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# Canton Democratic Club gears up in anticipation of election cycle

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Canton Democrats say they hope to have a full slate of township board candidates for next year's election season — one of the reasons they are raising money now to boost their efforts.

It would mark the first time

in recent memory that Democrats could conceivably mount campaigns for seven seats — supervisor, treasurer, clerk and four part-time trustee posts — though they almost certainly will face some formidable Republican incumbents and candidates.

"We hope to run a full slate of candidates for township

board," Canton Democratic Club President Steven Sneideman said.

He said local Democrats also expect to weigh in on the Plymouth-Canton school board election, with four seats at stake next year in what is technically a non-partisan race.

In a move to boost campaign coffers, local Democrats have

confirmed that U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Michigan, will be the keynote speaker for the club's annual pasta party, set for 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at the Fellows Creek Golf Club, on Lotz north of Michigan Avenue. Radio personality Tony Trupiano is expected to serve as emcee.

"It is a fundraiser to support

our candidates in the 2016 election cycle," said Sneideman, who placed first in votes among the four part-time township trustees elected in 2012.

Sneideman said the club also is likely to offer financial support to candidates beyond

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The Plymouth Fall Festival also featured rides.

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## Festival barbecue ends with 'a total community effort'

If it's Fall Festival Sunday, it must be chicken barbecue time in Plymouth.

And this year's Plymouth Rotary Club barbecue, a massive effort that had close to 100 Rotarians and about 700 volunteers setting up for, cooking and serving (they cleaned up, too) about 10,000 dinners, is being called a success.

"It really went exceedingly well," and that seemed to

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be the opinion of many others, said Bill Weber, this year's barbecue chairman. The weather was a concern going in, Weber said, but it turned out to be in the mid-60s and sunny.

The annual barbecue, the

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Julie Shmyr and Michael Dudley dance to Motown tunes, while working the barbecue pits.

## Carjacking, robbery incident rattles Walmart

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

A Westland man is accused of aiming two stolen airguns at employees and customers inside a Canton Walmart and attempting two carjackings outside the store, before police arrived and captured him.

Authorities say Faheem

Tamir-Saul Nance, 25, also claimed he had a bomb in the back seat of a Honda Accord he allegedly tried to steal, but his claims were unfounded.

Witnesses — some who thought the Airsoft pistols were real handguns — described a tense scene to police as the incident unfolded about 10:30 p.m. Sunday at the Walmart store on Ford Road, east of Lotz.

Nance was arraigned Monday in 35th District Court on one count of armed robbery; two counts of carjacking; one count of making a false report or threat of a bomb; one count of felony firearm; and six counts of assault with a dangerous weapon.

A court clerk said Nance was arraigned Monday and jailed with a \$500,000/10-percent bond, meaning he could be released with \$50,000. His next court date is for a probable cause hearing set for Sept. 25.

If convicted, Nance could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Police rushed to the Walmart store amid reports a man

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## Canton to host peace and unity rally Sept. 26 at Heritage Park

A community unity and peace rally is set for Canton's Heritage Park to promote tolerance, combat hate and strike back against bullying.

The event, set for 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, is modeled after a national effort,

dubbed Not in Our Town, intended to build safe, inclusive communities.

Community residents of all ages are invited to attend. Rally events are to include a community discussion, solidarity walk, guest speakers and activities

such as crafts for children.

This inaugural event is being sponsored by a partnership including the Canton Police Department, Canton Leisure Services, the Canton Public Library and the Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition.

The latter organization is an award-winning coalition committed to raising awareness of hate crimes and bias incidents, offering support to victims and restoring a sense of community after any incidents occur.

The event is set for the Heritage Park Amphitheater, behind the library at 1200 S. Canton Center.

More information on the rally and the Not in Our Town movement can be found at [www.cantonpublicsafety.org](http://www.cantonpublicsafety.org).



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## DEMS

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the township level, including state and national races.

One of those candidates, state Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, confirmed Tuesday she plans to seek a second two-year term. She said she has been raising money since January for her re-election bid.

Meanwhile, Democrat Dr. Syed Taj, a former township trustee, already has confirmed his candidacy for township supervisor. He was elected as a township trustee in 2008, but lost his bid for the U.S. House in 2012.

Republican incumbent Supervisor Phil LaJoy has not formally announced whether he will step down or seek re-election.

Sneideman said tickets to the pasta



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Steven Sneideman, a township trustee and Canton Democratic Club president, said the club is raising money for the 2016 election cycle.

party may be bought by Sept. 23 by going to [www.cantondems.com](http://www.cantondems.com). They cost \$25 for club members and \$35 for non-members. Sneideman said a few tickets also should be for sale at the door.

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## Caller posing as police officer trying to swindle Canton residents by phone

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A scam artist trying to score cash is posing as a Canton police officer, calling residents, claiming they missed jury duty and warning they could be jailed unless they pay fines.

The caller, using the 734 area code, is threatening to issue an arrest warrant unless residents pay supposed fines using a pre-paid Green Dot debit card. The scam artist even references a 35th District Court judge

in an attempt to appear legitimate.

Police are warning residents not to fall for it.

"Most individuals receiving a call like this would probably recognize it as a scam, but some of our more vulnerable community members might not," said police officer Patty Esselink, community relations officer.

Local authorities are encouraging residents to talk with their parents, young adults and friends about ongoing scams. Police urge residents

receiving a suspicious call to contact the agency being represented – in this case the Canton Police Department – to validate the call.

Canton police have said they would never request payment over the phone by methods such as Green Dot cards.

Authorities say residents have reported receiving such calls during the last few days. However, police haven't confirmed any residents who have actually lost money to the fake officer.

The latest scam fol-

lows incidents in which a caller claiming to be from DTE Energy threatened to shut off power, mostly to businesses, unless an alleged late bill was paid within hours with a pre-paid debit card.

Residents who believe they may have been the victim of a scam should contact the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

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## Pagan hosts town hall forum on education

State Rep. Kristy Pagan has announced she is sponsoring a community conversation to spur discussion and seek input from residents about the state of education in Michigan.

The event, free and open to the public, is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, at the Canton Township board room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

"Advocating for a strong education plan locally and making Michigan a top 10 education state in the country continues to be my top priority," Pagan, D-Canton, said in a statement, adding she hopes residents will attend the town hall forum.

The town hall is expected to

feature guests from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district: Superintendent Michael Meissen, Board of Education Treasurer Sheila Paton and Discovery Middle School teacher Adrienne Quinn. They will share their perspectives on education in P-CCS and in Michigan, plus audience members will be given the opportunity to ask questions and suggest discussion topics.

Meanwhile, Pagan encourages residents to sign up for her email updates, which provide information about her work in Lansing and in the community. To sign up, go to [www.pagan.housedems.com](http://www.pagan.housedems.com). Residents also can contact Pagan in her Lansing office at 517-373-2575.



Pagan

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## ROBBERY

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was pointing a handgun at people and trying to take their vehicles. One potential victim drove off. The suspect managed to get inside one victim's Honda Accord, but couldn't operate the manual transmission and

was nabbed by police, according to reports.

One Walmart employee told police she had noticed Nance waiting in line with two Airsoft pistols before he hid them in his pockets. When he was asked to pay for the airguns, witnesses say he pulled the pistols and aimed them at employees and customers – some of whom

told police they feared the weapons were real.

One supervisor told police Nance had been acting suspiciously in line, pushing his way through and then leaving the store. According to police reports, the suspect tried to carjack a motorist who drove off, then used the airgun against the driver of a Honda Accord, but failed

to drive off.

Police say Nance claimed he had a bomb in the back seat of the car, prompting officers to secure the area, but no bomb was found.

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This Hutton Street home will greet visitors at the American Association of University Women's Home Tour.



Crystal Lake Drive is the address for this attractive home on the Sept. 26 tour.



Beal Street residents are familiar with this home on the Sept. 26 tour. This is the 20th Home Tour for the AAUW.



This Randolph Street home is on the Sept. 26 tour.



Northville-Novu AAUW leaders are glad to have this Crestview Circle home on the Sept. 26 tour.

# Experience history, craftsmanship on annual Northville home tour

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Like to visit other people's homes to see how they live and get some decor ideas? Mark Saturday, Sept. 26, on your calendar.

"This is our big fundraiser. It's just what we want to do, give back to the community," Northville's home tour chair Jane Hecker said.

This is the 20th year for the tour, which supports scholarships for graduating seniors at Northville and Novi high schools, along with support for students at Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College.

Members of the sponsoring Northville-Novu branch, American Association of University Women, also use proceeds for a school development program focused on girls in Afghanistan and, closer to home, math education for second- and third-graders, among other efforts.

There are five homes featured, said Hecker, a North-

ville Township resident and retired principal of Bird Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton district. From a condo makeover to Victorian-era houses real and faux, Northville's 2015 home tour has something for everyone. All it takes is a ticket, a car and comfortable shoes.

Be part of the fun from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26. Two tour homes are in Northville Township (on Crystal Lake Drive and Crestview Circle) and three are in the city (on Hutton, Beal and Randolph streets). Parking for the Randolph Street house is at nearby First Baptist Church.

Novi homes have been featured in past years, said Hecker, who also taught vocal music in the Oxford district.

Last year, the AAUW branch added a Garden Party after-glow at downtown Northville's Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main.

"Mary Starring is a member, so she's quite generous in a number of ways," Hecker

said.

Ticket holders get exclusive access 2-5 p.m. to the Garden Party on tour day with free refreshments provided by Busch's Market and other local vendors, such as wine and iced tea.

"It's kind of a nice way to visit with people," Hecker said.

Tickets are \$20. Purchase them online at [www.aauwnn.org](http://www.aauwnn.org) (click "Home Tour 2015 Tickets") or at these businesses:

- » Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main St., Northville
- » Gardenvues, 117 E. Main St., Northville
- » Pear-Aphernalia, 184 E. Main St., Northville
- » Meadowbrook Art Center, 41200 10 Mile, Novi
- » Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main St., Northville

Tickets may also be on sale at the display homes on tour day, but availability isn't guaranteed. For details, contact Hecker at 734-276-6160.

# Pancakes a tradition at Plymouth Fall Festival

Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Kate Rosevear was enjoying her Kiwanis pancakes Saturday morning during Plymouth Fall Festival.

"I do every Fall Festival," said Rosevear, past president of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary. "This is my first stop. I have lots of friends in Kiwanis."

Rosevear's Rotary club hosts a spaghetti dinner each Saturday during Fall Festival, with about 15 percent of its tickets pre-sale. "I think to some degree they wait to see what the weather will be like," she said of the outdoor spaghetti dinner, which is followed by Sunday's Plymouth Rotary chicken barbecue.



Kate Rosevear of Plymouth Township finds her Kiwanis pancakes yummy. She's a Rotarian who has many friends in Kiwanis.

Rosevear, a Plymouth Township resident, noted her club started drive-through last year, which is "very successful" and helps with weather vicissitudes. "It really funds our scholarship program and that's the biggest thing we do," she said.

Plymouth A.M. Rotary scholarships help students who've overcome physical and emotional challenges, including drug abuse and/or depression "and be able to pull themselves back together."

Rosevear, owner of Plymouth Township's Travel Leaders, and her fellow club members also work with Starkweather Academy in the Plymouth-Canton district, including instrumental music for a fledgling music program.

The club and its District 6400 got a grant for that, which also includes collecting donated instruments. Last year's spaghetti dinner and its sponsors raised close to \$10,000, Rosevear said.

Nearby at the Kiwanis Foundation Pancake Breakfast was Mark Riegal of Canton, president of Kiwanis' afternoon club and a foundation board member. The two Kiwanis clubs join forces in the foundation, explained Riegal, a Plymouth Realtor.

"We put a lot into this," Riegal said. "We've got regular shifts. A lot of cleaning, plan-

ning and organizing."

Some of the Kiwanis volunteers, both club members and their families, have been involved 20-30 years, Riegal added. He was joined by Steve Rowley of Plymouth, his event co-chair and president of the evening (Kiwanis Club of Plymouth) club, as well as a foundation board member.

The Kiwanis Foundation raised close to \$10,000 last year at Fall Festival, he added. It boosts scholarships for graduating Plymouth-Canton students, as well as Salvation Army assistance.

"We help different organizations and individuals out," Riegal said. "First Step is a big one for us," he added of that organization, which helps victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The local Kiwanians also just put a roof on a Plymouth home where the resident had difficulty paying, Riegal noted.

All the local service clubs get business support, which they appreciate. Rosevear noted the longevity of clubs and their number in the community.

"All of them seem to survive from year to year," she said. "All of these are service organizations meeting different needs within the community."

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## CANTON CRIME WATCH

## Man claims motorist waved gun at him

A Canton motorist told police another driver brandished a handgun after cutting him off during an incident that occurred near Joy and Lilley roads about 5 p.m. Monday, a police report said.

The motorist said he was driving north on Lilley and approaching Joy, when he signaled that he was merging into a left lane. He said a driver in another vehicle suddenly cut him off while making a U-turn to head south on Lilley Road.

The motorist said the other driver waved a handgun in the air as the incident unfolded. No shots were fired. He said he believed the other driver may have been driving a white Ford Escape.

## Indecent exposure

Reports that a man was urinating near a swimming pool where young children play prompted Canton police to pay a visit to Pilgrim Village Apartments, near Lilley and Warren, a police report said.

Witnesses told police recently that the man had pulled down the waistband of his swimming trunks and urinated as he sat in a lounge chair. Witnesses said there were numerous children in the area.

Police found the suspect sitting in the chair and listening to music on headphones, with a strong odor of intoxicants coming from him. He was deemed severely intoxicated and was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital for medical attention.

Police turned the informa-

tion over to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

## Girl bullied

A Canton mother and her 12-year-old daughter filed a police report Sept. 10 after the girl had been bullied by a boy from her school, a police report said.

The girl alleged the boy has been frequently texting her and harassing her, saying he had seen her at Canton's Liberty Fest in June and making sexual innuendos toward her, the police report said.

One text told the girl to look out her window and indicated she might want to lock her front door. The boy also approached the girl at Liberty Middle School and told her not to be late, a police report said.

## Warrant arrest

Canton police took a 24-year-old Temperance woman

into custody after stopping her vehicle for a cracked windshield and learning she had a warrant for her arrest out of Washtenaw County.

Police took the woman into custody during a traffic stop that occurred shortly before 11 a.m. Sept. 11. Police learned the woman had a warrant for her arrest for contempt of court. She was taken into custody and turned over to Washtenaw County authorities.

## Shattered window

A 73-year-old Kentucky man told police someone broke out the back window of his 2005 Cadillac while it was parked in the 1800 area of Pebble Creek, near Palmer and Lotz.

He said the incident occurred between 4 p.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. Monday.

— By Darrell Clem

## Drop off old, unused meds Sept. 26 at Canton police

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, the Canton Police Department will take part in a national collaborative effort with the Drug Enforcement Agency to remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from homes in our community. This national take-back initiative will provide a unified opportunity for the public to turn in expired, unused and unwanted prescription medications to law enforcement for destruction.

Unused or expired prescription medications may be placed in a drop box in the lobby of the Canton Police Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Drop-offs are free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Restrictions include pills only — liquids and needles will not be accepted. Prescription drugs can only be accepted by the department during the established program hours.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Unused medicines in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines — flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash — both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For questions, contact Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink at 734-394-5194 or the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

## Girl ticketed for pot pipe, public urination

A 17-year-old girl was cited for public urination and possession of drug paraphernalia the night of Sept. 8.

A witness at an apartment complex in the area of Postiff and Lilley Road reported the incident shortly after 9 p.m., according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report, saying she heard female voices yelling and looked outside to see a girl crouched down, urinating. The witness told a responding officer that the girl was associated with an older blue sport-utility vehicle.

The officer found no suspect immediately, but later stopped the driver of a blue 2004 Ford Explorer who was leaving the complex. The Explorer had a non-functioning license plate light, police said.

The driver, 17, denied she had urinated in the parking lot, but the witness came outside and identified her as the

girl she had seen, police said. The suspect consented to a search of the Explorer and police say a pipe that smelled of burned marijuana was found in its glove compartment.

## Theft from porch

A township man reported the theft of approximately \$15,000 worth of medical equipment Sept. 8.

The man said the equipment had been delivered to his house during the day Aug. 29, but that he suspects it had been taken from his front porch. He had purchased the equipment from an online retailer, he said.

The complainant said he delayed reporting the theft in order to take the time to find out if any of his neighbors had accepted the delivery.

## Boat theft

A 17-foot boat and a trailer for it were reported stolen Sept. 9 from a lot off Linden Street in the township.

The complainant told po-

lice she had last seen the boat about a month earlier. The lot was overgrown, she said, with vegetation obscuring the boat, so she hadn't been able to see it on a regular basis before she noticed it was missing.

## Identity theft

A township man reported Sept. 9 that his identity had been used in late 2013 to open an account with a cable television, Internet and phone service provider.

The man had been turned down for a credit card, he told police, and when he asked why, he was told it was because of an unpaid cable bill. The man, however, said he was current with his cable bill, which was under a different account with the same company.

