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## Trail reopens following bridge work

'It turned out really well,' township official says

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

A 5.5-mile recreation trail that carves a tree-shrouded nature path through Canton has completely reopened after work crews finished sprucing up eight wooden pedestrian bridges.

Nature buffs, hikers, bicyclists and others can now return to a seamless path from Canton Center, near Heritage Park, to the I-275 Metro Trail, with an offshoot to Flodin and Griffin neighborhood parks.

Workers had closed off bridges in stages in recent weeks as they power-washed

and stained pedestrian bridges that link the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail.

"They are completely done. It turned out really well," Public Works Manager Bob Belair said.

Some trail users broke through barriers when the bridges were closed off for maintenance, but Belair said it

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FILE PHOTO  
Bridge work has been completed on the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail.



Friends Colleen Brenneman and Amber Fredericks made a stop at Buffalo Wild Wings.

DARRELL CLEM

## Eat up: Hundreds get their fill at annual Canton chamber Grub Crawl

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Maddie Pscheidl and fiancé Bill Kidd made Al-Ameer their first stop Tuesday on a restaurant-hopping journey in Canton.

They also had Hayden's,

Basement Burger Bar and Tony Sacco's pizzeria on their list.

"We've been wanting to try some of these restaurants, so we're hoping to hit them all in one fell swoop," Pscheidl said.

They were among 500 people who paid \$35 for Grub

Crawl, a food lover's dream that featured samples from 21 restaurants and bars. Patrons donned special T-shirts and hopped aboard buses and shuttles to make their rounds.

Pscheidl and Kidd made their Grub Crawl debut as the event marked its 15th year.

Kidd said the \$35 tab was a good deal to try a variety of restaurants.

"I like that you're not locked into spending \$35 at one place that you might not enjoy," he said.

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## P-CEP cops earn national award

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Canton police officers assigned to protect three high schools that make up the 6,200-student Plymouth-Canton Educational Park have snagged a national award for their efforts.

Three officers, credited with helping to reduce police-involved incidents at The Park, have earned the Canton Police Department one of only five model agency awards given this year by the National Association of School Resource Officers.

"It's a huge deal because it demonstrates the commitment we have made to provide the absolute best service at the school district for the students, staff and administrators," Deputy Police Chief Scott Hilden said.

Police Officer David Eyl, who just completed a four-year assignment as a school resource officer, or SRO, accepted the award July 13 during NASRO's 26th annual School Safety Conference in Anaheim, Calif.

A report in the Observer in February showed the high school campus had witnessed an overall decrease in police-involved incidents since 2012, dropping 24.7 percent from fall semester 2012 to the same period in 2015.

The numbers can fluctuate, but officials say there has been



Eyl

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## American Ninja Warrior and WWE star coming to Canton Public Library

Zach Gowen lost his leg to cancer at 8 years old, became the first one-legged professional wrestler in history, signed a three-year contract with the WWE and appeared on "American Ninja Warrior."

Now he's bringing his experiences — and yoga — to the Canton Public Library.

Gowen's story doesn't stop there. He supports The Range of Motion Project, a nonprofit dedicated to providing high-quality prosthetic care while unlocking human potential in underserved populations

across the world.

"The cause is important to me because I possess the gift of being mobile and I want to share that gift with as many people I can," Gowen said.

"Eighty percent of the world's amputees live in developing countries and, of those, only 2 percent have access to appropriate prosthetic care."

While Gowen visits the library 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 23, amputees will climb mountains in 10 different countries in support of ROMP and the Americans with Disabilities

Act. In honor of that climb, Gowen will host a ROMP documentary at the library and show his skills with a DDP yoga movement demo with patrons.

"To show solidarity for the group of amputees climbing Mt. Cayambe in Ecuador at the exact same time, we'll be pushing our bodies to the limit with a DDP yoga session that I'll be leading," Gowen said.

Patrons can bring their own yoga mat or blanket, wear

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Zach Gowen of "American Ninja Warrior" and WWE fame is coming to Canton.



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## TRAIL

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didn't appear any damage was done. Another annoyance, he said, are pesky deer flies along the nature path.

"If you want to donate some blood to some deer flies, go down there," Belair said. "Take your bug spray or run and ride faster."

The trail offers a quiet escape from bustling Canton Township as it winds along a nature path north of Michigan Avenue. Some say the trail is one of Canton's hidden gems.

Canton residents have consistently rated recreation trails as a top priority on surveys, including one conducted in 2014 by an outside, independent company, Leisure Vision, Canton Leisure Services Director Debra Bilbrey-Honowetz said.

*"They are completely done. It turned out really well."*

**BOB BELAIR**  
Canton public works manager

The survey found that 81 percent of Canton households had a need for walking, biking and nature trails, she said. Trails outpaced other amenities, including large community parks, small neighborhood parks and indoor fitness and exercise facilities, as being most important to residents.

Access to the trail head and a parking lot can be found off Morton Taylor, north of Michigan Avenue. No motorized bikes are allowed on the trail.

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## GOWEN

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comfortable clothing and practice the yoga that keeps Gowen strong. He also will show "In Extremity," a documentary about the group of amputees who attempted to climb Mt. Cayambe last year, and answer questions from patrons.

"If I can be in a position to help raise that 2 percent (of amputees who have adequate access to prosthetic care), then I feel obli-

gated to do all I can," he said. "Without my team and the gift of being mobile, I wouldn't have access to the quality of life I do now. I want to provide that access for as many people possible."

The library program is open to patrons of all ages. No previous yoga experience is necessary to attend. For more information on Gowen and his journey, go to [www.zachgowen.com](http://www.zachgowen.com). For more information on the library program, go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) or call 734-397-0999.

# Canton Republicans announce two events

Members of the Canton Republican Club who are running together as a slate of candidates for this year's Canton Township Board of Trustees seats are hosting a casual meet-and-greet reception 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, at the Canton Historical Museum, 1150 S. Canton Center.

Organizers note that voters in the Aug. 2 primary must choose to cast ballots either on the

Republican or Democratic side, while the elimination of straight-party voting for the November election means voters must choose a candidate for each race and may cross party lines.

Organizers say they chose a time when the Canton Historical Museum is open to the public so local historians will be on hand to help visitors enjoy the fea-

tured exhibit, "A Diverse Township: Looking at Canton's Cultural Community."

For more information on the meet and greet, contact Linda Obrec at 734-945-6685 or by email at [lindaobrec@gmail.com](mailto:lindaobrec@gmail.com).

In another event, Canton residents are invited to attend the upcoming Canton Republican Club annual fundraising dinner featuring

U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Michigan. Doors open at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at Antonio's Cucina Italiana, 2200 N. Canton Center, and the program starts at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$40 per person. Trott is expected to provide an overview of current events and how they affect Canton.

For more information, contact Austin at 734-751-2842 or Lou at 734-664-3638.

## CRAWL

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Grub Crawl patrons sampled falafels, chicken wings, mini-burgers, pizza, veggie pad Thai and scores of other dishes.

"I like mingling with people and going to the different businesses," said Colleen Brenneman, a South Lyon resident who sat inside Buffalo Wild Wings with friend Amber Fredericks of Belleville. They work together in Canton.

They hadn't mapped out their destinations.

"We're winging it — no pun intended for B-Dubs," Brenneman said.

Carrying a sign, Grub Crawl volunteer Alma Hughes alerted the Buffalo Wild Wings crowd of a shuttle that was departing for another destination.

"I've been doing this for five years. I love it," she said.

Ralynda Moore and husband Darian started at Basement Burger Bar, where they tried sliders



Maddie Pscheidl and Bill Kidd started at Al-Ameer Restaurant for their first Grub Crawl.

DARRELL CLEM

and fried pickles, before they segued to bd's Mongolian Grill, where Ralynda tried a deep-fried Oreo cookie.

"It was amazing," she said.

Grub Crawl — organized by the Canton Chamber of Commerce — had a new twist this year as one of the buses allowed riders to win small amounts of money if they correctly answered trivia questions.

Chamber president Thomas Paden said Grub Crawl was, once again, a

hit. Organizers had hoped to draw 500 patrons.

"We sold out," Paden said.

Food lovers made the rounds to 4 Friends Bar & Grill, Al-Ameer Restaurant, Bagger Dave's, Bailey's Pub & Grille, Basement Burger Bar, bd's Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Canton Brew Works, Carvel Ice Cream, Chili's, Crow's Nest, Edible Arrangements, Everyday Edibles, Hayden's, Katherine's Catering, Qdoba, Somer

Restaurant, Super Bowl, T.G.I. Friday's, Tony Sacco's and Twisted Rooster.

Al-Ameer manager Abbas Ammar said he has had a steady customer base since opening five months ago in Canton, but he hoped to use Grub Crawl to reach new patrons.

"We want to be part of the community," he said.

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## AWARD

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a steady decline in incidents. Officials say in-school security cameras also made a difference at the 300-acre campus.

Hilden said Eyl and SROs Andrew Curry and Edward Jagst worked to improve the statistics by providing school protection while building strong relationships with students — moves he said can reduce crime and discourage youngsters from behaviors such as drug abuse.

"I think they play a huge role in that," Hilden said.

Canton police had received word last month from NASRO's executive director, Mo Canady, that the local department was one of five police departments in the country singled out for the model



Curry

Jagst

agency awards.

NASRO selects winners based on exemplary training, policies and standards for SROs who serve as mentors, guest speakers and law enforcement officers. Police agencies also have to show innovative approaches to school-based policing.

Canton Public Safety Director Joshua Meier called it "an honor" for Canton to receive the model agency award from what he called "the highly acclaimed NASRO organization."

"Our SROs are to be commended for their hard-work, ingenuity and dedication in creating a

safe, educational high school environment worthy of this impressive recognition," Meier said.

The Canton Police Department and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park began the SRO program in 1997 with just one officer. Two more officers have since been added.

While the officers certainly strike back against illegal behavior, they have said their role also involves going into classrooms to educate students about issues ranging from drunken driving to bullying, mentoring youngsters who need it and protecting a campus whose daytime population could be compared to a small town.

