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World of Beer pouring into Canton

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

World of Beer, a craft beer franchise touting 600 different brews from about 30 countries, has chosen Canton for one of its first Michigan taverns. Chad Wilson, Canton WOB owner, said the tavern is ex-

pected to open early next year on Ford Road, west of Lilley, just west of the La-Z-Boy furniture gallery along Canton's bustling main shopping corridor.

"We love Ford Road. We've been looking on Ford Road for a long time," Wilson said. "We think Canton is a perfect fit

because it is under-served in the craft beer market."

The latest craft beer news comes as the burgeoning industry continues a sharp uptick in Michigan. Wilson said construction of the 5,700-square-foot tavern in Canton is expected to begin this fall.

Local officials say World of

Beer will broaden an already diverse group of businesses that dot the Ford Road landscape.

"I think it's a great fit for Canton," said Kristen Thomas, the township's economic development manager. "I think with that location, they will get all the traffic in the world. It's

going to be a fun place for residents and visitors."

Canton customers can expect about 600 different craft beers, including 550 bottled brews and 50-60 varieties on tap, Wilson said.

WOB offers styles from

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Miracle League of Plymouth president Deb Madonna (left), with Durham School Services employees Nancy Mikaelian, April McGhie and Meredith Hughey (and her grandson Kenny). Durham, which operates school buses for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, provided player buddies – and a check – to the Miracle League.

Miracle League marks opening of fifth season

The Miracle League of Plymouth, which gives young people with disabilities and special needs the chance to play baseball on their own field, marked the opening of its fifth season Saturday.

The celebration at Bilkie Family Field, off of Theodore Street behind Central Middle School, included a first pitch thrown by Andrew and Owen Covino. The brothers – Andrew is 7 and Owen is 5 – have run a lemonade stand during the last two Art in the Park events in Plymouth and have donated their profits to the Miracle League.

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Miracle League of Plymouth president Deb Madonna, with microphone, speaks Saturday as employees from Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America buddy up with players from the MLP's Yellowjackets team.

Police warn senior facilities of break-in attempt

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton police are urging senior housing facilities to remain alert and report any suspicious behavior after an attempted break-in occurred at an assisted living center.

A would-be intruder failed to get inside the facility during an incident that Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said occurred about 1 a.m. Aug. 8. He said police aren't disclosing the name of the assisted living center as the investigation continues.

The latest incident comes after Westland police confirmed that an intruder wearing a security jacket is being sought for stealing multiple televisions from three senior citizen housing complexes in that city.

Authorities believe the same intruder could possibly have been involved in Canton's attempted break-in. Anyone who has any information is asked to call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

Authorities have said the suspect isn't targeting people but, rather, items such as televisions.

Traylor said police notified Canton senior housing facilities after the attempted break-in here.

"We went around to all the places to alert the staff the next morning," he said.

Westland police, meanwhile, reported the following incidents:

» An intruder wearing a security jacket went into Our Savior's Manor on Annapolis about 12:40 a.m. July 30. Police say he took televisions from

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This Canton business is, well, for the birds

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Birds and butterflies dart among the flowers that Brian and Michele Hintz chose for a small garden that fronts their Canton shop.

Gold finches, sparrows, an occasional dove and other feathered friends seem to know an inviting place when they see it.

The Hintzes own Wild Birds

Unlimited, 41816 Ford Road, west of Haggerty, a shop they opened after Brian Hintz abandoned a pharmaceutical manufacturing career for a business he loves.

"We're bringing people and nature together," he said.

Bird lovers go to Wild Birds Unlimited for bird seed, bird houses, bird feeders, bird baths – just about anything bird-related. They also can find decorations for nature

gardens and supplies they need to attract squirrels.

Canton resident Marilyn Hodgson liked the shop so much she became an employee. She started as a customer because she wanted the supplies she needed to feed birds at her condominium.

Hodgson paused when asked which birds she prefers. "I like them all," she said.

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Brian Hintz stands inside the Canton business, Wild Birds Unlimited, he owns with wife Michele.

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about 30 countries such as Germany, France, Scotland, Italy, Thailand, Japan and Brazil, among others – but many brews will come from across the nation and closer to home, he said.

WOB isn't a brewery, so no beer is made on-site. Wilson said Canton's tavern will serve food and include a 1,500-square-foot patio that will be enclosed during colder months.

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden said he believes Canton will be a successful location for World of Beer.

"It's something that's unique to our community," he said. "I think it will do great. It's good to have businesses that keep our economy thriving."

WOB has more than

70 locations across the nation. Canton's will be built about the same time the company plans another tavern in Woodhaven. One in Ann Arbor, which didn't have a kitchen, is now a different business.

WOB already has received site plan approval from the Canton Township Board of Trustees. The company is awaiting the last round of approvals from Wayne County.

WOB's plans will ratchet up Canton's craft beer locations. Canton already has a microbrewery, Canton Brew Works, on Lilley, south of Joy. And officials for the Village Arts Factory are seeking a brewery or pub for the former Henry Ford-owned site in Cherry Hill Village, where project leaders hope to grow an arts and entertainment site.

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Get your dose of music in Plymouth's Kellogg Park

It's not too late to try out the variety of musical programs in downtown Plymouth this summer. Take a peek and check your calendar.

Plymouth Community Band

All concerts are in Kellogg Park. The last date is Sept. 3.

Music in the Air

All concerts begin at 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park and are free. Alcohol is not permitted in the park.

The following concerts are scheduled:
Aug. 21: Randy Brock Group
Aug. 28: Magic Bus
Sept. 4: Steve King and the Dittilies

Music in the Park Children's Concerts

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its 31st season at noon each Wednesday. Upcoming concerts include:

Aug. 26: Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic
Performances are free thanks to program sponsors: The Wilcox Founda-

tion, DJL Builders, Monroe Bank & Trust, Plymouth-Canton Montessori School, Kona Ice, Genuine Toy Co. and Huron Valley Ambulance.

Concerts are held rain (with no lightning) or shine. The rain location is under the roof at The Gathering, adjacent to the park.

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Brian Hintz said he began feeding birds as a teenager, though his knowledge has certainly grown since he delved deeper and opened his own business.

Wild Birds Unlimited is marketed to customers who are established in their careers and decide they want to make their property more nature-friendly. It doesn't matter if customers live in a condo or have a huge property – Hintz said he can help them plan what's right for them.

"You can't cookie-cutter it," he said.

Hintz can give a crash course in bird education. He knows which ones fly south for the winter – hummingbirds, robins and orioles, among others – and those more likely to stay put in the winter, including cardinals, bluejays, finches, chickadees, nuthatches and woodpeckers.



Wild Birds Unlimited is in Canton, off Ford Road, west of Haggerty.

Best of all, he can help bird lovers get the tools they need to attract feathered friends to their home.

Some critics say it's a thin line between love and hate for birds – and some people just aren't fans. They view them as messy and say attempts to feed them can lure unwelcome visitors, such as rats.

That's where Hintz's



A small garden in front of the store attracts birds.

advice comes in, saying bird lovers should buy feeders rather than throwing food on the ground. Moreover, he said it's important to buy the right kind of seed – avoid the filler – and to keep property clear of pet droppings. He also said places such as compost piles can draw rodents.

Meanwhile, as Hintz talked about his business, a friendly German shepherd mix named Dilly, 3½, appeared from the back of the shop.

Hintz paused and smiles.

"We've got people who come in the store just to see the dog," he said, before shifting the conversation back to birds.

Hintz has a simple reason why many people like to watch birds in their natural habitat – and why they try to lure them to their property.

"They're very peaceful, very soothing," he said. "It's not artificial."

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the main entryway and from a community room, ripping them off the wall and tearing out drywall during the thefts.

A white vehicle was seen in the parking lot just prior to and after the theft.

» An intruder went into Greenwood Villa Senior Apartments on Nankin Boulevard about 3:30 a.m. July 20 and stole televisions. Police say he used bolt cutters to remove cables securing the televisions to the walls and then carried the TVs out.

» A suspect was seen in a surveillance video at Westgate Tower on Elm-

wood about 1 a.m. June 24. The security camera captured him entering a community room and taking an 80-inch television from the wall.

A white vehicle was seen entering the complex shortly before the incident began and then after the theft had occurred.

» An intruder – possibly the same one from

July 20 – was seen inside Greenwood Villa about 1 a.m. March 11. He was seen on a security video as he entered two common areas, took televisions from the wall and carried them out.

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'Palliser Suite' opens Aug. 27 in the new PARC

Better Than Ever Productions examines love, sex and loss after 60 in the hilarious new comedy *Palliser Suite* by Caroline Russell-King.

What happens when a divorced couple discovers that they are actually still married? What happens when long-lost lovers meet up again after years apart? What happens when two estranged brothers get together with their spouses to spread their father's ashes? And can gay married couples get divorced?

Written as a tribute to the comic genius of Neil Simon, all this and more is examined by Russell-King. Three stories of people struggling with some of life's biggest issues take place in the same hotel suite in Calgary, Canada.

The cast features: Jerry Carney, Becky Copenhaver, Linda Trygg, Spencer Brooks, Terry Viviani, Beth Brooks, Harry Stafford and Lee Thomas. The comedy is co-directed by Brian Trippel and Jeanne Pruett.

"I love the themes in this play," said Jeanne Pruett, president of the group. "*Palliser Suite* digs into issues and feelings of seniors that are often overlooked because of our age. We still fall in love, we still want sex and, unless our parents died when we were young, it's a time of life when most of us have to deal with the loss of one or more parents. Also departing from our previous age restrictions, BTEP realizes that sen-



Cast members include Lee Thomas as Ruby and Harry Stafford as Max, with Beth Brooks in background.



Terry Viviani and Linda Trygg play ex-lovers reunited after decades apart.

iors interact with people of all ages, so this play includes 16-year-old Spencer Brooks playing the role of Jason."

This is the inaugural production for the BTEP's new home at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex at the former Central Middle School, 650 Church Street.

"Working with Don Soenen, there has just been a real pleasure and we're excited to be part of the family at PARC," Pruett said. "I know our audiences will love this new location."

Palliser Suite will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 27-29 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30. Park in the back and enter through door No. 13.

Tickets are \$15 and available online at <http://www.betterthanneverprod.wix.com/btep> or by calling 734-306-7883.



Becky Copenhaver and Jerry Carner play Edna and Mel in "Palliser Suite."

Catholic Central grad earns Eagle Scout rank

Sean Kelly, as a member of Plymouth Boy Scout Troop 743, was awarded the highest honor in scouting May 3 — the rank of Eagle Scout. In only five years, Sean served in various leadership positions, earned 24 merit badges through various areas of interest and skill development and volunteered for many



Kelly

different community service opportunities while advancing through the ranks.

Sean's efforts culminated in the planning, development, and execution of a comprehensive community service project last October.

This project involved making improvements to a baseball field at Maybury State Park in Northville. The focus of the project was to enhance several features of the baseball field through the installation of a "breakaway" outfield fence, as well as the addition of sun shade coverings over both dugout benches.

Sean completed all the detailed planning, purchased the materials and supplies and organized a team of volunteers consisting of friends and fellow Scouts to execute the work plan over two different weekends last October. The service project resulted in necessary aesthetic enhancements and improved safety features at the diamond, which increased the overall appeal of the baseball field to a much wider range of local teams.

Sean graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in May with high honors and will attend the University of Notre Dame this fall to study political science on a pre-law track.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Woman accosts man at bank ATM

A 65-year-old Canton woman was ticketed for disorderly conduct after police say she accosted a man making a cash withdrawal from an automated teller machine at the Chase Bank branch near Ford and Canton Center roads.

A 30-year-old Dimondale man had parked his car and walked to the ATM to get money when the woman drove up next to him, began yelling at him and calling him names, the report said. He finished his transaction and began walking back to his vehicle, only to have the suspect get out of her car and follow him.

A friend who was with the victim took a picture of the woman's license plate and started to call police, but the suspect knocked the phone out of his hand and swung at his face but missed, the report said.

Police were called in to investigate, but the report said the woman already had gotten back into her car and driven to the police station, where she was ultimately issued a citation for disorderly conduct.

The police report didn't indicate why the woman began accosting the man.

Temple trespasser

A Canton man was ticketed for trespassing after police say he engaged in strange behavior at the Hindu Temple of Canton, on Cherry Hill east of Canton Center.

Police went to the temple amid reports the man had been seen early Friday on a surveillance camera, putting packing tape around the handles of the front door, gathering stones from the side of the temple, placing them in a circle and filling them with mulch.

A Hindu Temple official told police the same man – described as a 26-year-old white male – had frequented the temple during the last two months, bringing fruit to share with others before his behavior became more erratic and he began cursing at people and asking for money.

The man also had been seen in a back parking lot at the temple driving a Ford Focus with a new license plate.

The report indicated police have had numerous en-

counters with the suspect due to what was described in the report as "mental issues." Police went to his house and served a trespassing notice. He wasn't at home but his brother, who was cooperative, said he would give the notice to him.

Parole absconder nabbed

A parole absconder who spent time in prison for felonious assault was traced to a Canton hotel and captured Saturday afternoon by state and local authorities.

State authorities had been conducting surveillance after learning that the 31-year-old suspect had been staying at the Days Inn near Michigan Avenue and Lotz, a police report said.

Canton police assisted state officials when the arrest was made shortly before 4 p.m. Saturday. Police found the suspect hiding in the room with a pit bull after a woman initially answered the door, police said.

Police learned the woman, a 29-year-old Westland resident, also had warrants for her arrest for a felony probation violation out of Wayne County Circuit Court and for failing to appear for

a traffic ticket in Redford. She, too, was arrested.

Police car T-boned

Two Canton police officers, whose car was broadsided by another driver on Ford Road, were treated and released at a medical facility after the incident occurred about 12:30 a.m. Friday.

A woman driving the other vehicle told police that she was in the center turn lane on eastbound Ford, near Morton Taylor, when she made a turn and T-boned the police car, a report said.

The crash damaged the driver's side of the patrol car. One of the officers was walking with a slight limp after the accident.

The woman told police she didn't see the patrol car and accidentally hit it. The investigation was continuing.

Near-death report

A woman living on Old Michigan was barely breathing and had only a faint pulse when police arrived shortly after 3:30 a.m. Monday, after receiving reports she was having a medical emergency, a report said.

A police report indicated

the 29-year-old woman was gasping for air. According to the woman's mother, she takes several medications, but it wasn't clear if she had accidentally overdosed.

The police report indicated that no signs of illegal drugs were found.

Police tended to the woman until Canton paramedics arrived to help her.