Police said the fraudulent account was registered to an address on Moenart Street, which is on Detroit's east side.

## Wheel theft

The tires and wheels were taken one night last week

from a Ford Edge parked outside a house on Oxford Drive, in the area of Northville and Wilcox roads.

The sport-utility vehicle had been left sitting on landscaping blocks, a police report said. The theft occurred between about 9 p.m. Sept. 8 and 6:30 a.m. the next day, police said.

A door on the Edge had also been forced open and the glove compartment rifled through, police said. Nothing was reported missing from inside the SUV.

## Vandalism

The vandalism of a house on Corrinne Street in the township was reported Sept. 8.

The complainant said she arrived at the home that morning to do some cleaning and found a broken exterior light at the side door, plus broken eggs and broken glass in the back yard.

— By Matt Jachman

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The hottest job at the barbecue is the charcoal preheat crew.

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FESTIVAL

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event that launched, in 1956, what is now called the Plymouth Community Fall Festival, is one of the Rotary's biggest fundraisers, with profits going to causes as diverse as scholarships for local students to community development projects in Honduras and Africa.

Weber said Wednesday that the Rotary was still calculating the net proceeds from this year's event.

Weber thanked members of the Rotary's barbecue committee, who have years of experience behind them, and the hundreds of volunteers – many of them high school students – for making the event work.

"It really is, in my view, a total community effort," he said.



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Tom Goleniak is on the Rotary Chicken barbecue charcoal preheat crew, even though he looks like he's suiting up for "Ghostsbusters."



Chicken is almost done.

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Madelyn Weber shucks corn for the Rotary barbecue.

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Jeff Justice and Brennan Brooks carry another rack of raw chicken to the barbecue fire pits.

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Children glide down the big slide.

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Tony Hoover and Ron Kibner work the corn boil.

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Fall Festival 2015 drew a crowd.

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## Sale of old Spring and Bumper plant on Eckles Road completed

Ashley Capital LLC has completed its purchase of the former GM Delco Chassis property in Livonia from RACER Trust, with plans to develop a multi-tenant industrial park on the 116-acre property.

The property is located at 12950 and 13000 Eckles Road on the west side of Livonia, near I-96 and I-275.

"The sale and eventual redevelopment of this property represents the fulfillment of RACER's mission to attract buyers whose investments will create new jobs and other economic benefits for the community," said Elliott P. Laws, of EPLET, LLC, Administrative Trustee of RACER Trust. "We strive to maximize the redevelopment potential of each RACER



DAVID VESELENAK

A sign on the fence of the 116-acre property faces Amrhein in Livonia. The property, which was the site of the old Spring and Bumper plant on Eckles, was sold from the RACER Trust to Canton-based Ashley Capital last year.

property, and in Ashley Capital, we have a buyer with a strong record of success and job creation."

Susan Harvey, Senior Vice President for Ash-

ley Capital, said Ashley sees its purchase of the property as an opportunity to create a first-class industrial project that will attract new businesses and opportunities

and strengthen the community economically. "We look forward to capturing new investment and jobs for Livonia," she said.

A groundbreaking is expected next spring. Ashley Capital is in discussions with a company that would use the property for manufacturing, distribution and office space.

Ashley Capital already has a strong presence in Livonia, where its projects include redevelopment of the former Peregrine plant (now the 1.1 million-square-foot Plymouth Road Technical Center, where tenants include Roush Industries and FedEx); redevelopment of the former Ladbrooke/Detroit Race Course (now the 1 million-square-foot Livo-

nia Corporate Center); site preparation and construction of a 367,000-square-foot freezer/cooler building now occupied by Mastronardi Produce; and a major renovation of Laurel Park II, a 130,000-square-foot office building.

Together, these Livonia projects have led to the creation of more than 2,400 local jobs, according to Ashley Capital.

"Ashley Capital's record of successful development and job creation has made a significant and positive impact on the City of Livonia," Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said. "We look forward to working with Ashley Capital to maximize the redevelopment potential of the former GM Delco Chassis property so that it is once

again producing jobs and other cascading economic benefits to the city and our larger community."

Ashley Capital also has executed successful redevelopment projects in Detroit and Grand Rapids, among other Michigan locations.

Ashley Capital manages approximately 22 million square feet of industrial and office space in the United States and has the largest industrial property portfolio in Michigan.

RACER (Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response) Trust was created to clean up and position for redevelopment properties and other facilities owned by the former General Motors Corp. before its 2009 bankruptcy.

## Cable TV trends focus of third western Wayne banquet

An evening of networking and collaborating with political and business leaders from communities along the Interstate 275 corridor returns Tuesday, Oct. 6.

The third annual Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet, presented by Bank of America and Comcast cable, returns to Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center in Dearborn. Corporate table sponsorships and individual seats remain available.

"This event not only provides valuable information, it is also serves as a catalyst for relationship building between business and

political leaders," said Tracey Schultz-Kobylarz, Redford Township's supervisor and chair for the Conference of Western Wayne Board. "As a result of events like this, we are able to work together, blend geographical lines and put our best collective proposals forward for the betterment of the region."

The Conference of Western Wayne, a municipal advocacy organization serving the region's 18 cities and townships, teams with local chambers of commerce to coordinate this program designed to build stronger municipal-business relationships in a region that represents 700,000

residents and more than 54 percent of Wayne County's tax base.

The banquet emcee will be Mary Kramer, publisher of *Crain's Detroit Business*, and keynote speaker will be Tim Collins, Comcast's regional senior vice president, who will discuss how new market forces and technology are impacting cable television and Internet service.

For more information on the banquet and to register, contact the Conference of Western Wayne at 734-953-8834 or the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-1540.

## Cleaning firm garners sales kudos

Bridget and Joe Lang, owners of the local Fish Window Cleaning, were recognized for top sales at the annual Fish Window Cleaning Convention in St. Louis, Mo., earlier this summer.

"Getting this award is something we strive to do each year," Bridget Lang said. "My sales staff and operations manager are key players in us being able to achieve this goal."

The Langs opened their business in 2003.

"The top sales recognition identifies franchise owners who are committed to growing their business," said Randy Cross, president, Fish Window Cleaning. "Success doesn't happen overnight and meeting people daily and build-



Fish Window Cleaning owners Joe and Bridget Lang were honored recently for their sales prowess.

ing relationships in the community is what makes Fish owners so successful."

The Langs' office provides service to commercial and residential customers in Farmington Hills, Detroit, Livo-

nia, Northville, Milford, Novi and Plymouth, among others.

To contact Fish Window Cleaning, go to [www.fishwindowcleaning.com/540](http://www.fishwindowcleaning.com/540) or call 248-354-3340.

Fish Window Cleaning was founded in St. Louis in 1978 and is now the largest window cleaning franchise in the country with more than 250 nationwide locations. Fish provides service to more than 200,000 commercial and residential customers. Free estimates and customized service plans tailored to each customer's needs and budget are just a few offered benefits.

For more information, go to [www.fish-windowcleaning.com](http://www.fish-windowcleaning.com) or call 877-707-3474.

## Parkside Credit Union honors students

Parkside Credit Union recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to three students for the 2015-16 school year. The recipients, selected from a pool of 47 applicants, were selected based on an essay in which they detailed their educational and career goals. Recipients of the 2015 scholarships are:

» **Dallas Rohraff** of Westland, who graduated from Livonia Churchill High School in 2013 and is a junior at Grand Valley State University

» **Kent Peterson** of Livonia, who graduated from Livonia Churchill

High School in 2015 and is a freshman at Michigan State University

» **Xavier Edwards** of Westland, who graduated from John Glenn High School in 2015 and is a freshman at the University of Florida

Earlier this year, Parkside also awarded a \$500 scholarship to **Aniruddha Kappagantu** of Canton, an *Observer & Eccentric* Academic All-Star. The Academic All-Star Awards Ceremony was held at Madonna University on May 15.

Heather Gatewood, Parkside's Marketing Manager, emphasizes

that the scholarship program is indicative of the credit union's ongoing commitment to giving back to the communities it serves. Parkside frequently partners with local organizations and sponsors events throughout the community, including an annual classic car show at Westland Shopping Center, with proceeds benefiting the Burger School for Students with Autism.

Parkside Credit Union is a Michigan-based non-profit financial institution and has been serving the community since 1953.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Grand opening

Still Point Massage, in collaboration with Broad Family Chiropractic, will host a hold a grand opening and community appreciation event 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, in its newly constructed massage wing at 43423 Joy Road, Canton.

"We're happy to introduce our latest expansion to the community and to those who have continued to support our practice," said Dr. Eric Broad, owner and chiropractor of Broad Family Chiropractic and Still Point Massage. "The grand opening celebration marks a new era, not only for myself and staff, but for current and future clients."

Broad Family Chiropractic has been in practice since 2000 and began offering massage therapy in 2009. The newest addition, Still Point Massage, is a modern state-of-the-art facility with the mission of offering the best medical-based massage therapy in combination with the best of high-end spa services.

The grand opening will feature samplings of many new services, including reflexology, cold stone facials, postural

analysis, and kinesio taping. There will also be free chair massages, free cold laser treatments, food and drinks, door prizes, discounts on services and a bounce house for kids.

Raffle prizes will also be given away, with chances to win amazing packages and products. Anyone new to the offices will receive double the raffle entries, as will existing clients who bring new friends or family members with them.

For more information, call 734-354-9900 or go to [www.stillpointmassage-canton.com](http://www.stillpointmassage-canton.com).

#### Joins firm

Nick Doran of Canton joined Campbell Marketing & Communications as an account executive. He comes to Campbell after two years as operations supervisor at The TJX Cos. in Phoenix, Ariz.

Doran was former athletic facilities manager at Arizona State University, clubhouse assistant for the Detroit Tigers and athletic facil-

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ities/events coordinator at Eastern Michigan University. Doran earned a bachelor's degree in industrial distribution and a master's degree in sports management from Eastern Michigan.

"We are delighted to add Nick to our ever-growing team," said Greg Shea, chief operating officer, Campbell Marketing & Communications. "His skill and background will help us improve our client services."

#### Biz person nominations

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominees for the 2015 Business Person of the Year. The winner is announced Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Chamber Business Luncheon. Deadline for nominations is Friday, Sept. 25. Contact the chamber at 734-453-4040.

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# Tips for using the web to understand credit

Credit monitoring sites want us to forget the adage that nothing in life is free. Constant ads for Credit Karma and commercials with that singing millennial from FreeCreditReport.com® have reinforced the notion that our credit reports can in fact be free.

But did you know there is also a free way to learn your business credit score, or the business credit score of a service provider or contractor you may look to do business with?

My position as a digital and social media manager for a Detroit-based agency recently turned me on to a company that can help you navigate business credit for free. Creditera is a Salt Lake City-based company that



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TECH SAVVY

is aimed at helping small businesses understand business credit and navigate through the difficult process of being a small business.

In about the same time it takes to get your personal FICO® score, you can get your business FICO score and begin to access, understand and build your credit. From there, Creditera will work with partners to help you secure funding — and at better terms than you may get from your local bank or lender. By helping businesses build credit, they also improve the chances that

those companies will receive funding, which means less paperwork. The time savings alone can be very efficient for small, lean companies. For a nominal fee, Creditera also offers more detailed and advanced reports for businesses.

Creditera also has great merit as a background check tool for consumers. Interested in having a contractor come over to remodel your house, landscape your yard or provide another expensive service? If you have the business name, the owner's name and the address you can access their business score. It is completely legal, completely free and adds a layer of safety between you and an unfamiliar contractor. It won't mitigate all risk involved

with hiring someone to do a job but if the tool identifies a sketchy score, it could be a red flag.

## Using social media to assess risk

Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg has never been one to miss out on a money-making opportunity. His newest patent, which was filed in early August allows lenders to assess risk based on a user's Facebook profile. Using social networks to analyze credit is not new. Affirm, an insurance company, has been using sourcing social sites like LinkedIn and Twitter for data for more than two years.

I can't speak on what impact this practice or Facebook's patent has on a consumer. But from a

business perspective, I think it is a slippery slope for an industry dependent on exact data. Not everything on the Internet is real and that holds true for Facebook profiles, Twitter accounts and even LinkedIn. Does having more friends or having certain interests make you more risky, or less risky? I'm sure the insurance companies know. But do they have the digital know-how to parse through the fake profiles, or page likes and interests people forgot about? Sounds unlikely.

Facebook has been around for more than 10 years now and if my interests hadn't been changed since I signed up as a college sophomore, my profile would tell insurers that I like

cheap beer and pizza. What about my Twitter followers from 2009? Are they indicative of my risk? Maybe I should stop following parody accounts and handles for Las Vegas casinos.

LinkedIn appears to be the safest data source but again not everything put in a profile means it is true. I believe what most professionals put on their LinkedIn account, but I wouldn't use it to assess their risk and I don't think insurance firms or lenders should either.

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# Now is the time to start year-end tax planning

It may seem a little early to start thinking about the end of the year, but before you know it, the leaves will fall and you will be rushing to buy year-end holiday gifts. That's why this is a great time to start year-end planning. Don't wait until you are rushed and forced to make a knee-jerk decision. Start now to make decisions when you have the time to accumulate the necessary information.

Like everything else in the financial and legal world, there is no one piece of advice that fits all. Everyone's situation is different — what may be good for your next-door neighbor or best friend is not necessarily good for you.

It is important to take information and apply it to your individual situation. In that regard, one area that many people should consider before



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the end of the year is a Roth conversion of some or all of their traditional IRAs.

The main benefit of this transaction is twofold. First, money in a Roth IRA grows tax-free versus money in a traditional IRA that grows tax-deferred. Also, money in a Roth IRA is not subject to required minimum distribution rules at 70½.

Nothing comes without a cost. The cost of converting money into a Roth IRA is that you are paying taxes on the amount that you are converting. You will always pay taxes on the amount; by converting, you are paying the tax earlier. The rules I have lived



Don't wait until you are rushed and forced to make a knee-jerk decision about your taxes.

by in deciding whether to convert existing IRA money into a Roth IRA are:

1) Converting the money and paying the tax on

the amount converted won't throw you into a higher tax bracket.

2) You have the money (other than the money you are converting) to

pay the additional tax liability.

3) You won't need the money for at least five to seven years.

If you meet these three rules, then a Roth conversion would make sense. Contact your IRA custodian and they can assist you.

Other year-end tax moves that make sense are to accelerate itemized deductions into this tax year or to delay them until next year. For example, if you are charitable in nature and you traditionally make year-end charitable contributions, do those deductions make sense this year or do you delay them until next year? There's no right answer because it all depends upon your individual situation. If you are not itemizing your deductions this year, then certainly you want to delay those deductions until

next year. On the other hand, if you are itemizing your deductions and you're in a higher bracket this year than you anticipate you'll be next year, then it pays to take those deductions this year.

Before you know it, 2016 will be here. If you plan to do any year-end planning, don't procrastinate — start the process as soon as you can. By giving yourself the time to study your situation and talk to your professionals, you'll make the right decision for yourself.

Good luck.

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# Film depicts all sides of child bullying ritual

**Cal Stone**  
Staff Writer

Back to school means many positive things to kids – sports, making new friends, clubs, music, learning, etc. – but it can also be a time of stress, pain, anxiety and fear all rolled into one word: bullying.

So the timing of a unique film dealing with the subject, *A Girl Like Her*, and its screening Saturday at the Emagine Novi theater is perfect.

The free showing at 11 a.m. will be followed by a Q&A with the film's maker, Amy S. Weber. Educators, parents and students are encouraged to attend and arrive by 10:30 a.m. for the first-come/first-served seating. Emagine is located in the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk entertainment complex, south of 12 Mile Road and west of Novi Road.

The film is unique in that it is told in a Rashomon-like manner where viewers see everyone involved – the victim, friends, parents and the bully – from their own unique perspectives. The hope is to create a non-judgmental dialogue, leading to a better understanding of an abusive ritual.

Jessica Burns (Lexi Ainsworth), 16, has a secret that she's afraid to share with anyone except her best friend, Brian Slater (Jimmy Bennett): For the past year, she's been victimized by another girl, her former friend, Avery Keller (Hunter King), one of South Brookdale High School's

**SHOW IT IN YOUR SCHOOL**

*A Girl Like Her* (<http://agirlikehermovie.com/>) is now available exclusively for schools before its domestic digital and DVD release in early 2016 and there are two ways to bring *A Girl Like Her* to one's school:

1. The school or interested parties pay for a 48-hour streaming link.
2. The school or interested parties pay for a 48-hour streaming link and the film's director, Amy S. Weber, attends the screening and leads a Q&A about the film and the PEACEKeeper Movement that she developed for schools.

At this time, the film will be available through streaming only for a 48-hour time frame. It can stream directly into a school's auditorium or a separate classroom. It can be screened as many times as you want within the 48 hours.

most popular and beautiful students. With Brian's help and a hidden digital camera, the evidence of Avery's relentless harassment is captured and finally exposed – bringing both girls and their families face to face with the truth.

