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Crashes continue to pile up at county's 10 worst intersections

Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Canton motorists have a good reason to grip the steering wheel and clench their teeth as they approach the Ford-Haggerty intersection.

It ranks as Wayne County's worst intersection - again for the most crashes, with 116 reported in 2015, up from 89 the previous year.

"I'm not surprised at all," said Kendall Kopal, who drives to her job at Bowery Grille & Pub, near the crash-prone intersection. "It's horrible."

Canton has three of the top 10 worst intersections in Wayne County, a new blog post from the Michigan Auto Law firm shows, and all of them are along the Ford Road shopping corridor.

Using Michigan State Police

crash data, the Farmington Hills-based firm listed Wayne County's top 10 intersections for most crashes.

Law firm attorney Todd Berg said the Ford-Haggerty intersection has topped the list for at least three years. Rounding out this year's top 10:

» Ford and Lilley in Canton, 89 crashes.

» Telegraph and Schoolcraft in Redford, 81 accidents.

» Dix Highway and the Southfield freeway in Lincoln Park, 80 crashes.

» Ford and Wayne in Westland, 71 crashes.

» Ford and Canton Center in Canton, 60 accidents.

» Telegraph and Eureka in Taylor, 60 accidents. » Telegraph and Van Born

in Dearborn Heights and Taylor, 59 crashes.

» Middlebelt and School-

craft in Livonia, 56 crashes. » Ford and Middlebelt in

Garden City, 55 accidents. The study included all of Wayne County's 43 communities. None of Detroit's intersections made the list, Berg said, likely because a higher number of motorists have no auto insurance and, therefore, don't report crashes.

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Teenager is state's youngest delegate to Dem convention

Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Canton teen Ethan Petzold has become the youngest Michigan delegate chosen to cast a vote at the Democratic National Convention.

Petzold, 18, hadn't yet finished his senior year at Salem High School when he was elected as a delegate during an 11th congressional district convention in May.

"I'm just very humbled and honored that so many people so many Democrats in our district - had enough trust in me as an 18-year-old to represent the voters," he said.

The big question: Which candidate gets his vote -Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton or challenger Bernie Sanders - when he goes to the national convention in July in Philadelphia?

"I'll put in my vote for Bernie Sanders," Petzold said. "I think he's a very honest leader who can't be bought by Wall Street or big oil and some of those special interests."

Petzold is among those who welcomed Sanders' call for free college tuition, amid the rising cost of getting an edu-cation. Petzold plans to attend Central Michigan University

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ETHAN PETZOLD delegate to Democratic convention

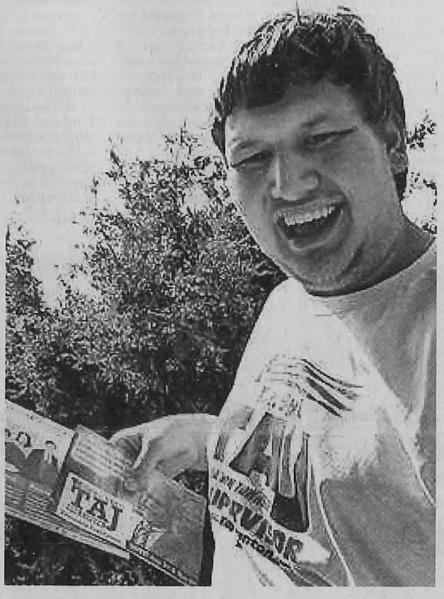
in the fall, majoring in nonprofit public administration and possibly political science. His ability to mount a cam-

paign and get the support he needed to become a delegate didn't surprise his parents, Jeremy and Kristy Petzold.

"Since he was young and started being involved in politics, he has always exceeded his years as far as his maturity and work ethic and things like that," his father said. "He said he wanted to do this and I supported him. I'm very, very proud of his accomplishments."

Petzold became involved in politics as a high school freshman, working for then-state Rep. Dian Slavens, a Canton Democrat, in her re-election bid. He has worked on several

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Ethan Petzold of Canton has become the youngest Michigan delegate to the Democratic National Convention.



Ethan Petzold with former U.S. Sen. Carl Levin.

Library pops the top on **Vernors** party

Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Canton is showing some love to Vernors as fans of the popular ginger ale celebrate its th anniversary.

Boston coolers and other Vernors treats are on tap for the Bubbly Birthday Bash at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center. It comes as the Detroit area celebrates a local favorite invented by Detroit pharmacist James Vernor.

"We wanted to just bring that more local for our community," said Laurie Golden, the library's community relations department head.

In what is billed as a party atmosphere, the Canton library is inviting the community to enjoy live jazz and Vernors treats while celebrating the Detroit soda's 150th year. It includes a performance by the Keith Gamble Jazz Quartet and some non-alcoholic drinks.

"I think that a source of local pride in Michigan comes from the goods we produce and Vernors is a product that is as synonymous with Detroit as the automobile," said Daniel Patton, information services librarian and programmer

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PNC Bank robbed Wednesday in Plymouth Township

Matt Jachman Staff Writer

A man who passed a note to a teller left a Plymouth Township bank with an undisclosed amount of cash Wednesday and police are looking for the public's help in locating the robber and his getaway vehicle. No one was hurt in the hold-

up at the PNC Bank branch on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275, which occurred just before 11

a.m. Wednesday.

According to Police Chief Tom Tiderington, the robber passed a note to a teller that said, "I don't want anybody to get hurt" and also demanded \$60,000. No weapon was seen and no specific threat was made, the chief said.

The man left on foot with the cash, the chief said. He was described as black, between 25 and 30 years old, and 6 feet tall with a medium build. He was

wearing dark pants, a gray, long-sleeved pullover and a red baseball cap, worn backward, with a Kansas City Chiefs insignia. He also wore whiteframed sunglasses with rhinestones in the frame.

A witness reported seeing a man who fit the robber's description get into the trunk of a car, with a female driver, that was parked on a side street, Tiderington said.

The possible getaway car

was described as an early 2000s Oldsmobile Alero, burgundy in color, with chrome wheels and a rear spoiler. The car was last seen heading west on Ann Arbor Road, Tiderington said.

Anyone with information about the robber or the car is asked to call police at 734-354-3250.

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PNC BANK VIA PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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behind the event. "So it seemed natural to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the pop so many know and love.'

Patrons can enjoy history and Vernorsinfused beverages. Patton plans to mix up "mocktails" for guests and he said offerings will include Boston coolers and sweet and subtle mixers.

"We're going for a 1920s Prohibition-era lounge feeling with the Keith Gamble Jazz Quartet, some old-timey games and a little bit of

history," Patton said. It's all part of the Canton Public Library's Connect Your Summer program, where patrons of all ages are able to read, attend library programs or participate in library activities for badges that lead to prize entries and summer fun.

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DELEGATE

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campaigns and ballot measures and this year is campaign manager for Dr. Syed Taj, who faces Republican Pat Williams in the Canton Township supervisor race.

"Politics affects us all. whether we take an interest in it or not," Petzold said. "I like having an opportunity to shape those discussions. We all have a voice."

His political involvement has been encouraged by the Canton Democratic Club. He leads efforts to expand its membership, currently just over 100.

Ryan Covert, director of party affairs for the Michigan Democratic Party, confirmed that

Petzold is Michigan's youngest delegate to date - though 45 more slots will be filled June 11.

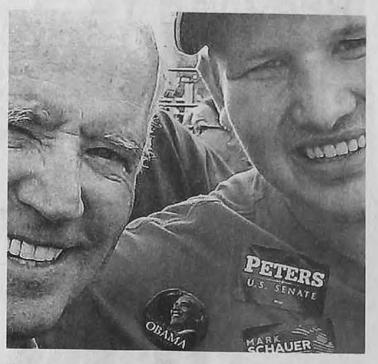
"While the likelihood of someone else his age getting elected at that time is remote, it is technically possible," Covert said, adding later, "We have been impressed with the youth engagement this year and are proud to have someone so young be involved at this level."

Petzold plans to continue his political involvement.

"I want to continue to work on campaigns and eventually run for office," he said.

He has learned a lesson early in life not to be pinned down by a question about what office he might seek.

"It's too early," he



Ethan Petzold gets an up-close picture with Vice President Joe Biden during an earlier political season.

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Berg said the Ford-Haggerty intersection could be accident-prone because it continues to draw new development even though it already has an abundance of restaurants, shops, hotels and Michigan's only IKEA, which has regional appeal. Art Van is planning a new store on Ford, just west of Haggerty.

"The Ford Road/275/ Haggerty area is just blowing up and has been Traffic is often heavy near the Ford/I-275/Haggerty area, which has the state's worst intersection for crashes. also puts enormous pres-

Municipal Services director, said traffic flow

lane from Lotz to Lilley. No official study has yet been done to gauge traf-

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MDOT officials have said a long-term solution involves transforming Ford Road into a boulevard from the I-275 area west toward Canton Center. Faas said some design work is expected to occur, but funding remains a stumbling block.

One MDOT project manager, Gorette Yung, said in 2013 that the boulevard price tag could approach \$50 million.

With that as a backdrop, Canton has applied an eighth time for some federal aid through the so-called TIGER program, or Transportation **Investment Generating** Economic Recovery. After seven rejections, officials are hopeful of a favorable outcome this

Berg, meanwhile, said Ford-Haggerty has been ranked the sixth most accident-prone intersection in all of Michigan.

He said Michigan Auto Law analyzes intersection crash statistics as a warning to motorists to use caution, especially at the most accident-prone areas. He also has cautioned against distracted driv-

One report by Michigan Traffic Crash Facts found that 26.7 percent of fatal crashes in 2014 occurred at intersections. The statistics are compiled by the Michigan State Police Office of Highway Safety Planning and the University of Michigan.

'Intersections are notoriously dangerous places to drive," Berg

No one has to tell that to Kendall Kopal, who drives the Ford-Haggerty intersection every day. "It's no joke," she said.

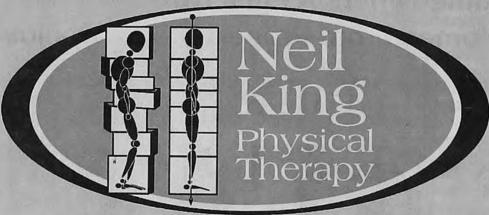
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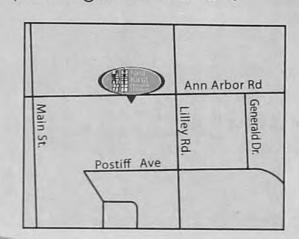
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Brewing technology graduates seek diverse jobs in state's growing craft beer industry

Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Elizabeth Elliott of Livonia wants to brew

beer. Mica Bolinger of Novi would rather promote it.

And although Matthew Kuehn of West Bloomfield is the pub brewer at Liberty Street Brewing Co. in Plymouth, he sees himself in the business and management side of the craft beer industry

some day. They're among the first six students to graduate from Schoolcraft College's Brewing and Distillation Technology program this year. They all acquired the 24 credits needed for a certificate. They all took classes in brewing science, beer styles and flavors, brewhouse operations, marketing and management. They all love to drink beer - Bolinger calls herself "a beer nerd" - but they're headed on diverse career paths into the same industry.

Tom Block isn't surprised.

"I don't think we knew what to expect, what people would do after they take the classes," said Block, the brewer who runs the Schoolcraft College program, which began last fall. "There is more to having a brewery than making beer. I like to see all those as-

"There is marketing. Bell's and Founder's have CFOs and executive directors of sale and they have their team of brewers in the brewery. All of those jobs are available in the market."

With Michigan ranked sixth nationwide in number of breweries — 205 according to a 2015 **Brewers Association**



Matthew Kuehn holds a Liberty One Porter.

ranking and some 20

more are planned in the

Michigan Brewers Guild

promising for brew pro-

"The industry is pop-

state according to the

- job prospects are

ular and people are in-

terested in craft beer,"

Block said. "The market is still growing."

Another 13 School-

craft students likely will

icates in December and

the introductory class for

the fall semester is close

to reaching its limit of 24

Kuehn, 30, who has a

Michigan University, was

in California for a cous-

friend texted him about

registered by phone be-

fore returning home.

ed in getting into the

the door," he said. "I

industry, but thought it

was hard to get a foot in

knew how popular craft

beer is in Michigan and

the program last year. He

"I was always interest-

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finance from Western

be eligible for certif-

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Signing up

how important it is to the economy. I said I can't drag my feet on it."

Bolinger, 43, a single mother of two sons, had some experience tending bar at the now defunct Bonfire Bistro & Brewery in Northville, where she occasionally helped out in the brewery cleaning tanks. She's a server at Poole's Tavern in Northville and is working her way toward an associate's degree in marketing and applied management at Schoolcraft. She figured the brewing and distillation experience would help focus her marketing skills in an industry she loves.

Through hands-on classes held at Liberty Street Brewing Co. and Block Brewing Co. in Howell, Bolinger learned just how "wet" and "dirty" the brewing process can be.

"I was washing a keg once and got showered with porter. I didn't have a change of clothes," she said. "You have goggles, a flashlight, boots. There are chemicals you have to deal with."

Kuehn figures he spends about 90 percent of his time as pub brewer making sure "everything

is clean." He said the Schoolcraft program made him think critically and helped him to understand how individual components — everything from the brewing process to marketing and sales work together to form "the big picture" in the craft beer industry. He considers his current work essential if he moves into the business side of brewing in the future.

"You need to know how your product is made. You have to know what your employees do," he said.

Pairing beer, food

Elliott, 22, who graduated from Schoolcraft's culinary arts program, worked at Granite City Food & Brewery in Northville and offered to "scrub floors, do whatever" it took to also learn the brewery side of the business. She had been looking for jobs at brew-



Mica Bolinger of Novi hopes to work in marketing and management within the craft beer industry.

eries in northern Michi-

gan when she heard

about the Schoolcraft

program and "dropped

everything" to sign up. "I'm glad I did," she

said. "I am in love with

She worked three

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rently is a server at The

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Elliott, who used to

kitchen as a preschooler,

become a chef. Now she

wants to brew while her

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and hopes to soon start

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Sardine Room in Ply-



Elizabeth Elliott of Livonia wants to open her own brew pub, pairing craft beer and

boyfriend, an executive chef, makes food to go with her beer.

While on a tour of 22 breweries, they noticed most brew pubs served generic bar food or snacks. Elliott wants to kick it up a few notches by combining their culinary and brewing skills.

"Ultimately, my goal is to open a brew pub and have food and beer that rotates in and out based on ingredients available locally. The hops you can get locally. You can give back the spent grain (to the farmer)," she said.

One day, she may be able to tell her customers that their pork dinner from "that pig, ate the grain that brewed your beer."

