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Orange barrels dot the landscape along Ford Road, near I-275.

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## Lightning strike blamed for fire that destroys home

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A lightning strike is believed to have caused a fire that destroyed a Canton house early Monday, officials said, and a couple credits working smoke detectors with saving their lives.

A couple, asleep in a second-floor bedroom, awoke about 1:15 a.m. and called 9-1-1 after smoke detectors alerted them to a fire that was engulfing the roof of their home and an attached garage, Deputy Fire Chief Chris Stoecklein said.

The fire occurred in the 8000 block of Tilbury Court, near Napier and Ann Arbor Road, on Canton's far northwest side. Stoecklein said the married couple, in their 50s, escaped without injury.

"The homeowner told me in

his own words that they probably wouldn't have made it out of the fire, had he not heard the smoke detector," Stoecklein said.

Firefighters arrived to find the roof of the home and the garage fully engulfed in flames. They used two aerial ladder trucks and several hand-held lines to battle the fire for several hours.

The homeowner told officials he believed his house had been struck by lightning about 11:15 p.m., causing the home to partially lose power two hours before the fire was noticed.

Fire Chief Joshua Meier urged anyone who believes a residence was struck by lightning to report it.

"Any resident whose home is struck by lightning during a

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CANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

A Canton house burns after officials say it was struck by lightning.

## Beer, Brats & Bands at the Barn returning to Canton

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Hundreds of craft beer lovers will have a chance to sample flavors from across the nation – and from right here in Canton – as Brew, Brats & Bands at the Barn returns to Preservation Park.

"Metro Detroit's growing craft beer culture can taste and appreciate specialty brews from all over the country in one location," said Gregg King, Canton facilities supervisor and fundraiser organizer. "Any event involving drinking craft beers, eating brats and listening to music with friends and family is bound to be a good time."

Brew, Brats & Bands at the Barn – or B4, as some call it –

happens 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Cady-Boyer Barn, 500 N. Ridge, north of Cherry Hill, on Canton's west side. Tickets are \$25 before Sept. 6 and \$30 afterward or at the door – and just \$10 for designated drivers.

The event, geared toward the over-21 crowd, benefits the Canton Historical Society with its educational efforts in schools, exhibits at the Canton Historical Museum and displays at the old pole barn at Preservation Park, CHS president Bill Tesen said.

B4 has steadily grown in what will be its sixth year. Crowds have more than doubled, Tesen said.

"We're up to over 800 people

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## Road crews near completion of Ford Road project

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Road construction crews are nearing the end of a \$3.7 million project intended to help ease traffic congestion along Ford Road near I-275, one of Michigan's most crash-prone areas.

"We're moving along," Bill Erben, project manager for the Michigan Department of Transportation, said Tuesday.

The project, including adding a continuous, third westbound lane from Lotz past Haggerty and connecting pedestrian sidewalks near the I-275 overpass, should be completed by late

August, barring a flurry of bad weather.

"I would say the end of the month is comfortable," Erben said.

Work crews have lengthened turn lanes, tweaked I-275 ramps and added the third westbound lane in hopes of easing traffic along a stretch of Ford Road, near IKEA, where studies have indicated 50,000 motorists pass each day.

Melissa McLaughlin, who chairs the Canton Downtown Development Authority, said the road project, which started in May, has made it somewhat more difficult to access some businesses along Ford

Road.

"I'm sure they have felt it and will be glad to have it done," she said.

However, McLaughlin said Canton businesses are resilient.

"I think the businesses in Canton are war-hardened," she said. "They've been through this (road construction) so many times. I do think they are, in general, always anxious to have traffic move smoothly on Ford Road."

"We don't want people to look at Ford Road and utter their words through clenched

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## Golf outing organized by local resident scores big for wounded veterans

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Canton resident Rich Keenan, owner of Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles of Livonia, believes Americans have a duty to care for U.S. war veterans.

He ranks it close to raising children.

"It's the biggest responsibility we all, as Americans, have to take care of," he said. "When

our veterans come home, we definitely have to make sure we take care of them."

Keenan and a committee of volunteers are doing their part. For a second year, they organized the Old Glory golf outing to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project, which is serving more than 75,000 war veterans through an array of free programs and services intended to nurture their minds and bodies

while empowering them economically.

Keenan said this year's golf outing is expected to raise more than \$50,000.

Nicole Schulz, a Canton resident and committee member whose husband served in the U.S. Navy, said 104 golfers joined the effort last Friday at the 18-hole Polo Fields at Washenaw, formerly the Washtenaw Country Club.

"We do this every year for the Wounded Warrior Project," she said. "We just started seeing more and more of our veterans coming back and not getting the care they need."

Schulz said the Wounded Warrior Project spends nearly all of its proceeds directly on veterans, helping them with a wide range of services and care. She said it relies on a vast number of volunteers who give

their time to help veterans.

"They're just wonderful to work with," she said.

Among those attending this year's Old Glory fundraiser were former Detroit Red Wings great Ted Lindsay, who had recently celebrated his 90th birthday, and James Wisniewski, a professional hockey player for the Carolina Hurricanes.

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## FIRE

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storm is advised to contact the Canton Fire Department," Meier said. "Firefighters will check the structure (using a thermal imaging camera) for possible smoldering or fire not initially visible to the resident."

The 3,500-square-foot home suffered extensive damage.

"It was a total loss," Stoecklein said.

Even after he made it to safety, the male homeowner went back inside the house to retrieve his car keys, Stoecklein said, prompting the deputy chief to warn residents to never return to a burning structure.

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## FORD

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teeth," McLaughlin added. "We want people to come to Ford Road, shop, spend their money and support the local businesses."

MDOT and Canton officials say the project should provide some relief to traffic congestion, along with the paving of Lotz between Ford

and Cherry Hill – a project that still hasn't started, despite assurances by county officials that some work will occur this season.

Lotz's paving would give motorists another north-south artery and an alternate to roads such as Haggerty.

The Ford Road project, meanwhile, includes a resurfacing between Lotz and Marlowe, a street near the Rusty Nail Lounge – a move

ushering in a smoother drive.

Erben also said he believes longer turn lanes, such as one from westbound Ford onto south Haggerty, should help to ease traffic bottlenecks that worsen during peak rush hour.

"I think it will improve the situation. It'll help," he said.

But MDOT and local officials have said a long-term solution may center on transforming Ford

Road into a boulevard and eliminating left turns at major intersections. MDOT has said that project is contingent on funding becoming available.

The latest Ford Road work comes as studies have shown that Canton has three of Wayne County's top 10 crash-prone intersections outside of Detroit, although Canton is only one of 43 communities in the county.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy has said Canton is seeking – for the seventh time – federal aid to pay for the longer-term solution to Ford Road traffic woes.

Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said no word on the federal dollars had been received as of Tuesday afternoon.

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canes.

Old Glory's golf outing last year raised about \$40,000, Schulz said, an amount organizers say they will exceed this year. Keenan said it's a worthy cause.

"I just have a tremendous sense of indebted-

ness and gratitude to all our veterans, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice," Keenan said. "There are thousands of veterans with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) and I don't think the message is getting out there sufficiently from the government."

That makes it more critical, he said, for volunteers to help organizations, such as the Wounded Warrior Project. Donations still may be made at woundedwarriorproject.org to event number 22766.

Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles was joined in sponsoring this year's golf outing by Atchinson Ford of Belleville and Skyway Precision Inc., of Plymouth.



OLD GLORY GOLF COMMITTEE  
The Romulus VFW Honor Guard was on hand for the Old Glory golf outing to benefit war veterans.

Keenan credited the Old Glory Flags for the Benefit of the Wounded Warrior Project Committee for its untiring help,

including Brian Berndt, Jimmy Barr, Jonathon Johnson, Bill Matthews, John Moeder, Jim Paglino, David Schulz, Nicole

Schulz and John Swanson.

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now," he said.

Organizers say the event includes over 75 craft and specialty beers. Barry and Cara Boggs, owners of Canton Brew Works, expect to bring six flavors from their micro-brewery on Lilley, south of Joy.

"It's a small beer festival right here in Canton and we just want to be involved," Barry Boggs said.

Entertainment will include The Dale Hicks Band, performing classic rock hits, and All Direc-



tions, which plays rhythm and blues standards.

For tickets, go to www.cantonhistorical society.org or to https://tickets.beerfests.com/event/BrewBrats

CANTON LEISURE SERVICES

Organizers say more than 75 craft and specialty beers will be available at Beer, Brats & Bands at the Barn.

and Bands at The Barn. Tickets also are available at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, the Canton treasurer's office, 1150 S. Canton, and each Sunday at the Can-

ton Farmers Market, 500 N. Ridge.

Admission includes seven drink tickets – each good for a four-ounce beer sample – brats with fixings and a keepsake beer-tasting mug. Additional tickets for four samples can be bought on-site for \$5.

Sponsors include Canton Leisure Services, Holiday Market, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Canton Brew Works and Beerfests.com.

For more information on the event, call 734-394-5314.

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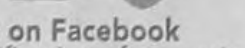
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# First Step adds garden, playscape at Wayne site

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

When you enter the new First Step Healing Garden, one of the first things you see is a family of five penguins on an ice flow.

"It is designed to create a feeling of fun and whimsy," First Step associate director Theresa Bizoe said. "The portico (near the door) is for security. The table close to the building lets people just coming in to stay here and be closer to the building."

The recently opened healing garden and playscape is designed with elements of a hospital healing garden to meet the needs of adults and children. Serving residents of western Wayne County and Downriver, Wayne-based First Step provides services to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

"It used to be an open field with standing water and muck. It has been transformed," Bizoe said. "This took three years of fundraising and design. We put in drainage, electrical and plumbing. Now, 20 minutes after a rain, it drains and the kids can play."

Jonathan Dreyfuss of Greenscape Systems was the architect and volunteered as project manager for the healing garden and playscape. A wide range of service clubs and other volunteers donated time, materials and labor for the



LEANNE ROGERS  
First Step associate director Theresa Bizoe with a family of penguins in the new healing garden and playscape.

healing garden and playscape.

## Something for everyone

The goal is to provide something for everyone. There is a toddler town play area with swings, a splash pad that allows the youngsters to cool off, a xylophone and pebble harp for music, an adult fitness area that includes a ping pong table, a healing garden that provides a serene place for quiet reflection overlooking the park and a pavilion for gatherings.

"There was no place for kids to play. We can house up to 50 people on any given night and more than half are kids or infants," Bizoe said.

"They range from newborns to teenagers. We get all ages and are almost always full."

For someone who has escaped domestic or sexual violence, Bizoe said the retaining wall around a seating area in the healing garden is designed to provide a sense of security, like sheltering arms.

"We want everyone to feel they will be OK here. Coming to a facility is so scary for kids, leaving all they know," Bizoe said. "We want them to know it's OK to be a kid, that they don't have to protect the adult."

Bizoe mentioned a particular volunteer on the project who lost his sister and two nephews

to domestic violence.

"He knew his sister was hesitant to go to a shelter — that it would be too hard on her kids," Bizoe said. "If she knew of a beautiful place like this for her kids, she might have gone (to a shelter) and it might have saved her life."

## Place to counsel

Along with providing a relaxing outdoor space for shelter residents, Bizoe said the healing garden also services counseling clients as well as staff.

"We can do counseling under a blue sky with beautiful flowers," Bizoe said. "The staff can take a walk here — they hear traumatic stories all day."

The healing garden and playscape were also designed with an eye on being green. A 2,000-gallon cistern holds water from the building roof and pumps it into the garden areas. The water and rock gardens have a porous paver that eliminates run-off and lets rain water drain into the ground. There were 60 trees planted, all donated.

Established in 1978, First Step provides free and confidential programs to help survivors of domestic and sexual violence. That includes a shelter, counseling and referral services. There is a 24-hour help line at 888-453-5900.

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# State grant, county match will fund River Rouge study

The Wayne County Commission has voted unanimously to accept a grant from the state that will help the county monitor the health of the Rouge River and its branches.

The State Clean Michigan Initiative Grant is for \$35,830, with the county adding \$11,943 of existing storm water general permit money. The combined \$47,773 will pay for the "Rouge River Insecticide Monitoring" project, with the grant contract running from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2017.

"This project is important because the health of the Rouge River and its branches is tied to the overall environmental health of the region," said Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, a Committee on Public Services member and former science teacher. "It truly is a barometer of not only the watershed's health, but the health of the county and southeast Michigan as a whole."

The Rouge River Watershed comprises 467 square miles, primarily in Wayne County, but also in Oakland and Washtenaw counties. The Upper and Middle Rouge Rivers merge near the Dearborn Heights-Dearborn border and they merge with

the Lower Rouge River in Dearborn. The combined Rouge River empties into the Detroit River at Zug Island, along the Detroit-River Rouge border.

"I am always pleased to see the county receive grants that improve water quality," said Commissioner Diane Webb, D-Livonia, who chairs the Committee on Public Services. "I'm glad we're able to take advantage of the opportunity. Ensuring the health of the Rouge River and its branches is so important."

The Friends of the Rouge nonprofit volunteer group and the Alliance of Rouge Communities will be involved in the project.

The project's goal is to determine if the pesticides pyrethroid and fipronil and their degradation products are at a level considered toxic for the river's macroinvertebrates. Samples will be collected over two years at 32 surface water sites and eight sediment stream bottom sites.

Macroinvertebrates are organisms without backbones that are visible without a microscope, including species like beetles, mayflies, dragonflies, aquatic worms and snails.

Pyrethroids are synthetic chemical insecticides, with one of the primary uses as a spray to kill mosquitoes, while fipronil is a family of white powder pesticides that kill insects when they eat them.



Webb



The show will feature an elephant, tigers, zebras, camels and a cast of international circus stars under the big tent.

## Greenmead to host old-fashioned family circus

The circus is coming to town!

The Kelly Miller Circus will be at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia with performances at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11.

The show will feature an elephant, tigers, zebras, camels and a cast of international circus stars under the big tent.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children ages 2-11. Children under 2 are free. The event is a fundraiser for Friends of Greenmead and the Livonia Historical Commission.

Tickets are available at Greenmead, the city of Livonia treasurer's office, the Livonia Community Recreation Center and the Livonia Civic Center Library. Pay by cash or check payable to "Friends of Greenmead."

Everyone can watch for free at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 11 as the animals are unloaded and fed. Then they can stay for the raising of the big top at 9 a.m., followed by a special tiger meet-and-greet. The tent-raising and tiger meet-and-greet are also free to attend.

The Kelly Miller Circus, billed as "America's One Ring Wonder," was founded during the Depression and is marking its 77th anniversary.

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## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

## Thief returns purse

A thief backpedaled July 30 when the woman whose purse he was stealing confronted him outside a Plymouth Township business.