Fraud victim

A 39-year-old Canton woman notified police after several fraudulent accounts had been opened in her name, a report said.

The woman told police the activity began last November and has continued through this month. She said someone has opened accounts with companies such as a gas company and an online department store.

One of the companies is in Buffalo, N.Y., but the woman said she has never lived in Buffalo.

The woman has begun getting calls from debt collection agencies who advised her to file a police report to document the incidents.

— By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Man leaving pub arrested on DUI charge after crash

A 75-year-old man was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol Saturday evening after a car-truck crash near Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon. No injuries were reported.

The man was driving a Dodge Ram pickup and exiting the Plymouth Pub when the pickup collided with an eastbound Dodge Stratus being driven by a 20-year-old man, a Plymouth Township

Police Department report said. The accident occurred shortly before 8 p.m.

A responding officer noticed the smell of alcohol about the man, who said he'd had one beer, then said he'd had more to drink at another location, the report said. A preliminary breath test registered a blood-alcohol content of 0.148 percent and the man was arrested.

Drink + speed

A 30-year-old woman was arrested on a drunken-driving charge late Friday after being spotted on Beck Road

driving nearly 20 mph above the speed limit.

An officer scanning the area with a radar gun shortly before midnight measured the northbound vehicle, a Cadillac SRX, at 59 mph in the area of Edinburgh Drive, a police report said. The officer stopped the driver near North Territorial; her eyes were watery and blood-shot, the report said.

Asked about her speed, the woman said she believed she'd been driving "about 50 in a 40," police said. The speed limit in the area is 40 mph.

The woman registered a blood-alcohol content level of 0.118 percent on a preliminary breath test, police said. She told the officer she'd had two mixed drinks and a glass of wine since about 7:30 p.m., police said.

Property damage

An illicit joyride on a golf cart ended with a crash into a fence recently at the Western Wayne Conservation Club, a police report said.

The incident occurred between the evening of Aug. 7 and about 8 a.m. the next day at the club's property on

the township's far west side, police said. There were no witnesses.

Converter stolen

The catalytic converter was cut from a Pontiac Aztek earlier this month while the car was parked at a dealership on Ann Arbor Road.

The theft was discovered Aug. 10 when a customer asked to take the Aztek out for a test drive, a police report said. It had occurred some time since Aug. 3.

— By Matt Jachman

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Some of the more than 60 cards made by children and families July 29 at Kellogg Park for service men and women stationed overseas. They will be sent in care packages from Troops Need Love Too.

PCAC putting together care packages for troops

Fans of the Plymouth Community Arts Council are invited to donate snacks, grooming products, games and recreational items to U.S. troops through Troops Need Love Too (TNLT), a nonprofit that puts together and ships care packages for military men and women overseas.

The PCAC is collecting such items until Saturday, Aug. 29, and is hosting a packing party that day to assemble care packages and prepare them for shipping to overseas bases.

The PCAC effort is being organized by Chelsea Murray, the summer day camp manager at the PCAC, whose boyfriend, Anton Nuculaj, is on a six-month deployment in Kuwait with the Air National Guard.

Nuculaj, who works in aircraft maintenance, has been overseas since April. Murray got involved with TNLT as a way of supporting him.

"The main reason he's getting through it and doing OK is because he has us supporting him," Murray said recently.



Donations boxes at the Plymouth Community Arts Council for Troops Need Love Too care packages.

Some service personnel aren't as fortunate, however, Murray said. For them, TNLT has "brother boxes," separate care packages within larger ones that service men and women are instructed to give to comrades who aren't receiving a box and might feel left out.

"It does make a difference," Murray said. Suggested donations for the PCAC's TNLT event include non-perishable foods like canned fruit, drink mix packets, trail mix, canned tuna

and canned chicken (no pork products) and Ramen noodles. Also being collected are toiletries like baby wipes, tissues, foot powder, shaving products, lip balm, cough drops and feminine hygiene products as well as recreation items like word games, stationary and pens, books and magazines, playing cards, Frisbees and puzzles.

Donations can be dropped off at the PCAC during open hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekday. The packing party will be 2-5 p.m. Aug. 29 at the PCAC, which is at 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth.

Service personnel getting the TNLT packages will also be getting more than 60 handmade cards created by children and families during the July 29 Music in the Park concert in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

The TNLT website is <http://troopsneedlove.com>. Tax-deductible donations, used for shipping fees, can be made through the site.

— By Matt Jachman

Unusual Symphony opens Friday concert



UNUSUAL SYMPHONY

The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority tries every year to highlight an up-and-coming band at the regular Friday night concert in Kellogg Park. This is that week and the concert will feature Unusual Symphony, an all-girl band, from southeast Michigan. The band has already released three songs on iTunes, including "Mistakes," "All Along" and "Anyway." The band is also in the process of producing its first album.

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Josh Wimmert, Dave Moray, Greg Sears and Joe Wydick try to get on the green.

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Canton Foundation golf outing makes par for literacy council

August can be iffy, but the weather giants kept the heat and humidity at a bearable level for the Canton Community Foundation's annual golf outing Aug. 13 at Pheasant Run Golf Course.

"It could not have been more beautiful," said Beth Meade, foundation managing director, donor relations.

Typically, the outing is in June, but this year the event was moved to August due to a busy workload.

About 50 golfers attended the day-long outing that was sponsored largely by Jack Demmer Ford, Rizzo Services and Community Financial Credit Union. "It was a smaller event, but a good group of people," Meade said.

The outing's purpose

is to allow the foundation to connect with the community, serve as a networking opportunity for business folks and to partner with another organization. This year, the foundation partnered with the Plymouth-Canton Literacy Council.

With the growing diversity in the community, the literacy council has been going gangbusters and proceeds with the foundation will come in handy, especially for training and supplies.

"They will get most of the proceeds," Meade said.

Looking ahead to next year, the outing will be moved back to its traditional June date. "We intend to grow the outing every year," Meade said.

— By Joanne Maliszewski



Linda Demmer watches Jaya Wilson's putt.

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Brian Blust buys a few raffle tickets, a highlight of the annual Canton Community Foundation golf outing. In the background is Frank Ascitto.

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Mary Cicala swings the club. Betsy Winchip is in the cart.

MIRACLE

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The event also included check presentations from Durham School Services and Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America. Both companies also provided player buddies during baseball games Saturday.

MLP broke ground on the field in 2011 and played its first games there that August.

"When Deb (Madonna)

na) and I set out on this project oh so many years ago, the vision was merely just to 'get it built,'" Bob Bilkie, the MLP's endowment director and one of its founders, said in a press release. "Now, I see an organization that is beginning to mature, that has attracted a multitude of dedicated and talented volunteers and the vision now is to continue to solidify the infrastructure to enable the league to thrive."

In its early stages, people from Plymouth,

Canton Township and Livonia were among the MLP's biggest supporters, said Chelsey Coleman, who does publicity for the league. Now, she said, supporters come from a broader area and the MLP even received a donation from Texas.

Said Madonna: "Every time I think I have a favorite moment, another one pops up, then another one and another one."

— By Matt Jachman



MIRACLE LEAGUE OF PLYMOUTH

Two Miracle League of Plymouth teams, plus a team of player buddies, pose Saturday at the MLP's Bilkie Family Field, which marked the start of the league's fifth season.

Cheers! Schoolcraft College launches brewing, distilling program

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Rich Weinkauf is ready to share a pint of beer made by students on Schoolcraft College's campus.

The Schoolcraft vice president and chief academic officer will be one instructor teaching courses as a part of the college's new Brewing and Distillation Technology certificate program, which was announced Aug. 12 after receiving final approval from the Higher Learning Commission.

After looking at a study last year, Weinkauf said there were prospects for up to a 200-percent increase in jobs in making beer and just under that for distilling, which led to an interest in starting a program at Schoolcraft.

"Brewing had the biggest potential for jobs in the tri-county area," he said. "At the time, Michigan had about 190 breweries. The latest I talked to the Michigan Brewer's Guild, it's over 220 now."

The 24-credit certificate program will help students learn the science of beer, brew house and marketing operations and packaging, among other skills. Adding other skills rather than just brewing was important to Weinkauf, who spoke to brewery owners to determine their needs before determining the program's components.

"The first job you get at a brewery is probably not going to be a brewer," Weinkauf said. "The first job you'll get is a packaging job. Or you'll work in a taproom, talking to customers."

The program is limited to 24 students in the fall, though Weinkauf hopes to double that by next year. Registration is



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Schoolcraft official Rich Weinkauf explains the design of the brewing operation.

currently open and classes begin Aug. 31.

Weinkauf said he hopes to have taps ready to pour beer at the American Harvest restaurant in the VisTaTech Center and sell it in six-packs and growlers at the college's campus on Haggerty sometime in 2016. Construction is being secured for adding the appropriate brewing equipment in the culinary arts department, while other permissions from local to federal governments are still being secured.

Reaction

Weinkauf said he's been in touch with several Michigan breweries, including Griffin Claw in Birmingham, Witch's Hat in South Lyon and Short's in Bellaire. The reaction to the program, Weinkauf said, has been amazing.

"A lot of people are really helping with this," he said. "And I'm still not done. The brewing community, they're an awesome group of people."

One of the first people he contacted was Joe Walters, brew master and general manager with Liberty Street

Brewing Co., which has a pub in Plymouth and a production facility in Livonia.

Walters said he was excited when he heard about the program and knows it's unique compared to other schools and their recent offerings for the beer industry.

"It's absolutely in very high demand. The other colleges are putting together two-year degrees," he said. "We don't need brew masters, we need brewery workers, brewery employees."

He'll also be involved in the program, as he's been hired to instruct some coursework in the program.

The Liberty Street facility, which opened earlier this year, will be where students will get their immediate first-hand practice on crafting beer while work continues on Schoolcraft's facility.

"You're going to be working with equipment. You're going to be pitching yeast, you're going to be counting yeast cells in the science class," Weinkauf said. "You're going to be doing all this stuff. It's really not aimed at bookwork and theory."

Having a bigger candidate field to pick from will be beneficial to the Michigan craft beer industry, Walters said, and will result in better products overall.

"They're all going to benefit greatly from having a pool like this to pick from. It's exciting to know we're going to be improving the quality of Michigan craft beer," Walters said. "It's exciting that I'm part of the group that's organizing it."

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Canton man opens company to work with employees

One Sunday in 2006, Don Turner was on his usual morning walk, dreading the thought of going back to his job in corporate America the next morning. He had been feeling less engaged and no longer aligned with company objectives.

This wasn't about finding a new job, as he actually liked the company for which he worked. He knew he had become part of the increasing number of workers that shared his feeling of being disengaged and unproductive at work. Then it came to him — an idea that would change the lives of many, as well as increase productivity and accountability.

It was shortly after that walk that Turner founded Long Walk Partners, a Canton company that would work directly with employees and middle managers to be more engaged and better trained. It would

also give them a better perspective at work. By working with individuals within their specific context, employees and managers would have a positive and more productive reality.

"The issue of low employee engagement in the U.S. workforce is well-documented," Turner said. "An amazing 70 percent of employees are not engaged at work and this is troubling news when we consider that 80 percent of business innovation ideas come from the people doing the work and serving customers on a daily basis. If employees are disengaged, their boss is the last person with which they are going to discuss it."

While still an employee in the corporate world, Turner began having informal one-on-



Turner

one conversations on his own time with employees from a variety of different companies, most of whom were people he had met via his day job. From 2006-12, he began building a team of other professionals and the conversations between employers and employees became more frequent and formalized.

These conversations helped Turner create the Long Walk Partners method of engaging employees in a way that allows them to be more engaged, more productive and happier. In the course of the last nine years, Long Walk Partners has developed and practiced these methods known as Employee Performance Facilitation.

In January 2013, Turner left his corporate job to focus solely on Long Walk Partners. Client growth steadily increased and, in early 2015, Long Walk Partners began implementing the next phase

of its growth plan to offer services to an even more diverse cross-section of organizations. The company has been disciplined in making sure to take the time to learn how to help employees in a meaningful and sustainable way.

Long Walk Partners typically has initial discussions with ownership or C-level leaders within a business. The firm directly interacts and serves employees and middle managers in the business by operating in the background on a daily basis to engage employees. Everything Long Walk Partners does is customized for each individual, making the process work in any business environment.

Employee Performance Facilitation involves regularly scheduled conversations with an employee and one of the mentors from Long Walk Partners. The goal is to help employees operate at a more

productive level, including training, skill building, coaching, self-awareness and communication. The results have included a variety of benefits, such as a higher level of focus and clarity, better job execution, improved skill and techniques and a higher level of employee engagement and accountability.

"When it comes to employee happiness, engagement and productivity, it's all about context. It's easy to send employees to conferences, training classes or team-building exercises," Turner said. "It is also easy to conduct employee engagement surveys and form engagement teams inside the organization. The problem is that these approaches don't have any real impact on what the employee does once they are back to their daily routine and daily reality."

For more information, go to longwalkpartners.com.

Kroger top supermarket in customer service survey

The Kroger Co. earned first-place recognition among supermarkets and fifth place overall in 24/7 Wall St.'s annual 2015 Customer Service Hall of Fame.

Kroger made its debut on the list this year, placing with such notable names as Amazon, Chick-fil-A, Apple and Marriott. The Customer Service Hall of Fame list recently appeared on *USA Today* online.

Jayne Homco, president of The Kroger Co. of Michigan, said the Customer Service Hall of Fame recognizes companies that truly stand out by creating a positive experience for their customers. Results were based on a collaborative effort between 24/7 Wall St. and research survey group Zogby Analytics, which polled more than 1,500 adults regarding the quality of customer service they received at 151 of America's best-known companies in 15 industries.

"We are very honored to have Kroger top the supermarkets on this prestigious list," Homco said. "Customer service is not just a philosophy, but a commitment we emphasize every day."

Research participants



JSA

Kroger took first place among supermarkets in 24/7 Wall St.'s annual 2015 Customer Service Hall of Fame.

were asked to rate each company's service as excellent, good, fair or poor. More than 77 percent of survey respondents reported a good or excellent experience with Kroger.

Survey respondents provided various reasons as to why they ranked a company's customer service at a certain level, but most responses directly related to the person's interaction with a com-

pany employee.

"Customer service continues to be our focus as we strive to deliver an in-store experience that exceeds customer expectations during every visit," Homco said. "We invest in our great people and provide the training and resources necessary to help associates provide world-class yet personal service that encourages customers to choose Kroger."

MAHLE Powertrain receives \$2.5 million grant from federal DOE

U.S. Sens. Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow recently announced a \$2.5 million grant from the Department of Energy to MAHLE Powertrain, a global automotive systems supplier located in Farmington Hills, to develop and optimize a Combined Heat and Power generator.