**The filmmaker**

Weber, who wrote and directed the film, told Leonard Lopate of WNYC radio that she has worked with a lot of young people in her career the last 20 years.

"I've been telling stories on both ends of the spectrum –



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This is an exclusive licensing of the film to be shown in a school before it is released to the public. The film was originally rated PG-13 for language. For educational purposes, this film has been edited to a "school appropriate" version with no profanity. The PG-13 version is also available for high schools.

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"I became the girl that nobody wanted to mess with and that reputation lived with me for a very, very long time," she said. "I can't say I was very happy."

Although *A Girl Like Her* is fictional, it has the feel of a documentary and takes place in a high-achieving Michigan high school – an environment one might not think is prone to bullying. Weber said she chose that for the story because "what appears to be perfect is sometimes the direct opposite."

It was shot in 17 days, all in Michigan. The three main actors are based in Los Angeles; everyone else in the film is from this state.

**The goal**

This is an educational film that tells several stories with authentic voices – and Weber wants to spread the message far and wide.

"Our hope is that we tour the country and parts of the world, because we know this is an epidemic that goes way beyond our borders," she said.

"Our goal for this screening is to motivate parents, students and educators to bring this film to their schools at the start of the upcoming 2015-16 school year to begin a new dialogue surrounding the issue of bullying," Weber said. "Once they see it for themselves, we believe they will want to screen it for their entire school."

# Canton urges residents to take Fit Family Challenge

Canton is rolling out a new program, Fit Family Challenge, aimed at keeping families focused on fitness goals.

Area families are invited to take the challenge, sponsored by Canton Leisure Services, that features monthly activities, discounts and incentives to keep families focused on their fitness goals during the upcoming school year from September through June.

This free community-wide health and fitness initiative aims to promote the importance of regular physical activ-

ity, while showcasing what participants can do to improve their health and fitness over a 10-month period. All ages, abilities and fitness levels are encouraged to participate. Families may include grandparents and other relatives as well.

Register to take part in this special program launch, scheduled for 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, in Heritage Park, behind the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. During this "starting line" event, baseline pretests will be administered in a pres-

sure-free and stress-free atmosphere to document participants' statistics for each individual's one-mile walk/run, a "wall-sit" and push-ups.

In addition, all participants can enjoy games and prizes, just for coming out to this inaugural event. Families will also receive a monthly calendar of events, special programs and activities designed to keep them focused on participating and moving together.

Enrolled families will have the opportunity to enjoy special outdoor classes, nature hikes

and Summit on the Park pool parties in the months ahead that will be held specifically for participants taking the Fit Family Challenge to help them meet their fitness goals.

The more families participate throughout the program, the more chances they will have to win prizes. Important dates:

- » Sept. 18 – Family fitness fall kickoff and welcome party, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Heritage Park.
- » Oct. 9 – Twilight Hike at the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, 6-7:30 p.m.
- » Nov. 6 – Family fun in the Summit Aquatics Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- » Dec. 11 – Holiday zumba party in the Summit Grand Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.

Families can now register for free. The program is made possible by a Pathway to a Healthier Michigan Grant from mParks and the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. Families can register online with activity code number 9999.000 and find additional information at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or by calling 734-394-5460.

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## EDUCATION

**Canton foundation continues scholarship tradition**

By Brad Katsch

While Canton Community Foundation has been around since 1961, it's been a constant presence in the community in the background. The foundation has been quietly working to support local education for decades. In 2014, the foundation awarded \$10,000 in scholarships to 10 students. This year, the foundation has awarded \$12,000 in scholarships to 12 students. The foundation's goal is to provide financial assistance to students who are pursuing higher education in the Canton area.

**Early years**

The program has been around since 1961. In the early years, the foundation awarded scholarships to students who were pursuing higher education in the Canton area. The program has been a constant presence in the community in the background. The foundation has been quietly working to support local education for decades. In 2014, the foundation awarded \$10,000 in scholarships to 10 students. This year, the foundation has awarded \$12,000 in scholarships to 12 students. The foundation's goal is to provide financial assistance to students who are pursuing higher education in the Canton area.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MINISTRIES TRAINING

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct., 17

**Location:** Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville Township

**Details:** Twenty-eight classes with keynote speaker Diane Frank; music, lunch included in registration fee; bonus prize drawing, Christian books, CDs, DVDs, videos; 11-day Kids Korner

**Contact:** To register, call 248-557-5526 or go to [www.iceaOnline.org](http://www.iceaOnline.org)

## CLASS REUNION

**Time/Date:** Saturday, Oct. 24

**Location:** One Under on Five Mile, 35780 Five Mile Road, No. 2, Livonia

**Details:** Livonia Stevenson High School Class of 1975 reunion.

**Contact:** [www.stevensonclassof75.com](http://www.stevensonclassof75.com), and click on the reunion tab or call Ray Walker at 734-718-5629.

## HAFLAH

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19

**Location:** Detroit Music Hall  
**Details:** The Michigan Philharmonic and The National Arab Orchestra will bring music lovers together this concert season for the inaugural HAFLAH Arab Fusion Festival

**Contact:** For tickets and information, go to [www.michiganphil.org](http://www.michiganphil.org) or <http://www.musicall.org/events/HAFLAH>.

## CPR TRAINING

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22

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

**Details:** Plymouth Community United Way is partnering with Huron Valley Ambulance and St. John Neumann Catholic Church to present a free CPR training course. The session can accommodate 30 people. The American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR course is designed to teach non-medical responders, including corporate and retail employees, security, law enforcement, health and fitness staff or anyone who needs basic CPR certification.

**Contact:** To sign up and for more information, contact Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or [randi.williams@pcuw.org](mailto:randi.williams@pcuw.org). For more information about PCUW, go to [www.plymouthunitedway.org](http://www.plymouthunitedway.org) or [facebook.com/plymouthunitedway](http://facebook.com/plymouthunitedway).

## SPOTLIGHT ON 'PRODUCERS'

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. for Saturday performances; 2 p.m. for Sunday performances, Sept. 18-20 and 25-27

**Location:** Village Theater is at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton

**Details:** The Spotlight Players stage *The Producers*



The Michigan Philharmonic and The National Arab Orchestra will bring music lovers together this concert season for the inaugural HAFLAH Arab Fusion Festival.

**Cost:** Tickets are \$16 to \$18 each. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or at <http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org/>. Tickets are also available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time.

## ANTIQUE APPRAISAL

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23

**Location:** Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street

**Details:** The museum will host an antique appraisal clinic with auctioneer Doug Dalton. Items to be appraised include antique furniture, art and small objects. No jewelry, coins or stamps. Appraisals are by appointment only; time slots are still available. Oral evaluations will be provided for \$10 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15-minute time slot.

**Contact:** Call now for an appointment at 734-455-8940, ext. 0, or sign up at [http://www.plymouth-history.org/events/Antique-Appraisal-Clinic\\_ET712.html?Sort-Box=201509](http://www.plymouth-history.org/events/Antique-Appraisal-Clinic_ET712.html?Sort-Box=201509).

**World Peace Day**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sept. 20; prayers for world peace at 1:15 p.m.; refreshments at 2 p.m.

**Location:** Kellogg Park, Plymouth, followed by refreshments at Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street

**Details:** Plymouth Canton Interfaith Community Outreach World Peace Day 2015, sponsored by: The Interfaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit, Canton and Plymouth Hindu Community, Geneva Presbyterian, Gurdwara-Sahib Hidden Falls, Living Peace Church, Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, Singh-Saba of Michigan Gurdwara. Open to all faiths

## SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

**Time/Date:** Apply now; orientation Oct. 13

**Location:** Compassionate Care

## NEWS OF UPCOMING EVENTS

The Community Calendar runs in the Plymouth and Canton *Observer* as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Please include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email information to [jmaliszews@hometownlife.com](mailto:jmaliszews@hometownlife.com).

Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley Road, Suite A, Canton

**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient care and companionship, office support, group activities and more. Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentiality, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer.

**Contact:** Volunteer coordinator with questions or to apply for a brief interview 888-983-9050.

## RCIA CLASSES

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22

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

**Details:** An informal RCIA — Rite of Initiation of Adults — meeting for adults who are not baptized or baptized in another faith, also those who still need to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation and those interested in a review of the church.

**Contact:** The church at 734-455-5910

**Contact:** Booster club member Todd McCall at 734-748-9649; sponsorships requested

## RAKU WORKSHOP

**Time/Date:** 5:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, and noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19

**Location:** Village Potters Guild, 326 N. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** Guild hosts its third Raku Workshop in which participants choose pottery and glaze them; experience is not necessary; demonstrations and sales also offered.

**Cost:** \$10 registration fee; pottery ranges \$10-30

**Contact and register:** The Guild at 734-207-8807

## VISIT THE FAIR

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Nov. 1

**Location:** Plymouth Historical

Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** The Fair That Changed America — also known as the Chicago World's Fair — the 1893 Exposition and all the history it made comes back to life at the Plymouth Historical Museum with the newest exhibit, "The Fair That Changed America."

**Admission:** \$5 for adults; \$2 for children ages 6-17. Through Labor Day, active duty service men and women are admitted free to the museum, designated as a Blue Star Museum.

**Contact:** [www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org) or 734-455-8940

## SALINE ANTIQUES

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22 and Dec. 6

**Location:** Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor/Saline Road, Ann Arbor

**Details:** The Saline Antiques & Vintage Market is open. The event is pet-friendly, but pets must be leashed. The event continues rain or shine. Everything is under cover with food and refreshments.

**Cost:** Admission is \$6. Parking is free

**Contact:** [www.salineantiques-market.com](http://www.salineantiques-market.com). To become an exhibitor, contact Doug Supinger, manager, at 937-875-0808 or email [salinemarket@gmail.com](mailto:salinemarket@gmail.com)

## NEW FOOD PANTRY

**Time/Date:** 2-4 p.m. each Thursday

**Location:** Abundant Life Church of God, 21000 Hannan, Canton

**Details:** The church has opened a food pantry for individuals and families in need.

**Contact:** Church office, 734-722-7688

## MEETINGS CHANGED

**Time/Date:** 3-5 p.m. second Sunday of each month

**Location:** St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** PFLAG P-C is committed to advancing equality and societal acceptance of LGBT people through its threefold mission of support, education and advocacy.

## CANTON MARKET

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday

**Location:** Preservation Park on Ridge Road, Canton

**Details:** Canton Farmers Market now open

## PLYMOUTH MARKET

**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 30 (except Sept. 6)

**Location:** In and around The Gathering, downtown Plymouth

**Details:** Plymouth Farmers Market open

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## OUR VIEWS

# Collaboration: City, township right to join forces to offer permanent home for seniors

It's the kind of collaboration the public likes to see and, in this case, older adults of the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will be the beneficiaries as a plan moves ahead to develop a senior center with increased programming at the occasionally used Friendship Station on Schoolcraft Road.

What a great idea. True, there is already programming for seniors, but the programs have had a sort of nomadic life around the Plymouths. As Township Supervisor Shannon Price said: "I have a building over there that gets used on a limited basis. We're going to turn it into a real, true senior center."

Perfect. What's even better is that the city and township and the Plymouth Community Council on Aging are coming together to provide seniors a per-

manent home. The two local governments agreed last month to the purchase of a new van for the senior transportation program. The \$52,700 van will be paid for through grants from the Wilcox Foundation, the Plymouth Community United Way and the PCCA, as well as through \$5,675 from each community. It will take about six months for the van to be delivered.

There are some details to the plan that are underway, such as moving PCCA Director Bobbie Pummill's office from Plymouth City Hall to township hall by Friday and also to eventually have a small office at the Friendship Station. The township office will allow for additional space and privacy for family consultations. The township will follow the city's pattern of offering the space for free.

Another effort is moving the dispatch for the senior transportation program from the Plymouth Cultural Center to the Friendship Station.

It's exciting that Pummill has expectations to offer a daily senior center with activities such as health seminars, fitness classes and even Wii bowling. The use of the Plymouth Cultural Center isn't going away. Rather, it will continue to be used for some programming and larger events.

The collaboration to offer a permanent home for senior adult programming is a positive move and, just as important, the effort only serves to strengthen the ties between city and township and to improve the quality of life in the community.

# Library card is a cool tool for school

The new school year has started. Students arrived for the first day with plenty of pens, pencils, paper, notebooks and myriad other supplies needed to be successful.

But they may be missing another important school supply – a library card.

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

The month-long observance was launched in 1987 to meet the challenge of then-Secretary of Education William J. Bennett, who believed every child should have a library card and be able to use it. Since then, public libraries across the country have joined in the

national effort to make sure that happens.

According to the ALA, libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

Public libraries are considered an essential part of having an educated and literate population. In addition to print books and periodicals, most public libraries today have a wide array of other media, including audio books, e-books, CDs, cassettes, videotapes, DVDs and video games, as well as facilities to access the Internet and inter-library borrowing of items from other libraries.

Libraries provide other services, such as commu-

nity meeting rooms, storytelling sessions for infants, toddlers, preschool children or after-school programs. They have online programs for homework help and for parents and teachers and the always popular summer reading programs for children, teens and adults.

A library card is the key to a world of information. The first step in accessing that information is by getting a library card. It's easy and it's free. There are no hidden charges, no payment due every month for the resources it provides students to compete academically.

A library card is the smartest card you can have and one of the best tools for school.

## LETTERS

### Thanks to tradesmen

Friday, Sept. 18, is National Tradesmen Day. The Plymouth District Library board and staff want to give a big shout out to the tradesmen and women who have been working on the library repair project over these past six months and those who work on the library throughout the year. Your skills and hard work are greatly appreciated!

Thanks for all you do to help us keep the library a safe, attractive place for our community. All of these trades bring a strong work ethic and integrity to the job. Their work has resulted in a beautifully well maintained library for generations to come.

Carol Souchock  
director, Plymouth  
District Library

### Be cautious, alert

Pedestrians, beware. Drivers, be alert.

I have truly been enjoying riding my bikes on the trails in Canton, but am somewhat concerned about the amount of people who speed through the trail lights on Palmer and Cherry Hill even after they turn red.

Pedestrians, please make sure all traffic has stopped before stepping into the street, even if there is the walk signal. Drivers, if the light turns yellow, it means to stop if you have time, not speed up and try to make it. Once the light begins to blink red, you can proceed with caution if the pedestrians have crossed.

I do want to say thank you for all the courteous drivers who do pay attention and stop. Let's keep our trails and crossings safe.

Linda Svacha  
Canton

### Stipulation for refugees

The national and local media have been airing and writing

about the horde of refugees fleeing Syria and other countries. I have always connected the word refugee with old men, old women, children, the sick and disabled. However, seeing the pictures of these people, it is obvious that at least half are young men and women – the same age as the majority of the kids serving in our armed forces.

By running away, they have left behind their very countrymen, the warriors, who are continuing the fight against ISIS and like-minded groups.

It would seem only logical that the countries they are seeking asylum in should accept them with one stipulation – that every able-bodied man and woman would be trained, armed and sent back to the border to retake their country from the homicidal maniacs who sent them fleeing. If they refuse, bus them to the borders of Russia or China and see how they fare.

I imagine that I'll catch flack from extremists on both ends of the spectrum for that suggestion. The left, the ACLU and others will argue that you can't force these people to defend their own country. The right, led by John McCain and his war hawks, will argue President Obama must send our troops and use munitions supplied by our weapons manufacturers. After all, bombing the crap out of these murderers and having drones pick off their leaders isn't spending enough of the Pentagon budget.

To my detractors, I say remember Kid Rock's infamous three words during that Confederate flag controversy and take them as if they came from me.

James Huddleston  
Canton

## A community gathering



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Plymouth Fall Festival is the granddaddy of the city's events, one that appropriately draws the community together. And there's no ignoring the popularity of the chicken barbecue. Here, Brad Westfall holds the chicken rack as Jim Davison seasons the birds to perfection.

## GUEST COLUMN

# Uniting the country in challenging times

We live in challenging times.

With a 12-hour news cycle, the hashtag culture, pointed posts, treasonous tweets, poisonous videos, vitriolic political arguments and the demise of shame, America appears to be unraveling at the seams.

Indeed, there definitely appears to be a lessening of a common culture, the atomization of our place in our society, severe political polarization and the fracturing of common beliefs.

Perhaps one of the least recognized, and commensurately one of the most important, causes of this dangerous state of affairs is the demise of our civic calendar.

I struck upon this insight several years ago. Raised without a faith tradition, I became an adult convert to Catholicism. As a convert, I was required to learn about the liturgical calendar and the importance of annual holidays to renew the faith (such as Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Easter and Christmas).

All great religions



Michael  
Warren

GUEST  
COLUMNIST

have a liturgical calendar to halt the hustle and bustle of life and enable the faithful to renew their faith. They make us put first things first.

In a parallel fashion, America once had a vibrant civic calendar – Washington's Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Armistice Day – to renew our faith in America. They taught us the important things undergirding the United States – about courage, sacrifice, freedom, equality and our Constitution.