The incident occurred just after 4 p.m. in the parking lot of a medical center on Beck, north of M-14, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

An employee told police she was taking a break in her car and had her eyes closed, but opened them to spot her purse outside the car. A window had been left down and the purse left on the passenger seat, the woman said.

The woman yelled and a man who had grabbed the purse put it back, the police report said.

The man left in a silver car with a paper license plate, the victim told police.

## Super-drunk arrest

A 36-year-old woman was arrested under the "super

drunk" statute early Friday after police found her slumped over the steering wheel of a Ford Escape and wandering in the area of the Hilton Garden Inn.

It was just after 2 a.m. outside the hotel on Sheldon at M-14, a police report said, when two officers making a building check saw an Escape in a driveway near the hotel. The driver pulled into the hotel lot and into a space, the report said, then pulled out again, nearly hitting the wall shielding the hotel's garbage bin.

The Escape then circled the hotel, the report said, and the officers saw the driver slumped over the wheel and stopped her.

The woman admitted to having two or three beers, police said, and registered a blood-alcohol content of 0.242 percent in a preliminary breath test. That's more than three times the level, 0.08, at which a driver can be charged with driving under the influence.

Later, at the police station, a more accurate test registered a blood-alcohol content of 0.25 percent, police said.

## Paraphernalia, peeping

A police officer investigating a reported peeping Tom cited a 54-year-old man for possessing drug paraphernalia July 26 outside an apartment complex on Heritage Drive, in the area of Sheldon and North Territorial.

An officer was dispatched to the complex about 8:30 a.m., a police report said, on a report of a man who appeared to be looking into windows. The complainant told police this had occurred several times over a few weeks and that the suspicious man could be found in a gold Ford Taurus.

The officer approached a man in a gold Taurus, the report said, and noticed an odor of marijuana. When he asked the man about the smell, the report said, the man replied that he had been smoking mari-

juana in the car. He had no medical marijuana permit.

The suspect was ticketed and warned about window-peeping, police said.

## Drunk, disorderly

A 56-year-old man was arrested on a disorderly conduct charge early July 26 after police made a third trip to a gas station to deal with disturbances there.

The incident occurred at the Mobil station on Northville Road. A police report said a clerk there complained the man had been arguing and swearing inside and scaring customers.

The man had already been warned twice that night, police said, and when police had to make a third trip around 1:30 a.m., he was arrested, the report said. The man's speech was slurred, he appeared unsteady on his feet and a breath test registered a blood-alcohol content of 0.235 percent, police said.

## Slurpee citation

An 18-year-old man was cited for littering early Saturday after a township police officer saw a 7-Eleven Slurpee cup sail from a window of the car the man was driving.

The incident occurred shortly after 1 a.m. Saturday on westbound Ann Arbor Road at Beck. The suspect was driving a 2007 Saab and stopped for a red light, while the officer was stopped behind him, a police report said.

After pulling over the driver, the officer asked why he had thrown the cup in the road and the man answered that he was unsure, police said. He was issued a ticket. Punishment for littering from a vehicle includes a fine of up to \$500, according to a township ordinance.

The officer circled back to pick up the Slurpee cup and dispose of it properly.

— By Matt Jachman

## CANTON CRIME WATCH

## Bloodied police officer says suspect assaulted him

A 31-year-old Canton police officer, in a bloodied uniform, reported he was assaulted during a traffic stop by a suspect who sped off before finally being captured during a foot chase.

The incident unfolded about 1:45 a.m. Sunday, when the officer said he stopped a 42-year-old male driver suspected of operating under the influence on northbound I-275 near Michigan Avenue.

The suspect reportedly tensed up while a handcuff was placed on his right hand, used his arms and elbows to distance himself from the officer and then lunged forward, striking the officer on the nose with his fist and the handcuff, a police report said.

The alleged assault left the officer with a cut and, the report said, left him with blood

covering the front of his uniform. The suspect retreated and fell down while the officer tried unsuccessfully to use a Taser on him, the report said.

The suspect got back into his Chevrolet Cavalier and a brief struggle occurred before he allegedly drove off, leading the officer on a high-speed pursuit before he got out of the car and a foot chase ensued. The report indicated the suspect was captured on Cather Street, near I-275 and Joy Road.

The report said the suspect was arrested without injury. He was facing possible criminal charges. The officer was treated for his injuries at a Canton medical facility.

## Reckless driving

A 15-year-old Canton boy, accused of driving a car recklessly through a residential neighborhood, was cited for obstructing a police officer and operating without a li-

cense after he allegedly lied about the incident, a police report said.

The incident unfolded about 4:45 p.m. July 28 on Willard, north of Cherry Hill between Lilley and Sheldon, when witnesses reported seeing the suspect, accompanied by a friend, driving fast and recklessly. One witness said she flagged the suspect down and told him to slow down because her children were playing outdoors.

Police went to the suspect's house after a witness provided a license plate number, but the suspect said the vehicle in question belonged to his father who had gone to work. Police, however, learned the car was in the garage.

The suspect then tried to blame his friend for driving, but police tracked down the friend, who denied it. Moreover, witnesses who knew the suspect identified him to police as the driver.

## Pregnant teen harassed

An 18-year-old Canton woman was allegedly harassed after she had three people over to visit, saying they later called her and told her that she should kill herself and the baby she has been carrying for eight months, a police report said.

The incident happened Friday evening at Fordham Green Apartments, near Ford Road and Morton Taylor, where the victim lives with her mother, who also was there.

The victim said her visitors began calling her after they left her residence, also accusing her of stealing e-cigarettes and make-up from one of the visiting teenage girls.

The victim's mother told police the visitors also stole 14 pills of morphine and 70 pills of Percocet — pills she said she takes as she battles Stage 4 cancer.

The victims told police they didn't want to prosecute the offenders, but wanted to document what happened. Police were contacting the visitors to warn them to stop the harassment.

## Medical help

Police took a 76-year-old woman to a hospital for a medical evaluation after her husband reported she was behaving strangely, swinging a stick and indicating she saw people who weren't actually there.

The husband told police his wife is bipolar and hadn't taken her medications for three months. When police went inside the house, the woman picked up a lamp as if to throw it at officers, who talked her into putting it down.

Police helped the woman to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia so that she could get treatment.

— By Darrell Clem



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Mike Barnes enjoys some Michigan-made ice cream.



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A good, steady crowd moves through downtown Northville for the Buy Michigan festival.



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Randy Lipman of Mystic Kettle Corn sends another bag of the sweet, crunchy goods home with a shopper.



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Jody Bustamante and her husband Jim (not pictured) were selling wooden model car kits.



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Renee Radke of Romeo checks out some Michigan-themed shirts Aug. 1 at the Buy Michigan Fest in downtown Northville. The festival celebrating Michigan-based products and ideas took over downtown Friday through Sunday.



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# Citizen initiatives receive approval for signatures

Sick time, taxes and voting issues could all be on 2016 ballot

By Kathleen Gray  
Michigan.com

2016 is shaping up to be a big year for ballot proposals.

Last week, the state Board of Canvassers approved the form of three more citizen-driven initiatives that could appear on the November 2016 ballot. With the three new petitions, there could be a total of eight groups in the field collecting signatures for ballot proposals.

The three latest proposals:

» **The Earned Sick Time Act** would require employers to allow employees to earn sick time to deal with health, personal or family issues. Employees of small businesses could earn an hour for every 30 worked up to 40 hours of paid sick leave a year. All

other employees would earn one hour for every 30 worked up to 72 hours in a year.

The Legislature passed a law this year that prohibits communities from passing ordinances that dictate wages and benefits, such as paid sick leave, for employers in their towns. The citizen-initiated proposal is the response to that law.

» **The Corporate Fair Share Taxes Act** would increase the state's corporate income tax from 6 percent to 11 percent and earmark that money toward fixing Michigan's roads.

After voters defeated a proposal May 5 that would have raised the sales tax, in part, to fix Michigan's roads, the Legislature has been unable to come up with a solution for the state's crumbling infrastruc-

ture. Democrats in the House have proposed raising the corporate income tax from 6 percent to 9 percent to raise money for roads, but Republicans have said that proposal is a non-starter. Senate Republicans have proposed raising the gas tax by 15 cents a gallon over three years to raise money for roads, but the House hasn't taken a vote on the proposal yet.

» **Let's Vote, Michigan** would amend the state constitution to establish voting by mail for all Michigan elections. Three states — Oregon, Colorado and Washington — have vote-by-mail options.

In the first two proposals, groups organizing the petition drives would have to gather at least 252,523 valid signatures to put the issue to the Legislature, which could either vote to approve the initiative and it would immediately become law, or the Legislature could

offer an alternative or do nothing and the matters would go to the statewide ballot for voters to decide. The vote-by-mail initiative is a constitutional amendment that requires at least 315,654 valid signatures and would go straight to the ballot.

The business tax hike for roads is the most controversial and attracted a big crowd to the canvassers meeting. The initiative is being led by unions representing carpenters, laborers and operating engineers.

Tom Lutz, a carpenters union official and spokesman for Citizen for Fair Taxes, said people will be out in the field quickly to begin gathering signatures. And it will go forward no matter what the Legislature does with trying to find a solution for roads.

"It really doesn't matter what they do. This would be the fairest way that we've provided," he said. "This gives back

approximately half of the \$2 billion tax break that corporations got."

But Tricia Kinley, of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, said the proposal was dangerous and reckless.

"These would have devastating consequences to Michigan's job providers and economy," she said. "And the irony is that these union carpenters and engineers — the people who actually employ them would suffer huge consequences by doubling their taxes."

The Coalition Against Higher Taxes, which fought the May 5 ballot proposal that would raise the sales tax, in part, for roads, is continuing its advocacy against the business tax hike for roads proposal.

"Anyone who believes a 5-percent increase in the corporate income tax isn't going to be passed along to the middle class and consumers is fooling themselves," said Ran-

dall Thompson, spokesman for the coalition.

The Board of Canvassers has already approved the form of five other citizen initiatives that would have to go the Legislature first if the 252,523 valid signatures are approved.

Those initiatives include: two proposals that would legalize and regulate the use, manufacture and sale of marijuana for both medical and recreational use; a measure that would ban the use of horizontal hydraulic fracking in the state; a repeal of Michigan's prevailing wage laws, which require that union-scale wages be paid on public construction projects; and a proposal to prohibit health providers from charging different prices for the same services or medical goods.

The organizers of the proposals are given 180 days to collect the needed signatures before the canvassers rule on the validity of the petitions.

# Masco moving its headquarters to Livonia

By Frank Witsil  
Michigan.com

Masco, the Michigan-based maker of brand-named faucets and other building products, plans to move its headquarters from its longtime home in Taylor to Livonia by the end of next year.

The company, which spun off its installation and services business and has cut corporate staff over the years, intends to move into a new, three-story, 75,000-square-foot building on about 12 acres at West Seven Mile Road and Haggerty Road, near Schoolcraft College.

Masco hopes that it can begin construction by September and move by December 2016.

The company's research and development center will remain in Taylor, at 26855 Trolley Industrial Drive.

"Masco has been a tremendous asset to the city of Taylor and we are disappointed to see them leave," Taylor Mayor Rick Sollars said. "But we also recognize the business environment and the pressures involving these types of large corporate decisions. We wish we could have done something to keep the Masco headquarters in Taylor, but that wasn't possible."

The current headquarters is more than 400,000 square feet and was built in 1966. It will likely be put up for sale, the company said.



Manoogian



A rendering of Masco's planned 75,000-square-foot headquarters in Livonia. It is expecting to start construction in September 2015, pending approval from the city council. About 250 people are expected to work there.

"The move to a new facility will provide a more collaborative, functional space and is an important step forward for us," Keith Allman, Masco's CEO and president, said Thursday. "Over the past several years, we have better aligned our corporate

center services with the requirements of our overall business and our individual business units. As a result, our corporate office is now too large and segmented for our leaner workforce."

Masco, which Alex Manoogian started in

1929 as Masco Screw Products, has seen its workforce decline from more than 60,000 to about 30,000 worldwide and from about 700 to 250 at the headquarters in Taylor.

In addition to Delta and Hansgrohe faucets, the company also makes

bath and shower fixtures, KraftMaid and Merillat cabinets, Millgard windows and doors, Behr paint and HotSpring spas.

Mark Taormina, planning and economic development director for Livonia, said the city is delighted to add another corporate headquarters and expects to approve the plans and discuss tax incentives.

Schoolcraft College Vice President Glenn Cerny wrote a letter to the city in April, requesting the city to create an Industrial Development District on the proposed facility, indicating an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate would be requested for the property. The city council approved the creation of the district at its June 15 meeting.

## Next level drones, security cams, smart watch shakeup

The next generation of drones is here and this time they float, too. Parrot's new Hydrofoil Drone is a hybrid device that combines a flying mini-drone and a floating mini-drone.

Together, the components allow users to hit the open water as fast as 6 mph before launching a quadcopter via a smart phone app turned remote control.

In the fall, the Hydrofoil will be available among a new line of mini-drones that include the Parrot Jumping drone,

which can drive up to 4 mph and jump more than two feet in the air. With each mini-drone retailing for less than \$200, price is not a barrier.

### Move over, home security companies

Tech company Netatmo may have just made the traditional home alarm system irrelevant thanks to its new Welcome Camera, which offers facial recognition.

The Welcome Camera retails for \$199 and eliminates the need for monthly fees and remote professional monitoring. With Welcome, users stream their camera's view remotely from their computer or mobile device. The camera alerts users to movement and recognizes faces of guests coming to your door — or anywhere else your camera is placed.

Facial recognition software detects new faces and flags them with a question mark, alerting the user to a new person in the camera's view.

In full disclosure, I work for a company that represents both Parrot and Netatmo, but that doesn't make their products any less noteworthy or groundbreaking. Their affordable prices make drones and home security a true possibility for the average consumer.

### Smart watch shakeup

For months, talk about smart watches and tech wearables have revolved around the launch of the new Apple Watch. But after an initial sales boom in April, sales have decreased 90 percent as of July 1.

It could be that Apple

loyalists and consumers rushed to pre-order the device. Or it could be that many tech consumers already own smart watches, traditional watches or fitness trackers that have some similar functions and there is no need to double dip. Or it could be that the \$549 base price is a bit much for many consumers to stomach. While that's within the going rate for a cell-phone or computer, our cellphones are often subsidized through two-year contracts with carriers. And while premium computers remain expensive, mainstream models are available for less and less each year.

As the Apple Watch's future is uncertain, one thing about tech wearables and mobile tech devices is clear: not every consumer will own one type of every device. It is expensive and illogical for manufacturers to assume each individual will own a smart phone, a smart watch or wearable, a tablet and a computer.