The generator uses an internal combustion engine with a turbulent jet ignition, which enables the system to operate under ultra-lean conditions and increase thermal efficiency. Oak Ridge National Laboratory will work with the company to develop an innovative low-temperature, after-treatment system to reduce exhaust emissions.

"Making sure that our auto manufacturers and suppliers are equipped to lead the way in cutting-edge technologies will help the American auto industry continue to thrive and compete globally," Peters said. "It's fitting that an auto systems supplier in Michigan is helping to pioneer these technological advances to figure out new solutions for cutting fuel costs and emissions while reducing our dependence on foreign oil. Investing in innovative research



Peters

is key to developing the next generation of fuel-efficient automobiles here at home, and this support from the Department of Energy will help make these cars of the future a reality for businesses and consumers."

"Today's announcement is another example of the innovation and leadership of Michigan's businesses who are leading the way in developing new technologies," Stabenow said. "This investment in auto manufacturing will help reduce pollution and improve fuel efficiency so families pay less at the pump."

"MAHLE Powertrain is pleased to have the opportunity to work with the Department of Energy and Oak Ridge National Laboratory," said Hugh Blaxill, head of MAHLE Powertrain North America. "Combustion development is a key enabler to achieving future fuel economy and emissions targets.

MAHLE Powertrain's years in developing advanced combustion research utilizing a pre-chamber jet ignition combustion system will be a key factor in developing a low-temperature after-treatment system that can be used to reduce exhaust emissions."

The grant is funded through the Department of Energy's Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy. ARPA-E advances high-potential, high-impact energy technologies that are too early for private sector investment, helping to develop entirely new ways to generate, store and use energy. The grant is part of one of ARPA-E's newest programs, GENERators for Small Electrical and Thermal Systems, to develop generator technologies that will improve efficiencies in CHP generation.

Do Not Call List is easy and mostly effective

I recently met a couple who had just moved to Michigan. They were telling me some of the issues they had in relocating, such as health care and insurance — both health and property. During our conversation, we somehow began discussing phones and phone services. They mentioned that they had a new phone number with a 248 area code but their cellphone numbers stayed the same. When they mentioned their new phone number, I then asked them if they had registered their new phone number on the government's Do Not Call List. They basically said that with all the other issues they've been dealing with, they never even thought about it. That is understandable; many people forget about the Do Not Call List. However, it is important and something that we should consider.

The Do Not Call List was established by the Federal Trade Commission as a way to reduce or eliminate the number of telemarketing calls that we all receive. The list does not prevent all unwanted calls; like every government rule, there are exceptions. They include charitable organizations, debt collectors, informational calls, telephone surveys and something that should not surprise any of us — political solicitations. The Do Not Call List may not be perfect, but it does a good job of reducing unwanted telephone solicitations. I recommend that the great majority of people register.

There seems to be some misunderstanding when it comes to the Do Not Call List with regard to cellphones. Even though the laws are different regarding the rules for telephone solicitations, you can register your cellphone number. There is not a separate Do Not Call List for cellphones.



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

Like for land line phones, there is requirement that you re-register every few years. You remain on the list until you remove your number.

Unlike some government websites, which can be complex and frustrating to deal with, the Do Not Call List is the exact opposite. It is easy, it is simple and anyone can do it. All you need to do is go to www.donotcall.gov. Don't get confused by other websites; this is the one and only website that is sanctioned by the government.

Despite being on the Do Not Call List, you can receive unsolicited telemarketing calls. Let's face facts, many of these telemarketers are operating outside the boundaries of our country and, thus, are not subject to our laws. My best advice is that if you see a call on your caller ID that you do not recognize, do not take the call. If it is legitimate, they'll leave a message that you can always call back. But all too often it's going to be a scam artist and there's no reason to even open the door. If you unknowingly take the call, as soon as you hear that it's a telemarketer, hang up. I know this may sound rude, but who cares? The bottom line is to protect yourself; sometimes you have to be a little forceful.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

After hours

Sign up with for an after-hours event with the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce set for 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the Post Local Bistro, 844 Penniman in downtown Plymouth. Call the chamber at 734-453-1540 or teri@plymouth-mich.org to RSVP.

Ribbon-cutting

Enclave at Brownstone will have a ribbon-cutting/open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at 2372 Monument Lane, on the west side of Haggerty Road, south of Cherry Hill.

Golf outing

Clean off your clubs for the annual 2015 Canton Chamber of Commerce golf outing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Pheasant Run Golf Course. Major sponsors are Bovitt CPA, P.C. and Jack Demmer Ford, Inc.

To sign up or to sponsor, contact the chamber at 734-453-4040.

Ribbon-cutting

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon-

cutting at the Plymouth-Canton Fit Body Boot Camp at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. The business is at 8008 Sheldon Center Road, Canton.

Biz person nominations

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominees for the 2015 Business Person of the Year. Business Person of the Year is announced Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Chamber Business Luncheon. The deadline for nominations is Friday, Sept. 3. Contact the chamber at 734-453-4040.

Named president

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan has announced Mark Kramer of SME as its 2015-16 president.

Kramer is a principal and chief executive officer of SME, an engineering consulting firm headquartered in Plymouth. SME specializes in the geosciences, building materials and the environment.

He is a licensed professional engineer in Michigan, Ohio and Virginia and has led SME's more than 200 professional and technical staff since 2001.

CrossCountry opens new Plymouth mortgage branch

CrossCountry Mortgage, Inc. has opened a new Plymouth branch at 903 Wing Street.

Licensed in 49 states, CrossCountry Mortgage is a full-service mortgage lender that provides a broad portfolio of home financing and refinancing programs to fit

customers' needs.

"I'm excited to introduce CrossCountry Mortgage, Inc. to the Plymouth community," said Vikki Plagens, branch manager and Plymouth resident. "For the past 32 years, I've had the pleasure of helping homeowners find the right solutions for their home fi-

nancing and refinancing needs."

Pamela J. Hall has joined the CrossCountry Mortgage Plymouth team as a senior loan officer. She has more than 25 years experience in residential lending and real estate and is a well-known in figure in the community.

OUR VIEW

School supplies: Help Salvation Army help kids

Like the Christmas holiday, the back-to-school season has shoppers poring over advertisements, checking online and running in and out of stores for supplies their kids need as the new academic year gets underway Sept. 8.

For many families, the shopping frenzy may not register as even a blip on their expenditures. For others, however, many in Canton, the Plymouths, Belleville and Northville, back-to-school supplies are a very real financial concern and difficulty.

The National Retail Federation conducted a back-to-school survey recently by Prosper Insights & Analytics that showed parents will spend an average of \$630.36 per student this year. That estimate is actually a drop from last year, when the average was \$669.28. Still, this year alone, the NRF estimates that parents will spend up to \$24.9 billion on stuff for school, including electronics, clothing and supplies.

The NRF estimates that over last 10 years, spending on school supplies has increased some 42 percent.

That's why local organizations, such as the Plymouth Community Salvation Army, make annual requests for donated supplies to get kids in lower income families ready for school and on par with families who have more earning power.

Since its inception in 2008, the Back 2 School Blitz hosted by the Plymouth Salvation Army has sent 1,854 students back to school with grade-appropriate school supplies. This year's Blitz is also supported by the Plymouth-Canton and Van Buren school districts, the Wilcox Foundation, the Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation, the Plymouth Rotary Foundation and Payless Shoe Stores.



FILE PHOTO
The Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main Street, Plymouth, is accepting school supplies to donate to families in need.

This is a good cause. Without efforts such as these, there would be a lot of kids returning to school without needed supplies or parents would drop into a financial hole equipping their kids for the new school year. This may not be about your child, but to use a very overused phrase, it does take a village to help kids be safe and successful in school. Joining forces to help those in need can only make the community stronger.

The Salvation Army is asking for any help local residents or businesses can muster. Based on lists offered by school districts, needed supplies include: new backpacks (particularly for older students), binders, markers, wide-ruled paper and one-subject notebooks, pens (red, black and blue), No. 2 pencils, rulers, protractors, compasses, composition books and folders.

Also on tap this year is help for local teachers in our districts — Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren and

Northville — to help them with supplies for the classroom. Let's be honest. It's not a secret that teachers as a whole tend to spend out of their own pockets for stuff in their classrooms. That stuff — and the public may certainly donate — includes Kleenex, loose leaf paper, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, glue sticks, dry erase markers and red pens.

If you have one child, the average \$630.36 may not be a huge pinch. But what about families in need who have two, three or four kids? With four kids, that spending total increases to more than \$2,500. That's not an easy pill to swallow if you are struggling to put food on the table and a roof over your kids' heads.

In addition to school supplies, the Army will accept donations of new socks and underwear and gently used clothing that will be distributed through the Plymouth Canton Community Clothing Bank, a partner of The Salvation Army throughout the year.

Monetary gifts are also welcome and will be used to buy Payless gift cards and miscellaneous school supplies that will be distributed to each child. Following the distribution to registered families, the remaining school supplies will be divided between the Plymouth-Canton and Van Buren districts to be shared where the need is greatest.

Meanwhile, the start of school is about three weeks away. The Plymouth Salvation Army will collect items through Aug. 31 at its facility, 9451 S. Main Street, Plymouth. Parents in need may register beginning this week to be eligible to receive school supplies.

Let's get the whole community behind these kids. Their eventual success is our success.

LETTERS

Make it realistic

Canton's social media policy is ridiculous. This policy states that offenders can be prosecuted regardless of age and we all know that not every judge will prosecute each and every offender "regardless of age."

Canton Township needs to send a realistic and meaningful action. This poorly conceived policy will cost taxpayers more money in public safety and court costs. Why should everyone pay for the stupidity of others? Obviously, too many parents do not give a damn about what their kids are doing with social media and deny any wrongdoings. Parents do not take cyber-bullying seriously. All of this stupidity starts at home. Stop babying the parents — make them responsible. They enable child abuse.

Clare Barwick
Canton

Supports socialism

I want to reassure James Huddleston's grandson that his grandfather isn't guilty of plagiarism. He is showing his support for the socialist views that he has consistently expressed in these columns. Bernie Sanders has no problems describing himself as a socialist who like Obama wants to "fundamentally change this country."

Under our freedom of speech, they can express these views. One would be hard-pressed to believe that Mr. Huddleston failed to notice the socialist viewpoints they have both articulated for years. Socialist ideology can include everything from Marxist communism, nationalism to fascism, etc. It's just a matter of which flavor they find most appealing. They all lead to tyranny.

Mr. Huddleston's dream team is a socialist program that excludes our constitutional republic. Perhaps his grandson needs to be educated with the Frankfort School of Germany and the Gramsci prison papers. He would have a clearer picture of where his grandfather's socialism

is coming from. As for people thwarting Obama, we have yet to see an "honorable thing that he has proposed" from this administration. His crude reference to the urinating cat is pure Alinsky demonizing. But that is also a trademark of socialist strategy. Avoid objective truth and call names, obscure/ignore facts.

Though he gets tedious with consistent ranting, Mr. Huddleston has a right to be heard in print and serves the purpose of clarifying what I oppose from the socialist agenda. God bless America.

Joanne Sonnenberg
Canton

Can't resist comment

I had no intention of commenting on the Sex, Text and Lies scandal playing out in Lansing, especially since it was well spelled out by Gerald Maxey in last week's opinion page (Aug. 13, 2015). However, after reading, hearing and seeing the BS alibis and excuses these two are putting forth, I couldn't resist.

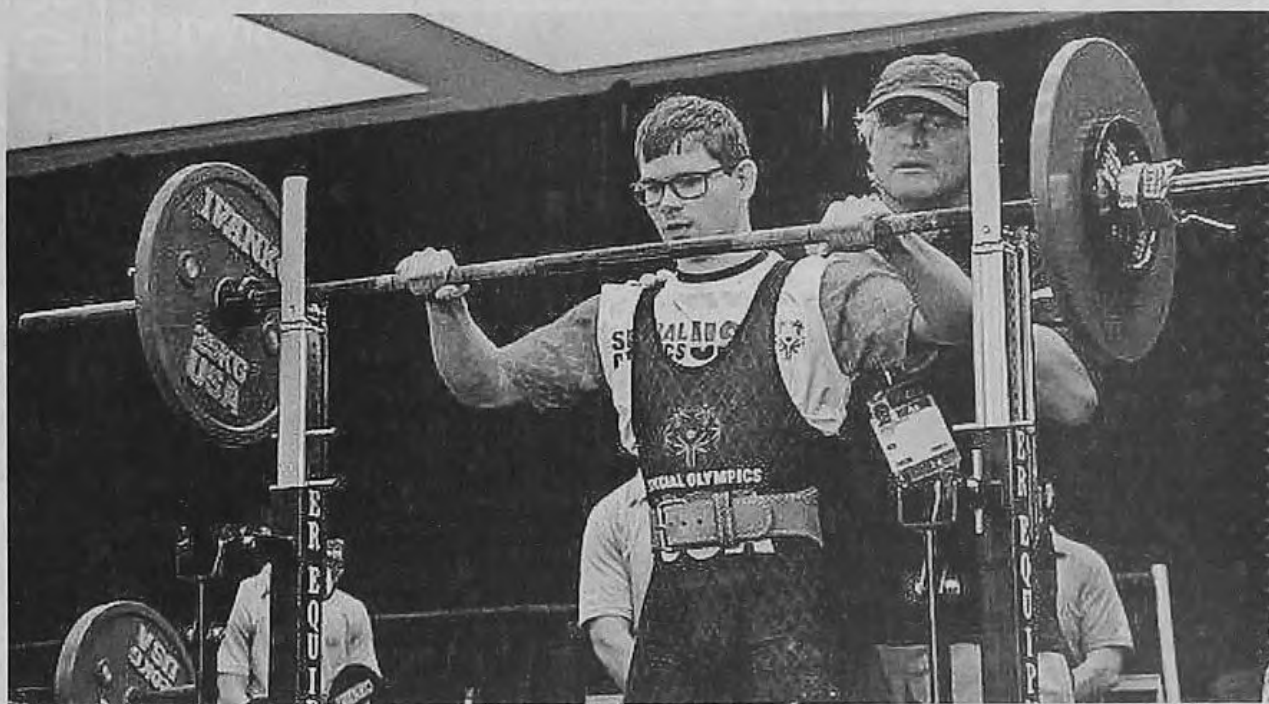
These Bible-spouting, gay-bashing, Ten Commandment-breaking, marriage-vow ignoring, lying fools are unbelievable. The female participant admits to dropping her panties — but denies the cover-up. The male sinner says the cover-up was a ruse to smoke out the "mafia" black-mailing him and her. This scenario makes the Watergate scandal look like a well thought-out plan. At least with that one, Nixon had the sense to resign before being thrown out of office.