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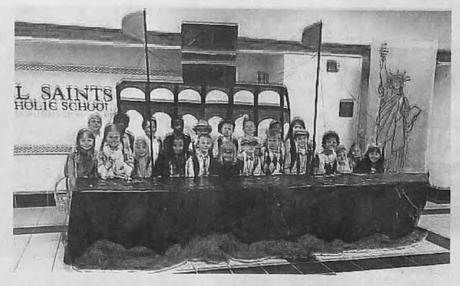
Remember, the tax payment plan agreements deadline is June 30, 2016

Ellis Island: All Saints students experience immigration

Yökoso. iBienvenido! Willkommen. Uhsuh ohseyo. Benvenutoa! No matter how their ancestors might have been greeted, the second-grade students at All Saints Catholic School were all welcomed to "Ellis Island" Monday, May 23, for their Immigration Simulation with excitement and

"One of the great things about our curriculum is it provides teachers the opportunity to think outside the box to create meaningful lessons that come alive for students," said Michelle Shore, director of curriculum. "Students were excited about the (Immigration Simulation) event because they were curious about their heritage and traditions. They were all very eager to dress the part, share their stories and were equally excited to learn the traditions of where their classmates came from."

For the past several weeks, the second-grade students have been learning about the immigration history of the United States and were asked to complete their family research to learn more about

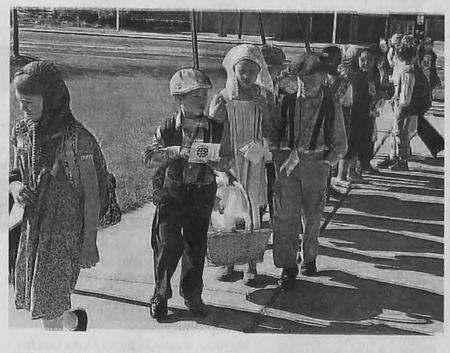


Second-grade students at All Saints Catholic School were welcomed to the "Ellis Island" Immigration Simulation.

their own heritage, immigration story, and traditions. On May 23, students arrived to school dressed like immigrants from their homeland.

After posing for photos aboard the ship, students departed for "Ellis Island," where parent volunteers greeted them as they disembarked. The students rotated through various stations, including baggage, interrogation, medical exam and occasionally deportation. Some of the parent volunteers even gave instructions in foreign languages to mimic the challenges occurred when a shared language was not spo-

"My favorite part was getting dressed up and trying the different foods, especially the



All Saints Catholic School second-graders learned what their ancestors experienced coming to America.

Irish scones," said Caroline LaPointe, whose immigrant name was Elaina Cobalt from Ukraine. "I wore an old-fashioned white dress with a special Ukrainian stitching, an apron and a necklace my grandma wore."

The special day came to a close with a student potluck, where students brought dishes from their native homeland and everyone had the opportunity to sample everything from pierogies to guacamole.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Davenport University

Summer Saunders of Plymouth and Canton residents Chelsea Cavicchio, Ashley Hamilton, Danielle Jarvis and Cheryl Stewart have been named to the president's list for the winter 2016 semester at Davenport University. The president's list requires a minimum 3.8 grade-point average.

Canton residents Tracie Bell, Anna Bossidis, Freanne Johnson, John Johnson and Oleksandra Ptichkina have been named to the Davenport University's dean's list, requiring a minimum 3.5 gradepoint average.

Baylor University

Canton resident Jemima Ruth McCluskey, who is studying in the College of Arts and Sciences, has been named to the dean's list for the 2016 spring semester

Graduated

Kyle Livingstone of Canton graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering May 7 from Trine University in Angola, Ind.

Mary Wildman of Canton graduated from Emerson College. Wildman earned a bachelor arts degree in writing, literature and publishing.

University of Detroit Mer-

cy recently celebrated the commencement of its students from the Undergraduate and Graduate programs, School of Dentistry and School of Law. The ceremony took place the weekend of May 14 and 15, 2016, as nearly 1,500 students walked across the stage at Calihan Hall.

Plymouth residents Nicholas Bil and Kylie Birney, and Canton residents Navkiran Munday, Ami Patel, Rosanna Reynolds and Teniece Roberts graduated with either undergraduate or graduate degrees from the University of Detroit Mercy schools of dentistry and law in May.

Local students earn National Merit scholarships

Plymouth and Canton high school students are among the approximately 3,000 winners of the National Merit Scholarships financed by U.S. colleges and universities. Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the finalists in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution.

These awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship.

The P-CCS students:

» Swetha Duraiswamy of Canton received the Boston University Scholarship. Medicine is her likely career choice.

» Nathan T. Ewell of Canton received the Case Western Reserve University Scholarship, with a probable career in chemical engineering.

» Shailee P. Shah of Canton received the Northeastern University Scholarship, with a career in communications.

» Madeleine Y. Hoke of Plymouth received the University of Chicago Scholarship. Medicine is her likely career choice.

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Schoolcraft careers pro: Fed report's right on job market trends

Julie Brown Staff Writer

A report this past week from the Federal Reserve focused on the

U.S. job market. The central bank's latest report on regional economic conditions, known as the beige book, said Wednesday that "tight labor markets were widely noted in most districts." Employment and wage growth were described as modest, with pay raises "concentrated in areas of labor tightness.'

That news didn't surprise Kathy Cox, Schoolcraft College's coordinator of Student Employment Services and the Hinkle Center. "I would definitely say the labor market is improving," said Cox, a Plymouth Township resident.

She coordinates a data base on local jobs which now averages 480 a month. It was previously for Schoolcraft students and alumni and was opened to the public "because we just have so many jobs and not enough people to fill



Sgt. Jermareo McDaniel of the Detroit Police Department's Recruiting Unit was hard at work at Schoolcraft College's recent Spring Job Fair. Kathy Cox, who coordinates Student Employment Services at the college, noted police and fire career hiring is improving.

them," Cox said.

She noted a shortage of registered nurses, with those students lining up jobs before they graduate. "They're all pointing toward four-year degrees," Cox said.

Manufacturing sector

Locally, manufacturing jobs are also tough to fill. "There are not people trained for those fields, the in-depth parts," she said. "They (manufacturing firms) cannot find

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qualified employees. That's what I'm hearing from employers."

A surprise to some? Elementary school teacher openings are up, other than special education. Cox noted teacher retirements as well as previous education students focused on special ed for employment reasons earlier.

Schoolcraft also sees demand in fields including business, culinary arts (including culinary baking and pastry arts),

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office information systems, child care and development and others. The college has an engineering transfer program for those planning on a bachelor's degree in engineering.

'Stay marketable'

Schoolcraft has many students beyond immediate post-high school age. Cox said of those returning to work, "They really need to upgrade their technical skills" to "stay

marketable. She advised a woman at Schoolcraft who was nervous about online coursework. Cox noted older students can excel

at that. "For young people, it's second nature. I encourage people in certain age groups. They will find they can do this," Cox said.

She provided information from Philadelphia's Villanova University that showed hospitals in particular like registered nurses to have B.S.N. degrees. There are R.N. to B.S.N. degree programs for nurses, with many courses online and often tuition assistance from hospitals.

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Forum focuses on environmental issues

State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, recently held a forum on environmental issues facing the

It brought together four panelists who discussed issues and answered audience questions. They were Laura Rubin, executive director of the Huron River Watershed Council; Charlotte Jameson, policy manager at the Michigan League of Conservation Voters; Andrew Sarpolis, organizing representative for the Sierra Club; and Dave Wilson, a member of the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission.

"Our state is home to an abundance of natural resources and it is important that we do



Residents listen during an environmental forum hosted by state Rep. Kristy Pagan of Canton.

everything we can to preserve these resources for future generations," Pagan said. "Protecting our environment has been, and will continue to be, one of my top priori-

ties. It was an honor to be joined by these environmental leaders who work so hard to help protect the health and well-being of the Great Lakes State. At the forum, Pagan

and the panelists discussed several critical issues, including energy policy, pipeline safety and the dangers of runoff contaminants. Panelists agreed that runoff contamination is a serious threat to Michigan's waterways. Pagan proposed a bill that aims to protect the state from the hazards of coal-tar based sealants.

The panel took questions from the audience on a number of other topics, including the importance of companies being environmentally compliant and what citizens can do to effectively communicate their environmental concerns with their state legislators.

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Check out 2016 Maxima at Nissan of Canton

The redesigned 2016 Nissan Maxima is a powerful, good-handling sedan that stays true to the nameplate's performance-oriented heritage and features an upscale interior that befits its price. You can view and test drive one at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave.

"Maxima" is Nissan's longest continually-inuse nameplate, and the eighth-generation car is a boldly styled sedan that draws heavily from the Nissan Sport Sedan Concept.

Ever since the Nissan Altima grew into a midsize family sedan in the early 2000s, the Maxima hasn't fit neatly into a segment. Nissan says the 2016 Maxima is designed to compete with larger, traditional full-size sedans like the Chevrolet Impala and Toyota Avalon, as well as appeal to buyers looking to move up to a luxury car, like the Acura TLX.

The 2016 Maxima is offered in five trim levels - S, SV, SL, SR and Platinum — that determine the level of equipment; accessories are available, but there are no option packages. We drove an SL, which is priced at \$37,715, and the \$38,495 SR. That one is the most performancefocused model, with unique suspension bushings, springs, shocks, front stabilizer bar and chassis bracing, in addition to 19-inch alloy wheels with stickier Goodyear tires (prices include an \$825 destination charge).

Exterior and styling

The Maxima brings Nissan's Energetic Flow design language to its sedan lineup. Signature cues include a plunging grille bordered by LED daytime running lights and gloss-black pillar finishes that give the roof a floating appearance - something Nis-

san says is inspired by a fighter jet's canopy. The front end is aggressive - the car looks menacing when you see it coming up on you in your rear-view mirror - and also memorable. It's a design that demands a reaction, good or bad.

How it drives

Large cars may be known for a forgiving, comfortable ride quality, but that's not the Maxima formula. Compared with a Chevrolet Impala or Chrysler 300, which both do a good job smoothing out bumps and cracks in the road, the Maxima is a much more connected, tighterhandling car. There's remarkably little body roll when driving quickly through a corner. You feel bumps, but they're dealt with in a refined

The SR trim level's unique suspension is considerably firmer and busier; you feel more road imperfections, even smaller ones, and the impact is harsher when you hit a big pavement crack. It's a little too rough-riding for me, especially considering the good ride-and-handling balance the regular suspension provides.

You'll want the SR trim if you really care about steering feel, as it offers the best of the bunch. Press the Sport button in an SR, however, and the steering wheel gains a nice, firm heft to it and some feedback through the wheel. It feels right in this performance-focused trim.

All trim levels benefit from the performance of the standard 3.5-liter V-6 engine, which provides smooth, effortless acceleration. Rated at 300 horsepower, the V-6 still has power to spare for a quick pass at highway speeds. It pairs with a continuously variable automatic transmission that's programmed to act



like a conventional automatic at low speeds for a more traditional driving experience, according to Nissan.

The Maxima shows how far CVT technology has come recently, at least when paired with a powerful engine. It's mostly unobtrusive, with only a hint of the droning that's associated with this type of transmission when you accelerate hard. If you've been driving a car with a conventional automatic, this CVT won't seem strange or different.

One of the benefits of a CVT is that it's able to quickly increase engine speed when you want more power because it doesn't need to shift to a lower gear. The Maxima's CVT is very responsive; nudge the gas pedal and engine rpm immediately increases, provid-

ing more power. CVTs usually enhance gas mileage, and the Maxima's EPA-estimated 25 mpg combined rating tops most V-6 competitors by a few mpg or so.

Interior

Overall quality and attention to detail is very good. The standard leather-wrapped steering wheel feels great; it's even better in the SR, which has Alcantara simulated-suede inserts.

The upper sections of the doors are finished with soft-touch material

that's a comfortable alternative to the door armrests.

The center console has a padded section to rest your knee against, and there's real stitching on the doors, console and dashboard. One element that doesn't look premium, however, is the simulated metal finish on the dashboard, doors and center console. It doesn't look real.

Fighter jets also informed the layout of the cabin controls, according to Nissan. The center dashboard control panel is angled 7 degrees to-ward the driver, and center console controls are close at hand.

The new Maxima's roofline is 1.3 inches lower, which contributes to the sedan's hunkereddown look.

The Maxima has the latest version of Nissan's NASA-inspired Zero Gravity front seats. They're finished in cloth (S), leather (SV and SL), premium leather with quilted Alcantara inserts (SR) or premium leather with quilted leather inserts (Platinum).

Ergonomics and electronics

Digital screens are rapidly taking over the dashboards of modern cars, and there are two in the Maxima: a 7-inch screen between the gauges and an 8-inch touch-screen in the center of the dashboard. The gauge cluster screen lets you cycle through different modes to see information like speed and heading, trip data, tire pressure and active safety features.

The dashboard screen is the primary display for the standard navigation system and multimedia functions. The Display Commander control knob on the center console can also operate the dashboard touch-screen.

Cargo and storage

The Maxima's 14.3cubic-foot trunk is nicely shaped, and the trunk lid's support arms move within an enclosed area, so there's no risk of them crushing your cargo. The release straps for the 60/40-split folding backseat are in the trunk. The rear seatbacks fold flat with the trunk floor.

The Maxima has a media bin just ahead of the center console cupholders. The bin is large enough for an iPhone 6 Plus, according to Nissan, and it's also where the car's two standard USB ports are located.

Safety

Most of the Maxima's active safety features come on SL and higher trims. These models have standard blind spot warning, rear crosstraffic alert, adaptive cruise control, forward collision warning with

autonomous braking and predictive forward collision warning. Predictive forward collision warning uses low-mounted radar to "see" under the car directly ahead of you to the next one in line. The system can issue a warning if it senses that car slowing suddenly even if you can't see it vourself.

The top-of-the-line Platinum trim adds a surround camera system with moving-object detection and a drowsydriver warning system. Drowsy-driver warning compares steering inputs at the beginning of a drive with ones later in the trip to determine if the driver is getting tired and needs to take a break.

Value in its class

Years ago, Nissan dubbed the Maxima the 4-Door Sports Car. It's an ambitious tagline, but it reflects the fact that the car caters to a specific type of buyer: the driving enthusiast who still needs sedan practicality. The 2016 Maxima is no different from its predecessors in this regard, but its new level of luxury - both in terms of cabin materials and features - now makes it a credible alternative to entry-luxury sedans. If you're shopping sport sedans, it's worth a test drive.

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Girl Scouts attend international brotherhood camporee



Canton residents Danielle Cranston, Amanda Ellenwood and Emma Kendall show off their award.