This understanding was deeply embraced by the Founding Fathers. John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that the anniversary of America's independence would be marked with joyful celebrations. He was right.

What is missing today is Adams' conjoined expectation that, "It ought to be commemorated as

the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized ..."

Over time, the civic holidays were stripped of their meaning and commercialized, empty excuses for appliance sales and three-day weekends.

I discussed this with my then 10-year-old daughter. Outraged, Leah pounded on the table and demanded we start a new celebration for America. Patriot Week was born.

With Patriot Week, we can remember what it is to be an American – what unites us – and what gives us common cause. These celebrations fight against the malaise affecting our country and the ignorance about what makes us free. They help heal our open wounds.

In particular, Patriot Week renews America's spirit by celebrating the first principles, Founding Fathers and other patriots, vital documents, speeches and flags that make America the greatest nation in world history. Anchored by the key dates of the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the anniversary of the signing of the

U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17 (Constitution Day), Patriot Week has captured the imagination and support of citizens across the nation. This is bipartisanship at its best.

This year's Patriot Week celebrations involved an amazing array of events in several states, including a unique Law Enforcement Appreciation Through Prayer, school trips to courts, constitutional debates, a Patriot Festival and more.

But this is not enough. Patriot Week is supported almost entirely by dedicated and very hard-working volunteers. We cannot continue or expand our effort without more volunteer help. With your aid, we can renew the spirit of America and save our common freedom. If we do not, our crisis will only deepen and America may be lost forever. Make the difference – join us!

Michael Warren is an Oakland County Circuit Court judge, co-Founder of Patriot Week and author of America's Survival Guide. For more information, go to [www.patriotweek.org](http://www.patriotweek.org).

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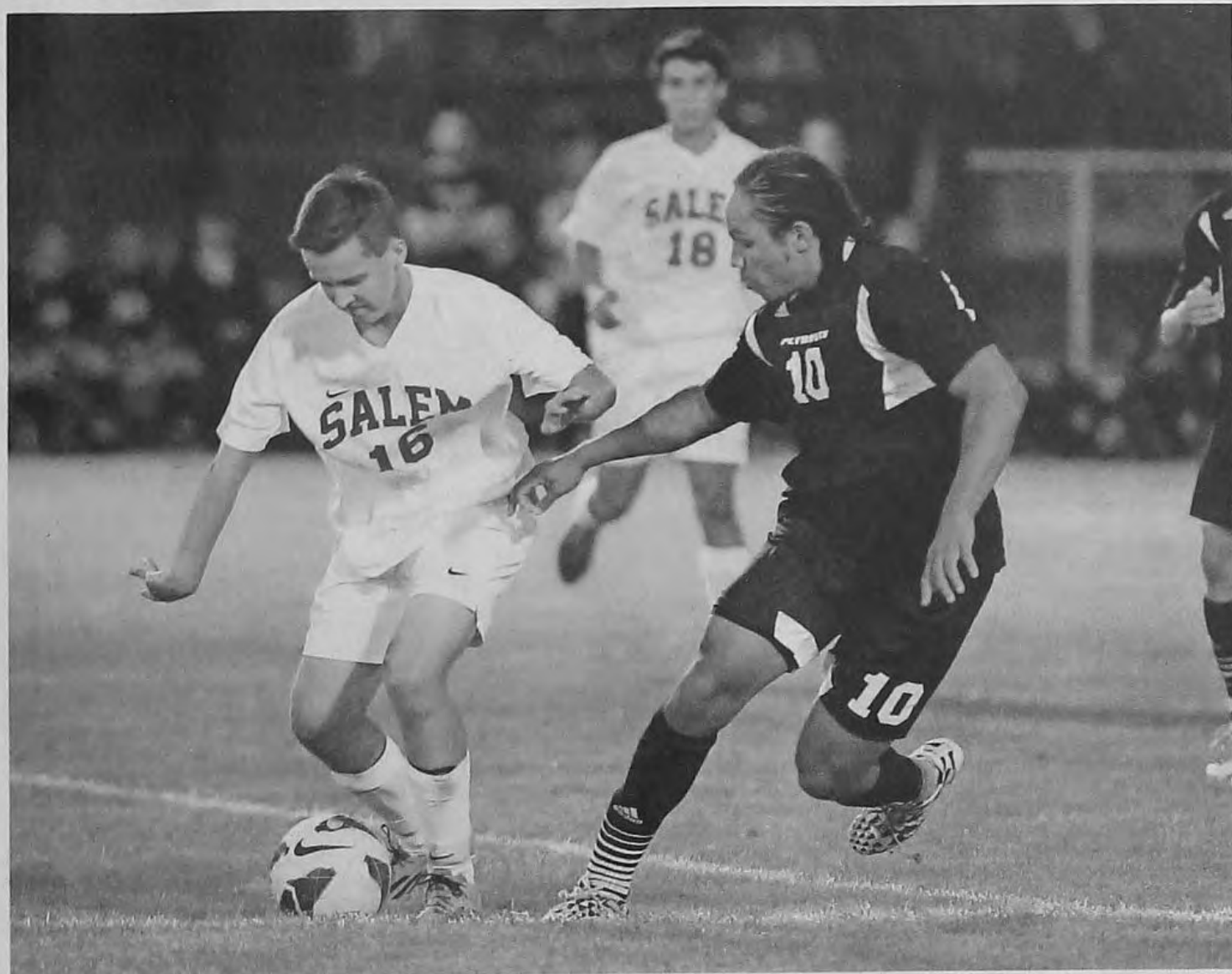
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## PREP BOYS SOCCER



Plymouth's Jayden Huxtable (right) puts pressure on Salem's Adam Hall during Monday night's varsity boys soccer match-up.

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## PREP BOYS TENNIS

Talent,  
work ethic  
spark  
WildcatsLu sets winning tone for  
division-leading PlymouthTim Smith  
Staff Writer

After Plymouth senior Jordan Lu polished off a victory at No. 1 singles Monday against Canton, he compared notes with some of his teammates.

For Lu and the Wildcats, there is no resting on laurels — even though he is the standout of standouts, on a varsity boys tennis team that coach Tom Kimball labels the best in school history.

"Jordan is just one of those kids you're only going to get once every 10 years," Kimball said. "He's just mastered every aspect of the game. He's playing with focus and with power and with touch. He has all the shots and he's just a leader for this team."

"He pushes the other players to improve their own game. We expect great things from him throughout the season."

So does Lu, who earned a 6-1, 6-0 win over Canton's Jacob Paton to kick-start Plymouth's 8-1 victory over the Chiefs.

"I give it all during my practices and, hopefully, my hard work pays off during my matches and it has recently," said Lu, whose only losses this season have been against Northville and Clarkston.

With the win, Plymouth improved to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA South Division, virtually clinching the title.

## Familiar foes

The campus rivals were facing each other for the second time in three days, having

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TIM SMITH

No. 1 singles standout Jordan Lu continues to lead the Wildcats.

A HEAD ABOVE  
EVERYONE ELSE

Late goal off a long toss enables Plymouth to nip Salem in hard-fought KLAA game

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Anytime there is a long throw-in or corner kick on the soccer pitch, chaos can ensue.

Monday night's playoff-like varsity boys soccer contest between Salem and Plymouth boiled down to such a sequence — the Wildcats found the back of the Rocks' net with just 1:30 remaining in the second half for a 1-0 victory.

Anthony Iacopelli hurled the ball from the right sideline in the Salem end of the Plymouth-Canton Educational



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

It's a footrace between Salem's Austin Siterlet (left) and Plymouth's Mike Blake.

Park varsity soccer stadium and it flew into the 18-yard box in front of Salem goalkeeper Karson Gregory.

Beating his man to the ball

was Plymouth standout forward Jayden Huxtable, who flicked it over to the left post, where teammate Dylan Dwyer beautifully headed it

into the goal.

"I just flicked it on. It was a great job by (Dwyer), it was great positioning," Huxtable said. "Everything was done well by this team. We had a great game. Just back of the head (by Dwyer) into the top corner."

## Just 'classic'

According to Salem head coach Scott Duhl, the deciding play was "classic high school stuff, long throws, you throw it in the box. It's no different than a corner kick or a free kick. Anybody can score on that stuff. It's good experience for our group; we need to be better in those moments."

Salem, the first-place team in the KLAA Central Division, fell to 7-3-1 overall with the loss.

"I don't know if it was

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## RAMBLIN' ROCK INVITATIONAL

## Salem squad answering some questions

Rocks' Jeffress fifth at 16-team invitational, others stepping up

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Salem senior Chaz Jeffress is an unquestioned cross country standout, a Division 1 all-state runner who typically sets the pace on the trail.

For Steve Aspinall, head coach of the Rocks varsity

boys cross country team, the "question marks" are determining who else on the roster can rise up to that lofty level. At Saturday's second annual Ramblin' Rock Invitational, held at Willow Metropark in New Boston, Aspinall found some answers.

As usual, Jeffress led the Salem pack, finishing fifth overall with a time of 16 minutes, 18 seconds. He spearheaded Salem to a third-place team finish (131 points), trailing only Novi (38) and Harland (105) atop the 16-team

field.

"It was a good controlled effort from him and he will look to break 16 minutes soon," Aspinall said. "After Chaz, we had a bunch of question marks and guys ran some great races."

Look no further than sophomore Ryan Exell, junior Alex Kroll and sophomore Andrew Beyer in terms of other Salem runners who ran lifetime best times Saturday. Exell finished 20th with 17:15; Kroll's 17:30

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Leading the pack around the corner during the Ramblin' Rock Invitational is Salem's Chaz Jeffress.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

GETTING UP TO SPEED

Canton alum Schmidt helps Lady Ocelots kick it up a gear in 4-0 win

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Now in her second season on the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team, Canton High School alum Kelly Schmidt loves the college game.

"The speed of play is a lot faster, the competition's better," Schmidt said following the Lady Ocelots' 4-0 win Saturday against Lake Michigan College. "They all know how to move the ball better. It's just a faster, more competitive game."

"And, oh yeah, it makes you better as a player and makes you want to work harder to get better."

The 5-foot-6 Schmidt — who started the season at midfield, but is now playing right defense — played 78 minutes Saturday and was part of a lock-down defense that did not require goalkeepers Katie Dangelmaier (Brighton) and Rebekah Mathers (Waterford Mott) to make a single stop.

Conversely, a consistent attack directed 34 shots in the direction of Lake Michigan goalkeeper Christy Gonzalez. She played a strong game in a losing effort, making 19 saves.

Still freelancing

"I really like it," Schmidt said about the move to the back. "I feel like, even though I'm labeled as a defender, I still have the option to go and move and make my



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Looking to throw the ball into play is Kelly Schmidt.

plays up (the pitch) like I can as a midfielder.

"My coach, that's what he told me to do when he first put me on defense."

That coach, Dave Carver, was not on hand for Schoolcraft's victory over Lake Michigan due to a personal commitment.

Taking over the reins as the Lady Ocelots improved to 4-0-0 overall and 3-0-0 in Michigan Community College Athletic Association Region 12 was assistant coach Mark Forrester. Lake Michigan dropped to 2-3-0 and 1-3-0 in the MCCA.

"I thought the girls were fantastic," Forrester said. "We come in up 1-0 at halftime, with the way the wind was I thought we carried the game against the wind. And in the second half, we were absolutely dominant when we had that wind in our favor."

"On another day, we might have had a couple more. I thought their goalie was fantastic; she made some great saves and I thought we played really well."

Schoolcraft broke a scoreless tie with 6:12 to go in the first half, when Katie Vitelia scored off an assist from Samantha Alatto (Rochester).

Breaking it wide open with three goals in the first seven minutes of the second half were Emily Bondy, Vitelia and Cynthia Konan.

Depth is a key factor in Schoolcraft's strong start, Forrester said.

"We've got a lot of strength in depth," Forrester said. "We've got a strong squad. We have these girls who don't start the game that can go on and be as good if not better than the ones who start the game."

"There's that competition on a daily basis in



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Dribbling the ball up the pitch during Saturday's game is Schoolcraft's Kelly Schmidt, a Canton graduate.

training and they push each other. We've seen some good results from what we do on the training field."

Local ties help

Schmidt, meanwhile, likes that there are other players who hail from the metro area.

Also from the Park is sophomore goalkeeper Aly Mann (Salem), with other former KLAA play-

ers such as Dangelmaier, freshman midfielder Alex Delflorio (Livonia Stevenson), freshman forward Devon Powers (Novi), sophomore midfielder Emily Mulcahy (Stevenson), sophomore defender Maddie Cook (South Lyon East) and sophomore defender Erin McDonald (Livonia Churchill) on the squad.

"When you go to a new team, it's a scary thing,"

Schmidt said. "It's nice to know people on the team already."

Other area players include freshman defender Megan Schulz (Farmington) and freshman midfielder Youssef Barakat (Huron Valley Lutheran).

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COLLEGE SOCCER

Ocelots keep cruising, win 6-1

Schoolcraft men's team keeps demonstrating creative flair, unselfish play

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team is ranked at or near the top of the national polls for a reason — the Ocelots have players good and creative enough to tie opponents into knots.

Saturday afternoon, Schoolcraft victimized winless Lake Michigan College 6-1 to improve to 4-0-1 overall and 2-0-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

The Ocelots had enough in the tank despite traveling to and from rain-soaked Ohio for Friday's 6-0 victory over Cuyahoga Community College.

"The finality of it all, with finishing our chances, we're still growing and maturing in those moments," veteran Schoolcraft coach Rick Larson said. "But in the most part, we're really doing a great job in the buildup and the disguise and the deception and all the things you want from a team that understands how to move the ball as a unit."

Larson pointed to a goal scored in the second half by forward David Tetaj as an example of the multi-faceted players that enrich his roster.

"David Tetaj, the forward, even though he scored the fifth goal today, he just really softens up defenses with his



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Pointing to the crowd after a goal earlier this season is Schoolcraft's Leopoldo Arevalo. He scored again Saturday against Lake Michigan.

pace and his skill and it allows other people to play," Larson said. "You know, like Jon (Quintana) and Victor (Contreras) and Connor (Rutz) and Billy (Werthman of Livonia), the true mark of a great player is making your teammates better."

"We have a lot of contributions that way."

Werthman, a Livonia Stevenson product, scored about six minutes into the second half to answer Lake Michigan's lone goal late in the first half, which ended with the Ocelots up 2-1.

Tetaj then converted a pass from Contreras in the 55th minute and Schoolcraft tacked on two more goals, from Jeff Drzyzga and Leopoldo Arevalo (from Werthman).

Scoring the game's first two goals were Schoolcraft's Ian Walker

and Quintana.

The Ocelots outshot Lake Michigan by a 22-5 margin, making it a relatively easy afternoon for Schoolcraft goalies Andres Hernandez and Youssef Barakat.

According to Larson, the unselfish nature of his players is a key reason why the team continues to go medal to the pedal. He cited Walker as a prime example.

"Ian came to me early and said he would do whatever the team needed him to do to fill a role," Larson said. "He's filled that role at center-back and he's been absolutely fantastic. He actually broke the 0-0 tie with that header off the corner kick."

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TENNIS

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taken part in Saturday's Wildcat Invitational. Plymouth captured the four-team match-up.

"We're happy with this result. Canton has a good team and they always have," Kimball said. "When it comes to battling for the division title, this is always a pivotal match for our division. We're happy to be where we're at today."

"We had a tournament, the Wildcat Invitational, on Saturday. Salem was there, Canton was there, Walled Lake Central. We had five varsity players out taking the ACT and we still managed to find a way to win enough matches and enough points to win the tournament. So we came in today kind of confident, having already seen Canton in the past couple days."

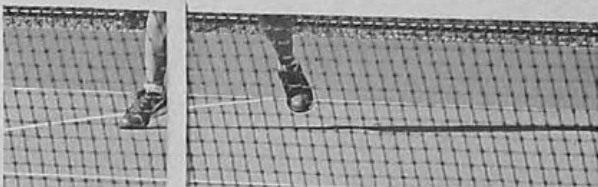
Although Lu drives the Plymouth bus, there is a roster full of other players with loads of talent.

That includes the rest of the singles lineup: junior Matt Decker at No. 2, senior Kevin Hou at No. 3 and junior Devan Patel at No. 4. All won their flights Monday in two sets.

"They complement him perfectly," Kimball said.

Among other Plymouth victories Monday was a 6-2, 6-3 win at No. 1 doubles by juniors Justin Kapke-Yogesh Mohanraj.

"They play a powerful, smart, aggressive game of doubles," Kimball said. "They're coachable and keep making adjustments. They can hang with the tough teams we're going to go against when we



PLYMOUTH ATHLETICS

Returning a shot Monday is Plymouth's No. 3 singles player, Kevin Hou.

start our crossovers."

Kimball said Kapke and Mohanraj are working hard at "kind of creating movement and being unpredictable. Not just playing the same kind of style or strategy point after point. It's paying off."