When someone is elected to office solely on the art of demeaning and debasing others, these are the type of phonies who get elected. Look no further than the roster of Republican presidential hopefuls to prove my point.

On a side note, I find it strange that our own Tea Party favorite, Patrick Colbeck, has remained silent during this whole tawdry affair. Must be a case of "don't speak ill of your fellow Baggers."

James Huddleston
Canton

Congratulations! A job well done



TIM SMITH

Ben Bednarz recently brought home a gold medal and three silver medals from the 2015 Special Olympics World Games.

Canton resident Ben Bednarz has made a name for himself and his community proud with one gold medal and three silver medals when he

competed for Team USA at the 2015 Special Olympics World Games a few weeks ago.

Bednarz won a gold in the bench press (160

pounds) and collected silver medals in dead lift (315), squats (200) and combined weight for the three events (675). In each event, the best of

three lifts is used for scoring purposes.

He is a Special Olympian for Area 23-Wayne County with the Plymouth-Canton Stars.

GUEST COLUMN

A road fix is within our grasp

Are you anxious to fix our roads? So am I. The good news is that I believe that we are close to producing a sustainable solution to our state road woes.

In the wake of the May 5 ballot vote when our citizens rejected the tax increases in Proposal 1 by a 4-1 margin, both the Senate and the House have now passed road plans. The House passed a road plan June 10 championed by Speaker Kevin Cotter. The Senate passed a plan July 1 championed by Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof. Cotter's plan featured \$1.16 billion in incremental road funding while limiting tax increases to \$119 million. Meekhof's plan featured \$1.5 billion in incremental road funding, including an \$800 million increase in taxes and fees.

House and Senate leadership discussions in Lansing over the summer have focused on finding "middle ground" between the \$119 million increase passed by the House and the \$800 million increase passed by the Senate.

A sufficient number of House members under Cotter's leadership have made it clear that \$119 million in new taxes and fees is the maximum they are willing to pursue. We would seem to be at an impasse — if we were to remain focused on tax or fee increases.



Patrick Colbeck
GUEST COLUMNIST

Let's shift our focus instead upon what the Senate and House plans have in common.

Both the House and the Senate plans featured \$700 million in incremental road funding through re-prioritization of existing funds. If we continue to build roads to our current quality standards, this \$700 million would still leave us \$500 million short of the consensus \$1.2 billion in incremental funding that is needed to keep our roads from degrading further. What if we were to go forgo politics as usual, actually listen to voters and build better roads that last longer?

If we were to spend an additional \$700 million per year, we could repair 8,319 lane-miles per year if we remain with our current "version 1" roads. Our state has 252,709 lane-miles in our road system; 37,148 of these lane-miles are in poor condition. Every year 4,728 lane-miles go from fair to poor at current funding levels. In order to achieve a "sustainable" solution for our roads, we simply need to improve our roads faster than they degrade to "poor" condition.

How could we do this?

Well, the politics-as-usual approach would be to simply increase our taxes. Looking back at Proposal 1, 81 percent of our voters have already rejected one cut at this approach in a manner that earned bonus points for style.

What other options do we have? I believe that the best approach arises from listening to citizens who are demanding higher quality roads that last longer.

So what would happen if we were to upgrade our roads to a higher quality "version 2" road system? First of all, it would cost 15 percent more in labor and materials per lane-mile in exchange for increasing the design life by as much as four times that of our "version 1" roads. This would reduce our repair rate from 8,319 lane-miles per year to 6,430 lane-miles per year. Even at this reduced rate of construction, we would improve our roads faster than they would degrade. In other words, we would have a sustainable solution to our road woes. Road quality needs to be Job 1.

So ... I said we are close to a solution. What do we need to do to make this happen? The House simply needs to say yes to several bills already passed by the Senate that would encourage competition, require warranties and dedicate existing

funds to fixing our roads. This path translates to the passage of HB 4610, HB 4611, HB 4613 and SB 414 without "tie bars" to the bills that would increase our taxes. This approach could be further improved by moving the 50-year road provisions in HB 4615 to HB 4613 and ensuring that all of the money restricted in SB 414 would go directly to road repair.

Let's stop focusing on differences and start focusing on what we have in common. If we were to simply pass what is common ground between the House and Senate road plans and satisfy the demand for higher quality roads from our citizens, we would have a sustainable path to fixing our roads that protects the pocketbooks of working families. Michigan has struggled to find a sustainable way to maintain our roads for decades under both Republican and Democratic leadership. A solution that finally fixes our roads without draining our wallets would be worth the wait.

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BANDITS PRO ELITE GOALIE CAMP



Tracking the puck into his trapper at USA Hockey Arena is Observer sports editor Tim Smith — a Bandit for a day.

DANIEL WOOLSTON

'WE ARE BANDITS!'

Observer journalist finds out first-hand what it takes to be top-flight goaltender

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to spend a day in the big leagues?

Most lifelong sports lovers would say they have. That opportunity — kind of — came my way as fast as a blazing slap shot thanks to a generous invitation from Stan Matwijiw, director of Bandits Pro Elite Goalie Camp and former goaltending coach for the now-defunct Plymouth Whalers of the OHL.

Of course, I accepted the challenge to go through the rigors of one full day of the Aug. 10-14 camp.

There was a muscle-burning session at Barwis Methods in Plymouth, with a menu of weightlifting, abdominal crunches and agility drills.

From there the group, composed mostly of junior and college goalies, moved over to USA Hockey Arena (formerly Compuware) to be put through the paces of relentless skating and mobility drills, plus face a barrage of shots from NHL players such as Detroit Red Wings Riley Sheahan and Luke Glendening and ex-Wings player Patrick Eaves.

Bandits is all about helping young elite athletes gain an extra edge between the pipes as they endeavor to move up into the professional ranks. So after a pair of two-hour on-ice sessions, the goalies attended a class on how to mentally reboot after a bad goal, period or game.

For this 58-year-old journalist, who happens to be a netminder in low-level beer



Bandits goalies and guest Tim Smith (foreground) work various muscle groups at Barwis.

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leagues, the 10-hour experience left me in awe of what these incredibly driven athletes go through as they strive to perfect their chosen craft. It made me even more

thankful that I'm a writer. Following is how my "day in the life" at Bandits Pro Elite Goalie Camp unfolded.

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Even for a 58-year-old like Tim Smith, there's something about getting out on the ice that brings a smile to the face.

LIVE LIKE MAX



MARY KOSKI

This 2014 photo of Max Pardington, displayed at Saturday's 5K, epitomizes why healthy heart checks are needed. He died suddenly from an enlarged heart that was undetected.

5K race honors Max

Event at Pardington's alma mater raises money, awareness

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Max Pardington must be smiling somewhere.

In late January, more than 450 free heart screenings were handled by volunteers and Beaumont Health System cardiologists at an event held at Plymouth High School.

The memory of the late Pardington, who died at age 20 in June 2014 from an enlarged heart that went undetected, continues to generate goodwill and dollars for the Live Like Max Foundation and its ongoing cause of promoting healthy hearts.

Saturday on the campus of Orchard Lake St. Mary's in West Bloomfield, where Pardington attended school, a 5K run/walk drew about 200 participants and raised approximately \$16,000, according to Max's mom, Lisa Pardington of Canton.

St. Mary's also dedicated a plaque in Max's memory, which his mom called an "overwhelming" gesture.

"For our family, it was coming full-circle," Lisa said. "Max loved OLSM, where he played basketball. ... The support of the OLSM family and faculty has been awesome."

"The fear of every parent who loses a child is that they

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES

FEATS OF STRENGTH, LIFE OF COURAGE



Ready to launch in to a power-packed squat is Canton's Ben Bednarz.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA

Canton's Ben Bednarz powers way to four World Games medals, then lifts community's heart

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Consider just how far Ben Bednarz has come in a decade, literally and figuratively.

In 2005, while still a student at Livonia Churchill, he asked for and received permission to lift weights in the gymnasium before school started.

A few weeks ago, the 27-year-old traveled to a place he always wanted to go — Los Angeles, Calif. — and competed for Team USA at the 2015 Special Olympics World

Games. He came home to Canton with one gold medal and three silver medals.

He won a gold in the bench press (160 pounds) and collected silver medals in dead lift (315), squats (200) and combined weight for the three events (675). In each event, the best of three lifts is used for scoring purposes.

"The crowds went nuts, they were excited," said Bednarz, who proudly brought the medals to display during an in-

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TIM SMITH

Ben Bednarz displays one gold medal and three silver medals he earned at the Special Olympics World Games.

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The Bandits gang's all here, including NHL players such as Patrick Eaves (back row, far left). Pro skaters were brought in to help junior and college netminders take their game up a notch.

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Stan Matwijiw (right), director of Bandits Pro Elite Goalie Camp, welcomes the Observer's Tim Smith for the first on-ice session at USA Hockey Arena.

CAMP

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At Barwis

Driving into the Barwis parking lot, I knew I was in for it when I spotted guys walking along the sidewalk lifting 50-pound weights by their fingernails as they marched from Point A to Point B.

Soon after walking into the facility, near Sheldon Road and M-14, I signed a waiver and toted my equipment bag into the turf-covered workout area. Off to one side was facility founder Mike Barwis, working with other elite athletes who train there. Up along the wall were framed jerseys of countless Barwis alums, including Red Wings superstar Pavel Datsyuk and former Detroit Tigers player Brandon Inge.

Matwijiw strolled through and with a grin yelled out, "Hey Tim, get to work."

The grunting ensued, with plenty of helpful direction from Barwis trainer Jon Jeffrey. For a goaltender to excel, it is imperative to have quick movement in all directions in and around the crease, he explained. No muscle group was excluded from the regimen, part of what Jeffrey called a holistic approach for "full-body explosiveness."

We stepped over and under hurdles. We did several sets of abdominal crunches while balancing on stability balls. We stretched bungee cords across our chests.

Following a lengthy swig of water, it was time to assume the typical goaltender's stance — knees bent, hands in front — and then with an upward thrust lift a weight bar.

For a bit of diversion, the guys stepped out onto the sunshine-lit pavement behind the gym and played catch with a heavy medicine ball. To make it more challenging, we were instructed to fire it as high up on the wall as possible.

Yep, my launches didn't come close to those completed by the regular Bandits.

Then, with another swig of my water bottle and swipe of a towel, it was off to USA Hockey Arena.

On the ice

After parking at the arena, I grabbed my equipment bag, sticks and pads and marched up the ramp into the arena, where I had watched (and covered) the Whalers countless times.

This time, I would be part of the action. I took the elevator from the main concourse down to the basement level and continued my way to the locker room, near the Olympic ice sheet where the 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. session would take place.

Matwijiw welcomed me and presented me a spiffy blue Bandits jersey, tangible proof that briefly I was part of their goaltending fraternity.

Next, I had to swap my spectacles for contact lenses and go through the step-by-step process of donning all of that goalie gear. Looking around the locker room, I couldn't help but notice the sweet, modern leg pads that everybody else owned. Their light-as-a-feather rectangular pillows cost thousands, but pay dividends whenever they execute butterfly slides from post to post.

By comparison, my eight-year-old Bauer Supremes are rounded relics. I can't do the slide.

Ready to roll after happily tugging the Bandits jersey over my helmeted head, it was through the double doors and onto the ice for laps and other skating exercises.

Looking around, I couldn't help but spot Glendening and Sheahan in their Red Wings garb. Eaves wore the colors of his current squad, the Dallas Stars. Also ready to test the Bandits was recent Red Wings draft pick Dylan Larkin, who formerly played with the USA Hockey National Team Development Program and University of Michigan.

Among other goalies such as Dylan St. Cyr (USA Hockey NTDP Under-17), Kyle Keyser (OHL's Flint Firebirds) and Paul Broadbent (NA3HL Wisconsin Whalers), I faced the hard-rubber music during warmups. We took shots from the high slot, near post and far post in boom-boom-boom fashion.

One for all

Moments later, the tweet of Matwijiw's whis-



It's time for an enthusiastic Bandits cheer at center ice.

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Bandits instructor Joe Messina offers tips on how to face breakaways to Tim Smith during the afternoon session.



DANIEL WOOLSTON

Luke Glendening of the Detroit Red Wings looks to be having the time of his life at Bandits Pro Elite Goalie Camp.

tle meant all of the goalies huddled up at center ice for the rallying cry that has become a Bandits camp staple.

"Who are we?" Matwijiw yelled.

"WE ARE BANDITS!" the masked men responded.

"What are we?"

"BANDITS STRONG!"

Then, following a 1-2-3 prompt, everybody yelled in unison "H-A-P!" for the final part of the cheer.

That is the abbrevia-

tion for "Have A Purpose," which is the heart and soul of the program that Matwijiw started in 1999.

Matwijiw told me to pay attention to the three-part chant: "You're going to lead it when we do the afternoon session."

We gravitated from station to station, squaring up as best we could to the likes of Eaves, who couldn't keep the grin off his face as he launched pucks. I am pretty sure he let up when it was my

turn in the net.

During a water break along the bench, a wayward puck clanked off my helmet.

"You gotta have your head on a swivel," a Bandits instructor reminded me.

With my legs getting heavier by the minute, the horn sounded to end the first session. Everybody congregated for a group photo, including the shooters and coaches.

The sequel

Following pizza lunch at CJ's Brewery inside the arena, it was back to business. The second session would be on the so-called NHL side. A sea of blue plastic seats surrounded me as I stepped onto the rink where the Whalers competed for a quarter-century.

Welcoming me back was Matwijiw, along with Scott Wedgewood, a former Whalers goalie who now plays in the American Hockey League. The guy nicknamed "Wedgie" couldn't make the day's initial session.

"The thing about Bandits is, the last time I saw these guys was at last year's camp," Wedgewood said during a break

on the bench. "But today, it's like I never left. We're a family."

Meanwhile, although several NHL guys were excused for the 1-3 p.m. session, others from minor pro and college ranks continued to pump shots at us.

The most challenging station during Part 2 was a game of goalie-vs.-shooter inside the center ice face-off circle.

Instructors placed a C-shaped foam bumper along the circle — save for a tiny opening — to make sure pucks stayed within the allotted area. Nets were placed back-to-back and two skaters then whirled around the cages.

Shooters looked to get five pucks past us before we either covered or snagged as many. Another way to nab a point was to deflect shots through the open side.