Even when a student is in trouble, SROs say the goal is to help the youngsters work through their problems and strive for graduation — not probation or incarceration. The officers work

closely with The Park's security officers, school counselors, 35th District Court and Growth Works, an agency that provides services ranging from substance abuse treatment to family counseling.

Monica Merritt, the Plymouth-Canton district's superintendent, has said the SROs are "an incredibly important part of the educational team" at The Park.

Eyl said SROs also have helped teens who confide that they are victims of sexual assaults and parental abuse. That help may involve detectives, counselors and Child Protective Services.

Eyl has finished his four-year stint as an SRO. He has been replaced by Officer Andrew Colthurst.

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# Slain Dallas officer brought home to rest

Hundreds honor former township resident

Scott Daniel  
Staff Writer

Family members and hundreds of police officers from around the nation began filling St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford early Tuesday morning to honor former township resident Michael L. Krol, one of five Dallas officers slain July 7.

Funeral services began at 11 a.m. Krol, 40, was laid to rest Tuesday afternoon at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery in Southfield. Visitation for Krol was held Monday evening at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Redford.

Funeral services for Krol were also held July 15 in Plano, Texas.

Detroit Police Department's Derrick Knox was one of numerous officers lining West Chicago Road welcoming the funeral procession Tuesday. He said he was proud to see the support for Krol.

"It's still a sad day," Knox said. "Some say it comes with the job, but I disagree. I don't think death should be included with any occupation.



Nicole Gregory, Grant Gregory and Gavin Gregory showed their support.

We're out here to protect lives and we try to protect ourselves. Situations like this come unexpected."

Krol was killed at a Black Lives Matter rally in Dallas by Micah Johnson,

a U.S. Army veteran who authorities believe was upset over the death of two African-American men at the hands of police in Minnesota and Louisiana earlier this summer.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Police and sheriff deputies salute as the hearse arrives with slain Dallas Police Officer Michael Krol at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford.

"It's almost like he's a hero, because he died doing what he loved to do and what was in his heart, which was to help and protect others," Knox said. "So that's what makes today kind of a celebration."

According to Krol's obituary, he graduated from East Long Meadow High School in Massachusetts in 1994. He later received his criminal justice degree from Wayne County Community College in Detroit.

Krol worked in jails for the Wayne County Sheriff's Office from 2002-07. After living in Redford in the early 2000s, he moved to Dallas in 2007 and graduated from the Dallas Police Academy in April 2008.

Krol went to work for the Dallas Police Department

after graduation and served for nine years before his death.

"Mike was a big guy with a big heart," his family wrote in the obituary. "We are so proud of our 'gentle giant.'"

Krol is survived by his mother, Susan Ehlike; his father, Frank Joseph Krol Jr.; his sister, Heather Stacey (Brett); his brother, Joe Krol (Alexandria); his sister, Amie Schoenbaechler (Brian); and many loving family and friends.

Dozens of Redford residents stood near their homes Tuesday waiting for the funeral procession. Nicole Gregory brought her two sons, Gavin and Grant, to honor Krol.

"We wanted to show support to the people who protect us every

day," Gregory said. "We wanted to let them know that not all people are full of hate. I'm trying to show the boys that there is evil in the world, but also compassion at the same time."

As of Monday night, 96 entries were made in Krol's "guest book" on the Will Funeral Homes' website. Comments reflected an outpouring of support for his family from around the country.

"I didn't know Officer Krol personally, but I wanted his family to know that the citizens of Dallas are grieving with you," wrote Martha Palmer of Dallas. "Words cannot express how grateful we are for the sacrifice he and the other officers made to keep us safe."

Carla McKenna-Garnes of East Long Meadow wrote that her son and Krol were "great friends" in high school.

"(He was) one of the guys in the group that just kind of did everything together," she wrote. "Playing basketball was one of those things. He was at our house many times. He was an extremely wonderful, sweet guy who always had a friendly smile on his face and a very easy-going natural pleasant presence about him."

## GOTCHA-CHU!

Pokémon Go app has millions chasing online fun

Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Keegan Kopp is doing a great job keeping up with the Pokémon Go craze — he's advanced to Level 7 — despite the fact he's a little handicapped by the fact he doesn't have a phone yet.

But counting on — and getting — kindness from his mom and a strong Internet connection to his iPod, 10-year-old Keegan and the rest of his family have joined the two-week-old phenomenon quite nicely, thank you.

"I have to have the Internet connection, so I can't get too far from the house unless I'm using my mom's phone," said Keegan, a student at Liberty Middle School in Canton. "(But) I like it, because it makes you go outside and get exercise while you're playing the game. It's more fun that way."

Keegan and a large part of his family — including cousins, his sister Virginia and his mom Jennifer Neumann — are among the tens of millions of people who've downloaded the app since Nintendo released it two weeks ago.

### By the millions

An estimated 26 million people are using the app daily. According to USA Today, it was downloaded some 15 million times in its first week. In neighborhoods all over the area, kids can be seen strolling along streets, phones held in front of them as they try to capture the Pokémon that

are the target of the game.

But it's not just kids. A surprising number of adults are also playing the game, frequently partnering with, or competing against, their children. Some say the app has been a boon to "family time."

"I'm having a lot of fun with this," said Neumann, an Ypsilanti resident who is choir director at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "I was never into Pokémon before. I played Facebook games early on. (Pokémon Go) is a lot different. It gets you interacting with other people."

### Comeback game

Pokémon Go is the latest extension of a game introduced in Japan in the mid-1990s. It started as a card game and was also an extremely popular game for handheld devices like Game-Boy and Nintendo 3DS. Its popularity waned, but has been brought back full force with the app. Many users are reportedly spending more time with the Pokémon Go app than Facebook or Twitter.

The app's popularity may have a nostalgic feel to it. Kevin Johnson, who has a master's degree and is in his third year of the doctoral program in clinical psychology at the Michigan School of Professional Psychology in Farmington Hills, said he remembers playing the original game as a youngster.

"I can remember sitting in the playground,



JENNIFER NEUMANN

Jennifer Neumann took this shot of daughter Virginia Kopp riding the longboard while out playing Pokémon Go, combining the gaming experience with exercise.

trading Pokémon cards I'd snuck to school because my mom wouldn't let me bring them," said Johnson, who's dissertation is on video games and their effect on aggression. "For me, and from what I've been reading, (the app) brings about those nostalgic feelings."

### Escape mechanism

Johnson said the app may also be providing an "escape mechanism" from the seemingly constant crush of negative news about violence or political campaigns.

People tried of turning on their TV and seeing that kind of negativity may be using Pokémon Go as a means to get away from it for a bit.

"People are looking for an escape," he said. "I think the timing of this game — and I don't think it was intentional — is a big factor (in its success)."

According to Sensor Tower, the average

iPhone user is spending some 33 minutes in the Pokémon Go app, whereas they only spent 28 minutes in the Facebook app, 18 minutes in the Snapchat app, 17 minutes in the Twitter app and 15 minutes in the Instagram app.

### Work break

And it's not just being played during recreational times such as lunch hours or after work. Employers are sometimes encouraging the game play as a way to take a break from work.

While he doesn't play himself, Rich Miller, owner of AM Data Service, an IT company headquartered in Livonia, said he's fine with the fact that a couple of his employees take breaks during the workday to chase Pokémon.

"They work hard," Miller said of his employees. "When people work as hard as they do, I don't mind them playing."

One of those employ-

### POKÉ-FACTS

» Nintendo shares were reportedly up more than 90 percent in Pokémon Go's first week.

» According to USA Today, Pokémon Go was reported to have been downloaded at least 15 million times in the first week.

» Survey Monkey reported the game was seeing some 21 million daily active users early on, making it the biggest mobile game in U.S. history. For comparison, at its peak, Candy Crush reportedly had about 20 million daily active users in the United States.

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» According to Tech Crunch, about 5 percent of all Android users in the United States now play Pokémon Go every day and 10 percent of Android users have downloaded the game.

ees who works hard is Corey Brewer, a developer for the company. Brewer said he's been a Pokémon fan since the game first came out, when he was 7 or 8 years old.

He's got it on his 3DS for when he's sitting in an airport or on a plane.

"When it first came out, I was about the right age to get involved," said Brewer, who's 27 now. "(Pokémon Go) is kind of a throwback to the game when you first experienced it."

"It gets people moving," he added. "You can't play it sitting at your desk. You have to get up and move."

### Unexpected results

That part has also brought residents out into their neighborhoods and — surprise! — talking to each other. Neumann said she's talked to neighbors she may not otherwise had an opportunity to see.

"It's actually brought adults out in my subdivision," Neumann said. "We meet up and have conversations with each other we might never have had otherwise."

The app has caused unexpected complications in the lives of its players, too. A Milford man wandered into the police department parking lot because it was designated a "Pokémon gym" on his app. Unfortunately — for him, anyway — police discovered he had an outstanding warrant and promptly arrested him.

A cemetery in Westland was encouraging Pokémon Go players to come in and play, raising the ire of family members visiting the graves of their loved ones.

There have also been media reports of accidents, traffic being stopped and a variety of other nuisances being caused by the app.

But the players are having fun with it. Virginia Kopp (Keegan's sister and Neumann's daughter) was battling with her cousin recently and was miffed when her cousin outdueled her for control of her Pokémon gym.

"When my cousin took over my gym, I got mad," she said with a laugh.

"When I see a gym (now), I try to get it first, before my cousin can get it."

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## Canton hires new police officer



CANTON POLICE

Canton's newest police officer, Gregory Warnecke (right), is welcomed by Deputy Police Chief Scott Hilden.

The Canton Police Department has welcomed its newest police officer, Gregory Warnecke.

He took his oath of office last week with his family in attendance.

All new police officers in Canton are required to successfully complete a 16-week,

instructor-led field training program prior to working on their own. The program is designed to orientate and develop officers, maximizing their potential and providing them with the tools necessary to successfully make the transition into their new position as a Canton police officer.