If you are like me and you think we are heading in the wrong direction by making computers smaller and less functional by placing them on our wrists or within our glasses, maybe you already know the destiny of the Apple Watch. It could be the next Google Glass which, as of January of this year, isn't being sold anymore.

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## Civil War replica cannons coming to state Capitol

Restoration of the state Capitol dome isn't the only change coming to Michigan's historic building

At noon Saturday, Aug. 8, the Capitol lawn will see the return of the famed Loomis Guns — replicas of the historic Civil War cannons that Michiganders took into battle more than 150 years ago.

The project has been funded through private fundraising efforts.

Two 10-pound Parrott guns once flanked the walkway that leads to the front entrance of the Michigan Capitol, according to state Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, who championed the plan with Sen. Steven Bieda, D-Warren. The Michigan Capitol was dedicated to the memory of Michigan's Civil War soldiers and the Loomis guns symbolically protected the building's main entrance.

It is believed that the original guns disappeared approximately 70 years ago during a World War II scrap metal drive. With the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War, the two spent the past two years raising money to bring exact replicas of the guns back to the state Capitol.

"This project allows us to remember our Civil War soldiers and commemorate their extraordinary efforts — it's been a great and humbling experience for us," Kowall said. "It's amazing the horrors these brave men went through. Michigan made a commitment to remember them and it's time we honor them by restoring their history."

The original cannons belonged to the renowned Loomis Battery,

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led by Gen. Cyrus O. Loomis of Coldwater and composed of local volunteer soldiers of the Coldwater Light Artillery. The Loomis Battery participated in many significant battles, including Perryville, Stones River and Chickamauga.

"Like all of America's soldiers, Michigan's Civil War soldiers gave up so much for our nation and this is our way of thanking them," Bieda said. "Like many in Michigan, I have a passion for our history and when I found out these original guns went missing, I immediately agreed to work with Sen. Kowall to bring Michigan's history back to the Capitol's front steps to bring that legacy to life."

A public ceremony is planned for Aug. 8 on the front lawn of the state Capitol as the Loomis cannons are restored to their rightful place. The event will include Civil War re-enactors, firing of cannons, an original Loomis cannon on display, a President Abraham Lincoln re-enactor and more. This historic and fun event is planned as a family affair.

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# John Glenn High School alum begins fundraiser to help planetarium 'shine again'

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

When Steve Koponen and his wife Sandi got together with high school friends in June for a bit of a reunion, they wanted to come up with a few activities. One of them was visiting their alma mater, John Glenn High School, specifically the planetarium.

They were disappointed when they found out it wasn't really functioning.

The Koponens, 1989 graduates of the Westland high school, decided to turn that disappointment into a project to raise enough money to update the planetarium.

"We have pride in our alma mater and this is a good way to give back," said Koponen, a Farmington resident. "We saw it and said we should plan something. My wife and I said we're going to do it."

Working through the popular GoFundMe website, Koponen has set up a fundraising page aimed at getting enough money to bring the planetarium into the 21st century. The goal is \$50,000.

The high school opened in 1964, just two years after its namesake, astronaut John Glenn, became the first man to orbit the Earth. The school included a planetarium which was funded through a grant from the



A huge light projects stars out of a large metal ball in the center of John Glenn High School's planetarium.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Fifty years later, its analog equipment is outdated and in disrepair.

## Analog technology

According to Koponen, a science teacher in the Farmington Public Schools, the planetarium still uses the original 1960s analog technology that was installed when the school was built. A huge light projects stars

out of a large metal ball in the center of the room and is operated through a series of switches and dials.

In a post on the GoFundMe Page, Koponen said the old analog equipment remains unreliable and low-tech. The plan is to replace it with a digital system and an iPad to control the planetarium and new LED energy-efficient cove lighting.

"Having a digital sys-



The original 1960s analog technology includes switches and dials that control the large metal ball.

tem in the planetarium would again make the John Glenn planetarium a shining star in the school and in the community, with a potential to offer a great resource for astronomy students and a wonderful potential to again offer planetarium programming to other students as well as community groups," he wrote.

The biggest expense is the digital equipment, which Koponen said "is pretty cutting-edge."

The fundraising drive kicked off three weeks ago and, to date, it's raised just under \$1,700. Koponen hopes it will pick up once school starts next month. It has the support of Wayne-Westland Assistant Superin-

tendent John Albrecht and planetarium directors David Christiansen and Linda Willman.

In a letter posted on the GoFundMe page, Albrecht described the planetarium as one of the gems of the high school and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district.

"I support Steve's work developing a fundraising effort to generate dollars to upgrade the facility to 21st century technology," Albrecht wrote. "I recall the great times I had as a teacher and administrator at John Glenn High School. I also had the experience of being a parent of five John Glenn graduates. It was a wonderful place for life beyond high

school."

## Benefit community

Christiansen and Willman echoed Albrecht's support, noting that "the upgrades would benefit not only the students of the Wayne-Westland Community School District, but the community as a whole."

Koponen remembers the planetarium from his elementary school days.

"Growing up in Westland, I remember in elementary school walking to John Glenn to get my first taste of astronomy in its planetarium, which is a rare treasure to have in a high school building," he said.

Koponen hopes to have enough money raised by November. Donations can be made at John Glenn Planetarium: Shine Again page at [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com). People also can send a check made payable to John Glenn High School with Planetarium Fund written on the memo line and send it to Steve Koponen, 22973 Mayfield Ave., Farmington, MI 48336-3965.

"I would love to pull this off; it would be one of the coolest things I could do in my lifetime," he said.

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# Patches, coins show officer's travels, pride in profession

By Julie Brown  
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When retired police officer Hugh Jordan travels, he's a man on a mission. He visits police and fire departments in search of patches and coins to add to his collection.

"I stop in and talk to them," said Jordan, a Northville resident who spent 20 years with the Northville Police Department followed by 15 with the University of Arizona police. "Some of them are really nice."

The walls of his Allen Terrace apartment are adorned with police memorabilia, representing 29 U.S. states.

"It's sort of like Where's Waldo? They're all over the United States," he said.

Jordan had some 2,500 Michigan police patches, which were getting overwhelming. Many went to police and fire training academies at Schoolcraft College locally, as well as the Tucson, Ariz., Police Academy in frames for display.

Seven frames on his wall represent Michigan, he said, noting the difficulty of adding up and arriving at a total of patches. He does his own framing with Hobby Lobby frames.

A Kansas policeman friend has enhanced the collection. "He got me started on collecting Kansas ones. He is in Mission, Kansas," said Jordan, 66.

## Family ties

The Northville police frame includes patches for officers as well as auxiliary and dispatch. It makes sense Jordan would collect, as public safety is the family business.

Son Hugh Jordan III is a Northville Township firefighter, while son Jason Jordan is both a Huntington Woods policeman and a paid-on call city of Northville firefighter.

"And my daughter is a dispatcher in Farmington

## MEMORIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Retired Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry said of his career, "I have a couple of scrapbooks. A lot of things happen in your career, the good things you want to remember. As you get older, you need to hang on. I've had more good spots than bad spots."

Berry, who now does private security, worked 36 years in law enforcement. He knows of Northville's Hugh Jordan, but doesn't know him personally.

When Berry was hired by Plymouth police in 1962, "I think I started out with (badge No.) 6 or 8, something like that." The No. 1 badge, the first issued by Plymouth, was given based on seniority.

"That was my badge," Berry said. "It got passed down to me. It was kind of an honor."

He added the Plymouth Township Police Department originated in 1985.

Hills," he said of Jennifer Jordan.

"I started when I was in Tucson," he said of his collecting, beginning some 15 years ago. "It seems like it's growing. It's just something I started doing. It gives me something to do and I enjoy doing it. It gives me some sort of pride."

Fellow Allen Terrace residents tell him, "This is unbelievable. This should be in a museum."

Jordan has put on several memorabilia shows and received awards for his collection. "We trade back and forth," he said of fellow public safety personnel. "I don't trade with just anybody."

He's now collecting public safety coins "to keep everybody happy. I try to get all I can," said Jordan, who started at the University of Arizona in 1996 and was its Officer of the Year his second year there.

Grandson Cameron Irby, almost 10, who lives in Arizona, went with his granddad to a national patch show after Camer-



Retired police officer and Allen Terrace resident Hugh Jordan points to some of the hundreds of police department patches and coins he has displayed in his Northville home. Jordan worked at one point for the Northville Police Department and officially retired from the University of Arizona Police Department.

on built an impressive sight now in the apartment.

"He built an entire LEGO city," Jordan said with pride. "All these buildings are built from scratch." The LEGO cars are from kits and Jordan modified the city to say in part Northville Fire Department.

"He built and I was his financier, which I didn't mind at all," said Jordan, who's added to the award-winning LEGO for which Cameron took the stage in front of hundreds of professionals for his kudos.

"They couldn't believe what he had built," said Jordan, who has nine grandchildren, three in Tucson and six here, in Livonia, Redford and Novi.

## Far and wide

The coin collection includes multiple Michigan State Police coins, including for physical fitness. Jordan has taken the train from Ann Arbor to Tucson and has Amtrak and Union Pacific's HazMat unit items in his collection from those treks.

"I stop and talk to cops along the way," he said. His University of Arizona commander and chief remain helpful with Jordan's hobby. "I'm looking for things that stand out, that look different."

Other highlights include a National Park Service badge and coin, both University of Michi-

gan and Michigan State University items, law enforcement items for a Michigan Conservation Officer, the U.S. Marshal for both east and west Michigan and such local departments as Bloomfield Hills, Canton, Royal Oak and Westland.

He also looks on eBay. "These are all the Kansas sheriffs I have so far," he said, pointing to

one area. A number of Michigan sheriff's departments are also included.

There's even Fishers, Ind., and other "tiny towns you've never heard of." For big cities, Detroit is well-represented.

Jordan's girlfriend is from Pinckney and got him police items from there for his collection.

He's even got a Geronimo, Okla., police patch, along with a signed Jerry Orbach *Law & Order* photo. There's a photo of him with fellow young Northville police officers aiming in unison at a target.

Jordan has had two heart operations and melanoma. "There are things I want to see and do," including time with family, he said.

He's seen many changes in Northville upon his return, but still enjoys it. He volunteers mornings for Meals on Wheels.

"It makes me really feel good," he said of that volunteering. "I wish I'd done some of this when I was younger."

His growing collection will, he hopes, someday go to a training academy, "where the young police officers can enjoy it by looking at it. I want somebody to enjoy it. I don't want it sold." A police department with display space is another possibility someday.

"I've had a good life and I've enjoyed it," he said. "Every day I went to work, I said I'm going to have some fun today."

He twice saw President Barack Obama while working in Arizona.

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Plymouth resident Sarah Zarend Sollars (right) is a Madonna University senior paralegal major who works as an intern with attorney David Helm at Helm Law Office in Plymouth. Sollars, who said the internship is an invaluable part of her degree program, will graduate in December 2015.

## MU department chair: Paralegal jobs the rise

"This is the best job market for paralegals that I've seen in my 30 years of paralegal education," said Jennifer Coté, chair of the paralegal studies department at Madonna.

Employment of paralegals and legal assistants is projected to grow 17 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations, according to the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics (<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/legal/paralegals-and-legal-assistants.htm>).

During the winter semester 2015, which concluded at the end of April, there were 49 paralegal jobs posted on Madonna University's Career Services web-

site. Recent Madonna graduates work as clerks for a U.S. magistrate and a Michigan Court of Appeals judge. Others are employed in law firms, corporate legal departments (including the auto industry), banks and the U.S. Attorney's office.

According to Coté, most large law firms, corporations and government bodies require that paralegals possess a bachelor's degree in paralegal studies. In addition to a bachelor's degree, Madonna University's paralegal program - approved by the American Bar Association - offers a post-baccalaureate certificate in paralegal studies and a nurse paralegal certificate. Degree comple-

tion is available for those with an associate's degree. Fall classes start Sept. 8 and are offered week nights, weekends and online. For information about pursuing a paralegal studies degree, call Coté at 734-432-5570.

The *National Utilization and Compensation Survey Report*, published by the National Association of Legal Assistants, showed the average annual paralegal compensation for 2014 was \$55,223 for the Great Lakes Region. Nationally, experienced paralegals in corporate, employee benefits and securities law were the highest paid, with annual salaries ranging from \$70,000 to more than \$100,000.

## Be smart: Research Medicare plans, costs and benefits

Medicare, the government-sponsored program to provide health care for those who age 65 and older, just celebrated its 50th anniversary. Whether or not you think Medicare is a good program, it is something that people should understand.

Like everything else in our society, Medicare has gotten more complex over the years. It is important to understand the program because, the more you understand, the better you will be able to use it to fit your individual situation.

Medicare can be broken down into four basic programs - Parts A, B, C and D. Medicare A is basic coverage. When someone turns 65, they are eligible to collect Medicare A without cost. Medicare A is the coverage that you have while you are a patient in the hospital. Typically, Medicare will cover the first 60 days of a hospital stay free of charge. If you are in the hospital for more than 60 days, Medicare will partly cover days 61-90. Medicare A also covers your stay in a skilled nursing facility, for limited periods of time, hospice care and some home health care.

Medicare B is the coverage for health care outside of medical facilities. It covers doctor visits, outpatient procedures and lab tests. Medicare B can also be used



**Rick Bloom**  
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to cover certain medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers and scooters. Medicare B is not free and requires a monthly premium.

The premium is a sliding scale based upon your income. Typically, you sign up for Medicare B at the same time you apply for Medicare. Medicare Parts A and B typically cover 80 percent of your medical costs. You will also want to research purchasing what is known as a Medigap plan that will cover the remaining 20 percent of your medical costs.

Medicare C is also known as Medicare Advantage. This program is offered by private companies and it incorporates Medicare A and B. Typically, Medicare Advantage Plans are HMOs (health maintenance organization) or PPOs (preferred provider organization).

Medicare Advantage Plans are offered by such companies as Humana, United Health and Aetna. There are certain minimums that Medicare Advantage Plans must cover, but the scope of the coverage and the cost vary. These plans limit your selection of doctors and facilities to a select network of providers.

Medicare D is the

prescription drug coverage and, similar to Medicare Advantage Plans, is offered through private insurance companies. In Medicare D, all plans are based on a calendar year and there is an open enrollment period, typically in the last part of the year. That is the only time that you can enroll or change your prescription D plan.

It is important for everyone to understand Medicare coverage and options. It is important to understand the different coverages and their the cost. For those people who are still working past 65 and who have health care coverage at work, it is important to coordinate.

When it comes to choosing a Medicare Plan, consider cost and coverage, along with quality of care and convenience.

