch from the base of the stem and set tops aside. Stuff cream cheese mixture in top of peppers and replace caps. Wrap each pepper tightly in foil.

Place wrapped peppers on the grill grate directly over a hot bed of Kingsford charcoal and turn frequently for 10–12 minutes. Remove from the grill, let cool, unwrap and serve with Hidden Valley Ranch dipping sauce to cool down the spice from the peppers.





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- 1 Drowse off
  - 4 Pool hall items
  - 8 Stride
  - 12 "Down Under" bird
  - 13 Host's plea
  - 14 Get paid
  - 15 Jay-Z genre (2 wds.)
  - 17 Make small talk
  - 18 Hate the thought of
  - 19 Be without
  - 21 Dry
  - 23 Exuded moisture
  - 27 Green Hornet's valet
  - 30 Speed along
  - 33 Lunched
  - 34 A Karamazov
  - 35 Battering stat
  - 36 Social climber
  - 37 Law, to Caesar
  - 38 Vaccine type
  - 39 Kind of caterpillar
  - 40 Hunter constellation
  - 42 Environmental prefix
  - 44 Idle away time
  - 47 Crop up
  - 51 Barks shrilly
  - 54 Temporary repair (2 wds.)
  - 56 Mr. Wiesel
  - 57 — Minor
  - 58 Gulf st.
  - 59 New driver, maybe
  - 60 Choir voice
  - 61 — Kippur
- DOWN**
- 1 Bookish type
  - 2 Sharif of the movies
  - 3 Deceive
  - 4 Somewhat vulgar
  - 5 — Enterprise
  - 6 Harmful
  - 7 Animal-rights org.
  - 8 Sticky-footed lizard
  - 9 Contented sigh
  - 10 Novelist — Levin
  - 11 Demolition aid
  - 16 Stone worker
  - 20 End of some URLs
  - 22 Pre-1917 honcho
  - 24 Writer — Grey
  - 25 Famed prep school
  - 26 Credit card balance
  - 27 Metric pound
  - 28 Assert positively
  - 29 Car for hire
  - 31 Fish-to-be
  - 32 Give the eye
  - 36 Long-legged bird
  - 38 Yoko —
  - 41 Mary-Kate or Ashley
  - 43 Tree with pods
  - 45 Soft color
  - 46 Roll tightly
  - 48 Uncertain
  - 49 Farm building
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  - 53 Chart shape
  - 55 Devotee's suffix

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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TICKETS

C K E T K D E G O D N R O C L D O U C O  
U I N S C O N R D N T P E C O V S W A U T  
L B S O O S D E P O A R D A T I T O C P  
N E P U I U N K F R I V F A R V I A R U  
E V G B M T N U C R S S U I N N R N G C  
B E Y B C A I T S O E H S E E O I L K E  
L Z N Z I Y T T R V T S P I U L M V F L  
L E E T T G K V E Y T S H S M M D E A E  
I R E N E B N R A P I N E M L D W G L L  
C U U H O R E E R H M L E V E H A Y S C  
E O N E W N T I R E O O L M I N F L T C  
C B M M E S A A W D T U C M E L T C N O  
R O A E D F I R I F L S T G L S I S U N  
E G Y L E I T R U N E I A D N A U T T T  
A N S V L I S N R Z M V H O O I C M S E  
M Z V E C O H P I E S E O C C O C R A S  
B R E K D O O R L I F C N W D A R N K T  
T A E L U I P N P A G A I T O G N S A S  
L T K S O P R A S B Y H L I N E S K F D  
S W E I U I E Y D N A C N O T T O C S I

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
6	9	4	2	5	7	8	3	1
8	5	2	3	1	4	7	8	6
2	8	9	6	9	3	6	7	2
6	4	1	5	2	3	6	7	8
3	9	5	6	7	8	1	2	4
3	6	7	4	6	1	3	5	8
2	6	7	4	6	1	3	5	8
7	1	9	2	3	6	8	4	5
5	8	6	9	4	7	2	1	3
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