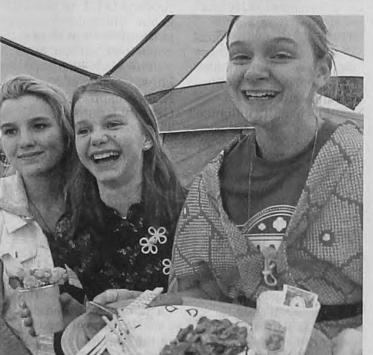
Members of Canton Girl Scout Troop 40900 recently attended the **Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee**

in Dorchester, Ontario. The annual event, attended by about 4,000 Scouts, is sponsored by Scouts Canada and also includes Canadian Girl Guides and American Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Middle schoolage youth attend various activities during the day and compete in sub-camp competitions, while high school age youth are

staff members.

Troop 40900 girls won the Gourmet Cooking Award in the Puffin subcamp and a blue ribbon for overall camp effort. Meals for the competition must be created on a camp stove by the girls at camp and delivered with flair to the subcamp chiefs for judging.

Canton residents Emma Kendall, Danielle Cranston and Amanda Ellenwood don costumes to serve the sub-camp chiefs their meal.





In the Plymouth Historical Museum's 2015 murder mystery, Emily Betz played Lady Sybil Crowley in "A Teatime Tragedy at Downton Abbey."



In last year's murder mystery at the Plymouth Historical Museum, Pam Yockey played Anna Bates of "Downton... Abbey" fame.

'Prohibition, Mayhem and Murder!' at museum

The Plymouth Historical Museum will host a murder mystery tea performed by the Plymouth Living History Troupe, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St.

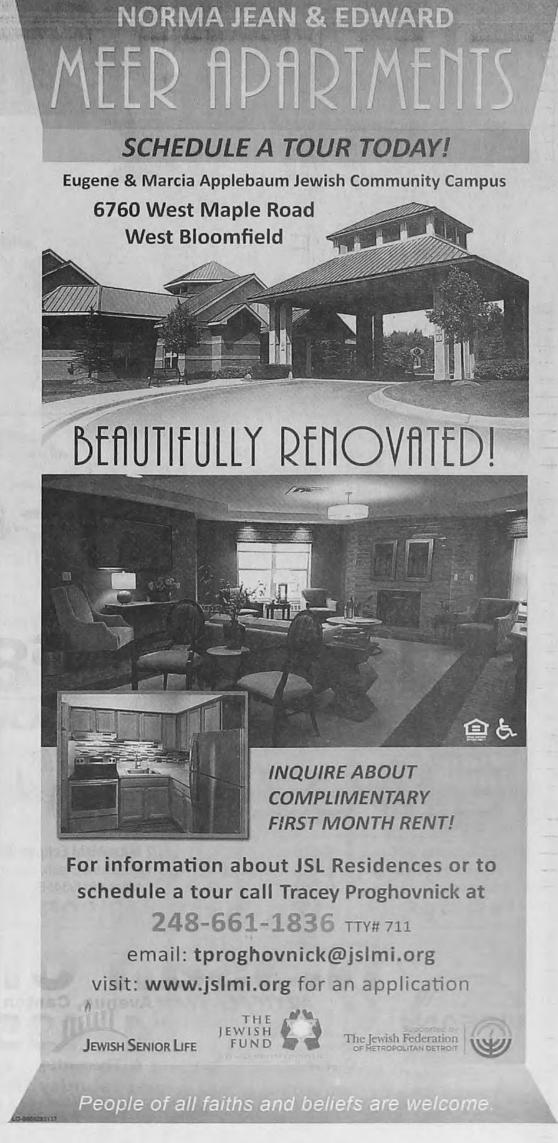
Come dressed to impress in your finery from the Roaring '20s or simply come as yourself and join in for an afternoon of mayhem and murder. Enjoy scrumptious tea delicacies and

sip the museum's own special tea, "Mary's Blend." Interact with the performers and use your sleuthing skills to help solve the murder.

Tickets are \$30 for Plymouth Historical Museum members and \$35 for non-members. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum. For more information, contact the museum at 734-455-8940 or www.plymouthhistory.org/event.



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Set your own record at Salvation Army Father's Day run

Participating in the annual YMCA Father's Day run for more than 25 years, as Plymouth resident Tim Tingstad has done, is certainly an achievement worth mentioning. Participation of his parents, Joan and Marty Tingstad, who continue to be involved into their 80s, is something for the record books. In fact, Joan Tingstad had been a medal winner in her age category many times over.

"My parents are certainly an inspiration," Tingstad said. "They have always been active people and that sets a great example for me and for those who see them at the race. The YMCA Father's Day run is a great event for the Plymouth community and it is something that multiple generations can be part of together."

A 35-year resident of Plymouth, Tingstad jokes that he is involved with the race whether he wants to be or not - as the six-mile mark of the event typically goes right in front of his house. On race day, if his wife Sandy is not at the finish



Joan and Marty Tingstad of Plymouth enjoy the YMCA Father's Day Run with Paws.

line, she can be found on their front lawn with hose in hand to cool them off as they go by.

Active in many areas of the community, Tingstad is currently the president of the Kiwanis

Club of Colonial Plymouth and also helped create the Fairground Park Association to make improvements to the park and to foster a sense of community for the surrounding neighbors.

Volunteering in many parts of the community over the last three-plus decades, Tingstad is well aware of the personal fulfillment that can be gained, but also knows it can be hard work and

involve many hours. "I have admiration for the Plymouth YMCA staff and volunteers who make this race happen in our community," he said. "I know the planning of an event like this goes on year-round and work starts very early on race day to be sure everything goes off without a hitch."

Plymouth YMCA executive director Sage Hegdal is well aware of the scope of a community event of this magnitude. "This run is certainly about promoting good health, but it is also very much about celebrating family," Hegdal said. "Each year, we see so many family and friends creating memories. The event includes a one-mile fun run for the entire family, a 5K walk, 5K run and 10K run. There is something for everyone who wants to be part of this great activity.'

Hegdal also notes that if you are not interested in running in a race, you can still show your support by making a donation to the Plymouth YMCA or by acting as a race-day volunteer. "We need volunteers in many

areas including handling registration, race-day setup, directing runners on the course and many other tasks."

Proceeds from the race benefit the YMCA's Annual Campaign, which drives its nonprofit mission of youth development, healthy living and

social responsibility. Registration for this year's run has already begun. Anyone interested in participating can go to the Plymouth Family YMCA website, at www.plymouthfathersdayrun.org, and click the "Register to Race" button to begin the process online.

Registrations are also accepted by walk-in or mailing the forms to 248 S. Union, Plymouth, MI 48170. Race awards include ribbons for all one-mile finishers, medals for all 5K and 10K finishers, \$100 Visa gift cards for overall top male and female finishers in the 5K and 10K run and custom prizes for the top three winners in each age division.

For more information, contact Hegdal at shegdal@ymcadetroit.org.

Northville U-M alumni club to host Bernstein at benefit dinner

The University of Michigan Alumni Club of Greater Northville will host its annual scholarship fundraising dinner with this year's guest speaker Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, at Laurel Manor Banquet Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livo-

Bernstein will talk about his life experiences in overcoming obstacles and breaking down stereotypes and how his experience at the University of Michigan helped him become the first elected blind



Bernstein

justice to the Michigan Supreme Court in November

2014. Prior to being elected to Michigan's highest court, he was known as a tire-

less advocate for disabled rights, heading the public service division for the Sam Bernstein Law Firm. Bernstein is a graduate of the University of Michigan and earned his law degree from Northwestern University School of Law. In his spare time, he is an

avid runner, completing 18 marathons — including eight New York City marathons, a full Ironman triathlon and a half Ironman.

The evening will feature a dinner and a silent auction with many unique items. Advance registration required. The cost is \$40 for AAUM members, \$50 for non-members.

Register by calling the Alumni Association at 800-847-4764 or go to http://clubs.alumni.umich.edu/northville.

For questions, contact Sally Lorimer slorimer10@gmail.com. If you

other guests who are registering separately, email Mahnoush St. Clair

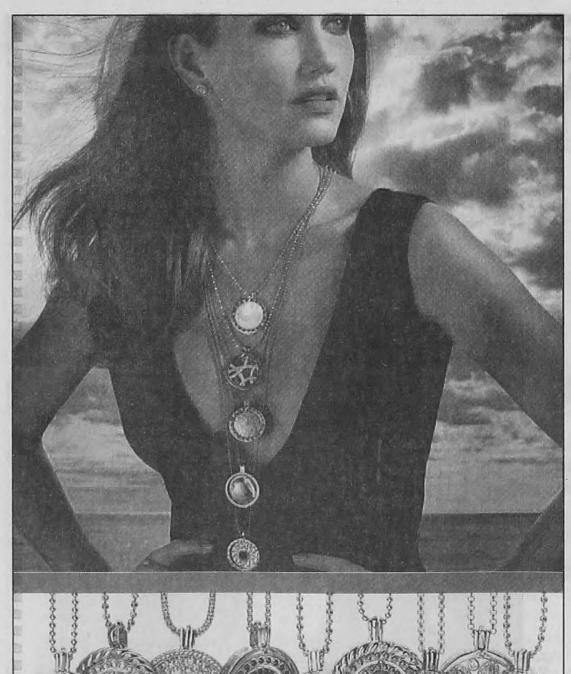
at mstclair@mi.rr.com. The group is in need of items such as merchandise, services, hotel/ overnight stays, tickets, team memorabilia and gift certificates for the silent auction. To donate items to help provide scholarships for local U-M students, contact Colleen Williams at mcolwil2@gmail.com. All donations are tax-deductible at the declared value. Note, I-275 South will be closed. Leave extra travel time and plan an alternate route.

tirelessly to make certain our annual event raises the funds needed to provide scholarships to local area students going to the University of Michigan each fall. We are honored to have Justice Bernstein speak at our event this year and are excited to make available all of the exclusive items at the silent auction," Board of Gov-ernors President David Rice said.

Founded in 1990, the U-M Club of Greater Northville hosts social, cultural, athletic and community service events and programs.

network of regional clubs within the U.S. that are affiliated with the Alumni Association. Membership extends well beyond Northville to include alumni from Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth and many other communities throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties.

To help organize an event for the club, attend a board meeting or to learn more, contact NorthvilleClub@umich.edu, at 800-847-4764, http://clubs.alumni.umich.edu/northville or P.O. Box 453, Northville, MI





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Woman turns jam, jelly into sweet business

Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Melissa Pauley-Geimer cans 82 different kinds of handmade jams and jellies.

The Garden City woman has been known to display 50 flavors - such as apple pie jam, apricot ginger jam and banana nut jam - simultaneously at her farmers market vendor display.

Such enthusiasm has earned her the title, "crazy jam lady," from other vendors and fellow "jammers.'

"I embrace that. I am very proud of being a crazy jam lady," said Pauley-Geimer, who has made and sold her products for more than five years under the name Lula Bre's Sweet Eats. Michigan's cottage food law allows home cooks, like Pauley-Geimer, to produce certain foods jams and jellies are among them - from their home kitchens for direct sale to customers at farmers markets and other events.

'At one point last year, I had from here all the way down, it was all jam," she said, while working her three-table display recently at the Lathrup Village farmers market. "I had 50 jams on my table. I've calmed down so far this season, but then I get that itch ..."

That itch, a desire to experiment with flavors and fruits, keeps her busy creating in the kitchen two solid days a week and some at night or early mornings if she runs low on a popular flavor. She sells her products, which include fruit bars, fudge and caramel sauces, Wednesday through Sunday at farmers markets. The weekly lineup is Lathrup Village, Westland, Dixboro, Plymouth and Canton. She also signed up for several special events this summer, including her

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The Taylor class runs 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Taylor Christian Church, 11425 Telegraph.

The Detroit class is 2-4 p.m. at the Southwest Detroit Business Association, 7752 Vernor Highway.

Register at msue.msu.edu.

hometown's inaugural Great Bacon run and walk, Finders Keepers Market in Trenton and Royal Oak Vintage Artisan Market, all held in

Brookellen Swope, Westland Chamber of Commerce president, said vendors at the Westland Farmers & Artisans Market "split into two groups and there is no in between." Those who view their product as a hobby might sell at one, maybe two markets a week. If the product is a business, they'll attend multiple markets.

"It's a lot, but it's in line with others," Swope said, considering Pauley-Geimer's five-day market schedule. "What shocks me is that she has three kids. I don't know how she does it."

It's all a matter of juggling schedules, being married to a supportive husband and loving the jam-making process.

After taking her daughters, ages 5 and 6, and son, 14, to school, she works on her food products from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. At night, after dinner and her children's activities, there's more jam making if she's not too tired.

"It is very calming." she said. "When I'm mak-



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Melissa Pauley-Geimer of Garden City displays 30 flavors of jams and jellies at the Lathrup Village Farmers Market. She sometimes has as many as 50 of her 82 flavors on hand.

ing jam and jelly, that's all that matters.'

From pastry to jam

Pauley-Geimer spent 11 years working in the automotive industry and, after taking culinary classes at the Art Institute of Michigan in Novi, took a job in the pastry department at Motor City Casino.

Her interest in jam and jelly started when she made jams as Father's Day gifts six years ago for her husband and her father.

"My dad likes raspberry jam and my husband is a strawberry guy," she said. "So I made them strawberry

and raspberry jam and I got addicted to it. It wasn't the fact that it was good, it was, 'What would happen if I did this?' It was, 'Let me try this and that. We'll see how it comes out.'

"By July, my husband looked at me and said. 'You need to quit making it. There are 12 cases of jam sitting on the coffee table. We can't even use our coffee table any more because there is so much jam.' That's when I started going to the farmers markets."

She moved some of her production into a licensed kitchen when she developed hot pepper jams, which are not allowed under the cottage food regulations.

"They have to be done in a licensed kitchen because of the ph levels," she said, adding that improper processing could lead to bacteria growth and, ultimately, to botulism. "They (recipes) are tested by the state and they have to say if they're good to go."

She produces her most popular fruit jams and all of her pepper products in the licensed kitchen each Monday and works in her home kitchen Tuesday.

"My recipes are really simple," she said. "There are so many different fruits out there you can throw together and see

how it turns out. If it doesn't turn out, I can add it to the fruit bars."

Business strategy

Pauley-Geimer buys as much of her fruit as she can from local farmers or picks her own.

'I'm a firm believer that fresher is better. I'd rather have you open a jar of jam I just made just a couple of weeks ago," she said.