"Keep your body against the post and keep your glove ready," a coach reminded before feeding pucks to the shooters.

Sure enough, a puck nestled into the webbing of my trapper.

Maybe that was another gimme, to make the guest of the day feel good. You know what? That was OK with me.

In fact, it was a thrill whenever I managed to get in front of a shot during an unforgettable day at Bandits Pro Elite Goalie Camp. The black marks on my stick indicated I stopped a few.

Before the time came for me to skate off the USA Hockey ice for good, Matwijiw and the real Bandits gave me a round of applause for getting it out at my age.

But they deserve all the accolades. They are Bandits strong. They'll be back for more, day after day.

As for me, I'll gingerly try to make it back to the sofa.

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BANDITS PRO ELITE GOALIE CAMP

BOOKENDS: At Bandits goalie camp, focus is not just on ice

Day at Pro Elite camp opens with grueling workout at Barwis Methods, ends in classroom

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Ever since launching his Bandits goalie school in 1999, Stan Matwijiw has challenged goaltenders of all ages to start every day with a couple of areas to work on when they get on the ice.

But make no mistake about it, having success between the pipes isn't just about being able to flash the leather or stand tall under net-front pressure.

To that end, participants at last week's Bandits Pro Elite Goalie Camp pushed themselves beyond their personal limit in the mornings at Barwis Method in Plymouth.

And Wednesday, they took part in a classroom that was part visualization and part goal setting.

"We spend so much time focusing on fundamentals out on the ice," Matwijiw, owner and director of Bandits Goalie School, said following the goal-setting session at USA Hockey Arena. "But ask any expert, any psychologist and they'll tell you 80-90 percent of what we do is all in our mind."

"Setting goals and setting ourselves on a path is a huge part of that."

Turn it around

Matwijiw asked the camp goalies — many of whom will play this season at the junior or college levels — to close their eyes and visualize how terrible they feel after letting in a "balloon" from center ice.

He also wanted them to coin psychological "triggers" to snap out of it during a bad stretch of hockey, to get back at square one, so to speak.

"A trigger can be anything," he said. "Whatever it is, you want it to be something positive. We all come up with our own, but it's something when you do that



An intense, full-body workout at Barwis Methods in Plymouth got the long day started for Bandits goalies.

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little trigger thing, it's your 'trigger' to change your physiology.

"Change how your body is. And you will be amazed at how much of a difference it makes in your state. ... You can't have your shoulders back, you're head up with a smile on your face and be feeling like the world's crashing in on you. You just can't."

According to one of the participants, Paul Broadbent of the NA3HL Wisconsin Whalers, the physiology exercise is "really important, because it's hard to snap back after letting in a bad goal and I never really thought of having something I do specifically to get me back into the moment. I think it could really help me rest."

Also during the two-hour session, goalies listened to a tape of motivational speaker Tony Robbins, then wrote down personal goals they could try to achieve this hockey season.

'Most important'

Matwijiw told the goalies the goal-setting session might be "the most important part of the camp" and Broadbent agreed.

"Today with the goal setting, I feel like I got my future for the season really started," Broadbent said. "Because I know I have something to aim for and something I need to work for and that I want to work for."

"Any other day, we can go work out and get on the ice. But it's not every day where you can have a good goal-setting session."

The way the 10-hour



Bandits goalies carry 50-pound weights by the fingertips during one exercise at Barwis Methods.

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Dylan St. Cyr of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program joins other Bandits campers in working on core strength and flexibility.

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day ended was a stark difference from the way it began, during a relentless workout at Barwis.

"Today was building strength and transferring it into power and explosiveness," said Barwis trainer Jon Jeffrey, who never played hockey. "Then we did a lot of injury prevention, core workouts and plyometrics."

"On the ice, we're just training them to be ex-

plosive. Now they don't have to think about where the puck is, they can get to it as quick as they can."

Among the athletes at the gym was former Plymouth Whalers goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic, who was not participating in Bandits because he is recovering from a hip injury. That didn't stop him from being at Barwis to work on an individualized training

program.

"I think it's different from any other gym I've been to," said Nedeljkovic, who in September will compete at the training camp of the NHL Carolina Hurricanes. "Everybody here is an athlete or they want to get better at whatever they're doing."

"There's always somebody pushing you to get stronger and help you push through whatever you're going through."

Nedeljkovic smiled when asked about whether typical hockey fans have any idea what an elite goalie endures to have success.

"I don't think so," Nedeljkovic said. "In games, you see us do a lot of this stuff and that's only about half of what we have to do to actually get to where we want to be. On ice is only part of it."

Indeed, as demonstrated by a typical day at Bandits Pro Elite Goalie Camp, goaltenders push themselves —

DIRECTOR'S TAKE

Stan Matwijiw is owner and director of Bandits Goalie School, which features annual programs such as the Aug. 10-14 Pro Elite Goalie Camp. He also was longtime goalie coach for the OHL Plymouth Whalers and will begin that same job in 2015-16 with the Flint Firebirds.

During an interview last week following a Pro Elite camp session, Matwijiw touched on several topics about the Bandits program philosophy and how it intends to help goalies of all ages not just become stand-out goaltenders, but stand-up people.

HAP: Bandits goalies always "Have a Purpose," a.k.a. HAP. The abbreviation is written on the inside of goalie gloves and on the back of helmets — anywhere netminders can be reminded about the importance of having something to work on each and every practice.

"It's a constant reminder that, hey, every opportunity I'm out on the ice is a chance to make myself a better hockey player," Matwijiw said.

Life lessons: Matwijiw emphasized that most of the goalies who go through various Bandits programs will not wind up in the professional ranks, let alone the National Hockey League. So he makes sure they learn life lessons about work ethic, goal setting and overcoming adversity that can help them in whatever career pursuit they take.

"We do our very best to teach," he said. "To us, everyone is a family member. Whether it's a 5-year kid or Scott Wedgewood or Jason Bacashihua (Garden City/St. Louis Blues) or Bryan Hogan (U-M, pro) or whoever it may be. It's about trying to make them the best player they can be."

"For some, that might be the National Hockey League. For others, it might be high school. It might be junior. The bottom line is try to make them the best goalie they can be but, more importantly, make them the best person they can be."

Giving thanks: One of the Bandits fraternity, Noah Zucker, sent Matwijiw an email in 2014 thanking him and the program for helping him on and off the ice. Zucker said he had to give up his hockey career, but that everything he learned in Bandits would help him as he pursued a medical career. It is an email exchange that Matwijiw cherishes.

"Bandits wants to prepare for real life and what comes after hockey," Matwijiw said. "That is my goal."

mentally and physically — to be the best they can be.

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GAMES

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interview last weekend. "They were saying 'Go, Ben! Go, Ben!'"

Ben thrust his arms and spoke with amazement in his voice as he recalled that scene.

Locked in

"They were cheering me on loud as they can," said Bednarz, a Special Olympian for Area 23 (Wayne County) who lifts from October to May with the Plymouth-Canton Stars.

In the front row at the Los Angeles Convention Center cheering louder than anybody else were his parents, Michael and Nancy Bednarz of Canton, as well as siblings Shanita, 26, Sam, 22, and Karina, 20.

The thing is, Bednarz was so locked in on what he had to do under the bright lights of world competition that he didn't even know his family was so close to the action.

"We were up there at all three of his events screaming in the front row," Michael said. "And he didn't even realize we were there. He's very focused when he does his lifting."

"He's kind of aware of people cheering and stuff, but he didn't even realize we were there until we talked to him afterwards. It was, 'You realize we were there in



Preparing to compete in one of several events at the recent World Games in Los Angeles is Ben Bednarz, who took home four medals.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA



Ben Bednarz gears up for another medal-winning lift at the 2015 Special Olympics World Games.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA

the front row yelling at you, right?"

The World Games haul will be added to the four gold medallions he won at the 2014 Special Olympics USA Games in New Jersey.

"We got to work on something to frame them in," Michael said.

What a welcome

Cheering for Bednarz hasn't subsided since he returned from California the first week of August. At Kroger in Canton, where he works, there was a hero's welcome.

"They got his picture posted up there in the lobby when you walk in," Michael said. "Our Special Olympian!"

There was plenty more than just a photograph, however.

"I had a welcome back party," said Bednarz, who

packs quite a wallop out of his small frame (5-foot-4, 125 pounds). "As soon as I went there to start working, (an employee) said, 'Ben, I want to see you for a minute.' "When I went in there, everybody said, 'Surprise!' Oh-h-h my god, I was surprised."

Bednarz still talks with an excited voice about being in Hollywood, too. He couldn't meet idol Arnold Schwarzenegger, but he was able to view the iconic Hollywood sign. The family toured the Queen Mary floating hotel in Long Beach, too.

But most of Bednarz's time from when he arrived July 21 was devoted to getting his training done in preparation for the World Games.

And when it wasn't his turn to compete, Team

USA coaches made sure the enthusiastic Bednarz was cheering on his teammates.

"They lifted all week. That's sort of why he didn't do a lot of other stuff while he was there," Michael said. "The coach called him his spark plug. He wanted him there in the front row cheering everybody."

Another highlight for Bednarz was being presented one of his silver medals by World Wrestling Entertainment wrestler Mark Henry.

It's his passion

Although the coaching of Jeff Horvath and Gail Bowers has helped Bednarz progress, Michael credited his son for how he has reached the pinnacle as a power lifter.

"It's all him; he's worked really hard for 10

years," Michael said. "He loves power lifting. It's his favorite sport of all the Special Olympic sports (Bednarz also competes in bicycle riding and volleyball). He's got a great team that he works with in Area 23 power lifters."

"The coaches there work great with him and he's just developed over the last 10 years. It's a great accomplishment for him. He did a fantastic job."

Michael explained that it was good fortune that Bednarz had the chance to compete in California.

First of all, Bednarz had to win gold at states (at Central Michigan University earlier this summer) and be nominated by his peers. It was the first time Bednarz made it to the World Games and there's no guarantee of a second chance.

"And then somebody

gets his name drawn out of a hat," Michael said. "It's difficult to say if he would get to compete again. ... I'm just really proud of him. He did a great job in L.A. and I knew he would."

The seeds of his success were planted way back at Livonia Churchill.

"He endears himself to everybody, that's just his way," Michael said, chuckling as he reminisced. "He somehow managed to get in good graces with the phys ed teacher and was asking to use the weights in the morning before school."

"That was the first I ever heard of him lifting weights. And about the same time, he said he wanted to do the power lifting with the team. It seemed like a good transition."

And the rest is golden.

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Taking a moment following Saturday's dedication of a plaque at Orchard Lake St. Mary's are Max Pardington family members (from left) Jack, John, Lisa, Claire and Emily Pardington.

MAX

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will be forgotten. With the plaque in a very prominent area of the (St. Mary's) Grotto, we now know Max will never be forgotten by his classmates, faculty and the entire OLSM family."

All proceeds will be funneled right into Beaumont's student heart check program. Dollars will help fund ongoing heart exams, with the mission of detecting signs of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy in young athletes so that they and their families are spared the tragedy

that struck the Pardingtons.

Max Pardington was by all accounts a strong, healthy athlete who at the time of his death was training for an Ironman competition. A routine heart check might have spared his life.

Spearheading the event was St. Mary's assistant track and field coach Beth Sinclair, who reached out to Lisa Pardington after hearing Max's story.

"Knowing he was an OLSM graduate, she knew it was the perfect event to have at his alma mater," Lisa said. "Everyone was super supportive."

The entire event took



Runners participate Saturday at Orchard Lake St. Mary's in a 5K race for the Live Like Max Foundation.

MARY KOSKI

place at St. Mary's, with participants running and walking a certified course.

Interest continued building right up to the event, with 70 runners showing up on race day to bump overall numbers over the 200 mark.

A silent auction also helped raise even more

money for the worthy cause.

Due to the success of the event, Lisa said St. Mary's headmaster Cormac Lynn has offered it be held on an annual basis.

The Pardingtons continue to do whatever they can to raise money for Live Like Max and Beau-

mont Hospital, she noted.

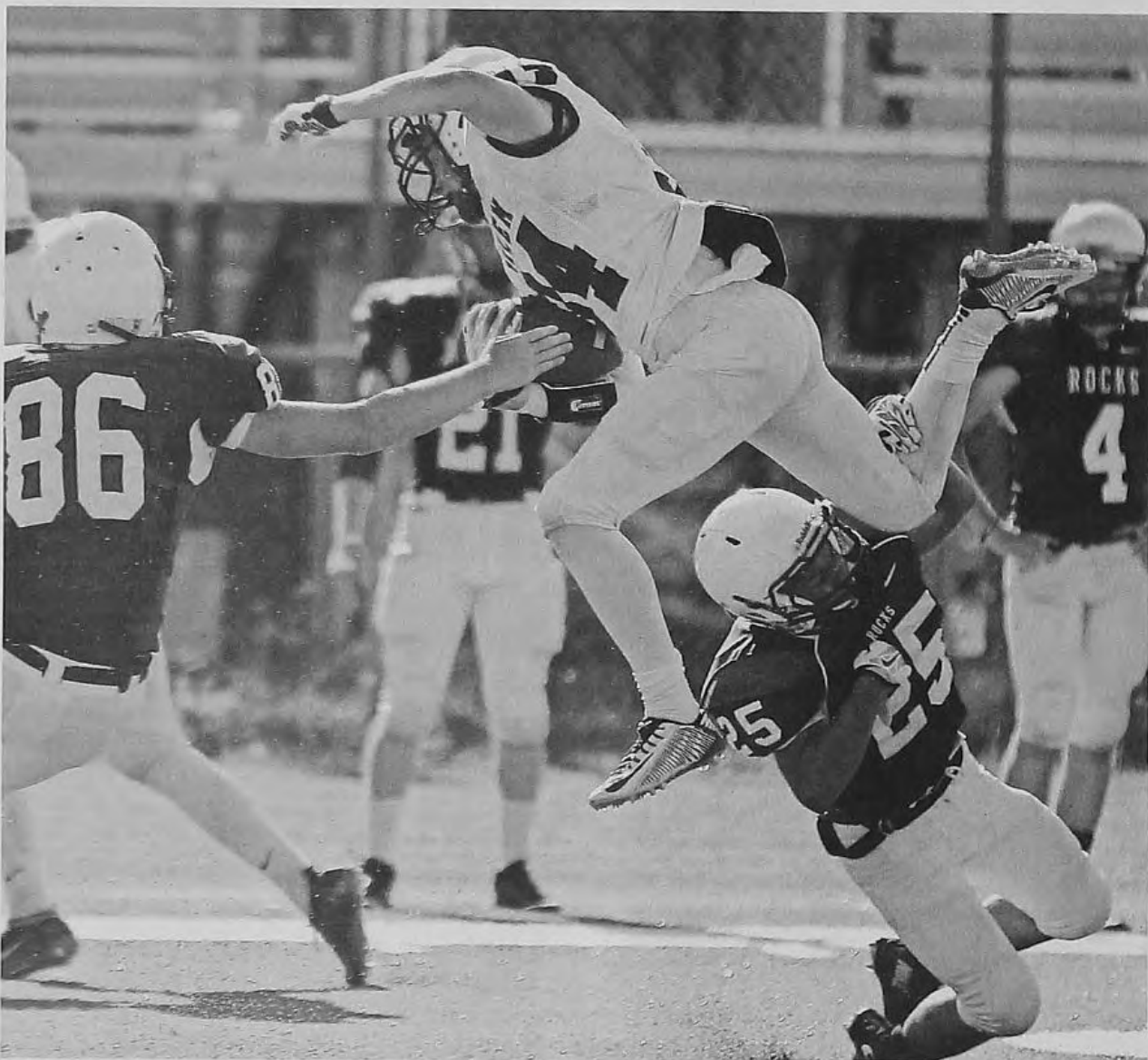
There will be another free heart screening taking place Saturday, Sept. 26, at East Middle School in Farmington Hills. Anyone interested in attending (participants must be in high school) can go to www.livelikemax.or or Beaumont's Student

Heart Check website for more information. Registration will be open soon.