## CANTON CRIME WATCH

### Man who fires gun, wounds self is ticketed

A 26-year-old man accidentally fired a semiautomatic handgun and wounded his left hand during an incident that unfolded about 3:30 p.m. July 12 inside a residence on Canton Center, near Geddes.

Police were summoned to the home and learned the man fired a single shot that pierced his left middle finger and lodged in his ring finger. He was applying pressure to ease the bleeding.

According to a police report, the man is from Charlotte, N.C., and was visiting a friend in Canton. He had been showing the gun to the friend, who reportedly is interested in buying a weapon for home protection.

The man told police he openly carries the gun in North Carolina and that it belongs to his grandfather. He told police he didn't have a license for the gun.

He rejected an offer by police for Canton paramedics to take him to a hospital, saying he had no health insurance. However, his friend told police he would take him for treatment.

Police confiscated the gun and issued a ticket to the man for discharging a firearm without malice.

### School knife

An 11-year-old Plymouth boy who brought a knife to school has been dismissed from a summer program at Liberty Middle School, a police report said.

The boy reportedly told authorities he was carrying the knife, with a five-inch

blade, for protection because he was being threatened by "bad people" in his neighborhood, a police report said.

A bus driver had overheard a conversation about the student having a knife in his backpack, the report said. The incident happened July 14 at the school on Cherry Hill, west of Canton Center.

No one was threatened with the knife. The incident prompted police to issue a citation for possessing a dangerous weapon on school grounds.

### Heroin overdose

A Florida man who apparently overdosed on heroin was taken to a hospital after he was found breathing, but unresponsive, Sunday morning at a house on Edington Circle, near Cherry Hill and Canton Center.

Police found a syringe and a spoon near the man, who admitted he had used drugs, a police report said.

His mother summoned police shortly after 8 a.m. Sunday after she found him unresponsive. She told police he has been recovering from drug addiction and she thought he was clean.

The mother said she and her son have been visiting Canton from Jacksonville, Fla., after her mother recently died. They were fixing up the house to sell it.

### Lying to cops

A 27-year-old Canton man who crashed his car and abandoned it was charged with filing a false police report after he lied to officers that the vehicle had been stolen, a police report said.

The man initially told police his car was missing when he woke up about 11 a.m. July 14 and looked outside his residence on Pond Run, near Michigan Avenue and Beck. He said he had left the car unlocked with the keys in the ignition, the report said.

Further investigation by police revealed the car had been impounded by Washtenaw County authorities after it was abandoned, with a flat tire, at a roundabout at Geddes and Superior roads.

The driver finally admitted to police that he had been texting and driving when he crashed the car about 11 p.m. the night before, the report said. He also told police he had gone for a ride because he was under stress.

### Angry solicitor

A woman going door to door soliciting business for a construction company allegedly became angry and threatened that her husband would return with a gun after a resident ordered her off his property, a police report said.

The incident happened about 2:20 p.m. July 9, in the 44100 block of Franciscan Drive, near Sheldon and Saltz.

A 51-year-old resident told police he yelled at the solicitor to get off his property, prompting her to say her husband would be back with a gun. Police spoke with the 48-year-old woman, who admitted she had no license to solicit in Canton and conceded she had warrants for her arrest for retail fraud.

—By Darrell Clem

## Canton opens emergency cooling centers

Amid searing heat, Canton Public Safety has announced that Summit on the Park and the Canton Public Library are open as cooling center for residents in need.

The library, 1200 S. Canton

Center, is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. The phone number is 734-397-0999.

The Summit, 46000 Sum-

mit Parkway, is open 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. The phone number is 734-394-5460.

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Canton Township resident Caelan DuVall, 4, strikes a pose with a 1954 Ford pickup on display Sunday during the Bumpers, Bikes and Bands festival in Plymouth.

# OLD VILLAGE STREET FESTIVAL BRINGS OUT CROWDS, CARS

Crowds turned out Sunday for the 2016 version of Bumpers, Bikes and Bands, the annual street festival in Plymouth's Old Village neighborhood.

Ann Arbor's Stomp Rockets, local favorite the Marc Falconberry Blues Band and D.J. Del Villareal entertained visitors with free outdoor shows. There were vendors and refreshments available and Old Village establishments like Hermann's Olde Town Grille and the Liberty Street Brewing Co. were open for business.

The weather was perfect. "One of the best weather days we've ever had," said Mark Oppat, an event co-chair.

Oppat said about 80 people brought vehicles to show off. "We had a lot of new ones, which was really cool," he said.

Fees collected from vehicle go to the Old Village Association, which puts the money toward neighborhood beautification projects. Oppat said about \$1,400, after expenses, was raised.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Livonia residents Emma and Della Anenson take time out to pet the pooches during Sunday's Bumpers, Bikes and Bands event held in Plymouth's Old Village.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Ava and Hamza Termos of Canton Township get a look inside a Northville City Fire Department ladder truck Sunday during the Bumpers, Bikes and Bands festival in Plymouth's Old Village.



TOM BEAUDOIN

The Marc Falconberry Blues Band entertains the crowd at this year's Bumpers, Bikes and Bands event, a car and motorcycle show and street festival in Plymouth's Old Village neighborhood.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Canton Township resident Mark Sulkowski and 3-year old son Mason check out a Ford Mustang Bullitt in Old Village on Sunday.

## Taste new beers at brewers' Summer Festival

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Eat your beets — or at least drink them in Canton Brew Works' new French saison-style beer.

Cool off with Northville Winery and Brewing Co.'s summery coconut stout. Or feel the heat from a hot pepper-spiked, barrel-aged brew from Griffin Claw Brewing Co. in Birmingham.

You'll find their new offerings, along with customer favorites and signature brews, amid the 1,107 beers that will be available for tasting Friday and Saturday, July 22-23, at Michigan Brewers Guild's 19th annual Summer Beer Festival at Riverside Park in Ypsilanti.

"It's kind of a good barometer for us to see what works," said Scott LePage, whose mother, Bonnie, opened Griffin Claw three years ago. "Right now, we're at the stage where we're throwing darts to see what people are interested in. The market is saturated with tons of beer out there and you won't know what the next great beer will be until you put it in front of people."

Griffin Claw will tap 20 beers, introducing four new varieties, such as blood orange, at the festival. The event's Saturday session is sold out. Tickets for 5-9 p.m. Friday cost \$40 in advance and \$45 at the gate. Each ticket includes 15 drink tokens. Additional tokens will be available for 50 cents each during the event.

LePage said the festival is the most cost-effective way for beer fans to sample a variety of suds, better than "guessing because you like the art work on the bottle."



Serving up Griffin Claw beer at the annual Summer Beer Festival.

MICHIGAN BREWERS GUILD

Here's a preview of what some local breweries plan to bring to the festival:

» **Ascension Brewing Co.** in Novi — "We are bringing six barrel-aged beers, which is a big deal for us," said Brandon Sabo, head brewer.

The brewery will serve two kinds of porters, blonde ale, American pale ale, Belgian saison and Belgian strong ale, several different IPAs and stouts, in addition to its bourbon barrel-aged beers — 15 Ascension brews in all. The collection focuses on

the brewery's popular beers, rather than new products.

"This is our first year as a brewery there. We wanted to bring 40 beers, but they limited us to 15," Sabo said. "We'll have one of the larger number of taps at the festival."

Ascension's Jade and Silent Bob, a popular IPA-style beer, uses jade hops and pays tribute to fictional film characters Jay and Silent Bob.

"We do a lot of movie quotes," Sabo said, referring to beer names.

» **Canton Brew Works** in Canton — Bar-

ry Boggs, owner and brewer, will bring two new beers to the brewery's Summer Festival debut.

"Scary Cherry and the Dope Fat Beets, we just launched it this week," he said. "It's got beets added to the brewing process and added tart cherry to the fermentation. From the beets, you get an earthiness and cherry adds a tartness."

He said customers have given the beer a "very positive response" since it launched.

The other new product, Woken IPA, a coffee beer, started as an experiment.

"I really like coffee beers. Usually they are stouts or darker beers. I decided to make one and see what it was like," Boggs said. "Sometimes, we have iced coffee on tap at the brewery. Someone just decided to pour coffee into an IPA."

Boggs ran with the idea, adding coffee to the fermentation process.

He'll also serve a brown ale and hefe-weizen at the festival.

» **Griffin Claw Brewing Co.** in Birmingham — Will feature four sour beers, four American IPAs, three barrel-aged brews and a variety of other styles in its 20-beer lineup.

LePage calls Griffin Claw's Dark and Foamy, which is a twist on a cocktail, an experimental beer because it doesn't fit other categories.

"We tried to model it after a Dark and Stormy, which happens to be one of my favorite drinks," he said.

Instead of rum and ginger beer, Griffin Claw brewer Dan Rogers used brown ale and molasses fermented with fresh ginger and spices, finished with lime zest and juice.

The festival menu will include Flying Buffalo with Coffee, one of Griffin Claw's flagship stouts, and its Easy Peezy Japanezy, which uses Sorachi Ace hops, green tea and seaweed.

"We are very excited for this year's event," said Evan Coe, operations manager. "We've

never brought this many styles in the past."

» **Kickstand Brewing Co.** in Commerce Township — Will have a mix of eight different beers at its first Summer Festival appearance.

The business opened in January and Andris Zukovs, a Redford resident who manages the microbrewery, hopes festival-goers will become familiar with Kickstand's "staples."

"We are still so new. Everything we've had on tap," Zukovs said. That includes the microbrewery's Mandatory Milk Stout, a nitrogen-carbonated sweet stout he describes as "out of its mind good."

"I can't tell you how many people who are not beer drinkers lose their minds over it," he said. "It is so smooth, especially when it's run on a nitro tap. I can't tell you how many folks we've converted."

» **Northville Winery and Brewing Co.** also plans to bring two nitro stouts — a coconut and bourbon — in addition to an American IPA, blonde ale, kolsch and a cider.

"We were a winery first. We opened in 1982 and we just started making beer two years ago," said Carina Nelson, co-owner with her husband Robert. "This will be our second summer beer festival. It gains awareness and lets people know you are there."