When the local fruit season ends, she focuses on making fudge, caramel apples, fruit bars and dessert sauces. She revamped her table display and food jar labels last winter and has begun to work with the Michigan State University Product Center. With the center's help, she hopes to transition from a cottage industry to a licensed food processor that can sell products to retail stores.

"I have to get the UPC labels," she said. "I'm going through the Product Center, which is where everything has been tested. If I have a question, I just give them a call or shoot them an email."

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Kumar: Revolution needed to combat opioid epidemic

Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

Prohibition didn't stop alcohol consumption anymore than cocaine was Sigmund Freud's cure for opioid addiction. And four decades later, President Richard Nixon's War on Drugs seems to have fallen flat as as some 28,000 Americans die each year from drug overdoses.

Dr. Anil Kumar -Democratic candidate for the U.S. House 11th District seat - Thursday brought to the Plymouth District Library a town hall discussion on the growing heroin and opioid epidemic in America. He told the small gathering at the Ply-



Kumar

mouth District Library that the opioid epidemic must be fought with a

multifaceted approach that cuts demand, rather than supply, for drugs.

We need a revolution," said the urologist and Crittenton Hospital chief of surgery. "It must be a change from inside."

Referring to the War on Drugs, Kumar said that war is an assault on suppliers and users head to prison. "As long as there is a demand, you cannot cut the supply," he said.

That requires a cultural change that includes families, religious institutions, the medical and pharmaceutical industries, law enforcement and legislators. "This is a major issue. We cannot sweep it under the carpet," Kumar

A member of the audience agreed with Kumar, adding that addiction should be recognized as a disease rather than a crime. She also urged cooperation of families, courts and police: "Right now, it's total chaos. There's no harmony."

Changing society and its attitudes toward addicts will take time, but begins with the family, Kumar said, adding that

family members who are addicts must not be ostracized. "We need more adult participation with our kids," he said, adding that in many cases family members live independently of each other, including children. "Be with your kids."

He stressed the need for families to bond closer together and for parents to developer stronger relationships with their children, who must be educated about drug and alcohol addiction as young as elementary school level. Some 80 percent of addiction occurs during the ages of 10-30, he added.

Kumar said that certain factors contribute to addiction, including

stress, physical and sexual abuse, witnessing violence, peers with drug problems and drug availability. "We are a fastforward society," he said.

That means that the need for quick pain relief physically, emotionally and mentally, is on the increase. He also put much of the responsibility on physicians and prescriptions for pain medication. Kumar told the gathering he would like to see money spent on research to develop non-narcotic pain killers.

Additionally, Kumar said, society talk about addiction, which currently often leads to prison time. Americans, he said, spend some \$524 billion annually on addiction

and its outcomes.

Audience members questioned Kumar on the use and availability of Narcan, an opiate antidote. "This is a very important tool," Kumar said, adding that a movement to increase its availability is gaining strength.

Still, Kumar said, addiction has so long been treated as a crime. "What do we do after someone is clean?" The issues that trigger addiction still remain. "A family support system is the most important. We need to teach parents what to

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Local artist wins top nod from magazine's readers

Plymouth resident Tony Roko was named Best Fine Artist by the readers of "Hour Detroit" magazine in its 2016 Best of Detroit contest. Roko also won the Best Fine Artist nod from the magazine in 2015 and 2014

Each year, "Hour Detroit" asks its readers to vote for their favorite local personalities, athletes, businesses, philanthropists, restaurants and more. Readers were asked to vote through March 15 at www.hourdetroit.com.

Roko, who has recently been commissioned by Detroit's Atwater Brewery to rebrand its vast collection of locally brewed beer and spirits, has also been asked to paint pieces for Lady Gaga, Jay Leno and Ford Motor Co. Roko also has a piece displayed in the permanent collection of Michigan's Holocaust Memorial Center.

"It's an honor to be recognized by the read-

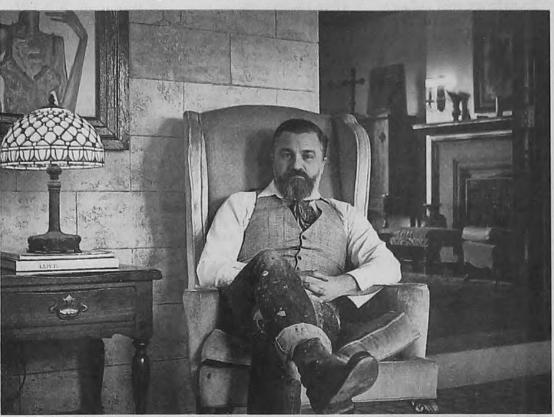


One of Tony Roko's works of art.

ers of such a highly regarded publication," Roko said. "I realize how rare it is to have your art connect with so many, while remaining true to yourself in the process."

Roko will take part in

the "Hour Detroit" Best of Detroit party, which will be celebrated this June at the Motor City Casino Hotel in Detroit. Roko's work will also be on display at ArtPrize®, an independently orga-



Artist Tony Roko of Plymouth.

nized international art competition in Grand Rapids, which starts in September. His work is always on display now at

Lafontsee Galleries in Grand Rapids.

To find out more about Roko, go to www.artofroko.com. Facebook:

www.facebook.com/Tony-Roko Video: https://www. youtube.com/watch?v= TeY1as7WMzI &feature=youtu.be.

Community Foundation of Plymouth brings the Greater Plymouth Service Project to town.

On May 7, 2016 the entire community of Greater Plymouth combined forces with 1340 volunteers from Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, Jaycees, Wilcox foundation, Chamber, Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC), churches, various youth groups and the community at large. The Community Foundation of Plymouth wishes to express it's gratitude for making this day happen when 127,368 adult meals were packaged. Meals were distributed locally to Schoolcraft College, Civic Concern, Trinity Church Food Pantry, Salvation Army, Plymouth Canton back Pac program, Veterans Haven, Gleaners plus City of Flint, South East Michigan, United States disaster relief and globally.

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Attorney Eileen Kroll of Livonia's Cochran, Kroll & Associates is focused on women with ovarian cancer and their use of Johnson & Johnson products, including baby powder.

In February 2016, a jury in St. Louis, Mo., awarded \$72 million to the family of a woman who died from ovarian cancer after using Johnson & Johnson's talcum powder products for feminine hygiene. In May 2016, a jury in St. Louis, Mo., awarded \$55 million to a woman who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer after using Johnson & Johnson's talcum powder products for feminine hygiene for approximately 40 years.

"Juries are getting just so angered about the knowledge that Johnson & Johnson had for decades," said Kroll, also a registered nurse who earned her bachelor of science in nursing degree from then-Madonna College in Livonia. "To this moment, they still have not placed any warnings on their prod-



Attorney Eileen Kroll of Livonia, also a registered nurse, represents clients who've used Johnson & Johnson products, such as baby powder, for feminine hygiene.

ucts."

Products such as Johnson & Johnson Baby Powder, as well as Shower to Shower (since sold by J&J to another business), have been advertised to women for use in the genital area for many years. Said Kroll, a partner in the firm, "I really believe we're just at the infancy of this litigation and it's going to explode."

She recently attended a South Carolina conference that involved a series of law firms involved in the Missouri verdicts. Kroll noted some 140 similar cases pending in New Jersey state court, along with another 1,400 in Missouri.

A New Jersey judge used a "global discovery order" for test cases, she explained, three for plaintiffs and three for

the defense. Trials in New Jersey are set to start this October, with Kroll noting work to "keep them out of the federal courts." She praised state court judges there "who have done a very good job thus

Company responds

Johnson & Johnson's Marc Boston wrote in an email to this newspaper, "For over 100 years, Johnson & Johnson has provided consumers with a safe choice for cosmetic talc powder products. Johnson & Johnson believes in the safety of cosmetic talc. That is why we continue to market Johnson's Baby Powder containing cosmetic talc today. A very extensive recent review of all the data on talc safety was reviewed by an independent expert panel, the Cosmetic Ingredient Review (CIR) Expert Panel, and published in 2015. The CIR Expert Panel concluded that 'talc is safe in the present practices of use and concentration described in this safety assessment'. Importantly, no new data has become available

since this review which would change their assessment.'

Boston's LinkedIn lists him as Johnson & Johnson's North America media & issues management leader consumer and consumer devices.

Kroll, who is accepting cases from impacted women, noted the U.S. Food and Drug Administration classifies the products as cosmetics and has no say on this matter. "It's truly a corporate decision of what to do with this product," she said.

She referenced "translocation" of talc particles up through the genital region into the reproductive system, reaching the ovaries at the end of the fallopian tubes. Inflamed tissue can cause cancer cells to grow, she noted.

"I sprinkled it on my son with diaper changes," Kroll said of the baby powder. The risk appears less with regular skin, such as the buttocks of a baby, and limited time of use. Kroll agreed a child would often urinate into a diaper before it's changed again, adding liquid.

"It was marketed

specifically for the scent, the smell," she said of the feminine hygiene ads targeted at women. Kroll, a graduate of the University of Detroit Law School, cited 21 studies over the last two decades "that show this statistically significant risk."

Product marketing issues

Added Kroll, "Women aren't going around sprinkling Gold Bond into their panties. Women specifically like that scent and Johnson & Johnson knows it." Some women use the products on sanitary napkins as well.

She noted a 1992 company decline in sales, followed by marketing reports and advertising campaigns targeting African-American and Hispanic women. Those ads began the same year, Kroll said.

"They absolutely knew they were targeting those two ethnicity groups," she added, a practice she calls "horrible." J&J's Boston did not respond to this newspaper's question regarding advertising aimed at minority groups.

Holocaust Memorial Center's 'Holocaust By Bullets' exhibit opens June 15

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus in Farmington Hills will present the exhibition, "Holocaust by Bullets, Yahad-In Unum — 10 Years of Investigations," June 15 through Dec. 30.

Based on 10 years of research and investigation by the French organization Yahad-In Unum and its founder. the Rev. Patrick Desbois, the exhibit chronicles the lesser-known side of the Holocaust through eyewitness testimonies, photographs and maps.

To commemorate the unch of the exhibition the center will host an

opening event at 7 p.m. June 14 featuring YIU director Marco Gonzalez, who will speak on "learning from the past to fight genocide and mass killing today." There will be a dessert reception following the

presentation. Known as "Holocaust by Bullets," the systematic killing of all Jews and Roma started before the creation of concentration camps and took place throughout the former Soviet Union, continuing until the end of World War II. The form of genocide detailed by the exhibit is

other study of genocidal activity ever conducted and presented.

In "Holocaust by Bullets," which will be available in both English and Spanish, visitors will follow YIU's identification of the dehumanizing steps that took place almost systematically for every mass killing throughout Eastern Europe. Along with the installation, extended video of eyewitness testimonies will be available.

"In this exhibit, the visitor becomes a 'witness' to the heinous crimes of the Nazi death squads," Desbois said.

"Some of the images are, of course, disturbing, but we tried to present them in a thoughtful and discreet fashion. However, it is important for everyone to experience and learn from these crimes because the world is still consumed with the disease of genocide.

In Cambodia, Rwanda, Darfur, the Balkans and Syria, such mass killings are modeled after what Desbois calls the archetype of these horrors the village-by-village, on-site massacres perpetrated by the Nazis and their collaborators

in Eastern Europe.

"We are honored to host such an important and thought-provoking exhibition at the Holocaust Memorial Center," said Cheryl Guyer, interim executive director, Holocaust Memorial Center. "The 'Holocaust by Bullets' exhibit allows our visitors to reflect on what has happened, and at the same time learn from the past so that we can prevent future tragedies from occurring."

The exhibit, which is free with museum admission or membership, is supported by Nancy

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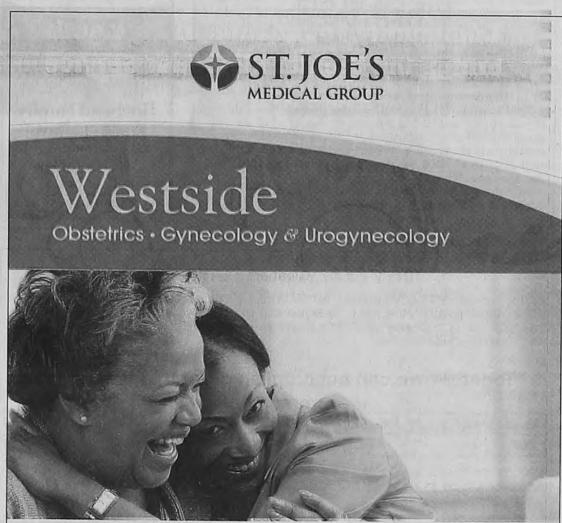
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The Connect Your Summer reading program is a reading and activities program for all ages where patrons earn badges for achievements such as attending library programs, completing library activities, reading books, exploring different resources and

"We've got a really awesome mix this year," said Laura Fawcett, program librarian.

Adults are invited to take part in carefully planned summer activ-



CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

It's a festive atmosphere as the Canton Public Library's Connect Your Summer program returns.

ities like cheese-making, genealogy, a Great Lakes shipwreck discussion by David Trotter and more.

The popular Friends of the Canton Public Library Wings of Wonder storytime out in the butterfly garden is scheduled in full swing this season and the student favorite Saturday STEM program also runs throughout the summer.

"It's a time for families to enjoy the program and enjoy their experience at the library," said Nichole Welz, program librarian.

Visiting the library for the summer programming is also a way to introduce and refresh patrons to all the different ways to utilize the library as a community space, Welz said.

Badges can be earned by reading or completing library activities corresponding to a certain badge and for each badge earned, patrons receive one entry into a prize drawing. Badges must be claimed online.

The three paths for Connect Your Summer are the Super Bookworm Path, the On the Scene Path and the eLectrified Path and patrons can mix and match their reading and activities for badges and prizes.

The summer kickoff party takes place June 20 and features a photo op spot, a wheel of fun, custom library coloring sheets and much more. If patrons pick up one of our CYS yard signs for all in their neighborhood to see, the CYS prize patrol might drop-in and hand out prizes at your doorstep as a new CYS feature.

The library's giant Spirograph is set to be unveiled outside from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the kickoff party and a CYS signup station will be available so that members can join the program and have any library ques-

tions answered. "Something will be happening at the library every day," Fawcett said.

Dates to know: » June 20 — Connect Your Summer kickoff party, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Google announces plan to open self-driving development center in Novi

Brent Snavely

Michigan.com

Google's Self-Driving Car Project said last week it will open a 53,000-square-foot development center in Novi, providing even more evidence of the sprint by Silicon Valley and the auto industry toward autonomous vehicles.