To learn more about Medicare, go to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). The site offers a wealth of information. The time you spend understanding Medicare and your benefits could lead you to better coverage, better quality of care and lower cost.

Good luck.

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## Motorsports Hall of Fame finds new home in Florida

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

The Motorsports Hall of Fame of America has finally found a new home and it couldn't be more appropriate.

"The hall will be relocating to the Daytona Speedway in the months ahead to a 20,000-square-foot facility as part of the Daytona Experience," Ed Kriewall said.

The city manager of Novi was instrumental in creating the original hall of fame, which was located in the since-demolished Novi Expo Center on the southwest corner of Novi Road and I-96.

"The hall started out in Novi as a direct spin-off of the city of Novi acquiring the famed Novi Indy Car stable from Andy Granatelli, who got it from Novi industrialist Lou Welch," Kriewall said.

Welch manufactured automotive parts at a facility on Novi Road (just south of Main Street) near the C&O railroad tracks. The water tower, featuring a depiction of the Novi Special race car, is the only remaining vestige of Welch's facility.

"The Novi Special is one of the most famous cars to race at Indy," Kriewall said. "Its uniqueness is the power plant, a one-of-a-kind V8 developed by Welch."

With a double overhead cam engine and an integral supercharger, the car developed a whine that could be heard 10 miles from the speedway.

The Novi Special never won at Indy, but it sat on the pole as the fastest qualifier at the time.

The most noted driver of the original car, Duke Nalon, was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the 27th induction ceremony June 18 at The Fillmore Detroit.

### How it came to Novi

After the city of Novi acquired the stable, Dick Lee, from the Michigan Motorsports Hall of



Four of the men instrumental in establishing the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America in Novi and bringing to the city the last Novi Special Indy car, now on display at the library: (front) Ed Kriewall and Joe Kapelczak and (back) Larry Ciancio and Ron Watson.

### ABOUT MOTORSPOITS HALL OF FAME OF AMERICA

The Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame is operated by the Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame of America Foundation, Inc. The museum houses more than 40 racing and high-performance vehicles. The constantly changing collection features vehicles from the world of Indy cars, stock cars, Can Am, Trans Am, sprint cars, powerboats, truck racing, drag racing, motorcycles, air racing and even snowmobiles.

The museum showcases exhibits and photographs of the personalities, manufacturers and machines of all kinds of racing and their rich legacy. Other features include exciting racing videos, driving simulation, games, driver uniforms and memorabilia displays.

Go to <http://www.mshf.com/> for more information.

Fame, contacted Kriewall and put forth that Novi should explore the idea of creating a national motorsports hall of fame.

In the mid-1980s, Kriewall invited Lee to a gathering of Novi residents for Saturday morning meetings at Fire Station No. 1. In attendance was

Larry Ciancio, director of racing for PPG Industries and The Norton Co.; local attorney and then-Mayor Pro Tem Ron Watson; and several local racing enthusiasts.

After many Saturday meetings, the concept gathered steam and Ciancio emerged as the first chairman of the fledgling plan.

"As the concept picked up steam, the Novi Expo Center was beginning to unfold," Kriewall said. "Blair Bowman (owner) stepped forward to provide a space in the converted Adell facility to house the initial Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame of America."

The concept which began in Novi is now regarded as the premiere racing hall of fame in the U.S., according to Kriewall.

The hall was mothballed when Bowman left the Novi Expo Center and opened a new facility in 2005 just west on Grand River Avenue, now known as The Suburban Collection Showplace. The hall moved to the Detroit Science Center in 2009; the Daytona move is anticipated to be complete in January 2016.

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## OUR VIEW

# Parents need to keep children's vaccines current

The countdown is on to the start of the new school year. Displays of school supplies line the aisles of stores and retailers are filling their racks and shelves with the must-have fashions for school.

According to National Retail Federation's Back-to-School Spending Survey, conducted by Prosper Insights & Analytics, the average family with children in grades K-12 plans to spend \$630.36 on electronics, apparel and other school needs, down from \$669.28 last year.

That's a healthy chunk of change to make sure children are ready for school, but there's one other thing parents need to do to make sure their children are ready when the school bell rings in September – making sure they are up-to-date on their immunizations.

August is National Immunization Month, a good time for parents to talk with their pediatricians about recommended vaccines. Before beginning school in the fall, children entering a licensed child care facility, kindergarten, seventh

grade or moving to a new school district need to be up to date on their immunizations or obtain a waiver from their local health department, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

"Immunizations are safe and effective and by keeping current on the recommended vaccination schedule, parents can protect their children and our communities against vaccine-preventable diseases," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive for the MDHHS.

Every year, there are cases of vaccine-preventable diseases the United States, which experienced a record number of measles cases during 2014, with 668 cases from 27, according to the Centers for Disease Control's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. That was the greatest number of cases since measles elimination was documented in the U.S. in 2000.

And between Jan. 1 and July 24, 2015, there were 183

cases of measles reported in 24 states, including Michigan.

The only way to reverse the trend is to build and maintain high vaccination rates in our communities.

Currently, Michigan's statewide waiver rate for children and adolescents is 5 percent, but rates vary by county. To address this, MDHHS is partnering with local health departments to educate parents on the benefits of vaccines and the risks associated with not vaccinating – risks to both the individual and the community.

Parents who choose not to vaccinate must make an appointment with their local health department to receive a non-medical waiver; it is no longer available at schools or child care.

Beginning this year, a new administrative rule is in effect requiring parents to talk with a health educator at their local health department before opting their children out of vaccinations. The new rule ensures parents and guardians seeking a non-medical waiver have the opportunity to discuss

their concerns and questions regarding immunizations prior to the waiver being signed.

Parents are encouraged to make an appointment with their family physician or local health department as early as possible. Further, cost should not be a barrier to vaccinations. The Vaccines for Children Program helps provide vaccines to children whose parents or guardians may not be able to afford them.

In Wayne County, the Public Health Department is holding a fun fest from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Health Department offices at 33030 Van Born Road, Wayne, for parents and their children.

There will be plenty of activities for children and information for parents on such things as Head Start, health and safety, WIC and breastfeeding, as well as dental and hearing and vision screenings. There also will be displays by the Wayne police and Wayne-Westland fire departments, entertainment, food and beverages.

But most importantly,

childhood immunizations will be available.

In the 200 years since vaccines were developed, more than 12 diseases, including measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis, diphtheria, polio, small pox and tetanus, have been almost eradicated in the United States. But the threat remains from non-vaccinated travelers who are exposed to those diseases in foreign countries.

Vaccinations are important. Yes, there are concerns about vaccines causing such illnesses as autism, but parents need to know all the information before making a decision about vaccinating their children. Parents can contact the Wayne County Health Department at 734-727-7000 for more information.

More information about vaccinations, including immunization schedules, local health department locations and resources regarding low-cost vaccination options for the uninsured or underinsured, can be found at [www.michigan.gov/immunize](http://www.michigan.gov/immunize).

## LETTERS

### McCormick is best

In response to "Detroit water chief draws Canton support" (Aug. 2, 2015), as a professional engineer, I've worked on big projects for DWSD and for its customers for over 30 years, worked with knowledgeable people who go back even further with DWSD and was a member of The Engineering Society of Detroit's Blue Ribbon Panel that examined DWSD's problems a few years back. I can say that Sue McCormick is the best and most competent leader DWSD has had since the 1960s, if not longer, especially considering today's tough political dimension. Plus, she's not politically driven and after three years at the helm, she knows the system and its challenges.

It would be a shame if a misguided search for "perfection" or political squabbles get in the way of retaining her as DWSD leader at this critical time.

**Thomas M. Doran**  
ESD College of Fellows,  
LTU adjunct professor  
Plymouth

### Educate yourselves

All facets of the media are bombarding U.S. citizens with news of presidential candidates for 2016. How we wish we would have shorter election cycles similar to those of England and other countries.

As we research the policies, values, accomplishments and goals of the many possible candidates, I suggest we do the same for state and national current or potential candidates. The leaders of Michigan continue to disappoint me. Gov. Snyder and the Republican-controlled Senate and House of Representatives continue to disappoint me.

» They did not solve the

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problem of the horrible roads in our state; taxpayers bear the brunt.

» They discontinued tax credits for the fledgling, growing film industry in Michigan.

» In June, the governor signed legislation that allows faith-based adoption agencies to refuse to serve same-sex couples or unmarried couples if the religious beliefs of those couples were violated.

» A year and a half ago, the Legislature approved a Right to Life bill Gov. Snyder had vetoed previously and plan to go around him again regarding repealing prevailing wage, which Snyder opposes. Is "the tail wagging the dog?"

In 2018, citizens will vote for governor, secretary of state, attorney general, plus all seats in the state Senate and House. It is not too early to educate ourselves about the 2016 and 2018 elections. We must choose wisely for those leaders who policies espouse/ share our values and goals.

**Hannah Provence Donigan**  
Commerce

### Sour effects of GOP

For those voters who hope and pray that the GOP will control both Houses of Congress, it is time to look at some

## Deserving



JOHN CAMPBELL

The P-CEP Marching Band is ready to perform at last Thursday's "Let's Go Blue" concert.

The P-CEP Marching Band has earned an invitation to perform in the 2016 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena. But at a more than \$500,000 tab to transport the students, instruments and other equipment, the effort needs community support. It's a great cause and one band members deserve. To make a donation, go to the booster club's website at [www.pcmb.net](http://www.pcmb.net).

GOP history and take a good look at the sour effects created by the Republican Party.

For those voters who praise the era of Ronald Reagan, let us face the facts that Reagan increased the bureaucracy, increased government deficits, and presented a so-called "plan" to cut taxes, cut spending, to create a smaller government. Reagan said he would cut the Departments of Energy and Education. It did not happen. In fact, Reagan added a Department of Veteran's Affairs. Reagan increased the size of government from 1981-89. When he entered office, the U.S. deficit was \$79 billion. When he left office the budget deficit was \$155 billion. Is that

GOP progress?

Today, the U.S. voter faces a new election in 2016. So what might happen if the GOP wins the U.S. Senate? The GOP wants to ban abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy. The GOP wants to strike parts of Obamacare, which affects the working class in America. The GOP wants to shrink the Environmental Protection Agency, which will allow more dirt in the air you breathe and more poison in the water you drink. The GOP Congress will stop all programs in Congress as they have done in the past.

In 1994, the GOP took control of the House and Senate. Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich pelted Bill Clinton to no avail

until Gingrich softened and they passed a budget and welfare reform.

So if the American voter wants to see the U.S. government grind to a halt, then let the GOP takeover and we can say goodbye to the EPA, goodbye to Pell Grants for college kids, goodbye to food stamps, goodbye to Consumer Finance Protection. Of course, a GOP Congress and GOP president would spend money and time investigating the Benghazi Affair which is just another Republican mindless witch hunt where there is no witch except in the minds of people like Donald Trump.

**Robert Keselowski**  
retired Livonia teacher

## GUEST COLUMN

# Proposed raid on MEDC funding a truly bad idea for Michigan

The Michigan House recently introduced two bills that would redirect \$135 million of Michigan Economic Development Corp. funding to address the state's road conditions. If passed, the proposal would cripple economic development efforts, including business development and attraction, community development, job training and entrepreneurship programs. House Speaker Kevin Cotter describes it as taking care of needs over wants, but isn't Michigan's economic future a need?



**Jean Redfield**

GUEST COLUMNIST

Michigan is becoming nationally recognized for its economic development ecosystem. At the Mackinac Policy Conference, Gov. Rick Snyder noted Michigan ranks second in National Economic Health Rankings and sixth in entrepreneurial climate. We've done great work identifying the best economic programs and help-

ing them grow while eliminating ineffective initiatives. Shifting funding from these effective programs could have huge negative long-term impacts.

Roads are important, but not at the expense of an economic development ecosystem, which companies rely on for certainty.

As CEO of NextEnergy, a leading accelerator of advanced technologies, I've seen the results of MEDC initiatives first hand. Since 2002, NextEnergy has helped attract more than \$1.6 billion in new investment and we are one of more than 50 organizations contributing to entrepreneurial and acceleration services in Michigan. We work with hundreds of entrepreneurs, early-growth companies and research teams each year, serving as a catalyst by helping them commercialize their technologies and connect with larger companies.

Through a recent NextE-

nergy Technology Challenge, one of our clients identified a new market and plans to expand its operations and hire 28 people. Just the hint that Michigan's economic development climate could change was enough to invite calls from Indiana and Ohio about moving to their states. Another client recently closed on \$1.7 million to expand its operations. These companies are examples of small to medium enterprises, the business size responsible for the bulk of our economy and new jobs, and represent the company size least likely to leave Michigan once they've established roots here. Imagine how many would get courted to other states because our economic development volatility has signaled to the market that we no longer care to compete for this business.

A bigger question to ask is "What does Michigan want to be in 20 years?" Should we continue to rely on old-time approaches to economic

growth or should we keep progressing toward an innovation-based economy? I believe the latter is essential to diversify our economy and keep the next generation of the auto industry – connected and autonomous vehicle solutions – growing in Michigan. To achieve this forward leaning, tech-based economy, we need more economic development investment to deliver talent and connectivity programs that help small companies and start-ups connect to the market.

Don't buy into the House road funding plan. Entrepreneurship and accelerated technology funding are critical to our economic growth. They're not "wants," they're definitely "needs" for Michigan if we hope to continue attracting and generating investment in the state. Michigan's roads need to be addressed, but this proposal is not the solution.

Jean Redfield is the president and CEO of NextEnergy.

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## WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

# Jordyn Shepler repeats as O&E golf champion

Madonna University senior and former Churchill star earns second straight title

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

Twice was just as nice for Livonia's Jordyn Shepler, who repeated Saturday as the overall champion of the *Observer & Eccentric* women's golf tournament at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Shepler, who turned 21 last week, shot the same score (77) as she did a year ago in the Championship Flight and finished four



Shepler

strokes in front of Southfield's Shelly Weiss. Janina Jacobs, who had won four consecutive titles until being dethroned by Shepler last year, finished third with 86.

"Being the defending champion was a little nerve-wracking, because people are saying, 'Oh, you won this last year,'" said Shepler, who played a more balanced round this time.

She shot 3-over-par 39 on the front nine and secured her

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Jordyn Shepler of Livonia won the annual O&E women's golf tournament for the second straight year Saturday.

## Bowling event to help animals

The 10th annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue will take place Saturday, Aug. 8, at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills, 30250 W. Nine Mile Road.

The first nine events raised nearly \$200,000 for the benefit of the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

Participants will have the opportunity to bid for and win a pair of tickets to the Michigan-Michigan State football game on Saturday, Oct. 17, courtesy of Kramar Jewelry.