Nelson suspects her Crimson Dew cider will sell out first, as it always does when the couple attends a beer event.

"That's partially because it's gluten-free and hard cider is one of the fastest growing beverages in the state if not the country," she said. "We've been making (hard) cider for 10 years."

Michigan cherries and apples combine to flavor Crimson Dew, one of the winery's more popular ciders. The winery also makes a coffee cider and other fruit-flavored ciders.

"We've got all sorts of flavors," Nelson said.

To get tickets for Summer Beer Festival, go to [mibeer.com](http://mibeer.com).

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## Ignore naysayers when instability hits markets

As I write, this the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 are at near record highs. It is amazing how fast things change in today's world. A few weeks ago, if you listened to the talking heads, you would have thought that because of Brexit the financial markets were on the verge of collapse. Not surprisingly, the talking heads were wrong and the market did not collapse. After the initial volatility driven by fear, the markets rallied and, over a very short time, regained their losses and have moved into record territory.

It was a few years ago that the buzz was about sequestration. Sequestration was a budget deal that the children in Washington reached that basically called for automatic spending cuts if certain mileposts were not met. As sequestration was about to take effect, again the talking heads dominated the airwaves, talking doom and gloom and the potential collapse of the American economy. Not surprisingly, they were wrong and again. After initial volatility based upon fear, the markets regained their strength.

Go back a few years,



Rick Bloom  
MONEY MATTERS

when the United States lost its AAA credit rating. The talking heads were out in force, predicting major problems for the U.S. and world economies, including rising interest rates. Once again, the talking heads were wrong and, after an initial downturn in the markets, based upon fear, the markets regained strength. As a side note, interest rates did not rise; they continued to fall.

I think you see a trend here. Whenever there is a major event, the airways are filled with doom and gloomers predicting all sorts of catastrophic events for the U.S. and world economies. Their predictions are generally wrong but, surprisingly, no one ever holds them accountable. You would think that some of these so-called experts would be taken off the air considering how often they are wrong. Yet, come the next major event, they'll be out there in force with their doom and gloom predictions.

I don't see life through

rose-colored glasses; I recognize that we live in a volatile world and that it hurts when portfolios move in the wrong direction. That, however, is the cost of being an investor. I wish there was a way to get a fair rate of return without the volatility, but it doesn't exist. If you invest in things such as CDs and fixed annuities, you may think you're investing risk-free, but you are not. You're taking a substantial amount of risk because, even though there are not principal fluctuations, the returns you are earning do not keep up with taxes and the increased cost of living, which will cause severe problems down the road. Keep in mind a \$100 today does not buy what a \$100 bought 10 years ago.

Patience is a virtue that too many investors don't have, but it is important for investors and a key to success. The next time we have an event that brings out the talking heads, my advice — tune them out.

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# INCUMBENTS, CHALLENGER ANSWER OBSERVER'S QUESTIONS

There are 10 Republican candidates in this year's race for the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees. All are running in the Republican primary for the party's nomination; the

top four finishers will move to the November election, where they will face one announced opponent, Libertarian Joseph H. LeBlanc, who was nominated through a convention process. There

are no Democratic candidates in the board race. All 10 primary hopefuls recently answered questions from the Plymouth Observer and we are publishing their

answers, continuing today with incumbent Trustees Bob Doroshewitz and Mike Kelly and challenger Gary Heitman. The primary election is Aug. 2.

## Doroshewitz: Trust with town board is broken

Bob Doroshewitz, 54, is an incumbent Board of Trustees member seeking a fourth term. He was first elected in 2004 and re-elected in 2008 and 2012. Doroshewitz, a system engineering manager at a corporation involved in many facets of the food service industry, has a bachelor's degree in telecommunications, a master's degree in telecommunications management and a law degree. He has been on the township's Zoning Board of Appeals since 2004 and is one of the founders of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex.

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Doroshewitz

We owe our neighbors respect, even when they disagree. Respect residents and maybe we will turn them from critics to volunteers.

**Q: What skills have you gained from your career and personal experience that would help you as a trustee, and how would you apply those skills to working in township government?**

A: In the last election, the Observer referred to me as the "voice of reason" because I am fair and try to understand other points of view before settling on my own.

Your elected officials should have the skill and the desire to compartmentalize decisions and treat each issue on its own merits, without regard to who authored the idea. I will vote against my best friend when I think they are wrong and with my biggest critic when I think they are right.

Relationships are what bring life value; the best part of this job is I get to meet so many great people — so many who generously give their time, talents, or money to better our community and ask for nothing in return.

**Q: Much has been said about the current board's relationship with some elements of the community, and about poor relationships between some board members. How would you, as a trustee, work toward being able to disagree more agreeably, and toward gaining the respect of all voters, even those who speak up to oppose board actions?**

A: Public trust has broken down. You cannot lead without trust. The best teams — at work, in your neighborhood, at school — are those where independent thinking is welcome and differing opinions are not the enemy.

I have watched the numbers of frustrated residents swell from handfuls to entire neighborhoods. Each month brings more frustration. Neighbors with problems are treated as nuisances, not customers.

In one example, neighbors packed a meeting to plead with the board to reconsider the amphitheater. After making them wait three hours, the board disposed of the motion without dis-

cussion. There was no reason to treat our neighbors that way; I was embarrassed and ashamed.

We owe our neighbors respect, even when they disagree. Respect residents and maybe we will turn them from critics to volunteers.

**Q: What is your view of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex becoming a public, taxpayer-supported entity for Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents? What is your view of recent improvements to township recreation facilities, especially Plymouth Township Park?**

A: Meaningful, collaborative discussions — with our residents, stakeholders, local businesses, Plymouth and the PARC organizers — will help determine whether this project is right for our residents. Only then would we look for ways to fund it — there are many options. I believe that the decision should be yours; no public funds would be committed without asking the voters.

I pay taxes, too. Those who are trying to scare you by telling you this project will cost \$40 million know little about the project, they made those numbers up. They stopped the conversation before it began.

That starts by seeking out and listening to citizen input — not from a few, but from many.

In Township Park, the board paved paradise and put up a parking lot.

**Q: Name your top two priorities for Plymouth Township and briefly describe how, as a trustee, you would go about addressing those priorities.**

A: Protecting its people is government's first job. Fire reform went too far and the Lake Pointe fire station should be reopened. Little time is spent among the board on public safety issues; opportunities for improvement are rarely discussed.

Our long-term financial position is worrisome. We need to get our financial house in order. We have been kicking the can down the road for many years and there are ticking time bombs everywhere. Debt is too high and retirement costs are not fully funded. A grant for firefighters expired, funds used to purchase police equipment are exhausted, rainy-day funds are not being replenished, at a time when the economy is hot and a good portion cash should be saved. Nickels add up.

## Kelly: Set feelings aside, work for the taxpayers

Mike Kelly, 60, is a second-term Board of Trustees member and a member of the township Planning Commission. He is a materials test engineer at Ford Motor Co., where he has worked for 38 years, and has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Michigan. He is a former vice president of the Ridgewood Hills Homeowners Association.

discussions and decisions.

**Q: What is your view of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex becoming a public, taxpayer-supported entity for Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents? What is your view of recent improvements to township recreation facilities, especially Plymouth Township Park?**



Kelly

**Q: What skills have you gained from your career and personal experience that would help you as a trustee, and how would you apply those skills to working in township government?**

A: I have developed my problem-solving and analytical skills at Ford, where I have worked for 38 years. We work as a team and focus on the goal we need to reach or problem we need to resolve. I listen to others and welcome all input. My experience in two terms as a trustee gives me the experience and insight to work on any issues facing the township. I set aside my personal feelings since we are all trying to solve a common problem or goal as a team for the taxpayers of the township. Doing what is right for the taxpayers is my top priority.

**Q: Much has been said about the current board's relationship with some elements of the community, and about poor relationships between some board members. How would you, as a trustee, work toward being able to disagree more agreeably, and toward gaining the respect of all voters, even those who speak up to oppose board actions?**

A: My personal feelings are never a factor when working on township business. A few board members seem to have their own agendas and not the interests of the taxpayers as their focus, and that needs to stop. One member has an ethical conflict since he works for PARC and cannot be objective on this item. There is one small group that attends every meeting that opposes almost everything the board does. A few in that group appear to hold a grudge against some board members, and their comments are mainly personal attacks, not specific policy issues. I will always work and listen to all people without bias. Everyone on the board has an opinion that needs to be included in any policy

A: I am troubled by Don Soenon's PARC group pushing to have taxpayers pay for a private enterprise located outside the township. The board is still waiting for a viable business plan to review. Estimates for this project are in the \$25 million to \$40 million range. The portion that is recreational should be turned over to the city to run with its programs. The symphony should be privately funded and supported by ticket sales. I do not think taxpayers of the township should pay the majority of costs for a private enterprise outside the township.

We have improved Township Park with the new pavilion, replaced a parking lot that was crumbling, resurfaced walking trails and installed bridges to complete the trails. All of these projects were done without tax increases.

**Q: Name your top two priorities for Plymouth Township and briefly describe how, as a trustee, you would go about addressing those priorities.**

A: I want to continue the progress made in keeping taxes the lowest in Wayne County, attracting new businesses, and keeping us one of Michigan's safest communities. We need to find a better way to measure the needs of citizens and get input on large new projects. We have also lowered legacy costs, and are among the highest-funded (75 percent) communities in the area. The fire and police departments are the largest budget items. We need a long-term plan for replacing equipment going forward and to ensure we are staffed at the proper level to maintain or improve services. I would like to see a final agreement on legacy costs from the city's withdrawal from the joint fire department. Once that is complete, we can investigate potential efficiencies that both communities can benefit from.

## Heitman: I'll listen, rebuild relationships

Gary Heitman, 62, is making his first run for elected office. He retired from Ford Motor Co. after almost 30 years; his last job there was as enterprise IT portfolio manager. Since then, he has worked in a number of consulting and management roles and is a self-employed consultant and career adviser. Heitman has an associate's degree in mathematics and a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology.

Plymouth Township will require someone who can work with a strong team to make tough decisions in the future. My skill set fits the trustee role perfectly.