Bright spots

Canton head coach Barb Lehmann — whose team has not been able to get many matches in due to rain — also pointed to plenty of positives despite the final outcome Monday. The Chiefs' lone victory was collected by the No. 3 doubles tandem of Vikram Vedipudi and Nick Huang.

"We played them (Wildcats) on Saturday, had some great matches on Saturday," Lehmann said. "To come back and play them again today, I'm happy with it. I think in another week, it could be a different story, because I think we're a much closer team competitively than this score shows."

Lehmann said Paton had flashes of brilliance

in his loss to Lu.

"He's only a sophomore, so he's young. First time playing that high in the singles lineup," Lehmann said. "He played doubles last year. He's worked hard in the off-season and put himself out there to stretch his own game, it's been nice."

She also said it has been a plus seeing how well the Nos. 2 and 3 doubles teams have progressed. Both units feature a veteran and a newcomer.

At No. 2 doubles is senior co-captain Joey Mosca and freshman Kurt Siefert.

PLYMOUTH 8, CANTON 1  
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**No. 1 singles:** Jordan Lu (P) defeated Jacob Paton, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Matt Decker (P) def. Matthew Mukhtar, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 3:** Kevin Hou (P) def. Sri Narayanan, 6-0, 7-6; **No. 4:** Devan Patel (P) def. Howard Zhang, 6-4, 6-1.

**No. 1 doubles:** Justin Kapke-Yogesh Mohanraj (P) def. Geet Antani-Vishal Nayak, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 2:** Ramana Ramana-Nathan-Tsang (P) def. Joey Mosca-Kurt Siefert, 6-7, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 3:** Vikram Vedipudi-Nick Huang (C) def. Evan Kopp-David Grant, 5-7, 7-5 (5); **No. 4:** Anoop Kothia-Sam Tufts (P) def. Jack Mukhtar-Richard Lings, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 5:** Haroon Zahoor-Parth Patel (P) def. Ben Samoy-Patrick McDougall, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6.

**Dual match records:** Plymouth, 4-1 overall, 3-0 KLAA South; Canton, 1-2 overall, 1-1 KLAA South.

PREP GIRLS GOLF

Wildcats get past Chiefs in KLAA South Division match-up

Plymouth undefeated in division play after win over Canton

Plymouth bested Canton, 156-193, Tuesday in a KLAA South Division varsity girls golf match at Fox Hills.

The Wildcats (5-0) were led by medalist Alaina Strzalka, who

tallied even-par 35. Ariana Strzalka scored 39, with Katie Chipman and Erin Johnson each registering 41. Rounding out the Plymouth lineup were Rachel Kristian (42) and Heather Muir

(45).

For the Chiefs (3-2), Meghan Meredith and Madelyn Mans each recorded 47. Finishing with 49 was Nicole Dawson, while other finishers were Molly Mundorf

(50), Avery Ralston and Manasa Potluri (55 each).

Canton 14th

Canton finished 14th out of 20 teams at the recent Farmington Invitational held at Glen Oaks Golf Club.

Victorious with a tally of 306 strokes was Troy,

followed by South Lyon (311).

The Chiefs registered a team score of 386 on the par-70 course, with top performances from Nicole Dawson (94), Meghan Meredith (97), Avery Ralston (97), Manasa Potluri (98) and Lauren Luyet (110).

SOUTH LYON 175  
SALEM 190

**Sept. 8 at Cattails G.C.**  
**South Lyon scorers:** Elizabeth Harding, 2-over 38 (medalist), Priscilla Harding, 39 (eagle on first hole); Lucy Dinsmore, 48; Sophie Yergin, 50; Mya Price, 58; Sarah Ash, 59.

**Salem scorers:** Darby Scott, 43; Kiley Flynn, 45; Hope Warkoczski, 46; Grace Grelak, 56; Genevieve St. Jean, 57; Hannah Saad, 61.

**Dual match records:** South Lyon, 7-1 overall, 3-0 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA Central.



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

# Rocks, 'Cats show promise at invites

Salem second at Ramblin' Rock; Plymouth sixth at Woodhaven

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Top 10 finishes by Kayla Hughes and Madison Justice sparked Salem's varsity girls cross country team to a second-place showing at Saturday's Ramblin' Rock Invitational, held at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

The Rocks came in second out of 13 teams with 64 points, trailing victorious Brighton (31). Finishing third with 97 points was Livonia Churchill, while Canton took sixth (179).

Hughes clocked in ninth with a time of 19 minutes, 52 seconds, while teammate Justice finished 10th (19:55).

Other Salem finishers were Erin McCann (13th, 20:10), Gabrielle Mancini (15th, 20:18), Sierra Bowden (17th, 20:26), Hannah Jeffress (28th, 20:50), Kayla DelaCruz (31st, 20:58), Shea Wilson (38th, 21:31), Brianna Essien (48th, 21:55) and Jessica Hughes (50th, 22:06).

Overall medalist was Livonia Franklin's Natalie Douglas, who finished in 19:00.

Canton's top performers included Anna Nagelhout (20th, 20:30), Mary Galm (32nd, 20:59), Kate Cotham (33rd, 21:11), Samantha McGraff (42nd, 21:44), Elise McIntee (70th, 23:15), Sydney Keyes (76th, 23:37), Emi-

ly Brewer (80th, 23:46), Shikha Advani (81st, 23:46), Shilpa Pindolia (95th, 24:44) and Alyssa Ewell (105th, 25:49).

Plymouth sixth

Coming in sixth out of 18 teams at the Woodhaven Warrior Cross Country Classic was Plymouth's varsity girls cross country team.

Wildcats head coach Alice Ahearn said it was a "great start" to the season to hang with some powerhouse programs such as first-place Wyandotte, runner-up Saline and third-place Woodhaven.

The top individual for Plymouth was Annie Bonds, who finished ninth overall with a time of 20 minutes, 37 seconds.

Madelyn Rush (39th, 22:17) and Arwa Hararwala (44th, 22:25) also ran well for Plymouth.

Other strong performances were turned in by Charlotte Clark (56th, 22:42), Claire Curvin (60th, 22:53), Marianne DeBrito (62nd, 22:59) and Olivia Schafer (63rd, 23:02).

First-year runners Gwen Carey and Allison Beshears, both seniors, also had solid times of 23:46 and 23:48.

"Overall, I was pleased with the result," Ahearn said. "We still need to work on closing the gap between our top runners, but that will come with time and a bit more work. The girls should be proud of this first invitational."

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Girls kick off Saturday's Ramblin' Rock Invitational at Willow Metropark.

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## SALEM

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was good for 30th and Beyer chimed in with a mark of 17:32 (32nd place).

"These three put in serious work this summer and that showed on Saturday," Aspinall said.

Other Salem runners were senior Griffin Skaff (17:58), senior Gino Persicone (18:16) and freshman Luke Haran (18:19).

The only performers to outpace Jeffress were overall medalist Tony Floyd of Livonia Franklin (15:55), Novi's Joost Plaetinck (15:59),

Hartland's Josh Nickerson (16:14) and Walled Lake Western's Jack Bleibtrey (16:16).

Other varsity runners for the Rocks were freshman Luke Jakubik (18:19), junior Alex Lindsay (18:30) and freshman Shane McKimmy (18:31).

Aspinall and the Rocks are looking to build from the weekend success with a dual meet this week against Novi, followed by Friday's Spartan Invitational at Michigan State University.

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One of Salem's consistent performers at the Ramblin' Rock Invitational was Alex Kroll.

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PREP BOYS SOCCER

# PCA squad flying high

Eagles off to 6-0-1 start with well-rounded play

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Everything seemingly is clicking early this season for Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys soccer team.

The Eagles defeated Oakland Christian, 3-1, Saturday to improve to 6-0-1.

Getting things started just four minutes into the MIAC contest was Nevin Ruiter-Diaz, cleaning up a rebound and depositing the ball into the net. Assisting were Brian Schlientz and Ethan Willis.

PCA made it 2-0 one minute later, thanks to the lethal Willis-to-Ruiter-Diaz combo, then Luke Yakuber scored in the second half when he snatched the ball and dribbled in for the score.

Oakland Christian's lone goal came early in the second half on a penalty kick.

"After their goal, Oakland pressed harder with long balls for quick breaks to their forwards," Eagles head coach Kris Warnemuende said. "Most of these challenges were disarmed by Ben Fuller,

who played a fabulous game controlling (the) defense."

When he was needed, PCA goalkeeper Nick Andres (nine saves) was ready.

"Two times they were able to break free for one one one with the keeper, but Nick saved both with great slides," Warnemuende said. "Nick also saved a fantastic shot from Logan Johns from inside the 18-yard box."

PCA (6-0-1) is ranked No. 3 in Division 4 and is first in the MIAC.

Next up is a home game at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22 against Southfield Christian, followed by a road match-up Sept. 24 against Ann Arbor Greenhills.

"They are a very strong team ranked right behind us in the state at No. 4," Warnemuende said about Greenhills.

**PCA 4, ROEPER 0:** The Eagles blanked Bloomfield Hills Roepers on Sept. 10 on two goals from Mathew Cusumano and single ones by Kent Mickelson and Keith Brown. Two of the goals were assisted by Austin Andres.

**PCA 4, INTER-CITY BAPTIST 4:** PCA tied Allen Park Inter-City Baptist on Sept. 8. Austin Andres sparked the attack with three goals, while Ethan Willis scored the fourth. Goalkeeper Nick Andres had 14 saves for the Eagles.

## SOCCER

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about being open," Duhl said. "They went to the ball and we kind of froze and thought we were going to win the ball."

"It deflected and then they scored on the rebound. Guys just didn't collapse, they didn't go to the ball, simple as that. We stood around while they went and won the game."

Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said it was "a game that could have gone either way; hard-fought game by both teams."

The Wildcats improved to 6-1-0 overall, according to the KLAA website.

Big stops

Neschich noted a spectacular stop by his goalkeeper, Damon Favero, that kept the KLAA Kensington Conference crossover game scoreless long enough for his team to earn the victory.

With about seven minutes to play, dangerous Salem forward Nick Massey cut in tight from the left side of the box and ripped a shot that Favero was able to jump up enough to get a hand on.

The ball glanced off the crossbar and the Rocks tried to punch in the rebound, only to be denied by Favero and his defense.

"Huge save. They had about three opportunities in a row to score there," Neschich said.

Also coming up big in



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Showing some serious hops to deflect a Plymouth shot over the net is Salem goalkeeper Karson Gregory. Among other players pictured is Rocks midfielder Max Kummer (No. 17) and Plymouth forwards Mike Blake (No. 7) and Keaton Hegarty (No. 15).

goal was Gregory, particularly on Huxtable's free kick from about 30 yards out with 4:40 to play.

Huxtable's laser beam of a shot was ticketed for the top-left corner, but Gregory dove to his right and batted the ball aside.

A factor for the Wildcats emerging victorious was shadowing Salem's speedy offensive threats such as Massey and Max Kummer.

Defensive clinic

"Nick's a really smart player, I play with him during club," Plymouth center-back Van Nguyen said. "Just keeping him in front, I just don't let

*"They (Rocks) didn't go to the ball, simple as that. We stood around while they went and won the game."*

SCOTT DUHL, Salem coach

him get past you because he's got speed. Just got to contain him.

"We're working together, staying connected, our mids did good work checking back, keeping the ball in front."

Neschich pointed to the job Nguyen and Andrew Liakos did in the back as instrumental in holding Salem off the scoreboard.

"I think our two center-backs did a great job, Andrew Liakos and Van Nguyen," Neschich said. "Our outside-backs put initial pressure on them, but I think those guys cleaned up for the outside-backs."

Kummer said it was frustrating to lose on a late goal.

"I thought we played hard, we just couldn't connect as a team very well," Kummer said. "We fought hard through the

game, we just couldn't close it out."

Thrilled with how his team did just that was Huxtable, who brings a lethal combo of speed and power to the field.

"We've done it more than once," Huxtable said about how the Wildcats came through in the clutch. "Against Brighton, we scored with five minutes left in the game. We were down a man the whole game."

"We just like to persevere through it. That's what I love the team for doing."

**MICHIGAN SHOWCASE:** Canton finished 1-1-1 Saturday at the Michigan Showcase, held at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

The Chiefs bested Warren DeLaSalle 3-2 and tied Ann Arbor Skyline (1-1) before losing 1-0 to Clarkston in the finals.

Against DeLaSalle, Jimmy Walkinshaw collected a goal and an assist, while Luke Kuril and Hunter Olson also scored. The team received an assist from Josh Posuniak and strong midfield play by Ryan O'Meara and Jason Ren. In goal was David McGraph.

Canton tied Skyline thanks to Caleb Moraw's goal, assisted by Avery Olson, as well as defensive work from Matt Rockafellow, Jordan Percy, Beau Hoffman and Trevor Turko. In goal was Steven Paige.

In the final, the loss didn't deter from Paige's goalkeeping and defensive efforts by Rockafellow, Hoffman, Matt Tenglin and Percy.

**PLYMOUTH 10, WAYNE 0:** The Wildcats (7-1-0) merited Wayne Memorial thanks to a 10-goal blitz in the first half Tuesday.

Scoring two of those goals was Keaton Hegarty, with Dylan Dwyer chipping in one goal and two assists.

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## OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

ALL GAMES 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

Friday, Sept. 18

North Farmington (1-1, 2-1) at Southfield (2-0, 2-1), 5:30 p.m.

Birmingham Seaholm (1-1, 1-2) at Farm. Harrison (2-0, 2-1)

Farmington (1-1, 2-1) at Rochester Adams (1-1, 2-1)

Canton (1-0, 3-0) at Wayne Memorial (0-1, 0-3)

Livonia Churchill (1-0, 2-1) at Plymouth (1-0, 2-1)

Salem (1-0, 2-1) at Novi (0-1, 0-3)

Livonia Stevenson (1-0, 3-0) at South Lyon East (0-1, 0-3)

Westland John Glenn (0-1, 0-3) at Liv. Franklin (0-1, 1-2)

Livonia Clarenceville (1-0, 1-2) at Romulus (1-0, 2-1)

Dearborn Fordson (0-1, 1-2) at Garden City (0-1, 1-2)

Redford Thurston (1-0, 2-1) at D.H. Robichaud (1-0, 3-0)

Redford Union (0-1, 1-2) at Belleville (1-0, 2-1)

Lutheran Westland (1-0, 1-2) at Lutheran Northwest (0-1, 1-2)

Last week's record

Overall record

Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
Southfield	Southfield	Southfield
Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Adams	Adams	Adams
Canton	Canton	Canton
Plymouth	Churchill	Plymouth
Salem	Salem	Salem
Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
Franklin	Franklin	Franklin
Romulus	Romulus	Clarenceville
Fordson	Fordson	Garden City
Robichaud	Robichaud	Robichaud
Belleville	Belleville	Belleville
Northwest	Northwest	Luth. Westland
11-1	10-2	10-2
31-11	31-11	27-15





Commercial real estate is seeing improvements, according to the National Association of Realtors and the current president of Commercial Real Estate Women Detroit.

## Industry survey: Real estate pros see growth, profits in future

Real estate firms are confident in the industry's future growth and their increasing profitability, according to the 2015 National Association of Realtors *Profile of Real Estate Firms*.

"A majority of firms have a positive view of the future, with 95% of all firms expecting their net income to either increase or stay the same in the next year," said NAR President Chris Polychron, executive broker with 1st Choice Realty in Hot Springs, Ark. He cited job growth and other factors.

That's true in metro Detroit as well, said Sheila Suppes, 2015 president of Commercial Real Estate Women Detroit. Suppes said in an email, "All sectors of commercial real estate have been busy across metro Detroit," citing "tenant improvement, retail, and medical."

The annual survey found that commercial firms are the most optimistic, with 75% expecting net income to increase, and 22% anticipating it to stay the same. Residential firms are only slightly less optimistic; 69% report that they expect to see an increase in their net income next year, 25% expect it to stay the same, and 6% predict a decrease. Only 3% of commercial firms predict a decrease in net income in the next year. Suppes, when asked about

impact of downtown Detroit and Midtown growth, noted "Detroit and Midtown are both exciting areas to keep an eye on in the upcoming years. Businesses continue to move downtown, including national retail. With the new arena and the transformation of the Woodward corridor it is getting harder to find qualified subcontractors that are not already at capacity with their workload."

"I encourage anyone who has not visited Detroit in the last year to take another look at the city. It is amazing to see all the renovations that have occurred and the amount of people walking along the corridor excited to be in Detroit," she added.

Suppes is a licensed Realtor who began her career in residential new construction. She began working in the commercial construction industry for almost eight years doing business development for Sachse Construction and currently for Bouma Construction. A graduate of Central Michigan University, she has a degree in graphic design with a minor in advertising. She's been a member of CREW Detroit for eight years.

The NAR found the typical residential firm has been operating for a median of 13 years, and the typical commercial firm has been in busi-

ness for 20 years. The average firm, 79%, has one office and two full-time real estate licensees, while 9% of firms are larger with four or more offices and have a median of 125 full-time licensees.