Also in the works is a dinner at the Belle Isle Casino slated for March 18, 2016. For more on this or any other event, go to the foundation's website.

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Football's back!



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Spectacular efforts on both sides of the ball at Salem's Blue-White football scrimmage showed that players are in mid-season form. The scrimmage took place at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

MU adds to program with eight new sports

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Adding eight new sports is something Madonna University athletic director Bryan Rizzo has been working on for a long time.

The university announced Aug. 13 it would add men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's bowling, men's and women's outdoor track and field and men's and women's indoor track and field.

"I've presented on these sports for the last several years. For two to three years, we've been working on budgeting," Rizzo said. "It's been in the works for quite a while."

Two of the sports, lacrosse and bowling, were added as championship sports in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in 2012. Track and field has been a conference sport since 1992.

The addition of the newer sports, such as lacrosse, comes as high schools across the area have added them as varsity sports. Lacrosse

is one Rizzo thinks the student body will embrace pretty quickly.

"It has picked up a lot of momentum. It's a growing sport with the high schools around here," he said. "It's an exciting sport. I think that the student body is going to really get into the idea of lacrosse."

It's expected Madonna will begin searching for coaches in the sports soon and perhaps field some club teams for the upcoming school year. Rizzo said all eight could be up and running as varsity sports by 2016-17.

Rizzo said he's already fielded some interest from at least one cross country team member interested in the track and field team.

Lacrosse will compete at the Madonna Athletic Complex, while bowling and track and field events will take place off-campus in the community. Rizzo said he's had conversations with some bowling alleys and track facilities in the area, but no official location has been made final yet.

PREP FOOTBALL

Future U-M player Reese credits father for his gridiron success

Hard-hitting Farmington senior gives props to his dad

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

As the son of an educator and football coach, David Reese was given the foundation and put on the path to success early in his life.

The Farmington High School senior and future Michigan football player said he owes much of who he is as a player and a person to his father, David Reese Sr.

His dad is a former head coach at Southfield High and was an assistant principal at Farmington until moving over to Harrison for the upcoming school year.

"From day one, he's been the guy who really showed me the way to get into this level, not only physically, but mentally, showing me the rights and wrongs, what not to do," Reese said.

"When he was at Southfield High, he had 36 kids sign in six years. He really had the blueprint on how to get to the



FILE PHOTO

David Reese (left) offers encouragement to former teammate Courteous Preston, who now plays at Ferris State University.

next level and things like that. He was even my Little League coach. From day one, he was big in my life and pushing me in the right direction."

Leader in tackles

Reese, who will be a four-year starter on offense and defense for the Falcons, excels at playing linebacker and fullback. He was highly recruited until settling on U-M.

He already is Farmington's all-time leading tackler with 288 stops and is on a pace to finish his prep career with

400-plus.

Reese, who had a team-best 107 last year, said he stopped thinking about the record after he heard he had surpassed the old standard. He hopes to have another good year and provide a preview of what Wolverines fans can expect to see in the future.

"I'm not so focused about the record," Reese said. "It was a great accomplishment and an honor to have, but I'm just focused on being a team player, swarming to the ball and doing what I can for my team."

"And just playing fast. That's my big motivation - showing people I can move tackle to tackle and outside the box, makes plays and not hesitate. That's my biggest key this year."

The 6-foot-2, 231-pound Reese said he doesn't feel any added weight on his shoulders because of his U-M commitment.

"Actually, this makes me feel like Michigan is behind me and I'm doing things for my state," he said. "It's encouraging. I know I have people in my corner and things like that."

Reese, who plans to graduate early and enroll at U-M in January, also will be a four-year starter on offense for the Falcons. This will be his third season at fullback. He played guard as a sophomore.

Reese, who averaged 7.1 yards per carry while rushing for 300 yards and seven touchdowns last year, plans to pave the way for senior tailback Kyle Brunson, another Division I prospect.

The two have borrowed from NFL Hall of Fame fullback and for-

mer Pittsburgh Steelers player Jerome "The Bus" Bettis to describe themselves.

"We're stealing his (nick)name, but there's two of us," Reese said. "I'll lead (Brunson) to the hole and I have confidence for him to break it. We're going to be a powerful team, coming straight at people and going downhill."

A linebacker first

Reese attended the U-M camp this summer and said he was told he will play his favorite position of linebacker for the Wolverines.

"They said 100 percent I could play LB," he said. "My heart is at linebacker. I'd play fullback if they wanted me, but I wanted to make sure I got a shot at LB."

"I know the depth chart from both sides of the ball. I see myself playing, so I want to try to get in there early and see what I can do."

Reese has become friends with Southfield running back and future Wolverine Matt Falcon. Both have tried to recruit other players for U-M, Reese said.

One is Farmington Harrison defensive lineman Khalid Kareem, who made his college commitment during a live interview with ESPN.com in July. All three players will be on opposite sides of the field this season, since their teams are members of the OAA White Division.

"I know Khalid sometimes wears the Alabama gear, but I'm working on him," Reese said. "I hope he flips."

As he enters his senior campaign, Reese said he's feeling very old. While he's always been a force as a player, he's more accustomed to being one of the younger ones.

"It's my only year playing with kids my age and younger than me," he said, adding he's ready to be a senior leader. "I've been here since my freshman year and it's time for our team to turn it up and make a run."

"I'm excited to be leading my team once again. I just want to make sure my defense is tops in the OAA. We're going to swarm to the ball and be a powerful, physical team."

Local Realtors buoyed by sales gains, price upswing

Existing-home sales increased in June to their highest pace in over eight years, while the cumulative effect of rising demand and limited supply helped push the national median sales price to an all-time high, according to the National Association of Realtors. All major regions experienced sales gains in June and have now risen above year-over-year levels for six consecutive months.

That's also true in metro Detroit.

"Oh, I would concur 100 percent," said Richard Eisiminger, broker of RichRealty of Plymouth. "The biggest is our auto industry. I would say that would be the biggest improvement considering perspectives in our area."

Canton resident Eisiminger points to strong auto sales, as well as Detroit emerging from bankruptcy. "All these things come into play. The main thing would be the auto sales, Detroit on the rebound and out of bankruptcy."

"There was such a pent-up demand that was just waiting to happen," Eisiminger added of the local housing market. "I believe that's happening now."

Total existing-home sales, which are completed transactions that include single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops, increased 3.2 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.49 million in June from a downwardly revised 5.32 million in May. Sales are now at their highest pace since February 2007 (5.79 million), have increased year-over-year for nine consecutive months and are 9.6 percent above a year ago (5.01 million).

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says backed by June's solid gain in closings, this year's spring buying season has been the strongest since the downturn. "Buyers have come back in force, leading to the strongest past two months in sales since early 2007," he said. "This wave of demand is being fueled by a year-plus of steady job growth and an improving economy that's giving more households the financial wherewithal and incentive to buy."

Added Yun, "June sales were also likely propelled by the spring's initial phase of rising mortgage rates, which usually prods some prospective buyers to buy now rather than wait until later when borrowing costs could be higher."

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BY THE NUMBERS

IN OUR REGION

In the Midwest, existing-home sales rose 4.7 percent to an annual rate of 1.33 million in June, and are 12.7 percent above June 2014. The median price in the Midwest was \$190,000, up 7.2 percent from a year ago.

TIME ON THE MARKET

Properties typically stayed on the market for 34 days in June, down from May (40 days) and the shortest time since NAR began tracking in May 2011. Short sales were on the market the longest at a median of 129 days in June, while foreclosures sold in 39 days and nondistressed homes took 33 days. Forty-seven percent of homes sold in June were on the market for less than a month — the highest percentage since June 2013 (also 47 percent).

MEDIAN PRICE OF HOMES

The median existing-home price for all housing types in June was \$236,400, which is 6.5 percent above June 2014 and surpasses the peak median sales price set in July 2006 (\$230,400). June's price increase also marks the 40th consecutive month of year-over-year gains.

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Total housing inventory at the end of June inched 0.9 percent to 2.30 million existing homes available for sale, and is 0.4 percent higher than a year ago (2.29 million). Unsold inventory is at a 5.0-month supply at the current sales pace, down from 5.1 months in May.

RichRealty's Eisiminger noted Wayne County still faces challenges. "Hopefully, we are riding a wave of good times and get ourselves straightened out, too," he added of Wayne County.

The percent share of first-time buyers fell to 30 percent in June from 32 percent in May, but remained at or above 30 percent for the fourth consecutive month. A year ago, first-time buyers represented 28 percent of all buyers.

According to Freddie Mac, the average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage rose in June to 3.98 from 3.84 percent in May, but remained just below 4.00 percent for the seventh straight month.

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Matching the lowest share since December 2009, all-cash sales were 22 percent of transactions in June, down from 24 percent in May and 32 percent a year ago. Individual investors, who account for many cash sales, purchased 12 percent of homes in June (14 percent in May) — the lowest since August 2014 (also 12 percent) and down from 16 percent in June 2014. Sixty-six percent of investors paid cash in June.

Distressed sales — foreclosures and short sales — fell to 8 percent in June (matching an August 2014 low) from 10 percent in May, and are below the 11 percent share a year ago. Six percent of June sales were foreclosures and 2 percent were short sales. Foreclosures sold for an average discount of 15 percent below market value in June (unchanged from May), while short sales were discounted 18 percent (16 percent in May).

Single-family home sales increased 2.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.84 million in June from 4.71 million in May, and are now 9.8 percent above the 4.41 million pace a year ago. The median existing single-family home price was \$237,700 in June, up 6.6 percent from June 2014 and surpassing the peak median sales price set in July 2006 (\$230,900).

Existing condominium and

co-op sales rose 6.6 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 650,000 units in June from 610,000 units in May, up 8.3 percent from June 2014 (600,000 units) and the highest pace since May 2007 (680,000 units). The median existing condo price was \$226,500 in June, which is 5.5 percent above a year ago and the highest since August 2007 (\$229,200).

June existing-home sales in the Northeast climbed 4.3 percent to an annual rate of 720,000, and are now 12.5 percent above a year ago. The median price in the Northeast was \$281,200, which is 3.9 percent higher than June 2014.

In the Midwest, existing-home sales rose 4.7 percent to an annual rate of 1.33 million in June, and are 12.7 percent above June 2014. The median price in the Midwest was \$190,000, up 7.2 percent from a year ago.

Existing-home sales in the South increased 2.3 percent to an annual rate of 2.20 million in June, and are 7.3 percent above June 2014. The median price in the South was \$205,000, up 7.2 percent from a year ago.

Existing-home sales in the West rose 2.5 percent to an annual rate of 1.24 million in June, and are 8.8 percent above a year ago. The median price in the West was \$328,900, which is 9.9 percent above June 2014.

O&E staff writer Julie Brown and the NAR website contributed to this report.

Integrity wise in business dealings

Q: There seems to be a conspiracy between the management company and their law firm that is representing our association. We have asked our management company whether any other law firm works with them on any other project and they said no. I asked them why and they said that was the policy of the owner. Do you have any comment on that?

A: You should be suspect if the management company and the law firm do business in every project in which the management company is involved. I have seen that on numerous occasions. No doubt there may not be a fee agreement in place between the association and the attorney and there may be a tacit or explicit agreement on behalf of the law firm that it will not pursue the management company if there are any disputes between the association and the management company. You are best advised to consider a new management company and a new law firm since it appears that there is what has proverbially been called "sleeping with the enemy."

Q: Our condo project is planning on doing some major renovations. Most insurance companies require that a bond be in place before providing liability coverage for ongoing construction jobs. Does our management company have an obligation to see that a bond is in place during the construction process at a complex?

A: This is a very good question that is difficult to answer without more detailed facts. However, I can tell you that in California, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals provided an interesting ruling in a recent decision regarding this issue. The court found that a bond exclusion provision in an insurance policy, which excluded coverage of any claims due to the management company's failure to maintain a bond, was deemed unambiguous and enforceable. As a result, the insurance company had no duty to defend or indemnify the management company due to its failure to keep the surety bonds in effect until construction was complete. There is a valuable lesson to learn here for managing entities that may be considering saving on bond costs before construction is completed, as it could pose a liability to the association in the event claims arise.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

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

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

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

Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

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

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.