Heitman

**Q: What skills have you gained from your career and personal experience that would help you as a trustee, and how would you apply those skills to working in township government?**

A: I retired from Ford Motor Co. after successfully leading IT cost-cutting efforts around the world. I was part of a select team responsible for deciding which cuts to make to keep the company afloat. This required strong business, technical and negotiation skills as well as integrity, teamwork and the ability to build and maintain relationships. Since then, I have had many more positions that were troubleshooting and consultative in nature, as I am adept at confronting challenges directly as well as communicating honestly and efficiently with all stakeholders (cit-

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A: The reason for much of the present poor relationship issues is that the current board does not foster a respectful and productive atmosphere where common goals are prioritized over personal gains. Board meetings are broadcast to the public after being edited so many people do not see or hear exactly what is said. All my career, I have facilitated better communication. I plan on having regular office hours so I can hear from those who oppose certain actions and make decisions after hear-

ing all opinions. I plan on rebuilding strained relationships within Plymouth Township as well as (with) neighboring communities. I am an independent-thinking problem-solver with a propensity for relationship-building. I am eager to use all my talents to benefit my hometown.

**Q: What is your view of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex becoming a public, taxpayer-supported entity for Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents? What is your view of recent improvements to township recreation facilities, especially Plymouth Township Park?**

A: I fully support having meaningful, collaborative discussions with our residents, our local businesses, Plymouth and the PARC organizers. This will help determine whether this project is right for our residents. Then, and only then, would we (as a team) look for ways to fund it. Public funding is not the only option.

I believe the present improvements to Township Park were made to counteract the plans for any shared recreation facilities with Plymouth and prepare for a self-serving amphitheater. Do we really need a parking lot we

can land an airplane in? No public funds should have ever been committed without asking the voters if that is what they really wanted. This behavior exemplifies the lack of transparency and adds to growing ill will.

**Q: Name your top two priorities for Plymouth Township and briefly describe how, as a trustee, you would go about addressing those priorities.**

A: The top two priority issues and my plans are: 1) Public safety — Police and fire must be guaranteed. I will support a way to reopen Fire Station 2 for Plymouth Township residents. Trust and respect will also be restored with these important public servants. Police and fire personnel have been pawns in township politics — this will stop! 2) Transparency in local government — The goals of township citizens are not being prioritized over personal goals of the present board. Some things I will propose are recommending website changes and the implementation of existing financial software; I will support and foster a respectful and productive atmosphere where all interests are heard; and I will facilitate better communication of issues and expenditures before committing funds.

## Zeal Credit Union supports Guinness World Record attempt

For the second year in a row, Zeal Credit Union will support chain reaction builders in their attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the largest domino circle field and the U.S. record for the

longest chain reaction.

Zeal Credit Union's Incredible Science Machine: World Edition will take place Saturday, July 23, at Westland Shopping Center.

Zeal Credit Union's Incred-

ible Science Machine: World Edition will feature more than half a million objects, including 250,000 dominoes and thousands of other common items. The chain reaction will cover an area of more than 5,000

square feet.

Throughout the week beginning July 18, 18 builders from around the world will create the Incredible Science Machine with Steve Price, a Canton native and recent Michigan

State University graduate, who is leading the project.

For more information about the event, go to [www.IncredibleScienceMachine.com](http://www.IncredibleScienceMachine.com).

## OUR VIEW

# Behavior damages Plymouth Township races

It's been an ugly primary campaign season in Plymouth Township.

The Republican races for treasurer, clerk and, especially, supervisor, have been marred by skulduggery, innuendo and childish tattling. Basic clerical errors — and their results — court battles and legal complaints have eclipsed any contest of ideas. Untraceable "dark money" has been used to trash candidates, while social media have spread unsubstantiated claims.

The process has diminished the offices to which the candidates aspire.

This behavior is not atypical for Plymouth Township in the present, recent or far past. This behavior has long characterized this local government and the men and women who claim to lead the township. It is time candidates receive a loud and clear message: The tawdry, self-righteous and vicious behavior has cast dark shadows when they should instead be shining light on their abilities, skills and successes.

With that said, the Plymouth Observer is making endorsements in the Republican nominating contests for supervisor, clerk and treasurer.

For supervisor, we endorse incumbent Shannon Price, based on his success as the appointed supervisor over the last nearly 16 months. Price, who carried



Clinton



Conzelman



Price

the label of carpetbagger into the job, has reset township priorities, faced critics on their own territory and worked hard at the nuts and bolts of daily governing.

We note, however, that Price would be wise to redouble his outreach should he be elected. His challenger, state Rep. Kurt Heise, was tossed off the primary ballot on a technicality, due to a lawsuit by a Price ally, so a Price victory would be seen in some quarters as illegitimate. Price would need to mend fences with voters who favored Heise — if that's even possible.

Heise, term-limited in the Michigan House of Representatives, is running an energetic write-in campaign.

For clerk, we endorse incumbent Nancy Conzelman for a second term over challenger Jerry Vorva, a

former state representative.

Conzelman, an attorney, is well-qualified and has proven capable (though she admits having overlooked a Heise paperwork error that got him removed from the ballot) but, like Price, would need to broaden public outreach.

For treasurer, we endorse challenger Mark Clinton over five-term incumbent Ron Edwards.

Clinton, a political newcomer, has the education, skills and executive and money-management background to be successful and appears only to want to be a good treasurer and contributing Board of Trustees member rather than a kingmaker. He has stood above the fray, mostly campaigning on issues rather than trashing his opponent, and would bring a sense of calm professionalism to the treasurer's office.

Voters are weary of the nastiness of Plymouth Township politics. It is not worthy of their votes, nor of the fine suburban community that can be seen on a daily basis outside township hall.

We urge the winners of next month's primary — whoever they are — to rethink hardened positions, give opposing views the hearing they deserve and set petty differences aside to move the township forward in the best way possible.

## LETTERS

### Why make a change?

My wife and I had the pleasure of being two of the volunteers at the Good Old-Fashioned July 4 Picnic at Plymouth Township Park. What a great time, seeing happy families enjoying a beautiful day with games, crafts, pie-eating, hot dogs and ice cream. The night before, we attended a fantastic fireworks display at the golf course. The display, in my opinion, was better choreographed than the display we saw on the Detroit River a few days before. All this is paid for through generous donations and sponsorships, not tax dollars. A shout-out is in order to all the volunteers, sponsors, Supervisor Shannon Price, Clerk Nancy Conzelman and, especially, Treasurer Ron Edwards and picnic coordinator Kelly Latawiec for the efforts that make these wonderful events.

I fear there is a chance that this great tradition could end. A small but very vocal group of people is

supporting candidates running against our present officials. Several of those who are running have stated the township should not be involved in the picnic or fireworks. Others have stated that the sponsor's reception is too lavish even though it, like the fireworks and picnic, is not paid with tax dollars. Others simply insist we need a change.

I am relatively certain my opinion will be rebutted in future issues of the Observer or social media, as it has in the past. Those rebuttals will likely include facts which are distorted and spun, as well as speculations.

Indisputable facts are we live in a safe, clean community with very low taxes and very low water rates. We are seeing great improvements to recreation. This comes as no accident. Why take a chance on a change? On Aug. 2, we are voting to retain Supervisor Shannon Price, Treasurer Ron Edwards and Clerk Nancy Conzelman. Keep the progress going.

Harry Jachym  
Plymouth Township

### Is history repeating itself?

Clearly, this is a time in our country when the citizens are agitated to register a wholesale dissatisfaction with the state of government, economy and culture. While we may disagree as to the particulars it is apparent that a majority in both parties is displeased with our circumstances. The situation drawing has not developed overnight but has instead taken advantage of our human nature, pressing incremental burdens upon us until we suffer sufficiently to arouse us to our

bitter lot. So it was with our ancestors who rose in revolt against similar burdens placed upon them.

Unlike our ancestors, however, we have not produced a Declaration of Independence to articulate and present our grievances. We have relied upon the slogans and bytes of political candidates to voice them. We lack the confidence generally attached to a deeper understanding of the First Principles which support our liberties (property rights, individual liberty, rule of law); But we intuitively recognize that all is not well in our government.

Our anger is understandable. But our passion can only animate us while it is our reason that will direct us toward satisfying remedies. Our reason is capable of contemplating that which is and comparing it to that which ought to be. But our awareness of what ought to be serves us better when we have studied the many issues of past governments to learn from the experience of our ancestors and benefit from the knowledge they gleaned from it. We have long neglected the study of the philosophy and history of self-government.

Fortunately we have access to time-tested principles adopted by our forefathers. They are available in the many documents (Declaration of Independence, Federalist Papers, Anti-Federalist Papers and the Constitution) preserved for just that purpose — to inform future generations that which they must know to govern themselves.

Now the question asked of our ancestors is asked of us: What are we prepared to do about it?