John Krafcik, CEO of the project, announced the move in a Google+ posting. He said the Novi development center will serve as a hub that Google will use to work with a number of partners in the automotive industry

The city has been working with Google for several months, Assistant City Manager Victor Cardenas said. He said

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GOOGLE PHOTO This 53,000-square-foot facility in Novi will house Google's self-driving vehicle development center, the company announced Wednesday.

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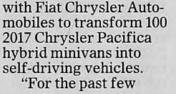
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years, members of our team have been working from the greater Detroit area. Now it's time to lay down roots: we're establishing a self-driving technology development

center in Novi," Krafcik said in his Google+ post. Krafcik's post comes amid a tidal wave of news in recent months related to partnerships between automakers, Silicon Valley technology firms and ride-sharing companies.

All three Detroit automakers this month have announced partnerships or deals with Silicon Valley companies, aimed either at developing autonomous vehicles or ride-sharing. Last week, Toyota confirmed that it is investing in Uber, the nation's largest ridesharing service, and the companies will explore new leasing options for Uber drivers.

Google and FCA have both said that the deal to convert Pacificas into

self-driving minivans is not exclusive and Google continues to work with other automakers.

While Google will work with FCA in Novi, the development center there is designed to be permanent and will continue to exist after the work on the Pacificas is complete.

"Many of our current partners are based here, so having a local facility will help us collaborate more easily and access Michigan's top talent in vehicle development and engineering," Krafcik said in his post. "At this 53,000-square-foot development center, our engineers, working with local partners, will further develop and refine selfdriving technology. One of the first tasks will be to ready our self-driving Pacifica hybrid minivans."

Earlier this year, Ford was reportedly in discussions with Google for

a partnership connected to self-driving cars. Last week, Ford Executive Chairman Bill Ford predicted the pace of deals and partnerships related to mobility would continue to increase and did not rule out an eventual deal with Google.

"Anything's possible with anybody," Ford said. "We have a good relationship with Google but certainly nothing to announce.

Krafcik said Google will be moving into the Novi location this year.

Google plans to move into a building at 46555 Magellan Drive, east of Beck Road and north of 12 Mile, in the Beck West Corporate Park.

While Google parent company Alphabet also has offices in Ann Arbor and Birmingham, tThis would be the tech company's first office in Michigan for the testing and development of autonomous vehicles.

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2017 budget. The Board may not adopt its proposed 2016-2017 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2016-2017 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing (MCL 141.412).

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TRASH AND TREASURE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 4

Location: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton

Details: Annual sale, a fundraiser for the church, featuring toys, kitchen, holiday and hobby items, along with some furniture. No clothes.

Contact: 734-495-0035

VETERANS DEDICATION

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. June 4 Location: Independence Village, 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth

Details: Dedication for the Veterans Tribute Room that will honor generations of military personnel. A showcase of hand painted models, memorabilia and biographies will be displayed, along with guest speakers and even a capital flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol building. Snacks will be provided by the Independence Village of Plymouth culinary staff.

MILLER WOODS SPRING CLEANUP

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Saturday,

Location: Miller Woods, at entrance on Powell, between Beck and Ridge roads

Details: Help the Friends of Miller Woods with their spring cleanup. All ages welcome to help remove garlic mustard and other invasives, picking up trash from the surrounding meadow and other general maintenance. Bring work gloves, boots and mosquito repellant. No dogs. Contact: Cheryl Bord at 734 459 7666

EEF GOLF

Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 20

Location: Fox Hills Golden Fox, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

Details: The Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Founda-

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Examples of Islamic culture include hihab, headscarves worn by some women, jewelry and art at the Canton Historial Museum's

tion will hosts its 25th annual golf outing. Proceeds are used to provide grants to teachers to enhance classroom learning.

Cost: \$175 donation or \$125 for teachers and district support personnel. To register, go to http://eefforkids.org/getinvolved/2016-golf-outing -registration/.

FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT

diversity exhibit.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday,

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton **Details:** The Canton Concert Band will perform a free concert on the lawn at St. Michael Lutheran Church. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of music and fellowship.

Contact: The church office 734-459-3333 or go to

www.connectingwithGod.org.

SEEKING COMPASSIONATE **VOLUNTEERS**

Time/Date: Until September Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5820 N Lilley Road, 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, confidentially, 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. Interested volunteers must complete the online application process prior to training. Early registration is encouraged, as several steps are to be completed prior to the start of the training sessions. Next new volunteer orientation is Sept. 13 in the hospice office

Contact: Jeanne Edwards, volunteer coordinator, at 888-983-9050

WOUNDED HEART CONFERENCE

Time/Date: June 17-18 Location: St. Michael Lutheran

Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton Details: Understanding the

Wounded Heart Conference will feature Dr. Marcus Warner of Deeper Walk International and Tessie Wilson of Freedom in

Christ Ministries

Contact: For registration information, contact Brenda Stilley at 734-255-3131 or brendastilley@connecting withgod.org. Online registration available at http://connecting withgod.org/resources/ deeperwalk.

DIVERSITY EXHIBIT

Time/Date: Exhibit runs through July 30. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Location: Canton Historical Museum, on Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill

Details: Wood carvings of Filipino dancers, Muslim prayer beads known as tasbih, a Buddhist monk's brass bowl and a Brazilian special-occasion dress are on display as a Canton

Historical Museum exhibit pays tribute to this community's cultural diversity. Muslims, Filipinos, Sri Lankans, Brazilians and the American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine, are represented in the exhibit - "A Diverse Township: Looking at Canton's Cultural Community." Cost: Free

CANCER SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. third Monday of each month

Details: Connecting with others who know what it is to have lung cancer can help during this difficult time. To start, join the Lung Cancer Support Group at the Beaumont Cancer Center-Farmington Hills, 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 230. Thoracic surgeon Dr. David Sternberg leads the group. The group is open to anyone living with lung cancer and their loved ones. Meetings are free the third Monday each month. For more information, call 248-473-4828

Widowed Friends

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each

Details: Join Widowed Friends. a peer support group, hosting a Men's Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Contact Dick at 313-534-

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Ladies Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Connor's Restaurant on Haggerty/Five Mile Road, Northville. To save a seat, contact Carol at 313-562-3080.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first Thursday of each month.

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting Co-Ed Breakfast at Richard's Restaurant on Plymouth Road at Eckles Road. Contact Jerry at 734-455-2651.

Northville celebrates with annual Arts and Acts Festival

The Northville Art House shines a spotlight on the imagination, art, talent and cultural diversity of artists throughout the region when the annual Arts and Acts Festival returns for the seventh consecutive year June 17-19 in histor-

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ic downtown Northville. The festival includes the 28th annual juried fine art show Art in the Sun, featuring more than 70 talented artists; the

Sandbox Play Festival produced by Tipping Point Theatre; the Short on Words Literary Contest; musical entertainment featuring some of metro Detroit's top musicians; children's activlues; the annual Northville Art House Chalk

Festival; and a large variety of food and drink.

Arts and Acts brings together the community to celebrate the local arts. With the exception of the tickets for the Sandbox Play Festival and a recommended donation for the chalk festival, Arts and Acts is a free event. It is also a

major fundraiser for the Northville Art House. The funds raised allow NAH to bring quality art exhibits and art education to Northville and the surrounding communities.

Arts and Acts will run 3-8 p.m. Friday, June 17, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 18, and 10

a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 19. Activities will be centered around Main and Center streets in downtown Northville.

For more information, contact the Northville Art House at 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse.org.



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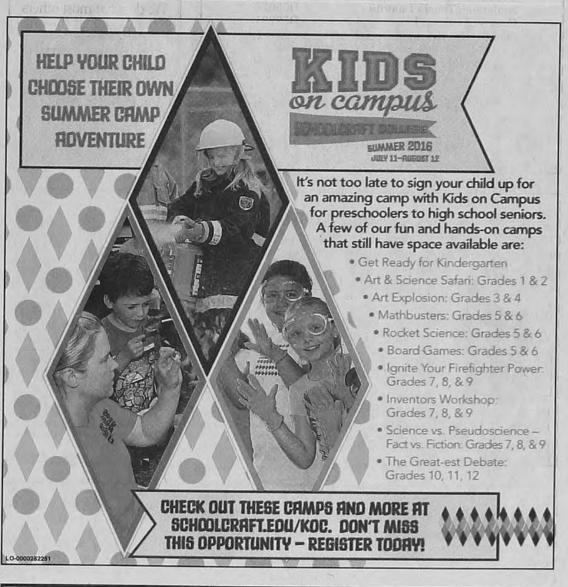
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BOYS GOLF REGIONAL

Wildcats stay on the prowl

Plymouth aces regional test, qualifies for Division 1 state finals June 10-11

Tim Smith Staff Writer

Seemingly a different Wildcat leads the way every time out for Plymouth's varsity boys golf team this postseason as it continues to steamroll every obstacle in its path.

After impressive victories the last week of May at the KLAA championship and Division 1 district, Plymouth followed suit Wednesday at par-72 Pine View Golf Course in Ypsilanti with a stellar 308 score — good for first place at the D1 regional.

"My guys hung in there today and

did what they had to do to score," Plymouth head coach Dan Young said. "A lot of tight holes where you had to be accurate."

Plymouth again will take a crack at a state championship, June 10-11 at The Meadows in Grand Rapids.

Young almost is awestruck by the resolve shown by his deep, talented

For example, junior Jack Boczar was the star of the show May 26 at the district with a record-breaking 64. Boczar, however, "struggled" at Pine View with

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Plymouth's varsity boys golf team prevailed at Wednesday's Division 1 regional in Ypsilanti. The Wildcats advanced to the June 10-11 state finals at The Meadows in Grand Rapids.

D1 GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Canton seniors Mary Galm (left) and Madison Archibald pursue Plymouth senior Olivia Janke during Thursday's Division 1 girls soccer district semifinal.

DOWN TO THE WIRE

Canton, Plymouth go the distance, need PKs to decide district semifinal

Tim Smith

Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton rivalry in varsity girls soc-cer already was intense entering Thursday's Division 1 district semifinal.

If possible, that rivalry got even hotter thanks to a thrilling game that required two 10-minute overtimes in which each team scored a minute apart - and penalty kicks before the Chiefs secured a 3-2 victory.

The Chiefs prevailed after sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Hammond, who was inserted into the contest after the second OT because coaches rank her the team's best PK stopper, got her hands in the way of a bid by Julia Noel and then got her body in front of Anna DeBiasi's attempt.

And with Canton leading 2-1 in PKs going into the fifth and final round, junior forward Hannah Lapko drove a shot into the top right corner past Plymouth freshman goalie Rebecca Przybylo for the clincher.

"I knew where I was going. I was just going to go up there," Lapko said, unable to hold back her joy after finishing the win, which catapulted Canton into Saturday's district final against Salem. "It's a big net and the keeper's small. Just got to hit it in. ... Wow, I'm really excited."

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Canton's Sarah Hammond swats the ball away during penalty kicks Thursday. She was brought into the district game just for the PKs.

D1 GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT

Salem surges to lopsided victory

Rocks mercy Glenn, gear up for match-up with Chiefs

> **Tim Smith** Staff Writer

During the first half of Thursday's Division I girls soccer semifinal at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity field, Salem gained an advantage in small increments.

The Rocks needed almost half of the opening 40 minutes to find the mark and took a 3-0 halftime lead.

But if the first half was slow and steady for the Rocks, the second half was a thrill a minute. And pretty much a goal a minute, too, as Salem scored five times over the first 11:14 to wrap

up an 8-0 mercy-rule victory.
"The speed of play and decision making, I thought we did well," Salem head coach George Tomasso said. "And we did well finishing in the offensive

Following the win, Tomasso talked to his team (8-5-7) about the focus and determination that will be needed against Canton in Saturday's district final, a game the Rocks enter as clear

underdogs. "Canton's very dangerous on

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Launching into a kick during Thursday's Division 1 girls soccer district semifinal is Salem's Ari Finn (No. 8). Also shown is teammate Bailee Soper (No. 21).



D4 GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT

Late goal gives Eagles crown

Paulson's goal in final stages sparks PCA to first district title since 2012

> **Tim Smith** Staff Writer

With overtime looming and top defender Crystal Bock shaken up after a midfield collision, Plymouth Christian Academy did not want to see Friday's Division 4 girls soccer district final go any longer than it had to.

Enter clutch junior midfielder Jessica Paulson, who broke a scoreless tie with 4:05 remaining against Wixom St. Catherine Academy with what turned out to be the game's only goal.

With the goal, PCA (10-2-1) won a district championship for the first time since 2012. The Eagles move on to Tuesday's regional at 5 p.m. at Spring Arbor.

Paulson blasted a high shot from the top of the 18-yard box that Stars sophomore goalkeeper Sophia Ivezaj jumped high enough to get a piece of. The ball then struck the top left post and bounced off of Ivezaj before slowly

trickling over the goal line. "I was just really determined. I didn't want the season to end here," Paulson said. "You just have to play to the very end. ... It looked like she caught it, but I was just really glad when I saw it go in."

Setting up the goal with a perfect feed was senior midfielder Kelly Abra-

According to Eagles head coach Annette (Somercik) Baker — who was a PCA varsity soccer standout during her prep career, which ended in 2011 - it was not surprising that co-captain Paul-



Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls soccer team celebrates Friday after winning the Division 4 district championship.

PEGGY PAULSON

son came through with the winner.

'Jess has been a captain for me now for the past three years and she always plays to the best of her ability," Baker said. "Any college would be more than lucky to have her as a player.

"She brings 100 percent every single time ... that's what I love about her. She uplifts the team and brings us to a whole new level."

The Eagles enjoyed territorial play for much of Friday's mid-afternoon tilt. Paulson and junior midfielder Allison Crecelius put pressure on the Stars with several long runs up the pitch.

Holding down the fort in the back, in front of sophomore goalkeeper Isabel Nunez, was Bock — who plays with the poise of a senior as she either clears the ball or moves it to the midfield.

But with over six minutes left in regulation and the game still 0-0, Bock took an inadvertent knee to the head and was down for several minutes.

After coming to the sidelines, she went through - and passed - the concussion protocol. She had briefly been back in the game when Paulson scored. 'Crystal has held us down in the

back; she's very consistent," Baker said.

"She plays the same every game and always brings a high level of play."

Friday's victory came one day after the Eagles beat Ann Arbor Greenhills, 3-1, in the district semifinal.

Scoring against PCA's longtime conference nemesis were Paulson, Crecelius and Bock.

"(Greenhills) used to be our biggest rival with Oakland," Paulson said. "We mercied them earlier in the season, so I

think we went into the game confident."

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RIVALS

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Other Canton scorers during PKs were senior Madison Archibald to start the first round and freshman Marlee Taylor, both elevating shots into the twine

DeBiasi, who assisted twice in what turned out to be her final high school game, said, "It's always unfortunate when you have to end the game in PKs." Only senior Olivia Janke was able to get one past Hammond, with a low boot to the left corner.