Bowling tickets are still available. Non-bowlers are welcome to enjoy the auctions, music and food. The event begins at 7 p.m. Bowling check-in starts at 5:30 p.m.

To register to bowl as an individual or team or learn more about the event, go online to [bowl4animalrescue.org](http://bowl4animalrescue.org) or call 248-615-9060. The event is on Twitter at [bowl4animalrescue](https://twitter.com/bowl4animalrescue).

## Crusaders sign another golfer

Madonna University women's golf coach Scott Marzolino announced a late addition to his 2015-16 roster with the signing of Colombia native Karen Zambrano to a letter of intent.

"To get a player of her caliber this late in the recruiting season was a great pickup for our team as we try and capture the conference championship," Marzolino said.

"With our three new players, plus all of the veteran experience we have coming back, I am excited to get practices and our events started in the next few weeks."

Zambrano is the third player to sign with the Crusaders for this season, joining Kelsey Edwards and Manuela Lopez Hernandez.

Zambrano comes to Madonna as the ninth-ranked golfer in Colombia after winning the Colombia National Youth Team Championship in 2014.

She also won medalist honors at three Interclub Junior Tour events, shooting a low round of 70.

The Crusaders open their fall schedule on Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Wolfpack Invite in Milwaukee, Wis.

## PORT HURON-TO-MACKINAC SAILBOAT RACE



Boat owner Chuck Blaty checks the main sail while manning the wheel during a storm on Lake Huron. Blaty and his crew won the Class R Cruising title.

# Days End sails to Mackinac win



John Cooke takes a turn at the wheel as the sun peaks over the horizon.

Farmington Hills skipper Charles Blaty and crew cruise to victory in annual race on Lake Huron

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

Wind speed and the ability of a crew to handle and harness it well makes all the difference in sailboat racing.

Charles Blaty of Farmington Hills and his team aboard the Days End mastered the task and sailed to victory last month in the annual Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race.

It was the second time Blaty and his boat finished first in the

Class R Cruising Class, having also won in 2008.

"Our boat does well under certain conditions," Blaty said. "It does well when it's a short race. When there's a lot of air, we do well."

"That year it was blowing pretty good. It was the same this year. We finished in 40 hours because it was a fast race. Last year it was a slow race, and we were second from

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## RECREATIONAL RUNNING

# Naughton remains No. 1 in Founders Festival race

U-M's Taleen Shahrigian is women's winner in annual Farmington four-mile run

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

The annual Farmington Founders Festival four-mile road race undoubtedly will be on the 2016 calendar for Conor Naughton and Taleen Shahrigian.

Both have titles to defend



Naughton



Shahrigian

now. The pair of young runners from Northville were the men's and women's winners in the July 18 event.

Naughton is a two-time defending champion, having

competed in the last three races. Shahrigian was a first-time participant and finished sixth overall.

The Founders Fest race is noted for its finish and the crowd lining both sides of Grand River Avenue, waiting for the annual parade to start.

Naughton and Adam Richmond, who was the 2013 winner and runner-up last year, gave people reason to cheer with a foot race to the finish line.

"It was a battle the whole

last mile," Naughton said. "With about 100 meters to go, he was still up on me, and I was able to find one more gear and move by him at the end."

"It was fun and people were really enjoying the race going on. The crowd gave us some extra energy. With a lot of people watching, I didn't want to lose."

Naughton, who will be a senior at Northville High School, was 32nd and just

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## Women's senior qualifying event

A qualifying round for the U.S. Women's Senior Amateur Championship will take place Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Edgewood Country Club in Commerce Township.

Amateur female golfers who are 50 years old by Sept. 26 and have a handicap index of 18.4 or less are eligible to enter. Golfers can register online at [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org) by Wednesday, Aug. 12.

Qualifiers will play in the championship event Sept. 25-Oct. 1 at the Hillwood CC in Nashville, Tenn. For more information, call Barbara Nowikowski at 248-433-3577.

## Widzinski golf outing Sept. 6

The third annual David Widzinski Community Golf Classic will take place Sunday, Sept. 6, at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon.

Golfer registration begins at 11 a.m. and will be followed by a shotgun start at noon. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The entire package is priced at \$100 per golfer. Dinner and dancing only is \$33 per person. The event includes golf contests, raffles, auctions, cash bar and live band.

For more information, go online to [www.davidliveson.com](http://www.davidliveson.com).





The members of the Days End crew are (left to right) Alex Blaty, Kurt Mitter, Larry Blaty, Chuck Blaty, Matt Savage and John Cooke.

## MACKINAC RACE

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last place.

"This year it was a fast race, and the boat really does well under those conditions. We got a lot of air. It was blowing in the direction we needed."

It was Blaty's third overall victory in the event, which started July 18 at Bayview Yacht Club in Port Huron and finishes each year at Mackinac Island.

For a change of pace and a new challenge in 2010, Blaty and Russ Martiniak won the Division V Doublehanded Class — a new category at that time for two-man crews.

### Handicap scoring

Blaty and Days End won based on corrected time this year over Chas. Gabor of Troy, using the sailing community's handicap system.

Following a noon start on Saturday, Days End reached Mackinac Island just after 6 a.m. Monday, about 14 minutes behind Gabor's boat, Wasabi.

Blaty had a corrected time of 37:46:13, his friend and rival 37:52:09. Both have the same boat — a 32-foot Catalina 320 — but Gabor's has a different keel configuration.

"Because of that and because it's a handicapped system, he gives us a certain amount of time," Blaty said. "Even though he finished ahead of us, we corrected over him."

"Wasabi is exactly like ours, which is not surprising because, if it's great conditions for my boat, it should be great conditions for his boat."

Blaty and Gabor keep their boats at the same marina and race against each other throughout the summer, making for a spirited but friendly rivalry.

"I really respect him and, when you can beat the people fellow sailors do respect, it makes that win better," Blaty said.

### Likes the challenge

In addition to winning their own 17-boat class, Blaty and his six-man crew also finished second in Cruising Class and ninth overall among 100 boats in the Shore Course Division II.

"It felt really good to win," Blaty said, adding he's in the sport more for the personal challenge. "It doesn't mean it's not a good race if you don't."

"Basically, you don't get a lot of challenges in your life. I feel fortunate for this one, to have the opportunity I have."

"In a certain way, it's like golf. You're not golfing against competition; you're golfing against the course. It's very similar with sailing. You're there to race the best race you can."

While the race ended well, it had a rough beginning for the sailors aboard Days End.

"A couple hours after the start, we got hit by a pretty good squall with about 40-knot winds, but it passed through," Blaty said.

"We saw it coming. Fortunately, we checked our radar and knew it was going to hit us before it did. The crew was able to put foul-weather gear on and shorten the sail, so when it hit we just kept sailing."

### Come-from-behind win

Days End was among half the boats that followed the shoreline as opposed to going farther out.

Blaty checked the website (Yellow Brick) that tracks the race, shows where all the boats are and how fast they're going. He learned Days End was in 14th place.

"All the boats offshore were two knots faster than us," Blaty said. "Eventually, going inshore did pay for us."

"We found a wind line and carried that for 40 miles, all the way to Harbor Beach. We checked Yellow Brick again and they had us in first place."

"We were a long way from being finished. At that point, we decided we weren't going to look at Yellow Brick anymore."

"We were going to race the best race we could and not worry about it. We wanted to stay away from

anything that might be negative."

That proved to be a good move, too.

"After that we never stopped," Blaty said. "We kept moving. A lot of times you'll hit an area where there is no air and might stop for a couple hours. We didn't hit any of that."

"We made the turning mark near Thunder Bay at noon on Sunday. We hit it a lot quicker than we normally do."

"It's another 80 miles to Mackinac. From that point on, we just sailed the rhumb line from Thunder Bay, and things just went our way."

### Veteran crew is key

While most boats have eight crew members, Blaty had five other experienced sailors with him.

They included his brother, Larry, and nephew, Alex. The others were Kurt Mitter, John Cooke and Matt Savage, who has done close to 45 Mackinac races.

"We've been sailing together now for 10 years," Blaty said. "When weekend night racing ends, we go out for practice."

"Most of the decisions we made (in the race) were sail changes. We did a lot of that. When the winds change, you want to get the best out of the boat, so you do sail changes."

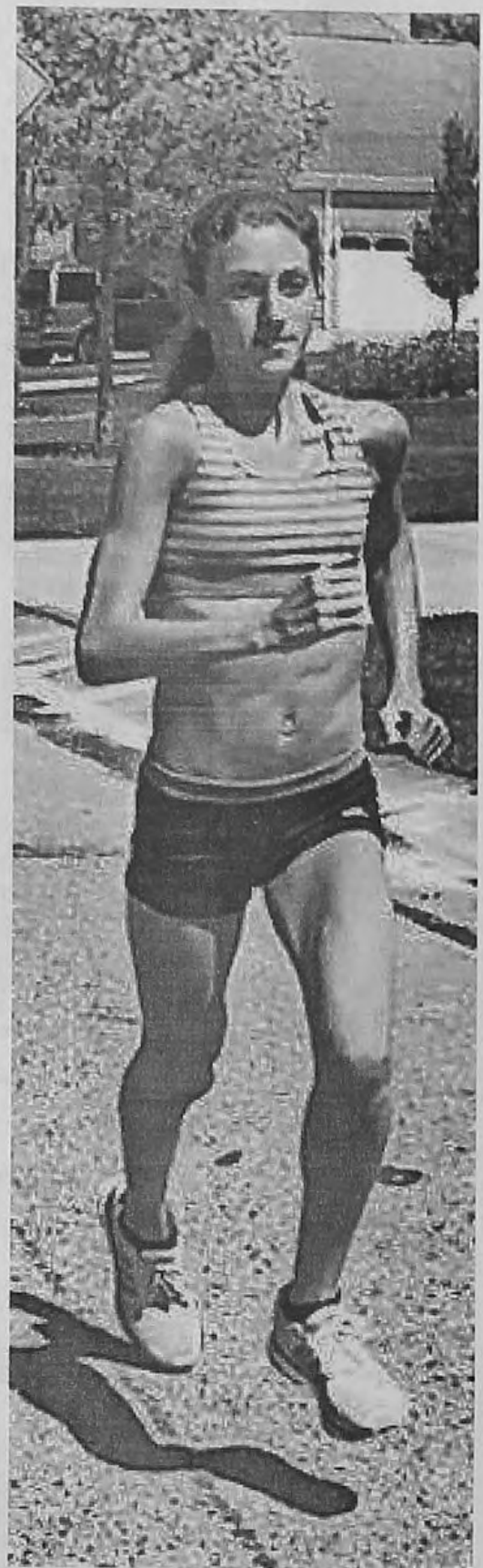
Blaty, an electrical engineer who had sailed in 19 Mackinac races, and his crew know how to manage the simple things such as sleeping and eating during a race, too.

"I can pick any three (to be on deck at one time) and know they're going to do well," Blaty said. "That's a good crew."

"At night we were going with four up and two men down. Things can happen at night, and I thought we could push the boat better. I was more comfortable with that."

Blaty plans to return for his 20th Mackinac race and attempt to defend his title next year.

"When I did my first one in 1996, I got the bug then," he said. "It's just a very big part of summer."



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Taleen Shahrigian was the women's winner in the Farmington road race.

## FOUNDERS

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missed being all-state in cross country. He was a regional champion and 15th in the state in the 3,200 meters.

### Still a 'good time'

He won the Founders race in 21:02.3, which was slightly off the pace of his 20:53 time a year ago. Richmond finished in 21:06.8.

"It was a good time," Naughton said. "It was a little slower than last year, but I think that was purely because of the heat. I think I ran pretty quickly for July."

The length of the race suited Naughton well. A 5K is at the high end of his distance range.

"I think I'm able to find a little extra at the end when it's a four-mile race," he said. "It probably plays to my favor more than a 5K."

Naughton knows the course well because of his father Keith, who was raised in Farmington and also ran the race.

"I've run it five or six times and always enjoyed it," Naughton said. "I know the neighborhoods and some of the old stories my dad has told me about parts of the course that are fun."

### On pace to win

Shahrigian, who ran a time of 22:18.2, will be a sophomore at the University of Michigan. She runs cross country and track for the Wolverines.

"I've never done a four-mile race before, but my average pace was 5:34, which was one of my best; so I was happy with it," she said.

"I was looking up different road races and saw that one. I'm more of a long-distance runner, usually anywhere from the mile up."

"Our (college cross country) distance is 6K, which is 3.7 miles. I figured it was close, so I could compare times. It's similar to what I'll be doing this fall."

Shahrigian was all-state in both sports at Northville High School and helped the Mustangs win the Division 1 state championship in cross country as a senior.

### 'A great course'

The Founders Fest was her first road race this summer, although she had done one trail race.

"I really enjoyed it," she said. "I like having all different levels of competition, running with the boys as well and having people of all ages. I thought that was nice."

"I thought it was a great course. It was fast. It had some gradual inclines. The last 400 meters was kind of downhill; I liked that for a fast finish."

Shahrigian trailed a former high school rival early in the race, but she moved ahead of her and even many of the male runners.

"That was pretty exciting," she said. "And they pushed me to go faster, so that was helpful to have them out there."

"The last mile and a half, I was alone to the end (among the women). I was just trying to pick off some guys in front of me and finish as strong as I could."

## Thunder rolls to title



The 15-and-under Livonia City Thunder ended its season last weekend by winning the 16U August Classic at Monroe Jefferson High School with a 4-0 record. The Thunder won five tournaments and finished with a 22-8 record. The team members are (kneeling, from left) Craig Jakacki, Parker Graham, Evan Kuczmarski, (standing, from left) Marc Bergeron, Joe Kubeshesky, coach Joe Chops, Zack Chops, Nick Renner, coach Dave Kubeshesky, Connor Beck, Connor Jakacki, coach Bob Renner, Carl Clapp, Carlos Beltran and head coach Joe Jakacki. Not pictured is Jake Beaune.

## TEAM TRYOUTS

### Blues baseball

The South Farmington Blues have tryout dates remaining for several of their baseball teams.

They will occur on the following days at Shiawassee City Park: 9U, 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9; 10U, 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16; and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18; 12U, noon Saturday, Aug. 8; and 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9.

The 13U tryouts will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at Founders Park No. 1. Details for the 15U tryouts are to be determined.

For more information about the Blues tryouts, go to the team web-

site at [www.sfbalbaseball.com](http://www.sfbalbaseball.com).

### NFWB Impact

The NFWB Impact will have tryouts for its 10U, 12U and 14U teams from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Pioneer Park in Farmington Hills and 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, at Drake Park in West Bloomfield.