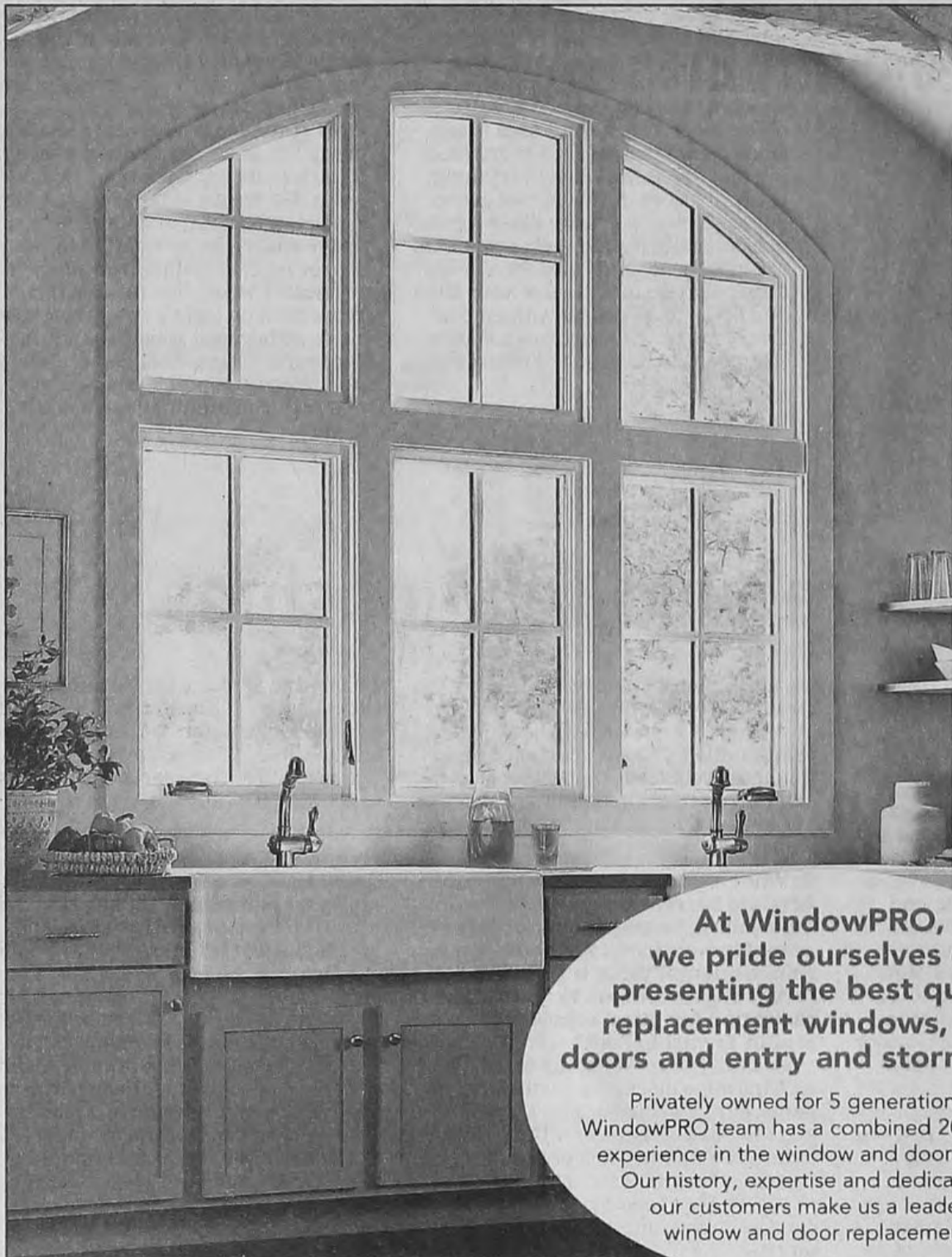
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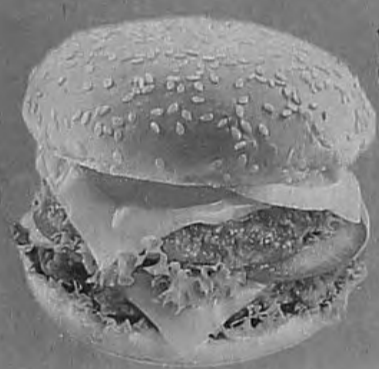
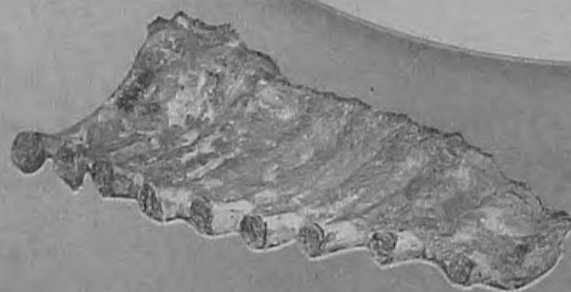
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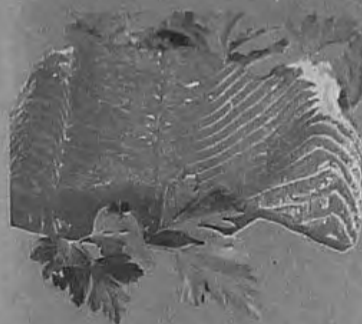
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NEW LOOK AT USA HOCKEY ARENA

## SAFE, STURDY AND SLICK

Installation of new boards, glass brings Plymouth arena into 21st century

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Look out, hockey fans sitting in the front row this season at USA Hockey Arena. That first heavy hit into the Plymouth arena's brand new glass-boards combo likely will catapult large beverages off the ledge and into their laps.

"When people hit it, you can see it move," said Paul Fassbender of the arena's maintenance department, pointing out the ready-to-flex boards and acrylic glass that last month were installed at the building's smaller rink — where the U.S. National Team Development Program's two teams compete. "The people in the front row, the first couple times, they'll get some entertainment," Fassbender said with a knowing nod, explaining that a beverage cup won't stay put when the crunching body checks arrive. Earlier this month, Fassbender and co-workers were busy putting the new boards up

at the former Compuware Arena's bigger, Olympic-sized rink. The new ice will be made this week, after which glass panes will be slipped atop those boards. Fassbender is no stranger to hockey rinks. He coaches Saline High School's varsity team and previously guided teams at Plymouth and Ann Arbor Pioneer. **Heavy duty** These days, he is all in on helping USA Hockey maintain a state-of-the-art ice plant, complete with safety features that

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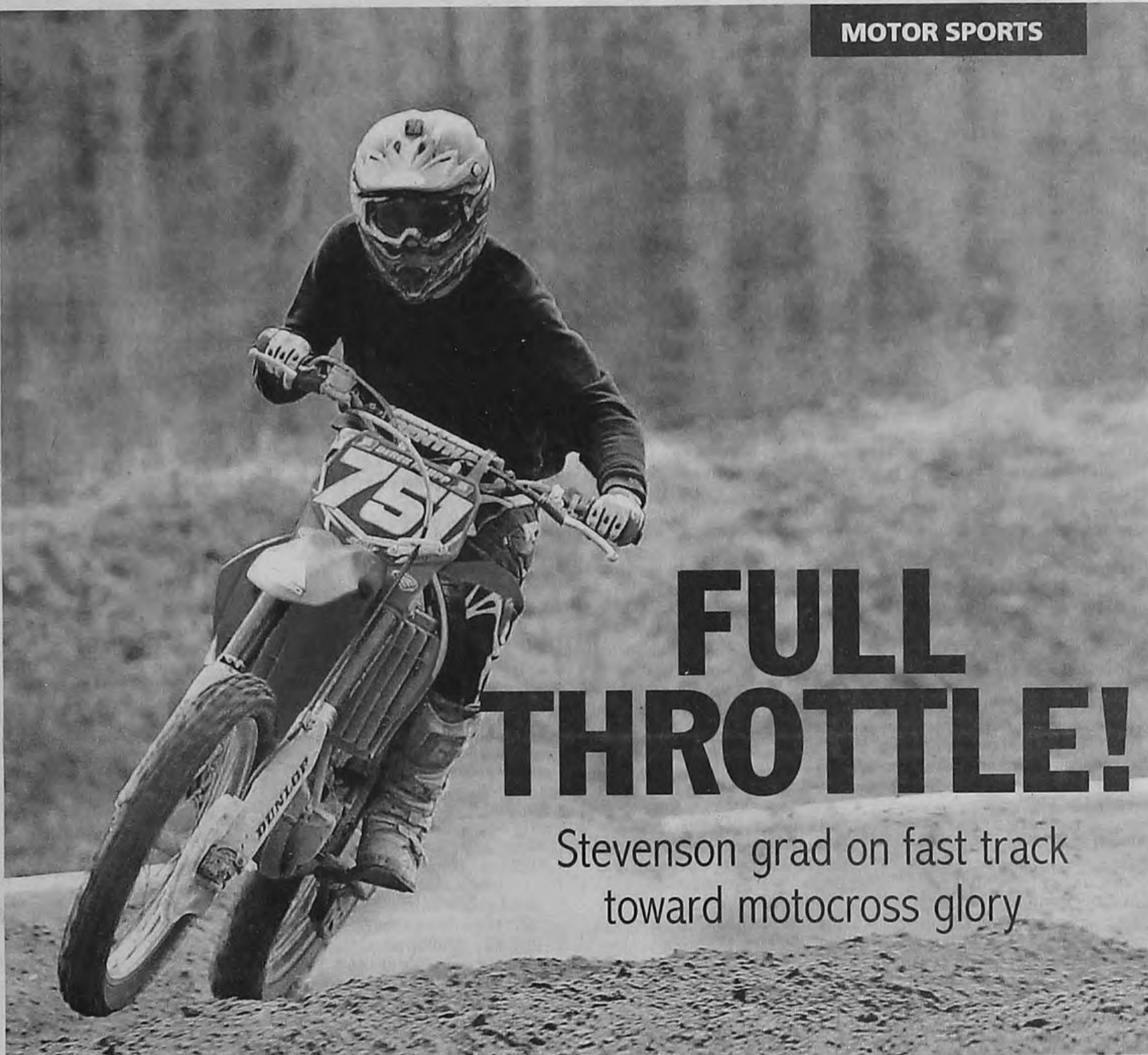


TIM SMITH

Newly installed boards and glass, including this curved piece at the bench, will help prevent concussions at USA Hockey Arena. Here, players try out the new-look facility on the NHL-sized rink.

### MOTOR SPORTS

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer



## FULL THROTTLE!

Stevenson grad on fast track toward motocross glory

Racing with a freshly healed collarbone that was still looming in his life's rear-view mirror, Livonia resident Derek Raupp accelerated his long-time and long-shot dream of becoming a professional dirt bike competitor earlier this summer when he qualified for the National Motocross Championships set for early next month in Hurricane Mills, Tenn.

Raupp's chances of advancing to the national championship — which accepts just 1,482 of a possible 22,000 hopefuls — appeared grim in the wake of a late-May spill that left his arm in a sling.

But the action-loving dirt-biker healed as swiftly as he races and placed third at an ATV/MCAMA regional event held June 24-26 in Millington.