"Great effort from our team tonight, we just didn't get the breaks," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "We shot them good, their goalie (Hammond) made a couple good saves.'

According to Hammond, who Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy put into the game after senior goalie Jordan Anheuser had played a stellar opening 100 minutes (as did Plymouth's Przybylo), she was ready when the call came.

"I'm really confident going into them, because I feel like I'm not supposed to save them," Hammond said with a laugh. "So then when you do, you look like the hero. I was just super focused ... do whatever I can do to keep the ball from going in the net."

Quick salvo

The game didn't start as though it would be another Plymouth-Canton epic battle down to the wire. Just 39 seconds into the game, Taylor blasted a 25-yarder from above the box that bounced in off the far post to put the Chiefs ahead.

That lead held up well into the second half, when the Wildcats finally scored the equalizer.

Canton was whistled for a foul on an apparent hand ball and Hailey Melnick took the subsequent free kick from about 20 yards.

Melnick chipped it inside to DeBiasi, who in turn moved it up to another senior, Megan McCurry, stationed in the middle of the box.



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Directing her defense is Canton senior goalie Jordan Anheuser, who was outstanding through regulation and two 10-minute overtimes against Plymouth.

McCurry threaded a low kick past Anheuser, who up to that point frustrated Plymouth with her assertive, aggressive style of goalkeeping.

"We just didn't mark at the top of the box," Reddy said. "Too many people got away from the goal there. That was just miscommunication."

Lapko nearly ended the contest late in regulation, stepping inside the box and launching a hard boot that Przybylo blocked.

Canton's Anheuser's had a chance to reciprocate with clutch goalkeeping. With about 5:30 left in the first regulation, Noel sent her corner kick into the box, where Anheuser flew into traffic to punch the ball away.

Trading goals

The Chiefs and Wildcats traded goals 1:06 apart midway during the second overtime, as both teams and their fan bases experienced emotional extremes.

With 5:35 to play, senior Mary Galm's corner kick from the left side somehow avoided all players en route to the inside of the right post — putting Canton up 2-1.

Yet before excited Chiefs fans could sit down in their seats, the Wildcats responded.

A direct kick into the box by Noel was redirected by DeBiasi.

Anheuser challenged to try to block the shot, but she didn't get all of it. The ball bounced behind Anheuser

and stopped on the line near the left post. That's where Kennedy White nudged it into the wide-open Canton goal.

"I just know you have to one-touch those in the box," DeBiasi said. "So I just tried to place it in the corner and it just ended up right there at the (goal

line)."

That set up the PK round, which ended in the Chiefs mobbing Hammond in victory while the Wildcats were left to wonder what might have been.

"I was kind of hoping we could get it done in regulation," Neschich said. "I thought at times we had a lot of quality scoring chances, probably a few more than them during regulation."

He ticked off the names of senior leaders DeBiasi, Janke, McCurry, Kathryn Gordon, Cassidy Lewis and injured goalie Julia LaFlair.

"It was a hard-fought game," Neschich said. "A lot of kids played great." It wasn't enough, as the Wildcats

experienced the one-and-done nature of postseason play.

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counters, they have a couple girls up top that can really fly," he added later. "We're going to have to do our best job defending them."

But for a couple days, the Rocks could at least savor Thursday's shellacking of the Rockets.

Midway through the first half, Salem sophomore forward Ari Finn broke in and hit the left post — with junior teammate Bailee Soper then tapping the rebound into the open cage past John Glenn senior goalie Jackie Mueller.

A well-executed corner kick then led to a 2-0 lead with 14:31 to go in the first half.

Gabriella Mazzuca's corner kick sailed into the middle of the 18-yard box, where senior midfielder Caroline Simko expertly headed the ball inside the right post for her first goal of the

Then, in the final minute of the half, another corner kick (taken by Jayna Lenders) resulted in another goal.

Converging in front of Mueller deep in the box were Salem forwards Katie Coleman and Nikki Pilon with the ball bouncing off Coleman for the tally.

It didn't take long for the game to



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Trying to stay a step or two ahead of Westland John Glenn's Danni Deel (No. 7) is Salem's Sara Hawks (No. 9).

turn into a rout following the intermission, with Salem scoring two goals in the first 4:33 to go up 5-0.

Finding the range were Coleman and Pilon, stuffing in the rebound of a Marisa Martin shot.

Goals 50 seconds apart by Pamela

Beas and Finn opened up a seven-goal difference with 30 minutes remaining.

The contest reached mercy-rule proportions when Finn raced up the pitch, around and past John Glenn defenders, and sent a drive past Mueller with 28:46 to play.

"It feels great, really brings the team's energy up," said Martin, about the offensive surge.

She added that the Rocks got fired up for their game watching the Plymouth-Canton contest that preceded it.

"I think that helped us focus on our game and come out strong," Martin said.

Rockets head coach Ralph Cabildo credited his team for playing hard during the first half. But he said the lack of depth has led to similar fades in the second half of games all season.

"It's one of those things, where pretty much all season that's happened, Cabildo said. "We're short girls, and that's one of the biggest problems we

"... They gave it all they had, I'm proud of them. But it's tough. We brought up six JV girls.' Meanwhile, whereas the season is

over for John Glenn, the Rocks have at least one more crack at it. Martin, Simko, senior defender Hailey Katulski and others must relish

their underdog status for the Canton "Being the underdog gives us more

motivation to win, I think we're ready,"

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Simko said.

D4 BASEBALL DISTRICT

PCA season comes to an abrupt end

Franklin Road mercies MIAC White Division champs, 13-3

> Tim Smith Staff Writer

In recent weeks, the sixth inning has brought Plymouth Christian Academy's baseball team plenty of luck - and

On Friday, unfortunately, the Eagles never got to the sixth in their Division 4 district semifinal against Novi Franklin Road Christian. The Warriors overcame an early PCA lead and won 13-3 in five innings.

The sixth inning's been our inning all year, where we've been scoring a ton of runs," Eagles head coach Joe Bot-torff said. "We didn't get to it this time. We waited too long to rally."

District host PCA (13-7) looked to carry the momentum forward from winning the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference White Division

But after taking a 1-0 lead in the first on an RBI double by senior first baseman Josh Slater (3-for-3 in his prep finale), the Warriors (15-7) demonstrated why they turned out to be the district favorites.

Franklin Road scored seven runs in

the second against PCA starting pitcher Phillip Morby and added three more in the third against Morby and reliever Adam Albert.

"They just hit gaps; they hit the ball," Bottorff said. "I think Phillip's curve ball had them off-balance the first time through, but they saw it really well the second time through."

PCA did close to within 7-3 with two runs in the third, but the Warriors responded in the bottom half of the inning.

Buzz-saw

The Warriors did not stop, pouncing on PCA mistakes and scoring in each of the final three innings to close out the 10-run mercy win.

"We're a better team than that," Bottorff said. "We just ran into a really good team today."

The lanky, left-handed hitting Slater demonstrated why he was an offensive terror all season, ripping two doubles and a line-drive single and being in the mix for all three PCA runs.

"We knew we were going up against a good team," Slater said. "Franklin Road's always got a nice team. We spotted them a couple runs early and that kind of just grew out from there."

With PCA trailing 12-3 in the top of the fifth and the Eagles trying to at



Although Plymouth Christian's season ended Friday, senior Josh Slater enjoyed a 3-for-3

least extend the game, Slater smoked a

single to left-center. "(Slater) got two doubles, next time

up they had him shaded him to right and he put it over into left-center,'

Bottorff said. "Just didn't get as much on it as the first two. He can hit like crazy. He's smart and he's a gamer."

Following with a line single to left was senior Nick Andres (two hits). But senior A.J. Greuber, who also had two hits, couldn't get a third. He hit a hard one-hopper over the mound that the Warriors' second baseman turned into a 4-3 double play.

"Every time we'd have a rally started, we'd hit into a double play," Bottorff said. "Well-hit balls, well-placed balls, except they were playing for two."

In the bottom of the fifth, the Warriors got their 13th run on an error, stolen base and wild pitch to end the contest and advance Franklin Road into the district final later Friday.

That wasn't what Slater and the rest of the Eagles were looking for. It meant that his single in the fifth would be his last at-bat for PCA.

"It's kind of sad, bittersweet," Slater said. "It's good to go out with a nice stroke, but I'm going to miss it here - a

In addition to Slater, Nick Andres and Greuber, the Eagles received a two-hit game from Josh Mason.

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PREP BASEBALL

Eagles rally late to capture MIAC White Division crown

finale.

Tim Smith Staff Writer

Maybe Joe Bottorff might want to start calling his Plymouth Christian Academy baseball team the cardiac kids, what with the string of heartstopping comeback victories.

On May 27, the Eagles rallied in the late stages for a 9-5 victory over host Auburn Hills Oakland Christian to clinch the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference White Division cham-

PCA (6-2 in the MIAC White) erased a 5-1 deficit with five runs in the top of

the sixth and tacked on three insurance runs in the seventh to close out the victory.

"This is the fourth game in a row where we have trailed late and we have rallied each time for victories," Bottorff said. "I cannot say enough about the leadership that our seniors, Nick Andres, Josh Slater, Jake Shook, Will Crecelius and A.J. Greuber, have shown over the past two weeks.

"Each time we have gotten behind, one of these guys has gotten a key hit or made a big defensive play to rally the troops and bring home a victory.'

The Eagles, who were hoping to

carry the positive momentum into Friday's Division 4 district at PCA, went to work in the sixth as Phillip Morby, Austin Andres and Josh Slater kept the line moving with successful singles.

A run crossed the plate thanks to an Oakland Christian error and Greuber then doubled home two runs to close the gap to 5-4. Coming through with a two-run pinch single was Nathan Bishop, the third game in a row where he came through in such a manner.

PCA then padded the lead in the seventh, with Jake Shook doubling home two runs and another coming in

Morby, who went the distance on the mound, escaped a mild threat in the bottom of the seventh.

Plymouth Christian's first run of the game came in the opening inning. Matt Cusumano walked and stole second, then moved to third on Morby's single. Cusumano scored on Slater's base hit.

But Oakland Christian took the lead 2-1 in the bottom half and added runs in the fourth and fifth.

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Patriots win!



The Precision Patriots 11U travel team, based out of Precision Baseball in Canton, recently won the Pinckney Pirate Classic. The Patriots won 14-5 in the championship game against the Novi Heat, making it five wins without a loss in the tournament. Precision scored a total of 93 runs over the weekend. Coach of the squad is Anthony Holyszko, assistant coach for the Canton Chiefs varsity baseball team.

PREP SOFTBALL

Marlins reach 35-victory mark with three latest wins

Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

Farmington Hills Mercy closed the regular season with three more softball victories this week, beating Utica Eisenhower twice and Walled Lake Northern in a single game.

The No. 2-ranked Marlins scored four runs in the eighth inning to win the second game of a doubleheader Tuesday at Eisenhower, 8-4. Sophia VanAcker hit a two-out, two-run double, and

Abby Krzywiecki followed with a two-run homer. Following a four-run third inning by the host Ea-

It was a slugfest as Mercy outhit Eisenhower, 19-9. Krzywiecki was the winning pitcher, striking out four

gles, Mary Reeber's RBI double in the fourth made it 4-3, and Nicole Belans singled home the tying run in

and issuing one walk.

Anna Dixon was 4-for-5 and scored three runs for the Marlins, who take a 35-2 record into district tournament play Saturday at Livonia Stevenson.

Shannon Gibbons was 3-for-4; VanAcker, Krzywiecki and Belans were 3-for-5 and Reeber 2-for-4. Krzywiecki drove in three runs, VanAcker and Belans two apiece and Reeber one.

Mercy won the first game, 4-1, as Andrea Elmore pitched a three-hitter. She struck out four, hit one batter and didn't walk anybody.

In a three-run first inning, Krzywiecki hit a two-run double and Belans an RBI single. Dixon drove in the fourth run with a groundout in the sixth.

The Marlins had 11 hits off Eagles pitcher Kriersen Korbor, who walked one and had an RBI single in the

Mercy ended the regular season Thursday with a

5-1 victory over the visiting Northern Knights.

GOLF

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a still-outstanding 79.

Many leaders But no worries, as junior Justin Kapke took his turn at the wheel with 75 to tie for second

"Kapke showed today how tough he's gotten," Young said. "He really didn't have his 'A' game, but still scored. That's how you win as a

Also stellar were seniors Kyle Kozler (76, tied for fourth overall) and James Baldwin (78). Joe Fontana hit the ball well en route to 83. "Kozler is coming on at the right time,"

Young said. "He's a winner and he has a lot of playoff experience. "J.B. has been so solid for us. Consistent

every day. Jack is one of the best golfers in the state. We all know that, but golf can humble you from one day to the next." Young said Boczar "will rebound next week.

He hit the ball well, but just had a couple of bad breaks today." And who knows what the Wildcats can ac-

complish if Fontana shaves a few strokes off his score.

"Joe again was right there; he's very close," Young noted. "He's ready to break it open." Also qualifying for the state finals were

runner-up Ann Arbor Skyline and third-place Northville, with totals of 318 and 319, respectively. Making the cut as individuals were Wood-

haven's Anders Hindman (75), Monroe's Aaron Bitz (76) and Saline's Connor Learman (77). The overall medalist was Skyline's Tyler Copp, with a 1-under 71. Canton finished eighth in the team standings

with a 350 score. The Chiefs featured strong performances from seniors Brian Oldani and Phillip Conrad, both registering 83 to tie for 26th place.

Juniors Suhas Potluri and Dominic Dimaya both finished with 92 for the day, while sophomore Patrick McDougall finished with 95.

Breaking it down

Also competing at the regional, but as an individual qualifier, was Salem senior Hayden Winch. He had a solid showing as well with 82, good for 22nd place overall.

Following are complete team standings: 1. Plymouth, 308; 2. Skyline, 318; 3. Northville, 319; 4. Ann Arbor Huron, 321; 5. Saline, 325; 6. Dearborn, 342; 7. Temperance Bedford, 347; 8. Canton, 350; 9. Livonia Churchill, 354; 10. Monroe, 360; 11. Garden City, 376; 12. Wyandotte,

For the Mustangs, the top scorers were junior Aaron Youmans (78), sophomores Jimmy Dales and Abhinav Alluri (both with 80) and junior Drew Kearis with an 81.

Top performers for Churchill were junior John Doyle (84), senior Peyton Elkins (88) and junior Aaron Welton (88).