Robert Meisner

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 30 to April 3, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
18880 Bedford St	\$455,000
17151 Beechwood Ave	\$252,000
32467 Evergreen Rd	\$375,000
16015 Kirkshire Ave	\$225,000
16991 Kirkshire Ave	\$255,000
15751 W 14 Mile Rd	\$100,000
31388 W Rutland St	\$242,000
BIRMINGHAM	
671 Bird Ave	\$635,000
2655 E Maple Rd #11	\$56,000
1037 Floyd St	\$670,000
348 George St	\$308,000
512 Graten St	\$363,000
655 N Glenhurst Dr	\$728,000
1431 S Eton St	\$184,000
2031 Windemere Rd	\$326,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
2108 Park Ridge Dr	\$350,000
4596 Wabek Forest Dr	\$649,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
3010 E Bradford Dr	\$275,000
2073 Eagle Pointe	\$215,000
1925 Forest Ln	\$420,000
224 Hadsell Dr	\$293,000

3701 Lakecrest Dr	\$1,600,000
2438 Lost Tree Way	\$369,000
1925 Pine Ridge Ln	\$200,000
4788 Quanton Rd	\$345,000
342 Roanoke Dr	\$825,000
600 Roanoke Dr	\$875,000
1870 Ward Rd	\$95,000
297 Wilshire Dr	\$1,375,000
2916 Woodcreek Way	\$510,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
395 Annison Dr	\$200,000
3710 Cheryl Dr	\$163,000
2020 Golfcrest Dr	\$285,000
6048 Strawberry Cir	\$273,000
9533 Trace Hollow Ct	\$325,000
1686 Union Cir	\$286,000
FARMINGTON	
31550 Lamar Dr	\$158,000
32319 Marblehead Rd	\$146,000
33125 Orchard St	\$109,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
22165 Averhill St	\$205,000
35173 Bunker Hill Dr	\$205,000
29257 Chateau Ct	\$542,000
25338 Crown Point Ct	\$230,000
28284 Golf Pointe Blvd	\$297,000
26105 La Muera St	\$257,000
19261 Laurel Dr	\$126,000
20915 Rockwell St	\$89,000
22396 Sheffield Ct	\$325,000
HIGHLAND	
516 Allen Dr	\$137,000
713 Berwick Ct	\$389,000
5211 Eagle Rd	\$97,000
1820 Lockwood	\$540,000

2900 Overbrook	\$325,000
2822 Rose Center Rd	\$164,000
3641 Tara Dr	\$183,000
MILFORD	
829 Duke	\$178,000
836 Friar Dr	\$153,000
525 Grandia Vista Dr	\$165,000
406 River Oaks Dr	\$354,000
1581 S Creek Dr	\$223,000
NORTHVILLE	
41715 Broquet Dr	\$111,000
46926 Dunsany Rd	\$225,000
20864 E Glen Haven Cir	\$120,000
20931 E Glen Haven Cir	\$135,000
21890 Glenwild Dr	\$285,000
338 Sherrie Ln	\$175,000
20873 W Glen Haven Cir	\$129,000
NOVI	
43000 12 Oaks Crescent Dr # 5011	\$250,000
23757 Argyle St	\$466,000
24444 Cavendish Ave E	\$490,000
30915 Copper Ln	\$221,000
40054 Crosswinds	\$138,000
27980 Declaration Rd	\$145,000
25618 Gina Ct	\$635,000
41777 Independence Dr	\$139,000
42859 Ledgewiew Dr	\$326,000
40757 Lenox Park Dr	\$285,000
154 Linhart St	\$173,000
27865 Middleton Dr	\$220,000
40610 Rock Hill St	\$189,000
30970 Seneca Ln	\$191,000
25940 Sierra Dr	\$200,000
23587 Stonehenge Blvd	\$106,000
24704 Venice Dr	\$310,000

145 Wainwright St	\$164,000
26019 Whipple	\$157,000
SOUTH LYON	
440 Cambridge Ave	\$149,000
24976 Carriage Ln	\$73,000
61180 Greenwood Dr	\$64,000
323 Harvard Ave	\$177,000
23378 Millwood	\$523,000
976 Oak Creek Dr	\$210,000
22858 Saint Andrews Dr	\$558,000
58640 Swing Beam Ct	\$450,000
58664 Winnowing Cir N	\$80,000
58491 Winnowing Cir S	\$76,000
24814 Winnowing Ct	\$93,000
SOUTHFIELD	
17340 Catalpa Dr	\$150,000
20120 Covington Pkwy	\$72,000
28100 Everett St	\$65,000
28086 Fairfax St	\$42,000
20175 Ledgestone St	\$87,000
17540 Melrose St	\$113,000
17240 Nadora St	\$205,000
15940 New Hampshire St	\$111,000
20169 Rodeo Ct	\$90,000
29435 Spring Hill Dr	\$114,000
30009 Spring River Dr	\$169,000
29323 Westbrook Pkwy	\$97,000
WHITE LAKE	
801 Cedar Bay Ct	\$166,000
169 Danforth St	\$518,000
1170 Fairview St	\$149,000
8985 Lakeview Dr	\$217,000
45 Myrick St	\$148,000
9743 Shelby Dr	\$210,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 20-24, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
43172 Applewood Rd	\$230,000
739 Buchanan St	\$262,000
1440 Centennial Dr	\$490,000
196 Cherry Stone Dr	\$185,000
41817 Conoverwood Ct	\$286,000
1423 Copeland Cir	\$213,000
7145 Copper Creek Cir	\$140,000
4116 Coronet Ave	\$209,000
42327 Glen Cove Ct	\$207,000
50070 Grant St	\$216,000
49436 Great Falls Rd	\$75,000
46079 Hanford Rd	\$268,000
49232 Hawkbury Rd	\$307,000
50414 Jefferson Rd	\$291,000
8577 N Canton Center Rd	\$260,000
2866 River Meadow Cir	\$200,000
3359 Riverside Ct	\$229,000

2171 S Cavalier Dr	\$202,000
49651 Shire Ln	\$362,000
43850 Simsbury St	\$252,000
7424 Stonebrook Dr	\$390,000
4102 Wrenwood Ln	\$273,000
4136 Wrenwood Ln	\$267,000
4141 Wrenwood Ln	\$302,000
GARDEN CITY	
6824 Belton St	\$80,000
29045 Birchlawn St	\$55,000
6523 Fairfield St	\$114,000
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FASBINDER, JACQUELINE MARIE

Of Cadillac, Michigan and Spring Hill, Florida, passed away on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at Green Acres in Cadillac. She was 80. Jacqueline was born on November 30, 1934, in Detroit, Michigan to Edward and Irene (Czapiewski) McGraw. She attended Our Lady of Mercy high school in Detroit and graduated in 1952. Jacqueline entered into marriage with Ronald A. Fasbinder on June 27, 1953, in Detroit. She spent her career working at Woodland Medical Center in Novi for over 20 years until her time of retirement. She had a passion for sewing, reading, as well as completing puzzles. Jacqueline enjoyed a fun hand of cards as well as golfing with family and friends. One of her greatest joys was spending time with her grandchildren. She loved to travel with her best friend, her husband, all over the world. Jacqueline is survived by her husband of over 60 years, Ronald A. Fasbinder of Cadillac, MI; two sons, Dennis (Laurie) Fasbinder of Dexter, MI and Ronald (Debra) Fasbinder of Huntington Beach, CA; one daughter, Debbie (Pete) Nemish of Tustin, MI; one son-in-law, Denny Hughes of Brighton, MI; nine grandchildren, Jennifer, Kelly, Adrienne, Adam, Devon, Bryan, Kevin, Kelly and P.J.; one sister, Joyce (Joe) Buchholz; one brother, Douglas (Letha) McGraw; and many other loving family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Jacqueline Hughes. Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 1:00 pm until the time of funeral service at 2:00 pm at the Hitesman-Holdship Funeral Home with Rev. Jim Siler presiding. Interment will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac following the service. The family requests memorial gifts be directed in her name to the After 26 Project of Cadillac, MI supporting the lives of special needs adults through work opportunities in the greater Cadillac area. Contributions can be made payable to: After 26 Project, 127 West Cass, Cadillac, MI 49601 and www.after26project.org. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at www.Hitesman-Holdship.com. The family is being served by the Hitesman-Holdship Funeral Home.

HICKEY, JAMES BRADLEY

Of Westland Michigan, at the age of 64, passed away on August 14, 2015. His final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that Jim had touched throughout his short, yet very memorable life. Jim is survived by his daughter Odette Hickey; grandchildren Jake and Darian, son Quinn Hickey. His sisters and brother, Georgina, William, Kimberly, Tammy, Jessie, Kandy and spouses. Jim proceeds his parents Claudine and Burton Cutrell, William Hickey, and his brother Howard Cutrell. Memorial service 12 -1p.m. at Abundance of Life Church of God, 2100 Hannan Rd., Canton MI 48154. The family requests that in lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Church.



LANGE, MARY JANE

Of Hartland, MI age 96 died August 15, 2015 at her residence. Mary enjoyed spending most of her life at Lake Shannon with family and friends, she was a member of the Order of The Eastern Star, was active in the Girl Scouts and was very proud to be Romanian. Mary is survived by daughter Judy (Bud) Jones, grandsons Wesley (Lori) Jones and Michael (Christene) Jones, great grandchildren Blake, Taylor, Sydney, Peyton, Griffin, Wesley and Ethan. Mary was preceded in death by her husband Walter Lange Dec. 1, 2001. Donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 26957 Northwestern Hwy #140, Southfield, MI 48033.



SCHENDEN, ROSEMARY

Age 80, Farmington Hills resident for 46 years, passed peacefully at home, on August 17, 2015, following a short but brave battle with ovarian cancer. Rosemary is the beloved wife of the late Lawrence (d. 2013); devoted mother of Mary Beth (Timothy Rinaldi), Lawrence, M.D., Anne Pape (James, M.D.) and Fr. Gregory, S.J.; loving grandmother of Joseph, Daniel and John. Rosemary was predeceased by infant son Joseph as well as her parents, William and Mathilda Seawahl and brother William Seawahl. Dear sister of Jeanne Michelini. Survived by brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Nancy Seawahl, Jack and Lillian Schenden, Margaret Ashburn, Vin and Barb Schenden, Herb and Lorraine Schenden, Jerome Schenden, Karen Quintana, Diane Adams, Seymour Barahl and Fluff Walker. Loved by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews. Proud godmother to niece Teri Michelini and nephew Matthew Adams. Visitation Wednesday, August 19, 2-9 p.m., with a 7 p.m. Rosary, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass Thursday, August 20, 10 a.m. (in state 9:30 a.m.) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorial gifts suggested to Michigan Right to Life or Detroit Catholic Central High School.

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THEISEN, CHRISTOPHER SCOTT

Age 25, of Cleveland, passed away on August 14, 2015 at his home. He was born on June 30, 1990 in Holland, Michigan to Craig and Mary (McDonald) Theisen. Chris received his Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Michigan where he became a member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity. He was employed at Cleveland Research Company as a market research associate. Chris loved the University of Michigan, the Detroit Tigers, and investing. He was an avid learner and a world traveler; he and his family lived in Singapore where he graduated from high school. Chris is survived by his parents, Craig and Mary (McDonald) Theisen of Plymouth, Michigan, two brothers, Tate and Scott Theisen, both at home and grandmother, Agnes McDonald of Defiance. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Raymond McDonald, and Charles and Dolores Theisen. Visitation will be held Thursday, August 20, 2015, from 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. at Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance, where funeral services will follow at 2:00 p.m. with Deacon Jeff Mayer officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the JDRC (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) at www.jdrc.org or JDRC Metro Detroit / South East Michigan Chapter 24359 Northwestern Hwy #225 Southfield, MI 48075. Online condolences can be given at www.Schafferfh.com.



WELLMAN, FLORA "FLO"

Passed away July 22, 2015 in Benzie County, Michigan just 140 days short of celebrating her 100th birthday - where she would certainly have bragged about her five grandchildren - Carley (Kevin) McAbee, Ryan (Rani) Wellman, Graham Wellman, Beth and Kathleen Peshek - and four great grandchildren (Oslo, Junot and Zinnia McAbee and Joseph Wellman). She was preceded in death by husband William Emory Wellman and son Robert Barry Wellman and is survived by children Don, Karl, and Tim Wellman and Margot (Craig) Peshek. Family and friends will gather to remember Flo: 12:00-3:00 p.m. Saturday August 22, 2015 Birmingham Community House 380 S Bates Street Birmingham, MI 48009 In lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to the Special Olympics or Habitat for Humanity.



SS. Simon & Jude Catholic Church in Westland will welcome a "Mass mob" on Sunday, Aug. 23.

Mass mob coming to SS. Simon & Jude Church, Westland

By Sharon Dargay
 Staff Writer

The Traveling Catholic's Mass Mob can't work miracles, but it does aim to multiply attendance and donations at SS. Simon & Jude Catholic Community this weekend in Westland.

The mob is a group of church goers, organized through a Facebook page, that visits a different Catholic church for one Mass each month. The idea is to pack the pews and the collection plate, giving the church both financial help, and visibility that could lead to an increase in membership.

Annamarie Barnes founded the Traveling Catholic's Mass Mob that will visit SS. Simon & Jude at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 23. The Warren woman also created the first Detroit-area Mass mob last year at St. Hyacinth in Detroit. She joined forces with Detroit Mass Mob, which visits historically and architecturally significant Catholic churches every month in Detroit. Barnes broke with the group this year and created her own Mass mob after getting mob requests from suburban churches.

"It doesn't matter where these churches

are located, they need help, too," she said. "Size doesn't matter. I've done churches that hold 400 and 1,200.

"I love seeing the priest's face when he walks out to start Mass and he sees his church full. I know he can sleep good for the first time, especially if he's trying to juggle a budget."

Barnes said the mob — made up of Catholics from throughout southeastern Michigan — generously contributes when the collection plate passes. Participants also get a chance to experience a new church. Some make return visits.

That's what Chris Dixon hopes for SS. Simon & Jude. Dixon, an eight-year member of the congregation, wrote to Barnes requesting a mob visit. She wants visitors to experience SS. Simon & Jude as a "welcoming church" and help grow membership. "We accept everybody. I tell people that if a Martian landed in the parking lot, no one would blink an eye. They'd say you're welcome," Dixon said.

Growing parish

According to Nancy Patterson, SS. Simon & Jude secretary, the church was founded in 1959. Its current building

was constructed in 1999 and holds 650 attendees. Membership includes approximately 600 families.

"A focus at our church is to bring more people into our parish," said Kathy Hansen, church publicity director. "This is one way of doing that. We have a lot to offer. Hopefully, people will see us as a growing parish."

Dixon and Hansen said the Rev. Gerry Bechard, SS. Simon & Jude pastor, plans a "regular Sunday Mass" for the visiting mob.

"At every church you have a different experience. They can plan what they want and how they want it," Barnes said. "Just keep me in the flow."

Some congregations bring in church dignitaries and color guards on Mass mob day. At one church, a visiting bishop pulled out a ukelele from behind the altar and strummed *This Little Light of Mine*, Barnes said.

"It was phenomenal. Those kinds of things make it unique and I don't want to stifle that." She tells each church to keep the Mass schedule "tight" and no longer than 90 minutes.

Barnes is eager to visit SS. Simon & Jude for the first time this Sunday.

She told her Facebook followers she expects to see them at church.

"I think it's going to be exciting," Dixon said. "If people would come, they would see what a wonderful church it is."