"I had to finish in the top six at the regional, and I placed third," said Raupp, a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and current student at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. "I surprised myself a little with how quick I was able to come back."

Unlike most other kinds of motor sports that are run on smooth, predictable surfaces, the courses for motocross cover acres of hilly, dirt tracks that demand off-the-charts, exceptional maneuvering skills and the durability to withstand bone-jarring rides.

"I'm definitely sore once a race is over," Raupp said. "You bounce around quite a bit on the hills and the races last

Livonia resident Derek Raupp navigates a sharp curve during a recent motocross race.

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## Waza athletes fare well

Waza Track Club had an impressive showing earlier this month during a Michigan AAU regional qualifier in track and field at Detroit Renaissance High School.

All 17 of the Waza athletes who participated set personal records and qualified for the Junior Olympics July 30-Aug. 6 at Turner Stadium in Houston, Texas.

Lindsey Struts had the best single performance, establishing personal records in the 100-meter hurdles, shot put, 200 dash, javelin throw, 800 run and triple jump.

She matched her PR in the high jump and qualified for the national meet in the heptathlon, triple jump and high jump.

The other Waza athletes and the events in which they qualified are — Bella Haynes: 800, 1,500 and 3,000 runs; Luke Montgomery: 800 and 3,000; Mahi Khandelwal: 800; Rylee Lukes: 800 and 1,500; regional champion in the 1,500; Dash Dobar: 800, 1,500 and javelin; Allison Deep: 100, 200 and 400; Bo Anderson: 1,500, 3,000 and javelin; regional champion in the javelin; Miranda Meyers: 1,500 and 3,000; Drew Harris: 400; Amrita Shivaraman: 800; Aishwarya Shivaraman: 800 and long jump; Mason Montgomery: 800 and 1,500; Joey Deep: long jump; Malcolm Cleaver: long jump; Brendan McCoy: 3,000; Kyle Samluk: 3,000.



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The Waza Track Club members are (front row, from left) Allison Deep, Mason Montgomery, Judah Montgomery, Drew Harris, Malcolm Cleaver, (middle row) Luke Montgomery, Mahi Khandelwal, Aishwarya Shivaraman, Bella Haynes, Amrita Shivaraman, Madeline Chau, Miranda Meyers, (back row) coach Cathy Momeyer, Lindsey Strutz, Melanie McDowell, Kendall Skore, Brendan McCoy, Bo Anderson, Dash Donar, Garrett Nagelhout, Josh Momeyer, Joey Deep and head coach Doug McDowell.



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COLLEGIATE SUMMER BASEBALL

# Rams easily weather Hurricanes' storm

Local wooden-bat team clicking on all cylinders

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

The Michigan Rams handled the Hurricanes like they were nothing more than a brief summer shower during a three-game Livonia Collegiate Baseball League set played Sunday and Monday.

After emphatically sweeping all three contests by a combined score of 47-15, the Rams' record stood at a rock-solid 23-7-1. The Hurricanes slipped to 15-14-3.

Fueled by Alex Peczynski's three-hit effort, the Rams captured Monday's contest,

11-3, at Bicentennial Park in Livonia. Peczynski stroked a double, knocked in two runs and scored a pair.

Other hitting mainstays for the winners were Tyler Lowe (2-for-3, two RBI), Anthony DiPonio (2-for-3, RBI, three runs), Nolan Page (2-for-4, RBI, run), Jack Ferguson (2-for-3, two RBI) and Kevin O'Malley (2-for-4, two RBI).

Jake Rogers picked up the win after limiting the Hurricanes to four hits, three walks and three runs over the first four frames. Zack Schmidtke was perfect in relief, retiring all nine batters he faced, five via strike outs.

Adam Willinger suffered the loss after surrendering nine runs in just over three innings.



**TOM BEAUDOIN**  
Michigan Ram player Zack Schmidtke looks for a sign during a game earlier this summer.

The Rams scored in every inning except the second. They did the most damage in the third when they plated

four. Jake Makowski cranked a round-tripper for the Hurricanes.

On Sunday in a twin-bill played at Ford Field, the Rams swept the Hurricanes, 16-2 and 20-10.

Ferguson was the winning pitcher in game one. He scattered seven hits and four walks in a complete-game masterpiece.

Zack Zsolchak was the losing pitcher.

Tyler Lowe was a beast at the dish for the winners, going 4-for-5 with four RBI and two runs scored. Also swinging big sticks for the Rams were Nolan Page (3-for-3, double, four runs), Craig Wilson (2-for-4, two RBI, two runs), Patrick Downing (2-for-3, two RBI, run) and Danny Kerr, who swatted a two-

run home run. Brian Harris contributed two hits and two runs to the Hurricanes' cause.

The Rams exploded for 16 hits in Sunday's nightcap with relief pitcher DiPonio the chief beneficiary as he earned the win with two-and-a-third innings of shut-out ball. DiPonio struck out five of the seven Hurricane batters he retired.

Justin Chandler took the loss after getting roughed up for five runs in just one-and-a-third inning.

Ferguson blasted a home run among his two hits. He finished the game with five RBI, as did Page, who also rocked a tater. Wilson was 3-for-5 and Trace Woodworth scored a run.

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## RAUPP

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anywhere from five to 20 laps, so it takes a toll on your body. It's pretty grueling, but I love it. I love the freedom I feel when I'm racing."

Riding a motor bike that cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000, Raupp reaches speeds of close to 50 miles per hour on the straightaways.

He said sudden spills are part of the sport, but major injuries are rare.

"When I broke my collarbone (in May), I lost control of the bike coming out of a turn," he said. "At the time, it looked like the timing was really bad with regionals coming up in three or four weeks, but I was lucky enough to recover pretty fast."

The passion for racing motor bikes is in Raupp's DNA. His father, Kurt, got his son involved in the sport after excelling in the adrenaline-producing activity years earlier.

"I've been riding for about 10 years now," the 21-year-old said. "I started getting more serious about it and competing probably five or six years ago."

"I played hockey in the Livonia leagues throughout high school, but motocross has always been my favorite thing to do."

Raupp said the closest practice course to his Livonia home is in Milan.

Raupp is studying unmanned aerial systems at Northwestern Michigan College.

The event next month,



**SUBMITTED**  
Despite recovering from a recent broken collarbone, Derek Raupp qualified for the national-level race in the sport of motocross.

which will be held at the Loretta Lynn Ranch, is like amateur motocross's Super Bowl. Raupp will be competing in the ultra-competitive 250C modified class.

"The Amateur National at Loretta Lynn's is the event every motocross racer in the country wants to compete in," event director Tim Cotter said. "A win at Loretta's gives a racer instant national notoriety and can serve as a springboard to a lucrative professional motocross career."

Most of America's top professional motocross racers, including James Stewart, Ricky Carmichael, Travis Pastrana and Ryan Dungey, have won AMA Amateur National titles at Loretta Lynn's.

Raupp will make the journey to Tennessee along with his dad, mechanic Blake Richards, and good friend Bobby Schiffman.

Racers compete in three 15-20 minute races over the course of the week per class, sometimes in scorching temperatures. Proper training and preparation are paramount, Cotter added.

The race action will be broadcast live daily at www.RacerTV.com for a total of 40 hours of live coverage. In addition, two highlight shows featuring the event will air on NBC Sports.

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**SUBMITTED**  
Stevenson was awarded the title of Grand Champs for the second consecutive year at the annual pom camp held in Grand Rapids.

## HIGH SCHOOL POM

# Stevenson earns highest award at Davenport camp

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

Members of the Livonia Stevenson pom team were happy campers as they returned from Davenport University last week.

Led by "Smile, Sparkle, Shine" award-winner Katie Orlich, Stevenson was awarded the title of Grand Champs for the second consecutive year at the annual pom camp held in Grand Rapids.

Orlich's award is the highest honor a senior can receive. She was chosen to receive the award out of approximately 400 participants at the camp. Orlich is the lone senior on the squad, which includes nine incoming freshmen, six sophomores and three juniors.

The squad is coached by Kelly Sikorski and Shaylyn Sikorski.

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Katie Orlich earned the "Smile, Sparkle, Shine" award.

## RINK

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are intended to cut down on concussions and other serious injuries.

Fassbender pointed to a spec sheet for Part 2 of the current project. There are 119 pieces of glass to be installed, weighing a total of 27,764 pounds.

"We've been fortunate because we got to do it two times in a month, month and a half," he said. "This one went so much faster than over there."

The arena upgrades are part of a growing trend, led by the National Hockey League, to reduce concussions and other major injuries suffered when players hurtle at a high speed into the boards and glass.

"We upgraded for all the safety that the NHL's been pushing, for concussions," Fassbender said. "So we revamped, pulled out the old boards that were 20, 22 years old, heavy, steel boards, and we went with these aluminum frames."

"They have the flex points in them, flex glass. Boards will give more. You'll actually see the movement of the boards when people get hit into them. It's supposed to help with shoulder injuries, concussions and be a little softer of a feel when kids are sliding into them or getting hit into them."

### Safety first

The need to ensure safety is a big priority with USA Hockey, too.

"Safety is a top priority for us at USA Hockey Arena for whoever is on the ice," said Mike Henry, arena manager. "The fact that both rinks are now compatible for sled-hock-



**TIM SMITH**  
Paul Fassbender is in the home stretch of finishing off the Olympic-size rink at USA Hockey Arena.

ey is an added advantage and is within USA Hockey's mandate to grow the game at all levels."

Sections of white-covered boards near player benches can be swapped out for clear sections to accommodate sled hockey. Essentially, players can ramp on and off the ice without fear of hitting the kick plate that runs around the ice perimeter.

At the NHL-sized rink where the U.S. NTDP Under-17 and Under-18 teams play, Fassbender pointed to another important new feature — a flexible sheet of curved glass, where doors open from the ice to the players' bench.

The innovative feature hopefully will prevent near-tragedies such as one in 2011, when Montreal player Max Pacioretty slammed into the turnbuckle, breaking his neck and suffering a severe concussion.

"They're spring-loaded," Fassbender said. "So when you hit that, the whole glass moves, plus it's acrylic, so it's softer. That's one of the great features of this whole system."