Garden City was led by senior Connor Johnson, who posted an outstanding 80 score (12th

Other Cougars included seniors Austin New (92) and Evan Breen (94).

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USPBL BASEBALL

Independent baseball debuts with major league fanfare

Marty Budner Staff Writer

Minor league baseball officially opened Memorial Day in Utica with major league fanfare.

The new \$15 million
Jimmy John's Field hosted the inaugural United
Shore Professional Baseball League game featuring the BirminghamBloomfield Beavers
against the Utica Unicorns and was awash
with excitement.

Pregame festivities began at noon, two hours prior to the first pitch, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony that included USBPL commissioner and founder Andy Appleby, longtime Utica Mayor Jacqueline Noonan, Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel and U.S. Rep. Candice Miller.

Just before participating in the ribbon-cutting, Miller beamed about the new league, the new stadium and how the venture is going to help the area's economy while bringing excitement to Macomb County.

"This is a fantastic venue and you can just feel the excitement here today," Miller said. "I actually watched this place being built and it's come together so quickly. This (stadium) is on an old landfill and they've turned it into this unbelievably, fantastic and beautiful Jimmy John's stadium.

"I think the upcoming season is really going to be a hit here," she added. "I tell Andy Appleby, who really was the driv-



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
the United Shore Professional

A sold-out crowd showed up Monday for opening day of the United Shore Professional Baseball League at Jimmy John's Field in Utica.

ing force behind this whole thing, that he's sort of a mix between Willy Wonka and Disney World. He's very enthusiastic here today and you can feel it all over."

Gates opened for the first time at 12:30 p.m and fans enthusiastically filed into the sparkling new field with a state-of-the-art center field scoreboard, private suites along both sidelines, bleacher seating, family picnic areas, a unique wiffle ball field and outfield lawn seats.

The orange-clad Utica High School band performed and the festive atmosphere was punctuated by a pair of parachutists delivering the game ball after landing on the fringe of the grass behind second base.
Just minutes later,
Noonan, Hackel and
Appleby took turns
throwing out the ceremo-

nial first pitch.

And, with all the pomp and circumstance that made this Memorial Day significant for USBPL officials, the game was on. The first pitch was bunted by Beavers left fielder Dave Pepe, who was thrown out on a nice play by catcher Brian Mc-

If opening day is any indication, baseball fans from metro Detroit looking for a cheaper alternative totally will welcome the new league.

"I had been hoping for something like this for a long time," said Ryan



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Dana Orlanski passes out programs before the game with Beavers mascot Buzz.

Deel, a Rochester Hills resident wearing a blue Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers T-shirt. "There were rumors for the longest time that they were going to set up a minor league team in Waterford, but it fell through.



Fans look on Monday during the first game of the United Shores Professional Baseball League at Jimmy John's Stadium.

"So when they set this up, it was really close to my house and I was pretty excited. My wife and I had been to minor league games when we were in college with the (Lansing) Lugnuts," he added. "When we heard about this; we were all about it."

Holly resident Jon Kalish, with his son Jonah, was checking out the view from the right field lawn prior to the game. He learned about the league while at work with the Gonzalez group, an automotive supplier from Pontiac.

"I love watching minor league games. I like coming to these kinds of games," said Kalish, who took a break this year from coaching federation baseball. "I've taken my teams to these types of games before and they're a lot of fun. It sounds cool.

"It's a nice stadium.
It's nice and small.
There's a little bit of seating with small

crowds, which is nice," he added. "You can get close to the players and that's what I really like about it."

Sterling Heights residents Mark Cleary and his wife Connie purchased a 10-game package and are excited about the new league, basically right in their own backyard. Their son Russell, a Warren Cousino High School student, was wearing a Beavers shirt that came with the

tickets.

"We liked the colors
(of the Beavers shirt).
We don't have any (team)
favorites yet. We'll just
see how they all look,"
Mark Cleary said. "I
think it's a fabulous idea.
It's lesser level, cheaper
baseball. It's fun and it's
a nice way to watch the
game of baseball."

USPBL action will continue all summer in the unique three-team league, which also includes the Eastside Diamond Hoppers.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Salem coaching vacancy

Salem High School is looking for a new varsity girls swimming coach to succeed the retired Chuck Olson.

Interested applicants should email athletic director Brian Samulski at brian.samulski@pccsk12.com.

Minimum requirements for applicants include the following: high school graduate or equivalent; experience in high school level coaching or competing at the college/university level in swimming; have a time schedule compatible with that of high school; CPR and/or first-aid training preferred; demonstrated ability to work with parents and children.

Salem camp offerings

A series of summer camps is being offered at Salem High School.

Contact athletic director Brian Samulski at brian.samulski@pccsk12.com or go to the Salem athletics website if interested.

Following are the various offerings:

Sports Camp Grades 1-5: Fee is \$60 for residents, \$70 for non-residents; camp is 9 a.m. Monday through Thursday, July 11-14; for boys and girls of all ages in grades K-5.

Basketball Skills Camp (Boys - Grades 5-9): Fee is \$85 for residents, \$95 for non-residents; camp is 8 a.m. Monday through Friday, June 20-24.

Basketball Youth Camp (Girls - Grades 3-6): Fee is \$50 for residents, \$60 for nonresidents; camp is 10 a.m. Monday through Thursday, June 27-30. Boys also are welcome to sign up.

Basketball Youth Camp (Girls - Grades 7-12): Fee is \$50 for residents, \$60 for non-residents; camp is 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 6-9. Boys also are welcome to sign up.

Volleyball Skills Camp (Girls - Grades 3-6): Fee is \$70 for residents; \$80 for nonresidents; camp is 2 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, June 27-29.

Volleyball Skills Camp (Girls - Grades 7-12): Fee is \$85 for residents, \$95 for non-residents; camp is 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, June 27-29. JUNIOR GOLF

Western Junior first to tee off in area

Marty Budner Staff Writer

It promises to be an exciting summer for golf fans, as two major amateur championships will be staged in Oakland County over the next few months.

The first will be the 99th playing of the Western Junior Championship, set for June 20-23 at the Red Run Golf Club in Royal Oak. The second will be the U.S. Amateur Championship, Aug. 15-21 at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township.

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field Township.
"What's interesting about our area this year is that southeastern Michigan is really one of the centers of ama-

teur golf in the

world," said David Robinson, a Troy resident and chairman of the Western Golf Association, which sponsors the Western Junior.

"Not many areas five miles apart are going to host the U.S. Amateur and the Western Junior in the same year," he added. "Both are national championship-type tournaments."

Red Run was awarded the Western Junior Championship, billed as the nation's oldest national junior tournament, two years ago.

While it marks the 12th time the tournament will be held in Michigan, it is the first time golfers ages 15-19 will tee off at Red Run. The last Western Junior contested in Michigan was in 2005, when Rickie Fowler captured the crown at the Blythfield Country Club in Belmont.

Impressive alums Some of golf's greatest

professionals, including Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Jordan Spieth, Jack Nicklaus and Jim Furyk, have participated in the Western Junior. Hunter Mahan, a finalist in the last U.S. Amateur held at Oakland Hills in 2002, is another Western Junior alum.

"A lot of us are really excited about this," Robinson said.
"We're going to have 70 of our caddies involved in this tournament and I tell them to take



James Piot, a Canton native and varsity golfer at Catholic Central, is slated to participate in the Western Junior Championship last this month at Red Run Golf Club in Royal Oak.

a picture because you never know when you're caddying for the next Rickie Fowler or the next Jordan Spieth. You just never know."

Red Run Golf Club, which underwent recent course renovations, will play 6,900 yards on a par-72 layout. Players will engage in 36 holes of stroke play, with the low 44 and ties qualifying for the final 36 holes of stroke play to determine the champion. Originally designed in 1914

Originally designed in 1914 by Tom Bendelow and redesigned two years later by Willie Park Jr., Red Run has also played host to the 1958 Western Open and the 1950 and 1951 Motor City Open.

"It's a good course that we're really proud of," said Robinson, who has been a Red Run member the past 34 years. "We're really jacked up about it. We're always proud of the condition of our course and I think it's in the best shape it has been in 10 years and that's, frankly, because of the winter we had.

"We're never going to host a major championship here; we just can't make it long enough. It's too landlocked and too tight. But we can make it really good for the best junior players and some of the best

amateur players in the world.

"We're one of a select group of clubs who have ever hosted the Western Junior and the Western Open," he added.

"There have been a few clubs who have actually hosted all three of our championships from the Western Golf Association, Blythfield being one of them. But (Red Run is) one of the few that have done the Junior and Western Open just because the way the golf courses are."

11 Michigan golfers

The Western Junior will host 150 golfers representing 10 countries and 30 states.

The field will have 11 Michigan golfers, including current Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood junior Devin Deogun. Devin's older brother Dylan participated in last year's tournament at Riverside Golf Club in North Riverside, Ill., and tied for third.

Canton's James Piot, a var-

sity golfer for the state's topranked high school team at Catholic Central, is slated to participate. Piot, who is verbally committed to play at Michigan State, finished in a tie for seventh last year.

Novi senior Ben Smith, verbally committed to Georgia Tech, is among other area participants, along with Nicholas Bonema (Troy), Michael Busse (Rochester) and Scott Sparks (Shelby Township).

Chun An Yu of Taiwan, the 2015 Western Junior champion and an Arizona State commit, will not return to defend his crown.

Spectators are welcome to watch the three-day tournament free of charge.

JUNE CONCERT

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. June 22 Location: Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Eliott, Detroit

Details: Riccardo Selva, director of the jazz studies program at Schoolcraft College, will perform with the Dr. Riccardo Selva & Friends Jazz Combo in the Center's Creation Garden. Wine, soft drinks and appetizers will be available. The concert is free Contact: solanuscenter.org

FILM

Time/Date: 7:30-9:02 p.m. Tuesday, June 28 Location: AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: One-night screening of "Alison's Choice," a story about a young, pregnant girl who meets Jesus Christ in the guise of a gentle-faced janitor while at an abortion clinic. She has just minutes to decide whether to follow Christ and save her unborn child or go through with the abortion. Produced and directed by Bruce Marchiano. Q & A follows the movie. Tickets are \$13. Purchase deadline is

www.tugg.com/events/106414 Contact: Donna Gonzalez at 313-247-3108

GOOD NEWS DAY CAMP

June 21 at https://

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Activities include worship, praise singing, games, arts and crafts, Bible study, nature study and more. Includes snacks. Early-bird registration is \$65 for the first child in the family, \$60 for the second child, and \$55 for each additional child. After May 29, registration is \$65 per child. .Deadline to register is June 13

Contact: Judy Cook at 248-442-8822

GUEST SPEAKERS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday,

Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn Details: Two female Christian missionaries, both former Muslims, talk about living in the Middle East and their escape to freedom. The presentation is sponsored by the Ladies Aid Society and aimed at women. A free will offering will be taken and light refreshments served

Contact: 313-581-2525 **HAWAIIAN LUAU**

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m.-dusk, Saturday, June 11 Location: St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights

Details: Pig roast and catered dinner, Hawaiian dancers with fire wands, and cash bar. Held rain or shine. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids, 6-10 and free for ages 5 and under. One free drink is included with admission. Tickets are available at the parish office, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or call 313-274-0684

Contact: Grace Topolewski at 734-525-3607

ORDINATION

Time/Date: 3 p.m., Sunday, June

Location: The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills Details:



Hartley

Hartley's ordination will include a service full of tradition, song and ceremony, followed by a reception. Hartley, of

Cassandra

Ann Arbor, graduated in 2014 with a masters of divinity degree from Detroit Ecumenical Theological Seminary. A former member of Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, Hartley will join the staff of the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor in July as an assistant minister of growth and development

Contact: uufarmington.org

PARKING LOT SALE Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 18

Location: St. John Bosco Church, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Participants will sell items to the public. Rent one space for \$15; two for \$25 Contact: Sally at 734-748-8110; church office at 313-937-9690

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

St. Michael the Archangel

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

and fourth Thursday, through Location: 11441 Hubbard, just

south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniastmichael.org.

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

Location: 14560 Merriman,

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

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

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

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

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

Details: Free meal Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4

i.m. first luesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

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

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

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

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergart-

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first

and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, 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

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

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 Recycling

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month Location: 46250 Ann Arbor

Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth Details: Recycle your cell

phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

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 **Steve's Family Restaurant**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4

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

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE **Congregation Beth Ahm**

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

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

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

SUPPORT

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth,

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

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

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

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

tionchurch.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

fourth Thursday Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

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

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations Contact: 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,

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; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A twice-monthly dropin Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available Contact: 734-421-8451

» St. Thomas a' Becket

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,

Details: Overeaters Anonymous Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

» Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (op-

tional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/ desserts), Thursday Location: 40000 Six Mile, North-

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

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

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through

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

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

Contact: 734-637-7618 TOUR

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

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit Details: Led by Capuchin friar

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

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

» Adat Shalom Synagogue Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6

p.m. weekdays Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100 » Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11

a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday

school and youth and adult Bible classes Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Contact: 734-522-6830 » Congregation Bet Chave-Time/Date: Services are held 7

p.m. the third Friday of the

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

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

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

» Due Season Christian Church

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

School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church

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

» Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile,

Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 8-12

Contact: 248-349-2345; faithcommunity-novi.org » Faith Community Wesley-

an Church Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., Bible

study, 6 p.m., Sundays, Soul

Retention Discipleship classes, 4 p.m. Saturday Location: 14560 Merriman,

Livonia

Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491 » Garden City Presbyterian

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

Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road Contact: 734-421-7620

» Good Hope Lutheran Church Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

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Sedona, Arizona, was received

into Jesus's arms on May 19, 2016. Born June 1937

Elizabeth (Granger) and

pre-deceased by parents John and Ruth Richer, sister

grandson Johnathon Singer.

She attended St. Catherine

High School in Detroit, MI where she met her husband

and love of her life. Loving

Singer. Caring and gentle

Salacain and Daniel Allen

wife of David Allen Singer, they

married September 1958 and

in-law to Richard and Marlene

mother of; Anne Marie (Robert)

Diakow, Reyne Anne (James)

(Lisa) Singer . Delighted in her grandchildren; Teagan Singer, Evan Diakow, Noah Verdeyen, Calvin and Alan Salacain.

Yvonne was part of a ladies

donated to missions in Africa.

A Senior Citizen Coordinator

Farmington Hills, MI and was

Employee of the Year in 1992.