Players are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes early to register and to bring softball equipment to the tryouts.

Pioneer Park is located on Farmington Road, north of 13 Mile Road. Drake Park is located on Drake Road, south of Maple Road.

The Impact competes in the Western Wayne County League in addition to playing in four to six tournaments. For more information, email [softball@nfwbimpact.org](mailto:softball@nfwbimpact.org).

### 12U Livonia Stars

The Livonia Stars 12U travel baseball team needs additional players for the 2016 season. Players cannot 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.



O&E WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Pritzl's never-give-up attitude provides payoff

**By Dan O'Meara**  
Staff Writer

Nobody was more surprised than Plymouth's Pam Pritzl after she won the First Flight championship Saturday in the annual *Observer & Eccentric* women's golf tournament.

After an admittedly poor start, Pritzl worked her way back into contention and eventually first place, finishing three shots ahead of Suzanne Madej at Whispering Willows Golf Course, 86-89.

"I didn't think I had any chance at all after playing so poorly at the start," Pritzl said, adding she was 10 strokes over par after the first six holes. "Things just started to click at seven, and I was only 4-over on the last 12 holes.

"Honestly, I don't know what happened. I just started playing better. I hit a few good shots, some putts went in and things turned around."

With several foursomes



Pritzl

playing behind hers, Pritzl had no idea where she stood in relation to the other players or that she was even a contender until well after she had finished the round.

"I was absolutely surprised – and winning was a complete shock," she said. "I was very happy to win the tournament, because there were some really good players in the field."

It was Pritzl's first time playing in the *O&E* tourna-

ment, and it was the first time she has won a tournament.

Pritzl has been playing quite well of late, she said, lowering her handicap from 17 to 14. Her average 18-hole score is in the low to mid 80s.

"Recently, I've been working a lot on my short game," she said. "I've worked a lot on chipping and putting, and making some key putts was the difference on Saturday."

Pritzl, who used to play in a league at Whispering Willows, has been a recreational golfer

for 10 years and a serious golfer the last five.

She received a trophy and an \$80 gift certificate to use in the WWGC pro shop for her victory, which she said is a statement about perseverance.

"I thought I was way behind because of my shaky start," she said. "It's a lesson in never give up, because you never know what can happen."

"I'm over-the-moon excited. The trophy means a little more this time. Hopefully, it's not the last one I win."

SHEPLER

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victory with 38 on the back. That was in marked contrast to last year, when she posted 3-under 33 at the start and finished with 44.

"It might have been the same score but not the same round," Shepler said. "I was more consistent this year. I was really good on the front nine last year.

"I was just hitting a lot of the greens. It helped to know the course and have played there so long and so many times."

Shepler said her nine-hole scores this year were more her average rounds, adding 33 is a really good round for anybody.

"And I got lucky last year," she said. "I eagled the (par-4) ninth hole, and that helped my score. This year, it was more fairways and greens and lot of putts made."

Repeat the feat

Shepler, who starred at Livonia Churchill High School and is a member of the Madonna University team, had another eagle this year on the par-5 10th hole.

"I hit a really solid drive and happened to catch the downward slope, so that gave me extra roll," she said. "I made a solid second shot, which put me within six feet of the hole, and I hit a little



The prize winners in the annual *Observer & Eccentric* women's golf tournament are (left to right) Suzanne Madej, Denise Buechel, Kathy Brennan, Shelly Weiss, Jordyn Shepler, Pam Pritzl, Olivia Bayagich and Lu Stockton.

slider to make eagle."

Shepler had worked hard on hitting greens before the 2014 tournament, and that was a major factor in both of her wins.

"That's always a big goal of mine, because it makes it easier to score, obviously," she said. "I hit every green on the front nine this year, and it helped to make my score low enough to win."

Shepler had a bit of a rough start, however. She needed three putts to finish each of the first two holes.

"That put me into a differ-

ent mindset, to get the ball to the hole on each hole," she said. "I was fine after the first couple holes, which knocks away the nerves, puts you at ease and gets you ready for the rest of the round."

Stays the course

Shepler had a nice lead more than halfway through the tournament and, though Weiss played well on the back nine, could afford to give away a couple of strokes on the last couple of holes.

"I think (knowing the course) helps everyone who

plays a golf course a lot and happens to play in a tournament there," she said.

"You know all the little secrets of the course. It helps to build your score and makes you confident as to how you want to play the next hole."

Shepler, who said she most likely will return for a possible third straight title in next year, is looking forward to her senior season at Madonna.

"I have one last year; I don't want it to end," she said. "We have some new recruits coming in, so that's going to



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jordyn Shepler rolls a putt toward the pin en route to her second straight win.

make for a good season, hopefully.

"The fall season is a lengthy one. Being the last one, it will be nice to play in a lot of tournaments."

**OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNEY**  
**Aug. 1 at Whispering Willows**  
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**Net winners:** Bayagich; **Closest to the pin:** Bayagich; **Long drive:** Dorr.  
**First Flight:** Pam Pritzl, 86; Suzanne Madej, 89; Yvette Gagnon, 96; Cynthia Pinkard, 97; Lu Stockton, 98; Barbara Coury, 98; Joan Cleland, 99; Ann Pearson, 99; Becky Tenerowicz, 100; Mary Warnick, 100; Denise Buechel, 101; Kathy Brennan, 101; Mary Washington, 104; Monica Oliver, 107; Pat Shelton, 124.  
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## EDUCATION

**Canton foundation continues scholarship tradition**

By Brad Canfield

When Canton Community Foundation officials first started the annual scholarship program, they didn't know it would become a tradition. But after 28 years, the foundation's annual scholarship program is a well-established tradition.

The foundation will award a total of \$100,000 in scholarships to local students who are attending college or university in the fall of 2015.

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Realtors who know the market can help you find, or sell, a home.

JULIE BROWN

## Home selling, buying help: Talk to a pro, friends, too

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Realtor Noel Derr-Johnson has been with Century 21 Dynamic Realty in Westland 17 years. She also calls Westland home.

"I feel this is my community," said Derr-Johnson, who enjoys building a sense of community in her real estate work.

She and other industry pros have sound advice when you're buying or selling.

"Someone with a lot of integrity and an honest reputation," she said. "I would say experience in the marketplace where you're looking and superior negotiating skills."

She agrees that asking trusted friends and family for referrals to real estate pros is sound. All Derr-Johnson's business is referral and repeat clients.

"I love working with first-time buyers," she said. "They can rely on my faith that we're going to get through this."

She's able to "jump hurdles" for first-timers and others, "so they want to refer people."

There can be a lot of anxiety in finding the right person

to help you buy or sell a home. Buyers will be spending a lot of time with them throughout the process in a major decision with financial and lifestyle implications.

According to the National Association of Realtors' latest Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, potential buyers should talk to friends and family to get their agent suggestions. In fact, 40 percent of buyers found their agent through a referral of a friend, family member, or neighbor (while another 12 percent used an agent they had worked with before).

On the seller side, 38 percent found their agent through referrals and 22 percent went with an agent they had previously used.

Thirty-three percent of recent home buyers were first-time buyers, which is still suppressed from the historical norm of 40 percent among primary residence buyers.

For 43 percent of home buyers, the first step in the home-buying process was looking online for properties and 12 percent of home buyers first looked online for information about the home buying

process.

Ninety-two percent of buyers use the Internet in some way in their home search process and 50 percent of buyers use a mobile website or application in their home search.

Real estate agents were viewed as a useful information source by 98 percent of buyers who used an agent while searching for a home.

The typical home buyer searched for 10 weeks and viewed 10 homes — this is two weeks shorter than the previous year's report.

Seventy percent of home sellers only contacted one agent before selecting the one to assist with their home sale.

The share of home sellers who sold their home without the assistance of a real estate agent was 9 percent. Forty-four percent knew the buyer prior to home purchase.

Livonia resident Maria Mitter used a Realtor from RE/MAX on the Trail in Plymouth when she bought her home five years ago.

"It was amazing," said Mitter, assistant director for Bright Futures, a program based at Eastern Michigan University that works in

Wayne-Westland, Ypsilanti and Romulus district schools. "I'm quite happy where I am now."

Mitter looked for a home almost a year and appreciated the patience of Kim Belz, her Realtor. "She was the most patient person," Mitter said. "She got back to me right away. I was always impressed with her response back. She let me make my decision in what's best for me."

Belz was the listing agent at that time on a Plymouth home, and Mitter found her that way rather than asking friends and family for a Realtor contact. Mitter has since made a number of referrals to Belz.

Realtor Derr-Johnson said of the current market, "It's been a very nice summer." She appreciates her brokers' contributing to her success.

Derr-Johnson's cousin gave her a business tagline, "Prepare To Be Moved."

"He said it's really your personality that you move people," in both senses of that phrase, she said of her cousin's brainstorm.

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## In a building mood? Be informed, cautious

**Q: I notice that there is a condo project being built out of empty shipping containers. I note that the empty shipping containers have been used overseas, but I am not aware if much of it is used in the United States. Do you have any comments?**

**A:** Just as in any new construction, you must ensure the quality of the project by obtaining the proper warranties and, investigate the developer to make sure that the developer can stand behind its project. As a result of the new changes to the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation, Act, the developers and their first board of directors are much more immune from liability, which makes the purchase of any new property more risky, but being well informed is the answer.

**Q: I am part of a small nonprofit condominium association. I recently received something from the "Division of Corporate Services," offering their services to complete our annual meeting minutes. The letter does state that we should not confuse these minute requirements with our obligation to file an Annual Report with the State of Michigan.**

**Are we required to file some sort of Annual Report with the State of Michigan?**

**A:** If you are a nonprofit corporation, you are obligated to file an Annual Report regarding the nonprofit corporation with the State of Michigan once a year, which is due on Oct. 1 every year. You have received an advertisement from someone who wants to provide services to you.

Obviously, you are shrewd enough to recognize the need to consult with an attorney and that would be your best bet in terms of ensuring that the corporate affairs of the association are properly documented.

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## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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### Investors

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

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

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

### Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

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## Report: Down payments inch up for 30-year mortgages

Down payments ticked up in the second quarter of 2015, according to a new report from LendingTree.

The average down payment percentage on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage increased to 17.34 percent in the second quarter. The previous quarter down payments averaged 16.98 percent.

In dollars, the average down payment in the second quarter was \$44,204.

"The spring and summer home buying season naturally creates more demand in the housing market," says Doug Lebda, founder and CEO of LendingTree. "With a more competitive housing market, it is common to see down payments rise. However, we also saw volume for FHA [Federal Housing Administration] loans increase a little over 5 percent quarter over quarter, signaling more first time home buy-

ers entering the market. For potential buyers who have been sitting on the fence, it's still a good time to explore the housing market as interest rates remain historically low."

The average down payment on a FHA loan was 7.86 percent or \$13,350 in the second quarter. The average down payment on a jumbo mortgage, on the other hand, was 23.61 percent or \$215,909.

The following 10 states had

the highest average down payments for a 30-year fixed-rate conventional loan, according to LendingTree:

Florida: 17.58 percent; Arkansas: 17.74 percent; New Hampshire: 18.16 percent; Connecticut: 18.62 percent; Massachusetts: 19.15 percent; Hawaii: 19.75 percent; New York: 19.97 percent; California: 20.01 percent; New Jersey: 20.14 percent; Washington, D.C.: 21.03 percent.

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 16-20, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

### BIRMINGHAM

945 Chapin Ave	\$367,000
1771 Cole St	\$310,000
115 E Lincoln St	\$348,000
719 Larchlea Dr	\$444,000
2263 Manchester Rd	\$249,000
1573 Penistone St	\$237,000
1569 Pleasant Ct	\$650,000
879 Randall Ct	\$200,000
1557 S Bates St	\$816,000

### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

4030 Fox Lake Dr	\$563,000
2875 Franklin Rd	\$76,000
1898 Hickory Bark Ln	\$278,000
5840 Sutters Ln	\$330,000

### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

6895 Castle Ct	\$350,000
1898 Hickory Bark Ln	\$210,000
2675 Robindale Ln	\$117,000
6940 Wing Lake Rd	\$325,000
1401 Woodglen Ln	\$261,000
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>	
1990 Alpha St	\$145,000
2385 Yashmin Dr	\$325,000
<b>FARMINGTON</b>	
33935 Alta Loma Dr	\$170,000
21042 Birchwood St	\$175,000
35591 Oak Pine Rd	\$271,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
28881 Ararat St	\$200,000
34540 Bunker Hill Dr	\$226,000
22120 Cape Cod Way	\$69,000
25191 Castlereigh Dr	\$235,000
31178 Country Blf	\$117,000
34005 Edna St	\$118,000
30227 Green Acres	\$40,000
29879 Indian Trl	\$136,000
35214 Knollwood Ln	\$240,000
25327 Lynford St	\$215,000
33544 Oak Point Cir	\$264,000
20722 Ontario St	\$15,000

38271 Remington Park	\$177,000
22370 River Ridge Trl	\$195,000
30123 S Stockton Dr	\$105,000
30123 S Stockton Dr	\$115,000
30571 Springland St	\$176,000
35917 W 14 Mile Rd	\$199,000
25330 Wyckshire Rd	\$258,000
<b>LATHRUP VILLAGE</b>	
28005 Eldorado Pl	\$120,000
<b>MILFORD</b>	
1615 Balsam Way	\$550,000
2984 Heritage Oaks Dr	\$60,000
914 S Main St	\$165,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
52260 Pierce Ct	\$641,000
1024 Forsythe Ct	\$440,000
21400 Woodfarm Dr	\$280,000
<b>NOVI</b>	
22824 Braydon Ct	\$343,000
22309 Carlisle Ct	\$452,000
28465 Carlton Way Dr	\$203,000
28523 Carlton Way Dr	\$210,000
25587 Clark St	\$119,000
41482 Cornell Dr	\$153,000
26196 Fieldstone Dr	\$310,000

27471 Harrington Way	\$295,000
23552 N Rockledge	\$114,000
24806 Olde Orchard St	\$101,000
25573 Portico Ln	\$162,000
24982 Samoset Ct	\$543,000
30208 Sterling Dr	\$517,000
<b>SOUTH LYON</b>	
135 Harvard Ave	\$150,000
23531 Millwood	\$502,000
59894 Mulberry Ln	\$382,000
825 Pepper Dr	\$231,000
22210 Quail Run Cir	\$142,000
24616 Rosemont Dr	\$315,000
58849 Winnowing Cir S	\$103,000
58926 Winnowing Cir S	\$103,000
24839 Winnowing Ct	\$73,000
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>	
29550 Everett St	\$55,000
18849 Lincoln Dr	\$165,000
28040 Marshall St	\$95,000
29878 Marshall St	\$133,000
28636 Regent Ct N	\$55,000
17281 Revere St	\$206,000
<b>WHITE LAKE</b>	
9727 Cedar Island Rd	\$208,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 6-10, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