In 2014, a typical residential real estate firm's brokerage sales volume was \$5.6 million, and the typical commercial real estate firm's brokerage sales volume was \$4.4 million. The size of a firm has a large impact on its sales volume; firms with only one office had a median brokerage sales volume of \$4.1 million in 2014, while those with four or more offices had a median brokerage sales volume of \$250 million.

According to the survey, 82% of firms specialize in residential brokerage, making it by far the most popular specialization. Residential property management follows at 7%, and commercial brokerage comes in third at 4%.

When asked to name the biggest challenge facing their firms in the next two years, 51% of firms named profitability. The second most common responses, at 46% each, were keeping up with technology and maintaining sufficient property inventory.

Firms were also asked to predict the effect of the different generations of home buyers on the industry for the next two years. The most

common concern named, at 54%, was the millennial generation's inability to buy a home because of stagnant wage growth, a slow job market and their debt-to-income ratios. This was followed by baby boomer agents retiring from the real estate industry, and, conversely, the recruitment of millennials and Gen Xers into the real estate profession.

Forty-five% of firms expect competition to increase over the next year (from mid-2015 to mid-2016) from nontraditional market participants, while 41% expect to see increased competition from virtual firms. Only 16% expect increased competition from traditional brick-and-mortar firms.

However, these concerns are not preventing firms from growing. Also, 45% of firms are actively recruiting new agents, with 88% citing business growth as their primary reason for hiring new agents.

The 2015 NAR *Profile of Real Estate Firms* was based on an online survey sent in July of this year to a national sample of 138,669 executives at real estate firms. This generated 4,555 useable responses with a response rate of 3.3%.

Staff writer Julie Brown and the NAR website contributed to this report.

## Rein in rogue board member now

**Q: I am on a board where one person on the board, the president, is given unfettered discretion to make all decisions. That person is, in essence, a dictator and the other directors refuse to do anything about it. What can I do?**

A: Corporate law and, no doubt, your community association documents provide that a decision of the board must be made by a majority of the board members. The presumption is that all board members participate in that decision, and it would be irresponsible for board members to abdicate their roles or responsibilities to one board member irrespective of whether that person is an officer or not. Board members who follow the lead and do not, in any way, participate in the decision making process are breaching their fiduciary duties. Demand that the board change its position or get a lawyer to consider bringing a derivative action against the Board of Directors on behalf of the association.

**Q: I am a board member of a condominium association where our association sustained substantial fire losses as a result of the negligence of an owner. Although the damage, including the deductible, was covered by various insurance policies, the association is now faced with a substantial premium increase. The Condominium Declaration contained a provision stating that an owner is liable to the association for any increase in the insurance premium caused by that owner's "use and occupancy of the unit." The declaration also otherwise contains the usual waivers between owners and association for damage to units and the common elements to the extent such damage is covered by insurance. What do you think we have a right to do?**

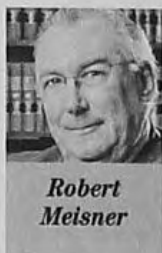
A: If there is a fire in a unit which is exacerbated by the owner's failure to replace the battery in the smoke detector, by way of example, and the insurance premiums increase, then the owner should not be responsible for the increase. On the other hand, if the co-owner undertakes risky behavior such producing meth or explosives, (or more likely some other risky but legal activity), then the owner clearly should pay the increase, but legal counsel should be obtained to confirm this conclusion.

**Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.**

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Community Associations

The Meisner Law Group, P.C., will have attorney Robert M. Meisner conduct a four-week course Tuesdays from Oct. 6-27, 7-9 p.m., covering Introduction to Successful Community Association Operation. This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers and association members living in or working with a condominium, subdivision, cooperative, or community association. Course discussion includes the new 2015 amendments to the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act. Cost is \$95 (\$85 per person when two or more enroll from the same organization). For registration information, contact 248-644-4433 or 800-470-4433, via email at bmeisner@meisner-law.com, or visit the seminar page on Meisner-law.com.



Robert Meisner

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 27 to May 1, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>BEVERLY HILLS</b>	
18105 Birwood Ave	\$250,000
20135 Cobblestone Ct	\$440,000
17130 Dunblaine Ave	\$283,000
31021 Old Stage Rd	\$380,000
19710 W 13 Mile Rd # 205	\$161,000
31632 Waltham Dr	\$415,000
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	
364 Baldwin Rd	\$483,000
1965 Bradford Rd	\$244,000
1671 Cole St	\$200,000
2414 Dorchester Rd	\$881,000
2512 Dorchester Rd	\$370,000
1253 E Lincoln St	\$435,000
1452 Henrietta St	\$388,000
1352 Holland St	\$188,000
820 Humphrey Ave	\$590,000
437 Linden Rd	\$1,720,000
1051 N Old Woodward Ave	\$224,000
1564 Penistone St	\$209,000
1340 Puritan Ave	\$782,000
1351 Ruffner Ave	\$640,000
1905 Shipman Blvd	\$748,000
1678 Yosemite Blvd	\$377,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>	
1190 Kemper Ave	\$90,000
1820 Marie Cir	\$270,000

### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2639 Brady Dr	\$220,000
1583 Clarendon Rd	\$1,055,000
756 E Fox Hills Dr	\$60,000
780 E Fox Hills Dr	\$60,000
468 Fox Hills Dr S # A-1	\$78,000
5623 Raven Ct	\$376,000
355 S Cranbrook Cross Rd	\$402,000
931 S Shady Hollow Cir	\$418,000
628 S Spinningswheel Ln	\$271,000
4113 Telegraph Rd # A-214	\$91,000
1060 Trailwood Path	\$162,000
260 Woodwind Dr	\$173,000
3896 Top View Ct	\$435,000
2750 Turtle Bluff Dr	\$700,000
1710 Ward Rd	\$135,000
3650 Tuckahoe Rd	\$565,000

### COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

2077 Applebrook Dr	\$350,000
8435 Buffalo Dr	\$168,000
9231 Commerce Rd	\$150,000
8457 Lagoon St	\$258,000
8265 Lake Pine Dr	\$290,000
3273 Mandrake St	\$174,000
3273 Mandrake St	\$15,000
4951 Oakwood Ct	\$420,000
5253 Riverwalk Trl	\$290,000
3130 Royal Blvd	\$113,000
5222 Sandfield Dr	\$400,000
5863 Strawberry Cir	\$75,000

### FARMINGTON

31841 Lamar Dr	\$145,000
33119 Orchard St	\$80,000
23247 Prospect Ave	\$143,000

### FARMINGTON HILLS

25700 Blue Creek Ct	\$255,000
35320 Blue Spruce Dr	\$220,000
37266 Brentwood Cir	\$147,000
38936 Country Cir	\$114,000
33950 Edna St	\$40,000
36379 Fredericksburg Rd	\$216,000
36812 Kenmore Dr	\$400,000
30280 Kingsway Dr	\$359,000
29446 N Meadowridge	\$141,000
25325 Rutledge Xing	\$362,000
28205 Statler Ln	\$220,000
30448 Sunderland Dr	\$230,000
24121 Tana Ct	\$158,000
30074 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 117	\$45,000
28455 Wellington St	\$280,000
<b>HIGHLAND</b>	
2527 Foxgrove Ct	\$259,000
5666 Jada Dr	\$275,000
3238 Lakeview Dr	\$295,000
<b>MILFORD</b>	
2987 Shirley St	\$184,000
2952 Stone Meadow Dr	\$666,000
376 Stone Wood Ct	\$355,000
617 Village Ln	\$125,000
2605 W Commerce Rd	\$175,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
21112 E Glen Haven Cir	\$103,000
21309 E Glen Haven Cir	\$150,000
22375 Innsbrook Dr	\$269,000
<b>NOVI</b>	
24491 Bashian Dr	\$128,000
47539 Beckenham Blvd	\$570,000
22736 Bertram Dr	\$413,000
47313 Butler Ln	\$252,000
41474 Cornell Dr	\$165,000

22704 Cortes St	\$95,000
1313 E Lake Dr	\$229,000
44658 Ellery Ln	\$237,000
44875 Huntingcross Dr	\$340,000
27009 Ladbroke St	\$347,000
27999 Middleton Dr	\$234,000
24564 Park Ridge Ct	\$228,000
41325 Singh Blvd	\$237,000
1127 South Lake Dr Unit 110	\$50,000
22616 Summer Ln	\$530,000
24710 Terra Del Mar Dr	\$700,000
<b>SOUTH LYON</b>	
23586 Stoneleigh Dr	\$399,000
23640 Stoneleigh Dr	\$467,000
53627 Valleywood Dr	\$309,000
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>	
27685 Arlington Dr	\$145,000
27080 Bell Rd	\$150,000
29206 E Chanticleer Dr	\$180,000
27155 Fairfax St	\$118,000
20970 Glenmorra St	\$155,000
28720 Inkster Rd	\$100,000
15920 New Hampshire St	\$120,000
17239 New Jersey St	\$175,000
29863 Spring Hill Dr	\$115,000
28031 W Kalong Cir	\$165,000
24100 Wildbrook Ct #101	\$78,000

<b>WHITE LAKE</b>	
10185 Lakeside Dr	\$425,000
10295 Northridge Ct	\$35,000
10342 Riverwood Ct	\$55,000
9215 Southeastern St	\$109,000
9195 Twin Lakes Ct	\$233,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 18-22, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>CANTON</b>	
7416 Andover Dr	\$505,000
6852 Bunkerhill Ln	\$200,000
45440 Embassy Ct	\$260,000
47179 Glenhurst Dr	\$314,000
50319 Grant St	\$405,000
49131 Hawksbury Rd	\$192,000
45193 Horseshoe Cir	\$159,000
3870 Hunters Way Ct	\$113,000
536 Meadowlake Rd	\$201,000
45745 Morningside Dr	\$286,000
47855 Pavilion Rd	\$477,000
745 Pinehurst Dr	\$358,000
47627 Royal Pointe Dr	\$400,000
1682 S Tannytown Rd	\$400,000
4747 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$277,000
51014 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$249,000
41070 Southwind Dr	\$81,000
320 Stonehenge Dr	\$265,000
42238 Trent Dr	\$298,000
479 Tyler Ln	\$190,000
2656 Woodmont Dr E	\$185,000
4183 Wrenwood Ln	\$295,000
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>	
29612 Dawson St	\$28,000

200 Harrison St	\$88,000
32503 James St	\$113,000
28915 John Hawk St	\$120,000
33723 Marquette St	\$105,000
30429 Sheridan St	\$112,000
<b>LIVONIA</b>	
14390 Barbara St	\$135,000
9952 Bassett St	\$180,000
36280 Curtis Rd	\$250,000
17732 Deering St	\$105,000
14007 Denne St	\$170,000
38204 Donald St	\$150,000
14827 Ellen Dr	\$173,000
15619 Ellen Dr	\$173,000
34820 Fairfax Dr	\$325,000
17941 Fairfield St	\$153,000
10219 Farmington Rd	\$195,000
11742 Farmington Rd	\$120,000
27430 Five Mile Rd	\$420,000
11281 Garden St	\$122,000
19048 Gary Ln	\$375,000
11961 Hartel St	\$165,000
36294 Hees St	\$173,000
14400 Hix St	\$180,000
9905 Hubbard St	\$158,000
9336 Iowa St	\$148,000
37461 Ladywood St	\$280,000
14939 Marsha St	\$180,000
30476 Milmont St	\$152,000
37680 N Laurel Park Dr	\$182,000
37669 Newburgh Park Cir	\$255,000
39240 Orangewood St	\$175,000
34283 Pembroke Ave	\$250,000
30981 Puritan St	\$181,000

31653 Saint Martins St	\$150,000
16124 Swathmore Ln	\$265,000
9031 Texas S	\$165,000
27740 Western Golf Dr	\$265,000
30048 Westfield St	\$125,000
18931 Whitby St	\$173,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
17386 Briar Ridge Ln	\$725,000
17475 Briar Ridge Ln	\$701,000
50333 Briar Ridge Ln	\$650,000
50748 Briar Ridge Ln	\$700,000
16725 Country Knoll Dr	\$326,000
17209 Orchard Ridge Rd	\$625,000
317 River St	\$240,000
47105 Timberlane St	\$290,000
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
9433 Ball St	\$235,000
9497 Baywood Dr	\$182,000
505 Byron St	\$375,000
48100 Colony Farm Cir	\$190,000
14545 Eddies Rd	\$155,000
10549 Fellows Hill Dr	\$512,000
546 Herald St	\$359,000
40340 Newport Dr	\$112,000
14437 Rockier Ave	\$195,000
3263 Rockier Ave	\$253,000
12117 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$510,000
12436 Woodgate Dr	\$151,000
<b>REDFORD</b>	
17658 Beech Daly Rd	\$55,000
17157 Brady	\$50,000
17615 Centralia	\$73,000
15994 Derby	\$95,000
17405 Derby	\$88,000

17301 Fox	\$82,000
18445 Indian	\$33,000
17320 Lennane	\$67,000
9199 Riverview	\$62,000
1141 Royal Grand	\$59,000
9208 Sarasota	\$81,000
<b>WAYNE</b>	
4127 1st St	\$67,000
5240 Howe Rd	\$36,000
3032 Rivers Edge Dr	\$123,000
31530 Taft St	\$50,000
3054 Winifred St	\$68,000
<b>WESTLAND</b>	
31459 Alcona Ct	\$20,000
37222 Amhurst Dr	\$127,000
33667 Avondale St	\$122,000
36719 Canyon Dr	\$190,000
626 Darwin St	\$101,000
7428 Deering St	\$95,000
738 Easley Dr	\$107,000
36515 Fairchild St	\$129,000
32431 Grandview Ave	\$125,000
31473 Hazelwood St	\$35,000
34660 Hazelwood St	\$124,000
8203 Huntington St	\$41,000
29286 Manchester St	\$39,000
6742 Moccasin St	\$136,000
7115 N Wildwood St	\$115,000
36333 Oregon Ave	\$80,000
33724 Pawnee St	\$70,000
8138 Randy Dr	\$139,000
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**Canton Royal Holiday Park** (in clubhouse) Flea Market & Bake sale Fri. 9/18 10am-6pm Sat. 9/19 9am-3pm. 39500 Warren Rd. Between Hix and Lotz

## Estate Sales

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11140 Orbow. Sept 19-20th. 9-4pm. household items, tools, Christmas items, & home furnishings.

**NORTHVILLE Estate Sale**  
635 N. Center Street Fri. Sept 18th-Sun. Sept 20th. 9am-5pm. Furniture, household. **Whole House Sale!**

**Redford Estate Sale**  
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Sat. Sept 19th. 9am-4pm S. of Warren, W. of Beck.

**Canton: Sunflower Sub,**  
Thursday (8/17) through Saturday (9/19), 9am - ? West of Canton Center and North and South of Warren. Look for signs and yellow balloons.

**Canton Thurs. 9/17- Sun. 9/20**  
9am-5pm Sofa & bed room set, tools, & MUCH MORE! 7152 Holmes Ct. in Sunflower Subdivision

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## Garage/Moving Sales

**Canton - Unique Garage Sale.**  
Salem Samples. Sept 17-19. 9a - 5p. 6627 Weatherfield Way E. Of Beck. S. of Warren. Housewares, electronics & more.

**Farmington - Garage Sale**  
Baby & children clothing M/F large baby items some brand new. Antiques, books, collectibles & Children outdoor equipment. 25547 Bridlepath LN. 11mi btw Drake and Halstead Thur - Sat 9am-4pm

**FARMINGTON-Garage Sale**  
Sept 18-19. 9-3pm. cul-de-sac in Farmington at Whitaker & Whitaker Crt. off Gr. River by Panera. 5+ homes: Cross stitch, VHS tapes, kids toys & clothes, books, old magazines & much much more!

**Farmington Hills - Garage Sale**  
33649 Bernadine Sept 18th-19th 9a-4p 11mi/ Farmington rd. Auto & motorcycle books, collectibles, posters, electronics, tools, depression glass, jewelry, furniture antiques, craft & garden items. Priced to sell.

**Garden City: Garage Sale**  
treasures, tools and much, much more!!  
5829 Harrison Saturday, September 12th 8-5

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**LIVONIA Garage Sale**  
18453 Parklane. Sept 17 & 18th. 9-4pm. S off 7 Mile Rd. Furniture, luggage, vintage costume jewelry & variety of household items.

**Livonia - Multi-Family Garage Sale**  
Baby item household items, clothing & misc. Sept 17th-19th 9-5pm. 6 mile & S. Wayne Rd. look for signs.

**LIVONIA SALE** Thurs. 9/17-Sat. 9/19 9am-5pm Vintage kitchenalia, furniture, kids stuff & MORE! 17412 Stamwich -off 6 Mile Rd.

**Milford: BARN SALE**-Full size trampoline, outdoor swing, bar stools, treadmill, pool ladder/supplies, oak tables, and much more. Also, teacher sale. Children's books and furniture. 3750 W. Buno Rd. Milford Sept. 18th and 19th (9-5)

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Sept 18 & 19th. 9am-3pm. Motorcycles, antiques, furniture, boat, housewares.