Yvonne and Dave moved to

been active with the Sedona

Westerners and the Sedona

Red Rock Rovers. She was

a talented seamstress who

Bears© that were given to

"Healing Bears" that were

cancer patients. She created

sold with all proceeds given to St. Patrick's Mission, Gallup,

NM. A giving and devoted volunteer at St. John Vianney

parish through her work as an Eucharistic Minister, caring

Hours), funeral coordinator and

Hours), funeral coordinator and Bereavement Minister. Yvonne was a very compassionate woman who always placed other people's needs and desires ahead of her own. Her extraordinary capacity

to remember details of other

people's lives enhanced her ability to convey empathy. A Celebration of Life was held on

May 23, at St. John Vianney

Church. Donations may be

hospice volunteer (1,400

sewed and decorated Sojourn

Sedona in 1996. She had

group who made rosaries

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and senior advocate for

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BLAZO

MARY JEAN 93, of Birmingham, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at Pine Ridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Stevensville, in the arms of her loving family. Mary was born January 27, 1923 in Ionia, Michigan, the daughter of the late Raymond adugnter of the late Raymond and Marion (Thompson)
Coon. On April 7, 1945 she married William A. Blazo, Jr. and they shared 71 years together. Mary worked at Lake Orion Public Schools in Orion Township, MI as a high school counselor. She was a school counselor. She was a member of the Northminster Presbyterian Church in Troy, the Birmingham Questers and the PEO International Sisterhood. Mary volunteered at Beaumont Hospital, Cranbrook Gardens, and the Birmingham Historical Society. Beloved wife of William. Dearest mother of Rebecca (Buzz) Berube of Marquette, MI, and Robert (Gail) Blazo of MI, and Hobert (Gail) Blazo of Baroda, Seven grandchildren. Twelve great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Edward Coon of Miami, Florida. Mary was preceded in death by an infant son, William Blazo III. There are no services planned and her family will be remembering her privately. Arrangements have been entrusted to Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman. Online

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PERSONDEK SINGER YVONNE ANN Age 78 of



TIMOTHY Age 61 of Garden City, passed away on May 8, 2016. Timothy was the beloved husband of Linda, and the loving father of Alvin (Dr. Stephanie), Michael (Leighann) and Douglas (Cristina). He was the cherished son of the late Elaine and Alvin (Pansy) Persondek, and the dear brother of Ben (Kathy), Jeff (Leann), Susan (Chris) and the late Gary. He is survived by his grandchildren, Natalie, Evelyn, and one on the way, Zachary. There will be a Memorial Service for Timothy at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 11, in the Chapel of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Westland (7707 Middlebelt Road at Ann Arbor Trail). The family will receive visitors on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family toward the grandchildren's education fund.

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37 years to her husband, Keith. Washington, DC and Kimberly survived by her mother, Shirley www.cremationmichigan.com

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BIRTH

Alexa Grace Florkowski was born at 3:34 a.m., March 1, 2016, at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 inches. Alexa joins her par-

ents, Jody and Emilie

Florkowski, sisters

ALEXA GRACE FLORKOWSKI

Reese, 11, Lucy, 8, and Maisie, 5, at home in Madison Heights. Proud grandparents are Fred and Nancy Florkowski of Redford, Karen Purslow of Royal Oak, and Jim and Jodie

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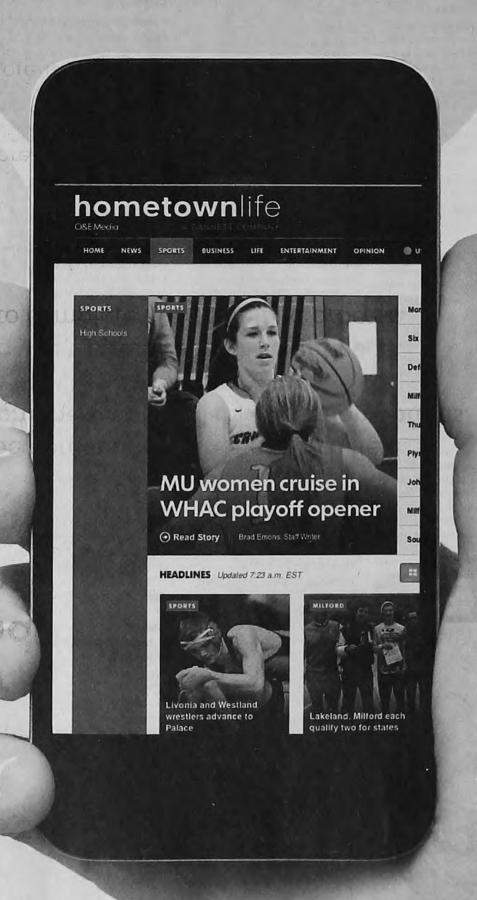
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ick of the 9-to-5 grind? Aching to escape cubicle life? A freelance career may be for you. Millions of people work for themselves these days, and it's easy to see the attraction: Not only does self-employment offer the freedom to set your own hours, choose your own projects, be your own boss and work from wherever you want, you also have more income potential and can take advantage of tax deductions that salaried employees can't.

Of course, there are downsides to freelancing, too. Freelancers often have to find their own work, and because the workload varies from month to month, so does the pay. But for those who believe that the benefits outweigh the challenges, there are plenty of lucrative self-employment opportunities across a wide variety of industries.

Here are just a few of the occupations that have high levels of self-employment, pay \$15 an hour or more and are projected to grow over the next five years. (Salary and occupational growth information was supplied by EMSI, a CareerBuilder company that provides employment data and economic analysis.)

1. Management analysts: Also called management consultants, management analysts propose ways to improve an organization's efficiency, reduce costs and increase revenue. Most management analysts have at least a bachelor's degree, but becoming a Certified Management Consultant

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can boost your job prospects. Median hourly earnings: \$30.37

2. Applications software developers: Got a bachelor's degree in computer science and strong computer programming skills? Consider work as an applications software developer, where you will develop, create and modify general computer software or specialized utility programs. Median hourly earnings: \$28.92

3. Marketing managers: Put your marketing degree to good use. Almost every company has a need for marketing managers, who are in charge of planning, directing and coordinating marketing campaigns and strategies for businesses.

Median hourly earnings: \$25.48

4. Interpreters and translators:

Are you fluent in a second language? While you typically need to have a bachelor's degree to be an interpreter or translator, the most important qualification is proficiency in both English and another language. Many translators complete job-specific training programs.

Median hourly earnings: \$20.34

5. Editors: Do you have a degree in communications, journalism or English and above-par editing skills? Being an editor gives you the flexibility of taking on a variety of roles - from publication assistant to executive editor — across several types of publications, such as books, newspapers, magazines and websites.

Median hourly earnings: \$20.29

6. Interior designers: Is watching a "Love It or List It" marathon your idea of a perfect Sunday? There may be an interior designer in you waiting to come out. A bachelor's degree is usually required, along with classes in drawing and computer-aided design.

Median hourly earnings: \$19.69

7. Web developers: Web developer jobs are projected to grow by more than 17 percent over the next five years, making it a smart field to enter. Most web developers have an associate's degree in web design or a related field, as well as working knowledge of both programming and graphic design. Median hourly earnings: \$19.37

8. Graphic designers: Got an eye for design and the computer skills to match? Use your degree in graphic design or a related field to enter one of several industries, from advertising to publishing to website design. Median hourly earnings: \$18.17

9. Fitness trainers and aerobics instructors: Is exercise your passion? If you're a certified fitness trainer or aerobics instructor who wants to make a living as your own boss, you'll be excited to know that these jobs are projected to grow a remarkable 15 percent over the next five years. Median hourly earnings: \$17.06

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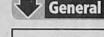
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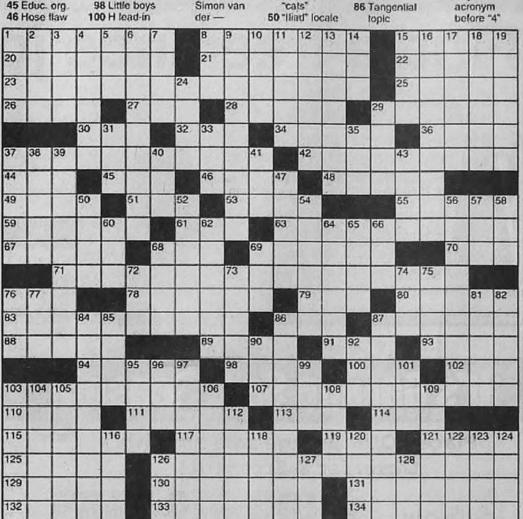
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which 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

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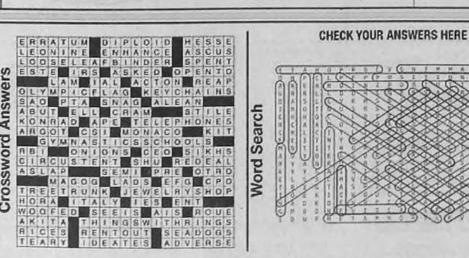
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Mazda Aims at Premium Positioning, and CX-5, Along with New CX-9, Will Help Brand Get There



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the new SkyActiv platform, such as recently.

goal of repositioning Mazda as an inside. upscale mainstream brand similar to Acura.

The 2016 CX-5 was refreshed from moss, and even some impressively continued the previous model year with minor tall hydrangeas into the back end to evolve its styling tweaks, improved interior of CX-5 and simply didn't have to since materials, revised suspension worry about running out of room. the company tuning, added sound insulation and an updated infotainment interface.

Ford including LED headlights, adaptive Acura brand owned by Honda in 2009. The cruise control and other automatedcompany also driving features, and standard as Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Audi has been doing Bluetooth across the board as well as or even the Lexus brand owned by a great job in a standard rearview camera in most revamping its product line using versions and some other additions.

But this laundry list of features the CX-5 compact crossover I drove doesn't do the vehicle justice overall. I found CX-5 one of the smoothest And with the new CX-9 large and quietest rides I've enjoyed in its SUV, executives say they're class, with comfortable seats, good beginning to reach their ultimate visibility and impressive trim levels

Most notably, the cargo utility I got out of CX-5 had me scratching Meanwhile, Mazda continues to

enhance its brand overall by calling Mazda also added new options out Acura as its target. While the hasn't acquired the same ultra sheen rival Toyota, Acura has managed over the past few years to achieve an image as a premium brand with some zip that's accessible to general market consumers.

Now Mazda executives have been telling automotive journalists testdriving the new CX-9 that they've got something similar in mind using the top trim level of the new model as the vehicle for their brand ambitions. The second generation of the nameplate boasts Nappa leather seats and rosewood inlays at the top. And each CX-9 is styled in Mazda's new kodo design theme, which is an expression of speed displayed just by looking at the car.

"No longer wanting to be a 'cheap and cheerful' brand, Mazda will not be the cheapest in any segment," Forbes.com contributor George Peterson, president of the AutoPacific consulting firm, put it. "It wants to be the best. Simply, the brand is chasing a better quality of business."

Mazda's journey to this point has been long and twisting. Its initial claim to fame was the unique rotary engine, which made the Japanese company's early cars "fun to drive

Mazda is hoping its CX-9 will help elevate the brand to Acura territory.

but tough to make," as Peterson Zoom!" motto, which helped define wrote. Challenges from emissions and fuel-economy regulations eventually doomed the rotary. In the meantime, Ford picked up a big stake in Mazda and even manufactured some Ford and Mazda vehicles on the same Michigan assembly line for

But prompted by the financial demands of the Great Recession, Ford divested its shares in Mazda in 2009. In 2011, Mazda raised \$1.9 billion to guarantee its future viability and develop its SkyActiv platform, which combined "lightweighting" of materials and other advances and has become part of its brand identity as well.

Actually, Mazda has caused some confusion around its brand identity a bit over the past few years as it pursued a longer-term repositioning.

Its distinctive and popular "Zoom even more momentum.

the fun aspects of Mazda vehicles several years ago, is now being softpedaled. Largely taking its place has been the new theme "Driving Matters," which is intended to convey a mature approach to the issue of performance that is so important to the brand, while also underscoring the fact that Mazda has sworn off the coming selfdriving revolution.

Its new CX-9 does include some automated-driving touches, however, such as a lane-control feature that uses torque to nudge the vehicle back into its designated lane if the driver hasn't signaled for a lane change.

Last month, Mazda reported its best April sales since 1995, even as it wound down sales of the outgoing CX-9. If the brand is playing its distinctiveness right, the new CX-9 with its pricey touches should drive

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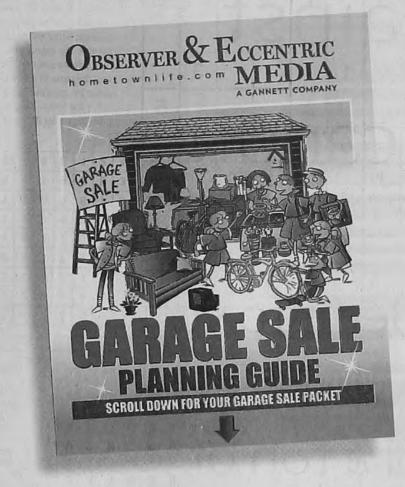
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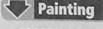


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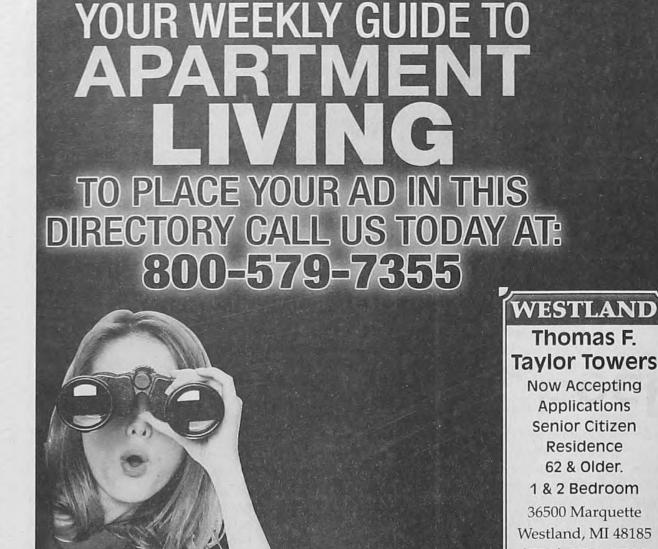
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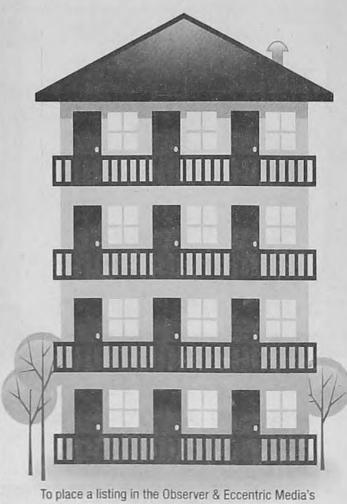
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