### CANTON

43599 Abbey Cir	\$234,000
2457 Amber Dr	\$243,000
1825 Delancy Cir	\$492,000
43556 Fleetwood Ct	\$185,000
50152 Hancock St	\$175,000
5884 Hathaway Rd	\$210,000
39994 Hillary Dr	\$131,000
8231 Holly Dr	\$148,000
8672 Holly Dr	\$139,000
42549 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$78,000
42376 Metairie Dr	\$211,000
41124 Northwind Dr	\$69,000
347 Patriot St	\$195,000
47648 Pembroke Dr	\$136,000
44433 Savory Dr	\$73,000
43851 Simsbury St	\$220,000
4275 Stratmore Ln	\$203,000
41591 Wayside Dr	\$194,000

### GARDEN CITY

900 Douglas St	\$82,000
430 Henry Ruff Rd	\$63,000
5713 Lathers St	\$59,000
121 Radcliff St	\$85,000
29745 Rosslyn Ave	\$100,000
28315 Sheridan St	\$58,000
<b>LIVONIA</b>	
35963 Ann Arbor Trl	\$142,000
9619 Arcolia St	\$130,000
15429 Ashurst St	\$250,000
32127 Barkley St	\$160,000
19343 Bethany St	\$286,000
29504 Bretton St	\$118,000
34246 Burton Ln	\$188,000
10035 Camden St	\$118,000
30740 Hathaway St	\$147,000
16851 Hubbard St	\$286,000
8863 Hugh St	\$140,000
8874 Hush St	\$95,000
38542 Lapham Ct	\$250,000
9201 Lathers St	\$124,000
28731 Lyndon St	\$148,000
37979 Mallory Dr	\$250,000
32295 Meadowbrook St	\$146,000
20380 Milburn St	\$160,000
34366 Munger Dr	\$195,000
19008 Purlingbrook St	\$141,000

29654 Ravine Dr	\$185,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
44706 Broadmoor Cir N	\$440,000
16808 Dover Dr	\$157,000
16655 Forest Dr	\$570,000
19385 Marilyn St	\$290,000
15995 Park Ln	\$342,000
17139 Victor Dr	\$369,000
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
8967 Briarwood Dr	\$197,000
184 Caster	\$360,000
48729 Newport Dr	\$90,000
11148 Plymouth Lake Ct	\$467,000
11701 Sycamore Dr	\$137,000
9775 Tennyson Dr	\$213,000
1480 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$289,000
39583 Winesap St	\$165,000
<b>REDFORD</b>	
8847 Arnold	\$87,000
9955 Farley	\$83,000
13512 Fenton	\$77,000
15926 Indian	\$73,000
25762 Jennifer	\$82,000
26622 Kenneth Ct	\$78,000
20001 Lexington	\$60,000
9258 Louis	\$113,000
9206 Mercedes	\$95,000
18835 Seminole	\$85,000

8914 Sioux	\$69,000
25562 Student	\$71,000
17721 Wakenden	\$68,000
<b>WAYNE</b>	
35305 Chestnut St	\$130,000
4642 Winifred St	\$25,000
<b>WESTLAND</b>	
32434 Anita Dr	\$160,000
32680 Ann Arbor Trl	\$105,000
37170 Baker Dr	\$245,000
941 Barchester St	\$120,000
35808 Castlewood Ct	\$75,000
7912 Donna St	\$128,000
7924 Donna St	\$58,000
6332 E Morgan Cir	\$125,000
7550 Gary Ave	\$123,000
38168 Greenwood St	\$41,000
2750 Hawley Blvd	\$111,000
34920 Hunter Ave	\$142,000
403 N Hanlon St	\$138,000
5657 N Livville St	\$67,000
7615 N Venoy Rd	\$140,000
37251 Norene St	\$145,000
38625 Northampton St	\$103,000
1533 Shoemaker Dr	\$52,000
38272 Timberland Dr	\$247,000
8340 Vista Ln	\$25,000
578 Worchester St	\$135,000



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**CLEANING PEOPLE** Needed Mon-Fri. 8am-1pm. Mon-Fri. 7pm-10pm. \$10/hr. Newburgh/96 Freeway area. **586-698-7324**

**Help Wanted - General**

**AUTO SALES POSITIONS NEW & USED CAR & TRUCK SALES** Upscale Westside GM dealership. Closed Saturdays. Recent car sales experience is a must. 401K, health and dental insurance, great pay plan. Email resume to: **bob@jeannotte.com** Bob Jeannotte Buick-GMC 14949 N Sheldon Rd Plymouth, MI 48170

**DELIVERY HELPER/WAREHOUSE** \$50,000 Local delivery of roofing supplies. Earn a CDL license. Great benefits & overtime! Apply at: **Wimsatt Building Materials** 36340 Van Born Wayne, MI 48184 **wimsattdirect.com**

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**31774 Enterprise Drive Livonia, MI 48150** We are located in the Allied Industrial Complex. Enter the complex off of Plymouth Rd. West of Merriman Road. Stop at the Guard Shack and they will give you directions to our location. Apply in person only. No phone calls please.

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**Senior Software Engineer** Symphony Teleca Services, Inc., has a position in Livonia, MI: Senior Software Engineer: Software design & development for embedded system target hardware; code & requirement development, unit testing, debugging; & other duties/skills. Mail resume to: **Gokulakrishnan Deivanayagam, Global Mobility Manager, 2002 156th Avenue, NE Suite 200, Bellevue, WA 98007 & note job ID# SYM-MI15-SENSE**

**Help Wanted - Office Clerical**

**RECEPTIONIST** Entry-Level Applicant must be computer & Microsoft Office proficient. General office duties, such as, answering phones, filing and data entry. Email resume to: **info@plumberswholesale.com**

**Help Wanted - Medical**

**CLINICAL CASE MANAGER (RN):** Responsible for oversight of disability claims process. Case Mgmt exp. in Disability, Medical, WC or Auto. Min 5 yrs clinical exp. Must have unrestricted RN license & CCM cert or ability to qualify. Computer literate, exc written/verbal skills. Novi. Good Benefits. Resume to: **humanresource497@yahoo.com**

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**HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED** Needed one day a week. Companies need not apply. N Livonia area. **248-939-2224**

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**Card of Thanks**

**Prayer** to the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, you who makes me see everything and who showed me the way to reach my ideal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Say for 3 consecutive days without mentioning your petition and your prayer will be answered. Promise to publish this prayer. Also wish to thank Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and St. Jude. J.M. Thank you St. Jude for all favors received.

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**Livonia Estate Sale 14291 Denne** Aug. 8th & 9th 10-4pm. Antique bedroom set, Shabby Chic heaven, decor, Silverplate, tools galore, ATTIC 2 Basement

**NOVI MULTI FAMILY ESTATE SALE THURS. 8/6-SAT. 8/8 9AM-6PM.** Furniture, lawn equipment, tools, kids items & much more! 45300 Eleven Mile Rd. 48375

**WAYNE 35519 Clinton Street Fri & Sat 10-5pm.** SW of Michigan Ave & Wayne Road. Victorian Home. Huge Beer sign collection, steins, antique furniture, head mounts, tons of primitives, antique Hoosier cabinet, paper memorabilia, military items, antique organ & much more! **Attic Estates Sales atticestatesales.com 734-369-4090**

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**CANTON: AUG. 6-8 & 13-15 CHRISTMAS HOUSES/DECOR, HOUSEHOLD, CLOTHES, LAWN, SPORTS, LUGGAGE, PLANO, BOOKS, ETC. 334 ROBYN DR. CHERRY HILL/HAGGERY. 9AM TO 5PM. (734)718-4381**

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**Garage/Moving Sales**

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS 11th Annual Garage Sale.** Sat, Aug 8th; 9-4pm. Free Parking & Admission. Up to 150 Vendors. Dearborn Heights Carfield Center, 1601 N. Beech Daily Rd. Shown Ford Rd & Cherry Hill. 313-791-3600

**FARMINGTON HILLS - Huge Sale Aug 6-8. 9-5pm. 24620 Lakeland (10 Mi. Middlebelt).** Contents of entire house being sold & more

**Garage Sale - Thurs. Aug 6th 9-5pm** ( Will call back for change in the drive

**Highland: Multi-family garage sale.** Kids toys, books, clothes, kitchen items, and a variety of other products. 2650 Bay Vista Drive 8/7 & 8/8 9-4

**Huntington Woods: Estate** Antiques, tools, hand painted china, glassware, Hummels, fur, piano, trunks, pottery, dolls, unassembled Victorian dollhouse, jewelry, Army cot. CASH ONLY NO PRESALES 13103 Kingston Fri-Sat. 9-6

**Livonia - 35819 Richland** Kitchenware, small appliances, books, vinyl records, games, tools, sports equipment, misc. Friday and Sat 10-6 Aug 7 and 8. No early birds please.

**Livonia - 3 family Sale - Furniture and Misc items.** 18263 Wanyne rd. Fri-Sat, 9am-5pm

**Livonia: Garage Sale (Aug 6-8) 37478 Eagle Dr. Off Newburgh between Ann Arbor Trl and Joy Road.** Books, games, toys, boys clothes (size 8-10), furniture, household items, Thurs-Fri. 8-3 pm, Saturday, 8-2 pm

**LIVONIA: Garage Sale:** Saturday, August 8th - 8-5 pm. Girls clothes, lots of soccer, 2 bikes, chairs and more. 17387 Francavilla Dr. 6 Mile W of Farmington Rd.

**Livonia - Huge Estate Sale** Fri-sun Aug 7-9 12 noon - 6pm furniture, piano, grandfather clock, dining room china, chef kitchen items, glassware, books, jewelry, Sewing supplies, tools, household items and much more. 15132 Westbrook Ct. in Rennolds Ravines Sub 5 mi. near Levan.

**Livonia:Huge Garage Sale!** 8/6, 8/7, 8/8 - 9-530 pm. Tons of teaching books & supplies, toys, exercise equipment, lift chair, kids books, air compressor, and more! 6 Mile & Haggerty in Quakerstown, 38589 Stacey Court.

**Livonia: MOVING 38702** Lapham Ct. Household items, exercise eulp, bikes, clothing, lamps, pictures, etc. Everything must go Fri/Sat 9-5. Sun. 9-12 (734) 591-9431

**Livonia Multi-Family HUGE Garage Sale** 19578 Fitzgerald. Off 7 Mile. Thurs-Sat. 9-5pm. antiques, collectibles, furniture, appls & more!

**Garage Sale** Parish Huge assortment of items. Sacred Hearts Byzantine Catholic Church 29125 W. 6 mile just east of Middlebelt. Fri. 8/7 9am-5pm and Sat 8/8 8am-2pm.

**Mayflower Townhomes Coop Yard Sale!** 400 Plymouth Road Plymouth, MI 48170 **Sat. August 15 & Sun. August 16; 10-5pm.**

**MILFORD - MOVING SALE** Household, collectibles, crafts, clothing, furniture and more. Thurs-Sat. Aug 6th-8th. 9a-6p. **1950 S. Hill Rd.**

**Garage/Moving Sales**

**Redford- 15538 Winston Quality Items Yard Sale.** Handcrafted Scarf Antiques Windsor back chair, furniture, Household items. Clothing Aug 8-8th Thurs-Sat 9-4pm

**SOUTH LYON - Estate SALE!** 61400 Richfield Fri./ Sat. Aug. 7, 8 9-5pm, Sun. Aug. 9, 9-1 pm. Motorcycle, pwr tools, furniture, dining rm set, pool table, RC cars & planes, treadmill, desk, household items. EVERYTHING MUST GO!

**South Lyon: Moving sale - indoor / rain or shine Thursday 8/6 & Friday 8/7 9-5pm. Sat. 8/8 9-Noon. NO EARLY BIRDS.** 1059 Colt Lane, South Lyon.

**Walled Lake: Moving sale** Aug. 6-8: 9-5pm Thurs-Fri. 9-4pm Sat. Couch, chairs, dining table with chairs, end tables, mirrors, portable server/bar, oriental rug and lots more. 2014 Meadow Ridge Dr, Commerce, MI See website for details. (248) 438-6786 **http://www.estatesales.net/MI/Walled-Lake/48390/955107**

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**Misc. For Sale**

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**GARDEN CITY** Fri. 8/7-Sun. 8/9 10am-5pm Marbles over 80 yrs old, glassware, Coca-Cola items, Nascar, knives, record player, records (45s), jewelry, knick knacks & lots more! 30635 Rosslyn 48135 Btwn Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill East off Merriman.