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SEPT. 16TH-19TH 9-6 49690 W & MILE Rain or Shine 1 mile W. of Beck Rd. & Across from Mayberry State Park Look for LG PINK SIGNS Don't miss this sale. ANTIQUES of ALL KINDS, MEN'S ITEMS, HOUSEWARES, LONGBERGER, LINENS, SEASONAL DECORATIONS, KIDS STUFF, LOT OF PFAUTZ GRAFF VINTAGE & SNOWMOBILES & MUCH MORE

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9am-5pm Lots of Woodworking power tools, good condition. 43780 Westridge Lane

**NORTHVILLE TWP.** Villas of Northville Hills Condo Sub Sale. Sat., Sept. 19th, 9am-3pm. 5 Mile & Sheldon. Many participants, 185 Units. Furniture, Antiques, Household, etc.

**NOVI-Garage Sale** - Thurs-Sat 9/17-9/19 9a-4p. Toys, boys clothing, furniture, and games. 43268 Asbury Dr.

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sajwa71c24sg32604 1996 Cadillac 1g6dw52p5t713616 1994 Pontiac 1g2ne55m3m594917 1999 Mercury 1mf1m53u1x659473 1997 Chrysler 2c3hd58f1v501230 2004 Honda 5fnn18084b036213 1994 Ford 1ftr14xm0d5075 1995 Chevrolet 1gkfk16r1t706879 2002 Buick 2g4ws52j621261716 2005 Chevrolet 1g1zu6465a3126307 1996 Honda 1hgcd568710a94616 2003 Pontiac 3g7da03e03s507188 2006 Subaru j11g67636h804753 2007 Ford 1fahp34n97w157464 2003 Buick 2g4ws52j831262957 1998 Jeep 1j4f68s0w218666

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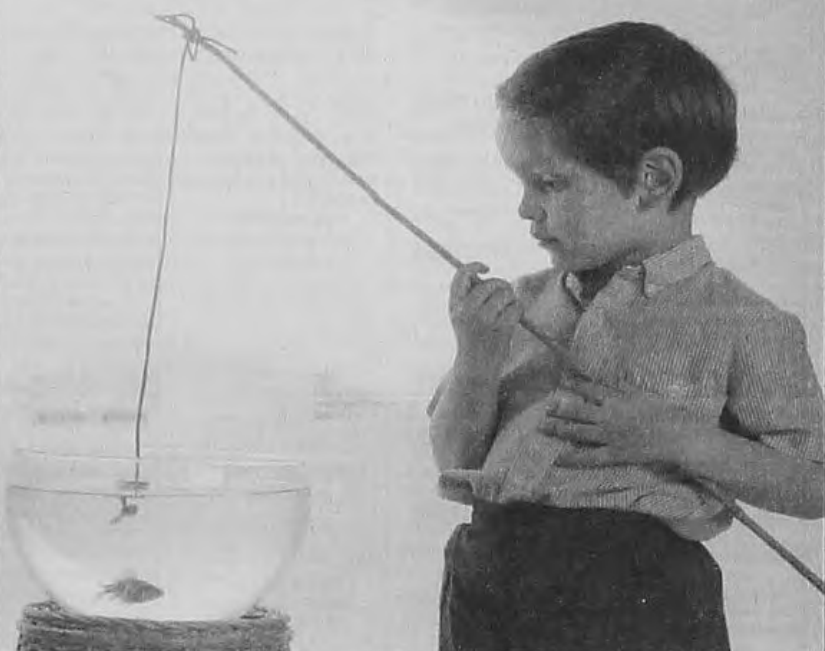
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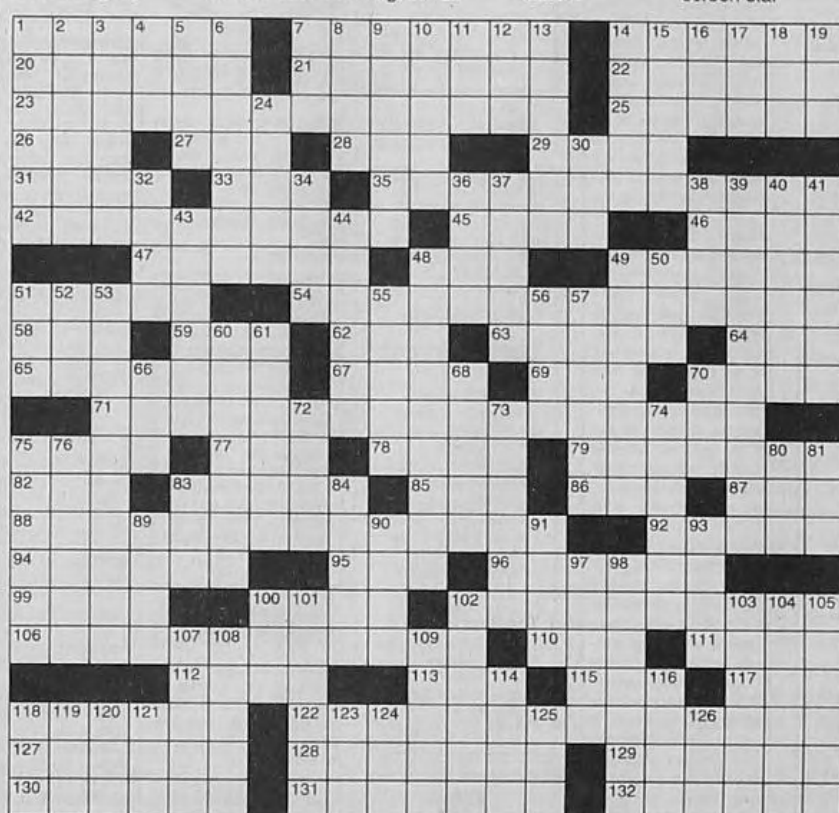
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## THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 Thick-skinned river critters	1 "October Sky" memoirist Homer
7 Women's soft hats of old	2 Eager volunteer's repetitive response
14 Crouches, as a catcher	3 Ballpoint tip
20 Dream up	4 Butter unit
21 Turkey's landmass	5 Big name in elevators
22 Career-track type	6 State political bodies
23 British hero sandwich?	7 GQ target
25 Cut in half	8 Take — loan
26 Aunts, e.g.	9 Brief mental glitch
27 Maglie of the old Giants	10 Arum lily
28 Be sickly	11 Equine beast
29 Give off	12 More, to a maestro
31 Certain tennis edge	13 Duel tools
33 "America" contraction	14 1976 Sally Field title role
35 Person born to be an apartment manager?	15 Packs it in
42 Car made in an Alabama port?	16 FedEx rival
45 Schoolyard rejoinder	17 Kong, e.g.
46 Gap	18 Small jerk
47 Small brawl	19 TV unit
48 "Drop — line"	24 Koteas of "Crash"
49 Place for petri dishes	30 China's — Zedong
51 Hold tightly	32 Future lice
54 Syringe causing a bad skin reaction?	34 1973 novel by Toni Morrison
58 Gmail rival	36 Theater level
59 World finance org.	37 Data plan datum
62 Holiday quaff	
63 Thin, white mushroom	
64 CBS drama	
65 Advil rival	
67 "Yipes!"	
69 Printer resolution stat	
70 Kids' author Silverstein	
71 Very busy checkout area?	
75 "— to You" (2009 Lady Antebellum hit)	
77 Lamprey lookalike	
78 Pepsi or RC	
79 Easily duped sort	
82 Body filled with eau	
83 Old TV's Desi	
85 The, to Jules	
86 Pitchfork-shaped letter	
87 Trim grass	
88 Put-down during a visit with the doc?	
92 John of plows	
94 Takes as one's own	
95 Tar's "Help!"	
96 Doofus	
99 Any of three English rivers	
100 Pets that purr	
102 Gregarious protester?	
106 Beloved big rig?	
110 Pal, to Jules	
111 Big name in faucets	
112 Process part	
113 "As I see it," online	
115 Ending for percent	
117 Harass	
118 Like rabbis and shuls	
122 PC shortcut used by inflation calculators?	
127 Broad road	
128 Celestial body	
129 Let the wind freshen	
130 Not as bold	
131 Deluge	
132 Vagabonds	



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702-4247 or [smcclellan@michigan.com](mailto:smcclellan@michigan.com). Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at [QuillDriverBooks.com](http://QuillDriverBooks.com)

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

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

4	7	8	9	6	5	2	8	1
6	1	2	8	4	8	7	9	9
9	8	9	2	1	7	6	8	4
1	9	8	4	7	9	8	6	2
8	2	7	1	8	6	9	9	7
7	9	6	9	2	8	1	7	8
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## RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER  
ALPHA COURSE

**Time/Date:** Noon to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, beginning Sept. 17  
**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

**Details:** During the 11-week Alpha Course, sponsored by Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, participants explore the purpose of life and the existence of God in a relaxed setting that encourages discussion. Includes a meal, short talk and discussion. The Alpha Course is free to guests, with the exception of active members of another Catholic church. Register at PlymouthAlpha.com

**Contact:** 734-453-0326

## BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20

**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Pancakes, french toast, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, applesauce, coffee, tea and milk; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children 2-10

**Contact:** 734-425-4421

## GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Sept. 25 and 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday Sept. 26

**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township

**Details:** Grieving with Great HOPE is a weekend grief support series for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include the Rev. John Riccardo as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Visit [www.goodmourning-ministry.net](http://www.goodmourning-ministry.net) for registration details. Advance registration by Sept. 21 is \$15, after is \$20

**Contact:** 734-453-0326

## LADIES CRAFT NIGHT

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25

**Location:** Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** \$5 if paid by Sept. 23 and \$6 at the door

**Contact:** pastor Steve at 248-890-5718; [cwm@crossroads-snow.org](mailto:cwm@crossroads-snow.org)

## MOM2MOM SALE

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26

**Location:** Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

**Details:** \$2 early bird admission, \$1 after 9 a.m., strollers welcome.

**Contact:** [newburg-mom2mom@gmail.com](mailto:newburg-mom2mom@gmail.com) or 734-453-0326

## MOVIE

**Time/Date:** Doors open 7 p.m., movie starts at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18

**Location:** Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland

**Details:** Free Showing of *Do You Believe?* The film tells the story of a dozen different persons, all who long for something more

**Contact:** 734-458-7301

## PEACE POLE PLANTING

**Time/Date:** Following the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, Sept. 20

**Location:** Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** The congregation will place a peace pole at the entrance to the church's prayer park and labyrinth in recognition of the International Day of Peace. The pole includes the phrase "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in English, Arabic, Hebrew, and Hindi

**Contact:** 734-427-1414

## RALLY/HOMECOMING

**Time/Date:** After 10 a.m. service, Sunday, Sept. 20

**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Games, crafts, prizes, and fun for all ages. Bring a favorite dish to share

**Contact:** 734-421-8628

## SCIENCE AND FAITH

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 19

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

**Details:** Deborah Haarsma,

Ph.D., president of BioLogos and former professor and chair of the Calvin College Department of Physics and Astronomy, and several panelists, will discuss science and faith, specifically evolution and its implications to faith. Registration fee includes lunch and is \$12 for ages 10 and over; \$6 for ages 9 and under. Child care will be available. Register online at [www.faithcommunity-novi.org/seminar15.html](http://www.faithcommunity-novi.org/seminar15.html)

**Contact:** 248-349-2345

## SCIENCE AND FAITH

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. first and third Thursday, beginning Sept. 17

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** The five-part series is based on the writings of the Rev. Robert J. Spitzer, Ph.D., which looks at modern scientific evidence and finds no contradiction between faith and reason. The series looks at intelligent design, evolution and more. Registration required

**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200; [livonia@michael.org](mailto:livonia@michael.org)

## WIDOWED FRIENDS

**Time/Date:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20

**Location:** St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Township

**Details:** Mass and light lunch for widowed men and women

**Contact:** Liz at 734-452-9149 or Pat B. at 734-895-6246

## OCTOBER

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1; 9 a.m. to noon Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3

**Location:** Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia

**Details:** \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale

**Contact:** 734-422-0149

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** Grand opening with 20% mark up on items, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9; and bag sale, 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday Oct. 10

**Location:** The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Includes specialty boutique, housewares, electronics, toys, books, home décor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults, furniture, sporting goods and more. Cash only

**Contact:** 248-477-1410

## ONGOING

## CLASSES/STUDY

## Our Lady of Loretto

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

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

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** 313-534-9000

## Faith Community Wesleyan

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

**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia

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

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

## CLOTHING BANK

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

**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

**Details:** No documentation needed

**Contact:** [info@cantoncf.org](mailto:info@cantoncf.org)

## EXERCISE

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

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

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

**Contact:** 313-408-3364

## FAMILY MEAL

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

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

**Details:** Free meal

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

## HEALING SERVICE

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

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

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

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

## MOMS

## Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

## Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

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

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

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

## PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

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

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

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

**Contact:** 313-563-0162

## PRAYER

## St. Edith Church

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

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

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

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

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## St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

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

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

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

## SINGLES

## Detroit World Outreach

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

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

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

**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; [lef@dwo.org](mailto:lef@dwo.org)

## First Presbyterian Church

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

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

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

**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org)

## Steve's Family Restaurant

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

**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 313-534-0399

## SONG CIRCLE

## Congregation Beth Ahm

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

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

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

**Contact:** 248-737-1931 or email [nancyellen879@att.net](mailto:nancyellen879@att.net)

## SUPPORT

## Apostolic Christian Church

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

**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 734-261-9000; [www.woodhaven-retirement.com](http://www.woodhaven-retirement.com)

## Connection Church

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

**Location:** 3855 Sheldon, Canton

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

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

## Detroit World Outreach

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

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

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

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

## Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

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

**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

**Contact:** 248-433-1011

## Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City

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

**Contact:** [www.metrofibrogroup.com](http://www.metrofibrogroup.com); or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

## Fireside Church of God

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

**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; [www.firesidechog.org](http://www.firesidechog.org); or email to [adm@firesidechog.org](mailto:adm@firesidechog.org)

## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. Saturday

**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 734-421-8451

## St. Thomas a' Becket Church

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

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

**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

## Unity of Livonia

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

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

**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous

**Contact:** 248-559-7722; [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org) for additional information

## Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

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

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

**Contact:** Child care, 248-374-7400; [www.celebraterecovery.com](http://www.celebraterecovery.com)

[www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org) celebrate

## THRIFT STORE

## St. James Presbyterian

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

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

## Way of Life Christian Church

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

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

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

**Contact:** 734-637-7618

## TOUR

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

**Location:** The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuch



# Heart, soul, hands



Roger Kashou of Westland plays the doubek drum during an interview in his Westland home.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Westland man puts heart, soul, hands into Middle Eastern drumming

**Sharon Dargay**  
Staff Writer

Roger Kashou's fingers flew across the stretched plastic skin of a goblet-shaped drum resting on his lap.

They coaxed a bright, melodic series of "tek tek tek" sounds from the sweet spot along the rim of the drum. Then they flicked and tapped the center of the skin, alternating with strokes along the edge, making the drum sing in rapid-fire pops and raps as Kashou's hands seemed to blur with acceleration.

"They don't bleed anymore.

This used to cut open when I used to hit," he said, showing his fingers and open palm after a drum demonstration during an interview at his Westland home. "So I went through the pain to get my hands to accept what they are doing. I have been playing a long time so all the cuts I used to have are calloused. Now it is smooth sailing."

The Wayne Memorial High School graduate has played the Middle Eastern doubek drum in the National Arab Orchestra since 2010. He's one of five percussionists in the group and will perform with the Orchestra during the Haflah Arab Fusion Festival concert, Saturday, Sept. 19, at The Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit. The show features the National Arab Orchestra and the Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra, along with the world premiere of a composition by Kareem Roustom, Emmy Award-winning composer.

Kashou's fascination with Middle Eastern drums formed years before he joined the National Arab Orchestra. His father, Raja Kashou, drummed during the 1970s and 1980s, playing in clubs, at weddings and other gatherings. Kashou said he remembers feeling chills just watching his father perform.

### Teaching himself

When he was 9, and his father was on a trip to visit his native Jerusalem, Kashou asked his mother, Hala, where his father kept his drums.

"I picked it up and never let it go since that day," he said. "I used to practice every single day. I'd lock myself in the bathroom. I tried to keep it private, especially when I was young. I liked to focus on my craft. No one really showed me the guidelines on the drum. I just picked it up and never let it go. It's like a love."

He said he felt embarrassed at first to let anyone watch him play. He eventually

showed his parents and older sister, Jaclyn, and occasionally played at family gatherings.

After high school he took on a temporary job with a wedding band after its percussionist got sick. His first gig was in New York playing with the band that also took him to New Orleans, La., and Iowa.

"That was my first experience on stage and he was the best around, too. I was lucky to play with him."

He played in a club for about a year and then joined another wedding band. Four years later, he was at another club when Michael Ibrahim asked if he wanted to join his new orchestra. Kashou told Ibrahim, founder and director of the National Arab Orchestra, that he would join.