The church, located at 32500 Palmer, will keep its parking lot open for visitors. Parishioners are asked to walk or carpool. Church members also may park at Adams Upper Elementary School, 33475 Palmer. Ushers will be on hand to drive them to church.

For more on SS. Simon & Jude, visit stssimonandjude.com or call 734-722-1343. Visit The Traveling Catholic's Mass Mob on Facebook.

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Rock out with TLC Productions at Village Theater in Canton

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Talent from two local bands, Damage Control and McLaughlin's Alley, will help TLC Productions "rock the house" next month at the Village Theater in Canton.

"This is going to be a fun show. People will be tapping their feet," said Tim Chanko, keyboardist for Damage Control and co-founder of TLC Productions, the Canton-based theater group that's sponsoring the rock cabaret on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Chanko will perform lead vocals along with Maureen Paraventi of Redford and Kara Fay Cardella of Ypsilanti. Both women are active in community theater and Paraventi is a member of McLaughlin's Alley, which plays pop and rock songs, along with Irish favorites at festivals, bars and fundraisers throughout southeastern Michigan.

"I've worked with both of them in musical productions. They're good actors, too," Chanko said. "In this respect, they'll mainly be singing."

Dave Skrzynski of Royal Oak, on bass guitar, Cheryl Chanko of South Lyon, on keyboards, Bob Espinoza of Canton, drummer, and Dave Schmidt of Northville, Damage Control guitarist, will accompany the trio. Leanne Young of South Lyon and Ken Overwater of Dearborn will act out the cabaret story, which is just one way the annual show has evolved since its debut last year.

"The first time we did this we just picked different songs from the 1960s to current and we had a DJ announcing the music. Now we have more of a story. A couple is trying to open a club and they are imagining a theme. And then the band plays that theme. There is a little tension in the story in that they could lose the club if they don't pick the right theme," Chanko said.

Music themes

The band will play rock music from Motown, movies and theater, as well as themes of beach/summer, piano bar and cars.

"For theater rock, one that should be fun is *Time Warp*, from *Rocky Horror Picture Show*. For Motown we're doing *Reach Out* by the Four Tops and *Respect*," Chanko said. "It should be fun."

The 90-minute show also was moved from the studio stage to the main auditorium this year. Chanko said the main stage offers more opportunity



SUBMITTED

Tim Chanko of Canton, Maureen Paraventi of Redford, and Kara Fay Cardella of Ypsilanti will "rock the house" Sept. 12 at the Village Theater in Canton.

to create a lighting design that will enhance the show.

"It's such a nice theater. The main stage was available and we wanted to try it," he said. "It holds around 400 seats."

Rock the House, A Rock and Roll Cabaret is at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 40500 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$15. Buy them by phone at the Village Theater Box Office, 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460. Or visit tlcproductions.org.

Can't wait to rock out on Sept. 12? You can catch a few of the performers this month.

Watch Maureen Paraventi and McLaughlin's Alley perform 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at The Goldfish Tea Cafe, 117 W. Fourth St., between Main and Washington Street in downtown Royal Oak; 248-541-5252.

Damage Control, with Tim Chanko and Dave Schmidt take the stage at 6 p.m. Aug. 29, at Burroughs Roadhouse, 5311 Brighton Road, Brighton; 810-227-6000.

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Local cover band Damage Control, will lend its keyboard player, Tim Chanko, left front, to Rock the House, A Rock-and-Roll Cabaret, next month in Canton.

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: The final concert of the season runs 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 26 and features Candy Band

ARTS AND CRAFTS CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: Free reception, 6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21; gallery hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Oct. 2

Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Artist Sue Majewski commemorates her love of food and flowers through intricate bead and tile work in a solo exhibit called "Things I Love"

Contact: 248-473-1859

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through August

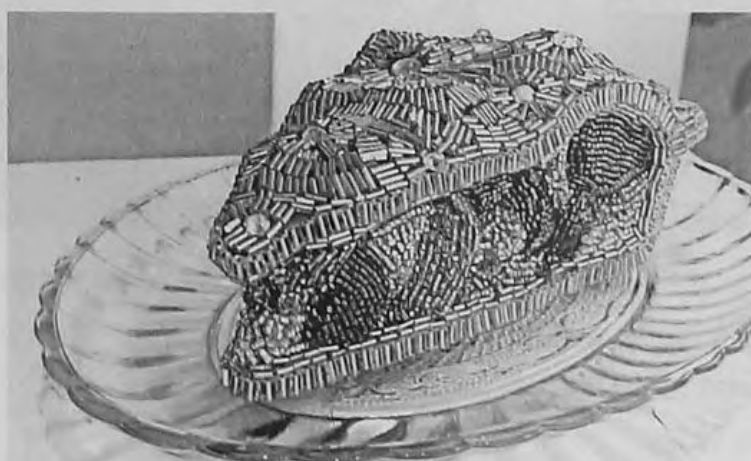
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

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

Contact: 248-344-0497 or www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org

VILLAGE THEATER

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



SUBMITTED

"Slice o Pie," and other beaded art works by Sue Majewski are on exhibit at City Gallery in Farmington Hills.

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

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

Contact: 734-394-5300

AUDITIONS FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 12 and 1-6 p.m. Sept. 13

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Students in grades one-12 and adults, should bring a recent photo to their audition for *Wizard of Oz*. All other materials will be supplied

Contact: fhgov.com/YouthTheatre

OAKLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Time/Date: By appointment, Sept. 1

Location: Varner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester

Details: For instrumentalists, ages 7-18. Current openings include violin, viola, and bass in the Studio String Orchestra and the String Orchestra; violin, viola, bass, clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, french horn, and trombone in the Philharmonia; and violin, viola, bassoon, french horn and trumpet in the Symphony. Sign up for audition time online

Contact: oyomi.org

FILM PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 21-22 and 4:45 p.m. and

7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Me And Earl And The Dying Girl*, \$3

Summer Cinema: *The Muppets Take Manhattan*, Aug. 27

Contact: 734-453-0870; 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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 21 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 22

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

Details: *Forrest Gump*, \$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 weekly for updated film list. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, 4-12 and free for children, 3 and under.

Contact: 734-927-3284

HISTORY PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17. Free museum admission

for active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day

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

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE VIVACE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26

Location: 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Aeolus Quartet with Steve Wogaman on piano; tickets are \$28 general admission, \$25 for members and seniors, and \$10 for students

Contact: Joyce Cheresh at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348

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, Aug. 21

Location: At the Kroger parking lot, Ford Road and Canton Center Road, Canton

Details: Urban Jazz Coalition

Contact: shopcanton.org



SUBMITTED
Sandy and Frank McCay of Canton rehearse a scene for the Still Got It Players' production of "The Red Velvet Cake War."

GET OUT

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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: Ramona Collins Quartet performs Aug. 25. \$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: Motown, 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; michiganphil.org

MUSIC FROM THE HEART

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

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

Details: 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 Randy Brock Band, Aug. 21; Magic Bus, Aug. 28; Steve King & The Dittlies, Sept. 4

Contact: plymouthmich.org

MUSIC IN THE PARK CHILDREN'S SERIES

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

Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth



SUBMITTED
The Candy Band plays at the Detroit Zoo's Wild Summer Nights Aug. 26.

Details: Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic

Contact: plymoutharts.com

RHYTHMS IN RILEY PARK

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

Location: Downtown Farmington

Details: 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: 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, Sept. 1 and 15; Seth Glier, Sept. 11; The Yellow Room Gang, featuring Matt Watroba, David Barrett, Kitty Donohoe and Annie Capps, Sept. 12; Empty Chair Night, Sept. 13. 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

STILL GOT IT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 2-6

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Tickets for the comedy *The Velvet Cake War* are \$16-\$18, available at the box office one hour before show time and in advance online and by phone

Contact: 734-394-5300; spot-

lightplayersmi.org

TWO MUSES THEATRE

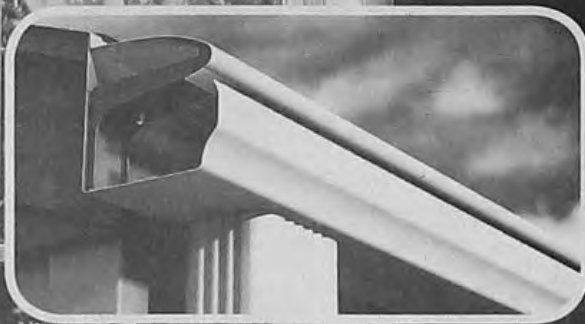
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, 25-26, Saturday, Sept. 19, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 and Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20, Sunday, Sept. 27

Location: Inside Barnes & Noble, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Details: *Always a Bridesmaid* is a comedy about two friends who have sworn to keep the promise they made on the night of their senior prom — to be in each other's weddings no matter what. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for students and seniors, 62 and up

Contact: 248-850-9919; two-musetheatre.org

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Harness the harvest

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Want to get the most out of late summer's fresh fruits and vegetables? Look to your blender and spice rack to puree seasonal produce into refreshing sips, chilled soups and savory sauces. "We're in peak farmer's market season with an abundance of juicy red tomatoes and leafy greens," said chef Kevan Vetter of the McCormick Kitchens. "The same old veggie sides and

salads can get boring as the summer rolls on, and blending allows you to enjoy produce in tasty new ways — from using kale and avocado in a pasta sauce to a Greek yogurt dressing featuring pureed fresh cucumber."

Finding ways to add more produce to diets is important, especially because only one in 10 Americans eat enough fruits and vegetables, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Get blending with these ideas for summer produce:

Sauces — Top pasta, salads and more with sauces made from blended fruit and veggies. Remember that greens aren't just for salad. Everything from Swiss chard to kale can be blended into a savory sauce for pasta.

Drinks — Tap into the craft cocktail trend by adding bold herbs and spices to pureed fruits. Try ancho chile pepper to spice up a frozen fruit drink.

Soups — When the heat climbs, serve a chilled soup and freeze leftovers for later. Simply pour chilled soup into a freezer-safe container, label it and keep for up to one month.

Dips — Puree roasted or grilled veggies and serve with broccoli or sliced bell peppers.

For more recipes — like spicy tomato gazpacho or roasted corn puree — visit McCormick.com.



GREEK PASTA SALAD WITH CUCUMBER YOGURT DRESSING

Prep time: 25 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves: 8

½ cup cucumber, peeled, seeded and diced
½ cup plain Greek nonfat yogurt
2 tablespoons light mayonnaise
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Garlic Powder, California
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Dill Weed
½ teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Oregano, Mediterranean
½ teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Sicilian Sea Salt
8 ounces pasta, such as cellentani or gemelli
2 cups broccoli florets
1 cup heirloom cherry tomatoes, quartered
¼ cup thinly sliced red onion
¼ cup pitted Kalamata olives, quartered
2 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese

For the Cucumber Yogurt Dressing, place cucumber, yogurt, mayonnaise, lemon juice, garlic powder, dill, oregano and sea salt in blender container; cover. Blend on high speed until smooth. Refrigerate until ready to use.



STRAWBERRY ANCHO FROZEN BEERGARITAS

Prep time: 15 minutes
Serves: 4

1 cup sugar
1 cup water
2 tablespoons McCormick Gourmet Chile Pepper, Ancho
1 container (10 ounces) frozen margarita mix
1 cup halved strawberries
1 cup ice
½ cup chilled tequila
¼ cup Ancho Simple Syrup
1 bottle (12 ounces) Mexican beer

For the Ancho Simple Syrup, mix sugar, water and ancho chile pepper in small saucepan. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Let stand 2 hours. Strain through double layer of cheesecloth or coffee filter. Cover and refrigerate until well chilled. This makes enough syrup for 4 batches of Beergaritas.

For the Beergaritas, place frozen margarita mix, strawberries, ice, tequila and Ancho Simple Syrup in blender container; cover. Blend on medium-high speed until smooth. Slowly add beer; mix gently. Serve immediately in beverage glasses.

Serving tip: Serve in beverage glasses rimmed with ancho chile salt. Mix 2 tablespoons kosher salt and ½ teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Ancho Chile Pepper in small plate. Wet outside rims of beverage glasses with lime wedge. Dip glasses into ancho chile salt to coat.



CHILLED PAPAYA AND WATERMELON SOUP WITH LEMON CORIANDER CREAM

Prep time: 15 minutes
Makes: 5 1-cup servings

2 cups cubed seeded papaya (1-inch cubes)
2 cups cubed seedless watermelon (1-inch cubes)
1 ½ cups coconut water
¼ cup fresh lime juice
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh jalapeño pepper
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Sicilian Sea Salt
1 teaspoon ground coriander seed, ½ cup crème fraîche
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon sugar

For the Papaya and Watermelon soup, place papaya, watermelon, coconut water, lime juice, jalapeño, sea salt and ½ teaspoon of the coriander in blender container; cover. Blend until smooth. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

For the Lemon Coriander Cream, mix crème fraîche, lemon juice, sugar and remaining ½ teaspoon coriander in small bowl. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

To serve soup, ladle into serving bowls. Drizzle each serving with a heaping tablespoon of Lemon Coriander Cream. Serve immediately.



SPANISH ROASTED VEGETABLE DIP

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 40 minutes
Makes: 32 2-tablespoon servings

½ head garlic
½ cup olive oil, divided
4 small heirloom or plum tomatoes, halved
2 red bell peppers, halved and seeded
1 red onion, unpeeled and halved
1 small eggplant, halved lengthwise
¼ teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Sicilian Sea Salt, divided
½ teaspoon black pepper, coarse ground, divided
3 tablespoons tomato paste
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Oregano, Mediterranean
1 teaspoon thyme
1 teaspoon ground, roasted cumin
½ teaspoon smoked paprika

Preheat oven to 450°F. Cut off the top ¼-inch of the garlic to expose cloves. Place garlic on a piece of aluminum foil. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon of the oil. Wrap tightly in foil and place on large shallow baking pan. Place remaining vegetables in pan. Drizzle vegetables with 3 tablespoons of the oil and sprinkle with ½ teaspoon of the salt and ¼ teaspoon of the pepper. Roast 40 minutes or until vegetables are soft. Cool 10 minutes or until vegetables are cool enough to handle. Squeeze roasted garlic from skin. Peel off skin from tomatoes and onion. Scoop flesh from eggplant. Place all vegetables, remaining ¼ cup oil, tomato paste, oregano, thyme, cumin, paprika and remaining ½ teaspoon each salt and pepper in food processor; cover. Process until coarsely chopped. Spoon dip into serving bowl. Serve with nuts, pita wedges, crackers or crusty bread, if desired.

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