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# PETS

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

## AUGUST

## DEMENTIA SERIES

**Time/Date:** 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26

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

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

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

## FREE STUFF

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15

**Location:** Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Clothes, home and yard goods, pictures, jewelry, toys and more. Take what you need. No charge

**Contact:** 734-421-1760

## MOTORCYCLE RIDE

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

**Location:** The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth

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

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

## OUTDOOR WORSHIP

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Sunday, through Aug. 23

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

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

**Contact:** 734-459-3333

## SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 4-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10

**Location:** St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

**Details:** The school has openings in preschool 3 and 4 and K-8

**Contact:** stgenevieve@livonia-.com; 734-425-4420

## SHABBAT DINNER

**Time/Date:** Follows 6 p.m. services, Friday, Aug. 28

**Location:** Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Havurah-style dinner will be prepared by Beth Ahm volunteers in the Sisterhood's dairy kitchen. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, 5-12. Maximum cost per household is \$36. Reservations by Aug. 26

**Contact:** 248-851-6880; ablah@cbahm.org

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 10-14

**Location:** Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi

**Details:** Theme is Everest - Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power

**Contact:** 248-349-2345; faith-community-novi.org

## ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

## Our Lady of Loretto

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** 313-534-9000

## Faith Community Wesleyan

**Time/Date:** 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

**Contact:** pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

## CLOTHING BANK

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

**Location:** Canton Christian

Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

**Details:** No documentation needed

**Contact:** info@cantoncf.org

## EXERCISE

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

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

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

**Contact:** 313-408-3364

## FAMILY MEAL

**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Free meal

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

## HEALING SERVICE

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

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

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

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

## MOMS

## Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

**Contact:** Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

## Dunning Park Bible Chapel

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

**Contact:** Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

## PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 313-563-0162

## PRAYER

## St. Edith Church

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

**Location:** Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

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

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## St. Michael Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

## SINGLES

## Detroit World Outreach

**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

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

## First Presbyterian Church

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

**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville

**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

## Steve's Family Restaurant

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

**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

**Contact:** 313-534-0399

## SONG CIRCLE

## Congregation Beth Ahm

**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

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

## SUPPORT

## Apostolic Christian Church

**Time/Date:** 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

## Connection Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday

**Location:** 3855 Sheldon, Canton

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

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

## Detroit World Outreach

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

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

## Farmington Hills Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

**Contact:** 248-433-1011

## Merriman Road Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

**Contact:** www.metrofibro-group.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

## Fireside Church of God

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

**Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidecho-g.org; or email to adm@firesidehog.org

## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

**Contact:** 734-421-8451

## St. Thomas a' Becket Church

**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly

**Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-0322

## Unity of Livonia

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous

**Contact:** 248-559-7722; www.aa.org for additional information

## Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

**Contact:** Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery-.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

## THRIFT STORE

## St. James Presbyterian

**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Contact:** 313-534-7730 for additional information

## Way of Life Christian Church

**Time/Date:** 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

**Location:** 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

**Details:** Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

**Contact:** 734-637-7618

## TOUR

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

**Location:** The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

**Details:** Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

**Contact:** 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

## WORSHIP

## Adat Shalom Synagogue

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

**Location:** 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

**Contact:** 248-851-5100

## Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

**Contact:** 734-522-6830

## Congregation Bet Chaverim

**Time/Date:** Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month

**Location:** At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

**Details:** Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore

**Contact:** www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

## Due Season Christian Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study

**Location:** Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

**Details:** Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.

**Contact:** 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

## Faith Community Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study

**Location:** 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi

**Details:** Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 10-14

**Contact:** 248-349-2345; faith-

community-novi.org

## Faith Community Wesleyan Church

**Time/Date:** Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., contemporary service, 1:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays

**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia

**Contact:** pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

## Garden City Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicap parking

**Location:** Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road

**Contact:** 734-421-7620

## Good Hope Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday

**Location:** 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

**Contact:** 734-427-36



## Color yourself happy



The crowd throws colored powder skyward at the first Festival of Colors in Novi last year.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

### FESTIVAL OF COLORS RETURNS SATURDAY

Prafulla Kharkar invites you to the "happiest event on the planet" this Saturday at Fuerst Park in Novi.

The Canton man guarantees you'll be singing, dancing and sporting a rainbow of hues in no time at the second annual Festival of Colors, also known as MI Colorfest, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 8, at the park on West 10 Mile at Taft.

"Every 45 minutes we do a color throw," said Kharkar, who coordinates the festival with his wife, Shivani, and other local volunteers. "We start counting from 10, nine, eight down to one and everyone jumps into the air and throws colors. All those colors at the same time, 1,000 people throwing colors, that is a beautiful sight. Nobody is spared. Everyone at the end is touched. It's that powerful."

Attendees toss the dry, colored powders imported from India into the air and at other revelers, while live bands perform. Before leaving the festival, they can blow the nonstaining powder off their clothing, skin and hair.

The event, which aims to promote friendship, unity, love and happiness through music and colors, is based on the Indian spring festival, Holi. A major difference between the Eastern and Western versions is the color used. In India, it's wet; at American color festivals, it's dry.

"In India, you don't gather in one place. You pull people out of their house and color them. Then you go to the next house and the third person's house," Kharkar said, adding that the festivities sometimes also include an alcoholic drink.

Although the festival in Novi will include Indian food and beverages, no alcohol will be served. Kharkar said the music and color throwing is enough to prompt smiles from ear to ear.

"We are giving the message of pure happiness with no drugs, no smoke."

#### Colorful atmosphere

Kharkar, who works in information technology, got his first taste of an American colorfest while visiting Pittsburgh, Pa., a few years ago. He participated in the festival, met the rock bands, and stayed in touch with them.



Utah-based Ananda Groove performs mantra meditations while it rocks the crowd at a color festival.

Ananda Groove stays clear of colored powder that covers the crowd while it performs. The band will play at the Festival of Colors Aug. 8 in Novi.



#### FESTIVAL OF COLORS

**What:** The event is based on Holi, a spring festival in India, also known as the festival of colors. The Novi version is for all ages and will include live bands; dance performances; vegetarian food, including authentic spicy Indian dishes; dry, organic, stain-free colored powders thrown skyward every 45 minutes and at other attendees; vendors selling Indian jewelry, arts and crafts and other items; yoga; kids activities; souvenirs and raffle drawing

**When:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8

**Where:** Fuerst Park, at the Novi Civic Center, located at Taft and W. 10 Mile in Novi

**Admission:** \$5 in advance; \$7 at the door

**Colors:** Dry, organic. One color bag is \$3; five color bags is \$15; protective mask is \$1

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

With just three weeks of planning last year, he brought one band and lots of colors to Novi, attracting approximately 2,000 participants.

"I have so many pictures and one thing they have in common is everyone is smiling. The whole atmosphere became compassionate. The real deep meaning of this is when we get colored there is no differentiation behind the color. We are all human beings."

Kharkar said that while most festivals of colors are set on college campuses and draw mostly young adults, the Novi event targets families. He started planning the event four months ago and hopes it will attract a larger crowd than it did last year.

American color festivals started approximately 15 years ago in Utah. Joseph Perry, lead singer for Ananda Groove, was on hand for the inaugural event.

"It got bigger and bigger. We've been doing color festivals for 15 years and they've grown. The last one we did in March had 60,000 people come to it in two days. It has grown like crazy," Perry said. "Spanish Fork in Utah is the big one. The color is massive. There are no drugs, no alcohol served. You look ridiculous, but it's fun."

The band performs mostly at color festivals throughout the country. It played a three-hour set in Novi last year and will be back on stage for the second annual festival, along with other bands.

#### East meets west

"I've always had a soft spot in my heart for Eastern culture. I love the music and the chanting. It's what makes me tick as a musician," he said.

The band infuses its music with meditation chant, making it easy for the crowd to sing along with the lyrics.

"The music all is positive," Perry said. "I can't think of another word for the festival than fun with a capital F.U.N. We'll get to counting down (for a color throw) and say if you have stress or problems you're holding, let it blow out to the wind. It's a fun way to let go."

"It's amazing."  
For more about the festival, visit [mifestivalofcolors.com](http://mifestivalofcolors.com).

### 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

##### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Reception is 6-9 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 7. Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through August

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** "New Horizons," a solo exhibit by painter Barbara White

**Contact:** 248-344-0497 or [www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org](http://www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org)

##### VILLAGE THEATER

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

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

**Details:** "Tell Me, Berenice Abbott," is a fine art digital photography exhibit by Tim Ruane

**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

#### BOOK SIGNING

##### GREEN BRAIN COMICS

**Time/Date:** 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15

**Location:** 13936 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

**Details:** Multimedia artist Steven Cerio signs his new book, *Sunbeam On The Astronaut*

**Contact:** [greenbrain.biz](http://greenbrain.biz)

#### COMEDY

##### EMERGENT ARTS

**Time/Date:** 9:30 p.m. Aug. 15

**Location:** The Yellow Barn, 416 W. Huron, Ann Arbor

**Details:** The Laugh Riot Dolls present all-female cabaret-style comedy show; \$10

**Contact:** 734-985-0875; [emergentarts.com](http://emergentarts.com)

#### FILM

##### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 7-8; and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 9

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** I'll See You In My Dreams, \$3  
**Summer Cinema:** 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, Plymouth

**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



## GET OUT

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### 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

#### BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

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

**Location:** 240 N. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** Josh White, Jr., performs; \$20

**Contact:** 734-404-6889; justgobarefoot.com

#### 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

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

**Details:** 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

#### 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:** Greg Jaqua with an Elvis Presley Tribute, Aug. 6; and The Dan Rafferty Band, Aug. 13

**Contact:** cantonfun.org

#### CONCERT IN THE PARK

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

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

**Details:** Persuasion, Aug. 11

**Contact:** 313-387-2650



See Josh White, Jr., Saturday, Aug. 8, at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.



Becky Copenhaver and Jerry Carney rehearse a scene from "Palliser Suite," for Better Than Ever Productions.



The Laugh Riot Dolls perform Aug. 15 at the Yellow Barn in Ann Arbor.

#### 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

#### JAZZ IN THE PARK

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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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:** 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

#### MUSIC IN THE AIR

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

**Location:** Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

**Details:** 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

#### 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:** Gemini, Aug. 12; Barbara Bailey Hutchinson, Aug. 19; Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic, Aug. 26

**Contact:** plymoutharts.com

#### RHYTHMS IN RILEY PARK

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

**Location:** Downtown Farmington

**Details:** Allie Louise, Aug. 7; Hullabaloo, Aug. 14; Twisted Root Revival, Aug. 21; Thiurd Coast Kings, Aug. 28

**Contact:** 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:** Sonic Freeway, Aug. 6; Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 13; Kathy Kosins, Aug. 20; L'USA, Aug. 27

**Contact:** 248-473-1848

#### TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

**Time/Date:** Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Open Stage, Aug. 18; Martyn Joseph with Jan Krist, Aug. 14. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

**Contact:** 734-464-6302 for additional information

### THEATER

#### BETTER THAN EVER PRODUCTIONS

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 27-29 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30

**Location:** Enter through door #13 at Plymouth Parks and Recreation Complex, 650 Church, Plymouth

**Details:** The group performs "Palliser Suite," a comedy by Caroline Russell-King. Tickets are \$15

**Contact:** betterthaneverprod.wix.com/btep or call Jeanne Pruett at 734-306-7883

#### FARMINGTON PLAYERS

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. registration, 7 p.m. start, Aug. 19-20

**Location:** Farmington Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Auditions for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* are Aug. 19 for youth, ages 12-16, and Aug. 20 for ages 16 and over. Participants will sing a short excerpt from one of the songs from the play. They'll learn a short dance combination and will audition the dance moves in a small group. They'll also read a monologue from the show

**Contact:** farmingtonplayers.org

#### PAUL'S PLAYERS

#### PENNY SEATS THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Aug. 6-8 and 13-15

**Location:** The West Park band shell, 215 Chapin, Ann Arbor

**Details:** Tickets are \$7 and \$10 for *Urinetown, the Musical*.

**Contact:** pennyseats.org



SUBMITTED

"The Danube," and other paintings by Barbara White, are on display this month at Northville Art House.



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## STRAWBERRIES 'N' CREAM OATMEAL

*Recipe by Kath Eats Real Food  
Makes: 1 serving*

**½ cup Scottish oatmeal (or sub rolled oats)**  
**1 cup 2 percent milk**  
**1 cup fresh strawberries, sliced**  
**¼ cup lowfat cottage cheese**  
**1 teaspoon vanilla extract**  
**1 tablespoon dry roasted almonds, chopped**  
**1 tablespoon shredded coconut**  
**1 (8-ounce) glass of milk, to serve with oatmeal**

Combine oats and 1 cup of milk in saucepan over medium heat. Stir consistently as oatmeal begins to bubble. Once oatmeal has reached desired consistency, about 5 minutes in, add strawberries, cottage cheese and vanilla. Stir to incorporate. Cook for one more minute. Remove from heat and pour into bowl. Top with almonds and coconut. Serve with remaining 8-ounce glass of milk.

*Nutrition: 560 calories; 20 g fat; 9 g saturated fat; 40 mg cholesterol; 32 g protein; 68 g carbohydrates; 9 fiber; 520 mg sodium; 696 mg calcium (70 percent of daily value). Nutrition figures based on using 2% milk, and include an 8-ounce glass of milk served with oatmeal.*



## BREAKFAST BARS

*Servings: 8*

**1 cup old-fashioned or quick oats (not instant)**  
**1 bag mixed dried fruit (7 ounces)**  
**¼ cup sugar**  
**½ cup shredded unsweetened coconut (optional)**  
**¼ cup chopped walnuts (optional)**  
**½ teaspoon salt**  
**¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon**  
**¼ cup honey**  
**2 tablespoons olive oil**  
**¼ cup unsweetened almond or peanut butter**  
**1 tablespoon lowfat or fat-free milk**  
**½ teaspoon vanilla extract**

Preheat oven to 350°F; lightly coat an 8-by 8-inch baking pan with nonstick spray. In a bowl, toss together the oats, dried fruit, sugar, coconut, walnuts, salt, and cinnamon. Set aside. In a second bowl, blend together the honey, olive oil, almond butter, milk, and vanilla. Pour honey mixture over the oat mixture and stir until completely coated. Pour mixture into prepared pan and press firmly. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until beginning to brown and turn bubbly. Remove from oven, let stand for 10 minutes, then cut while still warm. Let cool completely before removing from the pan. Store in air tight container. Bars will last up to a week.



## LEMON BLUEBERRY OATMEAL MUFFINS

**1-¾ cup Quaker Oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked), divided**  
**2 teaspoons firmly packed brown sugar**  
**1 cup all-purpose flour (add an additional 2 tablespoons if using old fashioned oats)**  
**½ cup granulated sugar**  
**1 teaspoon baking powder**  
**¼ teaspoon salt (optional)**  
**1 cup skim milk**  
**2 egg whites or ¾ cup egg substitute with yolk or 1 egg**  
**2 teaspoons canola oil**  
**1 teaspoon grated lemon peel**  
**1 teaspoon vanilla**  
**1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries (do not thaw)**

Heat oven to 400°F. Spray 12 medium muffin cups with cooking spray; set aside. For topping, combine ¼ cup oats and brown sugar; set aside. In large bowl, combine remaining 1-½ cups oats with remaining dry ingredients; mix well. In small bowl, combine milk, egg substitute, oil, lemon peel and vanilla; mix well. Add to dry ingredients; stir just until moistened. Do not overmix. Gently stir in berries. Fill muffin cups almost full; sprinkle with topping. Bake 18 to 22 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool muffins in pan on wire rack 5 minutes. Remove from pan. Serve warm.



## SLOW-COOKER TROPICAL OATMEAL

*Servings: 4*

**1 cup steel-cut oats**  
**3 cups lowfat or fat free milk**  
**salt**  
**1 tablespoon unsalted butter**  
**3 tablespoons brown sugar**  
**½ cup diced fresh pineapple**  
**1 banana, sliced**  
**chopped pecans, toasted**

Combine oats, milk, and salt in a 2½-quart slow cooker. Cover and cook at low heat for 6 to 8 hours. Before serving, melt butter in a small skillet over medium heat. Add the brown sugar and pineapple and cook just until pineapple starts to release its juices, about 2 minutes. Off heat, fold in the banana. Spoon topping and sprinkle with pecans.

*Nutrition: 240 calories; 4.5 g fat; 2 g saturated fat; 10 mg cholesterol; 9 g protein; 42 g carbohydrates; 3 g fiber; 0 mg sodium; 250 mg calcium (25 percent of daily value). Nutrition figures based on using fat free milk.*