"It's beautiful, beautiful music. I love the Orchestra because it taught me to be disciplined on the drum, because I was a little wild monkey," he said, with a laugh. "The Orchestra taught me to respect every musician."



GETTY IMAGES

### Feel, sound

Kashou buys his drums from Egypt through the Internet. He's not sure what happened to his father's drums, which were made of fish skin, a material that broke easily.

"You have to put me in a room with 100 of them so I can feel them. It's all about feel and sound," he said. "I'm ordering from overseas. Every time I buy them it's a chance I'm taking."

Although he played clarinet while in school, Kashou hasn't read music in years. Familiarizing himself with it is his next big challenge, along with increasing his knowledge of the Arabic language. He understands some Arabic, but isn't fluent like his parents.

"You can play a little better if you understand the words. Now that I am surrounded by more Arabic people, I'm picking it up. I'll get there. Every day is a challenge."

When he's not practicing, Kashou helps out behind the customer counter at his family's shoe repair store in Canton. He also teaches doubek.

What makes a good drummer?

"Good ears, good tone and not to be too much with the drum because you don't want to hear blap blap blappy blap all day. Discipline on the drum is very important."

Tickets for the Haflah concert range from \$30-\$65 and are available at michigan-phil.org.

sdargay@hometown-life.com

## Open mic draws friendly crowd at BaseLine Folk Society

**Sharon Dargay**  
Staff Writer

BaseLine Folk Society will try a new format for its monthly acoustic concerts this year. "Up until this point we had open mic until 9 p.m. and then the featured performer for a half hour. We found out the open mic was running long. So, the featured performer would wait and wait and wait. We decided to split up the open mic," said Cathy Fitzpatrick, BaseLine president. "I think it's a good plan."

Open mic performers will take the stage for an hour before and after the featured musicians this year. The new format will start in October, although BaseLine's first show of the new season — which features all open mic performances — is 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 Sheldon, Plymouth. Open mic registration runs from 6:15-6:40 p.m.

Fitzpatrick, a Northville resident, will emcee the show, kicking it off with two original songs. She joined BaseLine, which is starting its 11th season, in 2007 after singing during open mic. She's also part of a trio, the Folk Laureates, that will perform as featured artists next year. BaseLine, headed by an eight-member board, chooses the main act for each monthly session. Thirteen open mic spots are available at each show, but if more than 13 performers sign up a lottery is held.

"If there's a new person, we let them play. It takes a lot of courage to bring yourself to that point," Fitzpatrick said, adding that shows draw an average 60 music lovers the third Saturday of the month.

She doesn't get nervous in front of a crowd if she has her guitar in hand, but Fitzpatrick recalls being a little edgy the first time she performed for open mic.

"My fear was that I would goof or they wouldn't be receptive. I wasn't sure what I was getting into. But it was wonderful. The audience is so welcoming and appreciative and forgiving that you really feel at home," she said.

### Music, stories

Maggie Zakem of Plymouth strummed guitar and her husband played banjo for their first open mic appearance in 2005 at BaseLine. They've since appeared as featured players and have both held board positions.

"What I love about folk music is I love telling stories with music," Zakem said, pointing out that the BaseLine series draws a "friendly" audience.

She encourages musicians to sign up for open mic. Her advice is to practice, be prepared, and bring sheet music on stage if needed.

"Don't be proud. Just go up there and give it your best. We'll respect that," she said. "I remember one incident when an open mic person got nervous and couldn't go on. The audience said, don't stop, keep going. He finished. That is the kind of atmosphere there."

Fitzpatrick tells newcomers that playing a BaseLine show is like "sitting in the family room and playing at home."

"If you're there singing what you love, and you love it, the audience will, too," Fitzpatrick said. "It's a great place to pour out your heart in a song."

Admission is \$5. Yearlong family and individual memberships also are available. Visit BaseLine Folk Society on Facebook or at plymoutharts.com and click on the "programs" tab.



**Cathy Fitzpatrick**

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## GET OUT! CALENDAR

## ANIMALS

## DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sept. 30; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 1-March 1

**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

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

## ARTS AND CRAFTS

## BIRMINGHAM STREET ART FAIR

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 19 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 20

**Location:** Downtown Birmingham

**Details:** More than 150 jury-selected artists are featured, including Wan-Chuan Kesler of Northville, a painter, Eric Cooper of Farmington Hills, a ceramic artist, Doug Remien of Farmington Hills, a photographer, and Autumn Aslaksan of Novi, a ceramic artist

**Contact:** BirminghamStreetArtFair.com; 734-662-3382

## CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** 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 Sept. 26.

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

**Details:** "Ten to One - Interpretations of the Studio Model," features works by 10 artists who meet weekly at the studio of artist Mary Step to paint models in costume

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

## PCAC

**Time/Date:** Runs through September

**Location:** 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth

**Details:** Photographers John Angus, Amy Lockard and Sylvia Ford exhibit "Different Perspectives." Refreshments will be served, art will be for sale and the photographers will be on hand at the reception

**Contact:** 734-416-4278; plymoutharts.com

## VILLAGE THEATER

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



The Russian band, Otava Yo, plays the Russian Festival Sept. 19-20.

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Wendy Hedstrom, left, of Clarkston, Nancy Penvose of Davisburg, Amy Morrissey of Northville, and Sonja Marquis of Brighton rehearse a scene from "Always a Bridesmaid" at Two Muses Theater.

**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

## VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

**Time/Date:** 6-9 p.m. Sept. 18

**Location:** 37653 Five Mile, in the New Five Shopping Center, Livonia

**Details:** During "Friday Night Paint Party," participants will choose one of two paintings to serve as inspiration for creating their own work. They may choose the paintings in advance. Janus Benda leads the session, which costs \$35 and will include instruction, canvas, supplies, savory snacks, and beverages including wine

**Contact:** 734-838-1204; vaalart.org

## AUDITIONS

## BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Sept. 21-22

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

**Details:** The gothic thriller, *Rebecca*, has roles for six men and two women. Find character descriptions at justgobarefoot.com

**Contact:** Craig Hane at 734-276-9075

## FESTIVAL

## TIN CAN TOURISTS

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26

**Location:** Camp Dearborn, 1700 General Motors Road, Milford

**Details:** Annual fall gathering and open house of vintage trailers and motor coaches. Camp entrance fee is \$5

**Contact:** tincantourists.com

## RUSSIAN FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19; 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20

**Location:** St. Vladimir Orthodox Church, 9900 Jackson Road, Dexter

**Details:** Performers from Russia include

the band Otava Yo and vocalist and dancer Anastasia Klimzo. The event will include a children's puppet theater, chess tables, church tours, Nikolai Morschakov with Russian Vaganova-style ballet, Moscow Nights, a Russian folk music group, Diana Turner, a Ukrainian vocalist, St. Vladimir Adult dance group and bell ringing at the opening ceremony. Children's activities will include hair braiding, a bounce house, crafts and games. An infused vodka tasting will be held 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday. Food includes Russian specialties such as borsch soup, piroshki, blini, shashlik and more. \$1 admission

**Contact:** russianfestival.stvladimiraa-mi.org

## FILM

## PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 and Thursday, Sept. 24; and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** *Minions*, \$3

**Contact:** 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

## REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Sept. 25 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 26

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

**Details:** Three Stooges Festival includes *Half Shot Shooters*, *I'll Never Heil Again*, *Spook Louder*, *If a Body Meets a Body*, *Sing a Song of Six Pants*, *Cents Without Cents*, \$5

**Contact:** 313-898-1481

## HISTORY

## KELSEY MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Nov. 29

**Location:** 434 State St., Ann Arbor

**Details:** "Passionate Curiosities: Collecting in Egypt & the Near East, 1880s-1950s," focuses on the individuals

who helped to build the Kelsey Museum collection

**Contact:** 734-764-9304

## 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.

**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

**Nostalgia sale:** Buy artifacts no longer needed at the museum along with donated items, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 17-19

**Antiques appraisal:** Doug Dalton Auctioneer will appraise antique furniture, art, and small objects, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23. No jewelry, coins, or stamps will be considered. Oral evaluations will be given for \$10 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15-minute time slot. Call the museum for an appointment

**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

## CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19

**Location:** Seligman Performing Arts Center, on the Detroit Country Day School campus, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills

**Details:** Violinist Pinchas Zukerman and pianist Angela Cheng open the 2015-16 season; tickets from \$32-64 for adults and \$16-32 for students

**Contact:** 248-855-6070; chambermusicdetroit.org

## CORSI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 17

**Location:** 27910 W. Seven Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin tribute dinner show; tickets are \$35 and include dinner and show

**Contact:** 248-473-7777

## FRIENDS OF UNITY

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3

**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** "Posipalooza" features four singer/songwriters, Daniel Nahmod, Sloan Wainwright, Glen Roethel, and Sue Riley. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for students with ID

**Contact:** 734-635-6949; friendsofunity.org

## ITALIAN AMERICAN CHORALE

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Oct. 8

**Location:** Italian American Club of Livonia, 39200 W. Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** The Chorale, directed by Viviana Garabello, will debut at Pasta Night. The event will include a pasta dinner from 6-7:30 p.m. Members, \$10, nonmembers, \$15, children, ages 5-12, \$5

**Contact:** 734-953-9724



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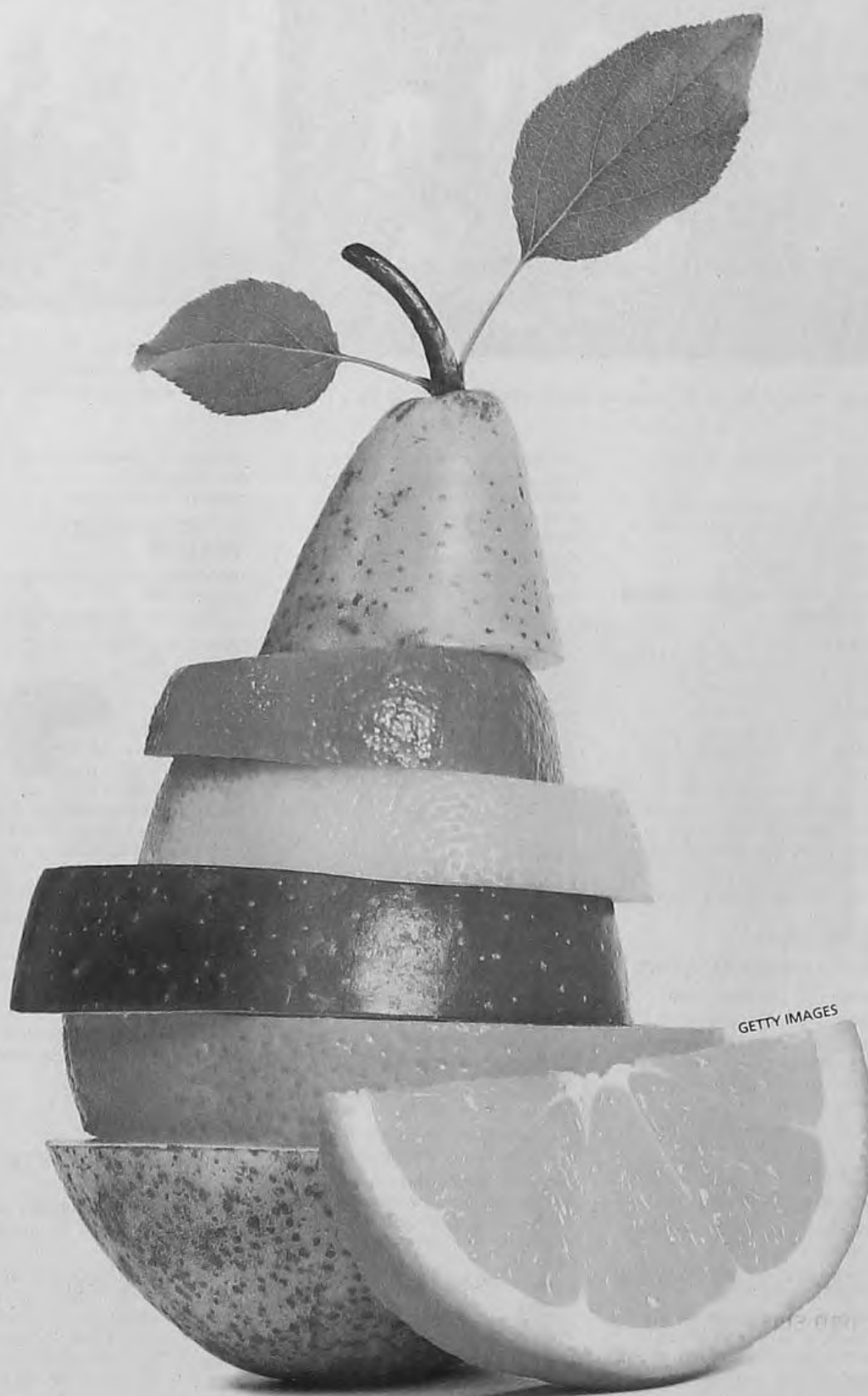
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These three-step healthy snack ideas show how easy it can be to serve up a variety of tasty treats in just a few minutes while adding more fruit to your diet. Make the most of your snacking experience with this advice:

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Find more quick and easy snack ideas at [dole.com/jarredfruit](http://dole.com/jarredfruit).



### BANANA SPLIT ON-A-STICK

Serves: 1

**½ cup Dole Jarred Pineapple Chunks, drained**  
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**¼ small banana, cut into 4 slices**  
**2 teaspoons bottled chocolate sauce**  
**2 tablespoons light whipped topping**  
**1 maraschino cherry**

1. On two wooden skewers, alternate threading four pineapple chunks, three cubes of pound cake and two banana slices.  
2. Drizzle each skewer with one teaspoon chocolate sauce.  
3. Serve skewers with whipped topping and a maraschino cherry.

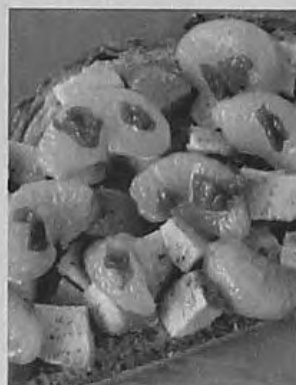


### LEMON-BLUEBERRY PARFAIT-TINI

Serves: 1

**1 cup reduced-fat or fat-free cottage cheese**  
**½ teaspoon grated lemon peel**  
**½ cup Dole Jarred Mixed Fruit, drained and diced**  
**½ cup fresh blueberries**  
**2 teaspoons sliced almonds**

1. In small bowl, combine cottage cheese with lemon peel.  
2. In another small bowl, combine mixed fruit with blueberries.  
3. In martini glass, alternately layer lemon cottage cheese with blueberry and mixed fruit combination. Top with sliced almonds.

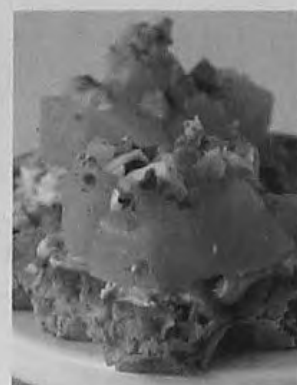


### ORANGE-CHIPOTLE AVOCADO TOAST

Serves: 1

**1 slice whole-wheat bread**  
**½ avocado, diced or smashed**  
**Salt and ground black pepper, to taste**  
**½ cup Dole Jarred Mandarin Oranges, drained**  
**½ teaspoon chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, finely chopped**  
**1 lime wedge**

1. Lightly toast bread and top with avocado. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.  
2. In medium bowl, toss oranges with chopped chipotle peppers.  
3. Spoon oranges over avocado toast and finish with a squeeze of lime.  
Note: For a spicier flavor, include pepper seeds. For more mild heat, remove seeds. A sprinkle of ground chili pepper can also be used to easily add spice in place of chipotle peppers.



### PEACHES AND CREAM WAFFLE BITES

Serves: 1

**1 whole-wheat frozen waffle**  
**2 tablespoons reduced-fat whipped cream cheese**  
**½ teaspoon ground cinnamon**  
**½ cup Dole Jarred Sliced Peaches, drained and diced**  
**2 teaspoons chopped walnuts, toasted**

1. Toast frozen whole-wheat waffle and cut into quarters.  
2. In small bowl, combine cream cheese and cinnamon. Spread over waffle bites.  
3. Top each bite with peaches and sprinkle with walnuts.



### PINEAPPLE AND SHRIMP SKEWERS WITH THAI PEANUT SAUCE

Serves: 1

**½ cup Dole Jarred Pineapple Chunks, drained**  
**6 medium cooked shrimp**  
**1 small lime, halved**  
**1 teaspoon chopped fresh cilantro**  
**2 tablespoons bottled Thai peanut sauce**

1. On two wooden skewers, alternate threading four pineapple chunks and three shrimp.  
2. Squeeze lime over prepared skewers and sprinkle with cilantro.  
3. Serve with bottled Thai peanut sauce for dipping.