"When a kid's getting into the boards here, you're not

going to have something that takes their head off."

### Ice time

Fassbender said putting the ice in is routine stuff by comparison, something that is done every summer.

"We start by doing a couple coats of clear (ice) to get one-16th of an inch on top of the concrete," he said. "And then we'll go three coats of white (paint) on top. ... We have a big boom that has 15 sprayers on the back. And you walk it, you literally walk the ice, in a pattern. It's like spray-painting a deck."

"We do three coats of the white paint to give it the solid white look."

There is a method to the madness of laying down various lines, dots and circles that USA Hockey Arena fans can see from their seats, too.

"We use red and blue yarn, stretch it across where the red lines and blue lines are," Fassbender said. "We freeze those in and then we have someone come through and paint them by hand with a four-inch brush."

To cap it all off, several more coats of clear ice are put in until the surface is about 1½ inches thick.

"We have an ice dam, which is the first inch and a half, and then there's a seam where the boards sit on top," Fassbender said. "That's where it gives it that flex point, so we want to avoid any ice buildup getting underneath in that seam."

"Ice, as it builds up, will expand. Then it will push the boards up, so we have to make sure we maintain our inch and a half depth."

That's good, because the new boards at USA Hockey Arena will be rocking enough already during 2016-17.

## Oh, Henry!



Fourteen-year-old Henry Shymanski holds the priceless ball that he knocked in the hole for his first career hole-in-one on June 23 at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course. Shymanski's memorable shot came on the 12th hole, a 125-yard par three. Shymanski's shot was witnessed by his golf league playing partners Paul Clark, Kyle Robertson and Justin Mitchell as well as Idyl Wyld professional Jason Rammler, who happened to be observing the foursome's tee shots.



RELIGION CALENDAR

Email event information for this calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

**JULY COMMONGROUND**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, July 22  
**Location:** Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Women and girls, 12 and over, from more than 30 churches will gather for worship to live music and an after party with appetizers, a coffee and cocoa bar and giveaways. The outreach focus for the event is Grace's Table, an organization that works with teen mothers and their children. Lisa Anderson, founder, will be the guest speaker. CommonGround will collect diapers, sizes 2-6,

refill packages of moist wipes, \$10 Meijer gas cards and \$10 Starbucks gift cards, for donation to Grace's Table  
**Contact:** 734-397-1777  
**CONCERT**  
**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. Saturday, July 30  
**Location:** Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Road, Highland  
**Details:** The Paradise Band, Elvis Lives and The Soulmens perform in an outdoor concert. \$15 advance tickets; \$20 at the door  
**Contact:** 248-887-5364; holyspiritconcert.ezevent.com  
**FILM**  
**Time/Date:** 6:45 p.m. Friday, July 29  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lu-

theran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** See the movie, "Field of Dreams" and have a dinner of ballpark food  
**Contact:** 248-553-3380  
**MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 23  
**Location:** Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford  
**Details:** Free Christian music festival with Wise 4 Salvation, 11 a.m.; REIGN, noon; Reggie Williams, 1 p.m.; Redemption Road, 2 p.m.; Krymsyn Grayce, 3 p.m.; Second Day Story, 4 p.m.; The Well House Band, 5 p.m.; and Veracity, 6 p.m. Crafters and vendors will be on site from 11

a.m. to 4 p.m. Gift drawings will be held at 3 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket  
**Contact:** 313-937-2424; hosannatabor.org  
**OLYMPICS**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. July 25-28  
**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** A mini-Olympics camp aimed at boys and girls, ages 5-12, will include volleyball, relays, field hockey and water games. \$15 per student includes instruction, equipment and snacks  
**Contact:** christoursavior.org; 734-522-6830  
**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m. Monday, July 25, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, July 26-27  
**Location:** Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Admission to Monday sale is \$2; bag sale on cloth items and half-off all other items on Wednesday  
**Contact:** 734-427-2290

**SCHOOL TOUR**  
**Time/Date:** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., July 27  
**Location:** St. Michael Catholic School, 11311 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** The tour, led by students and teachers, is for prospective new students and their families  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, xt. 225; livoniastmichael.org  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-noon, July 25-29  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** "Barnyard Roundup" is open to children in preschool (potty-trained) through fifth grade. There is a fee with family discount available  
**Contact:** mrsilzparrott@yahoo.com or 248-553-3380  
**WORSHIP IN THE PARK**  
**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Sunday, through Aug. 21  
**Location:** Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse grounds, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, Canton  
**Details:** St. Michael Lutheran Church holds outdoor services with childcare provided  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333, connectingwithGod.org

and girls ages 5 and up, any skill level. \$25 per student; non-refundable. Includes water bottle, instruction, snacks. Register at www.crossroad-snow.org  
**Contact:** info@crossroad-snow.org, or Pastor Steve at 248-890-5718  
**ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY**  
**Congregation Beth Ahm**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Wednesday  
**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required  
**Contact:** Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyel-len879@att.net  
**Our Lady of Loretto**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** 313-534-9000  
**Faith Community Wesleyan**  
**Time/Date:** 4-5 p.m. every Saturday  
**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one  
**Contact:** pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476  
**ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday  
**Location:** 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township  
**Details:** An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386  
**Contact:** facebook.com/stinnocentredford  
**EXERCISE**  
**Time/Date:** 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday  
**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com  
**Contact:** 313-408-3364  
**FAMILY MEAL**  
**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Free meal  
**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12  
**HEALING SERVICE**  
**Time/Date:** Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.  
**Contact:** Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com  
**MOMS**  
**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners  
**Contact:** Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463  
**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.  
**Contact:** Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

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BLANCHARD



**JEANETTE ELIZABETH (FLEIG)** Age 94 of Beverly Hills, Michigan, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, passed away on July 17, 2016 in her home. She was born on November 27, 1921 in Toledo, Ohio, to Louis John and Nellie (Gray) Fleig. She graduated from St. Charles Borromeo Grade School and Norte Dame Academy, Class of 1939. Jeanette was an Administrative Assistant with the IRS where she met her future husband, Walter Blanchard; they married in 1949. Walter preceded her in death in 1998. Jeanette love to play bridge and travel. Jeanette is survived by her son John Blanchard; daughter Carolyn (David Gray) Blanchard. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Church Today, July 21 at 10:00 am where the family will greet guests starting at 9:30 am. Interment services will follow in Calvary Cemetery. Please view and sign the on-line guest registry at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

BRODERICK



**JOHN RUSSELL** Age 91, born September 11, 1924, died July 15, 2016 surrounded by his children and grandchildren. Born in Detroit, the son of Martin (Bernie) Broderick and Mary Ellen O'Grady. He was preceded in death by his brother, Bernard (Jake) Broderick and is survived by his brother, Thomas Broderick of Northville. A 1942 graduate of St. Cecelia's High in Northwest Detroit. Served in the U.S. Army from 1943-1945 and saw action in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. After the war, John enrolled at the University of Detroit and earned a civil engineering degree in 1953. While a student there, John met Aiden Mary Trudell of Wayne, Michigan. John and Aiden were married on June 22, 1948 and moved to Plymouth where they raised seven children, Deborah Russo (Patrick), Michael Broderick (deceased) (Mary Lou), Timothy Broderick (Susan), Bridget Bilsky, John Broderick, (Denise Michlewicz, deceased), Rebecca Doherty (Robert), and Matthew Broderick (Sara Tobin); and 22 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Aiden Broderick passed in 1992. A civil engineer at Ford Motor Company from 1960 to 1995 John worked on the design and construction of manufacturing and assembly plants. He married Mary Jane Bevelheimer in 1995 who died in 2014. John personified the character, courage and selflessness of his generation of heroes who fought and won the most devastating war in the history of humankind. He was also very much in the mold of that same generation of men and women who then spent the remainder of their lives rebuilding the world for future generations. Visitation from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 21 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with a scripture service from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m., 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI. Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, July 22 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth at 10:30 a.m.

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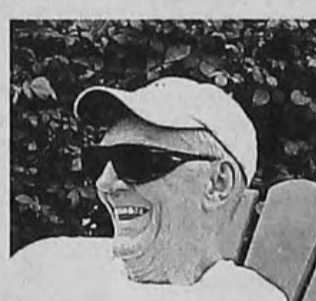


**AUDREY** July 14, 2016, Age 90. Beloved wife of Robert W. Lemon. Loving mother of Kathleen (Bob) Pawlik, Robin (Jack) McKenzie, Thom (Shirley) Lemon and Dawn (David Richardson) Lemon. Devoted grandmother to 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Preceded in death by her parents Harold and Beatrice Herbert and her brothers James (Phyllis) and Gerald Herbert. She is survived by her sisters-in-law, Francis Herbert and Jean Lemon, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Visitation 4-9 p.m. Thursday, July 21 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington. Funeral Mass 10 a.m. Friday, July 22 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington.

SLADE

**HOWARD S.** 97, of Farmington Hills, died peacefully July 15, 2016. Beloved husband of 69 years to June. Devoted father of Bette (Pete) Inzano, Ed (Mary), and Jack (Pam). Cherished grandfather of eight; and great-grandfather of nine. Sadly, Howard was preceded in death by his son, Jim (Linda) and granddaughter, Crystal. Visitation Saturday, July 23, 2:00 p.m. until the 3:00 p.m. Memorial Service, in the Chapel of Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Memorial tributes suggested to Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills.

WEAVER



**IRA WILLIAM** Age 85 July 18, 2016 Born and raised in Indianapolis, Ira enlisted in the Air Force serving in the Korean War before becoming a successful business man as the owner of Foundry Systems and Equipment in Livonia. He enjoyed Frank Sinatra, boating and traveling. He was a great artist with a wonderful sense of humor. Ira was a loving family man and excellent father. Loving husband of the late Beverly. Cherished father of Cheri (Scott) Strachan, Bill (Kathy) Weaver, Amy (Jerry) Roedl and Beth (Jay) Meyer. Proud grandfather of Kate (Eric) Polerecky, Jonathan Strachan, Fiona and Micaela Felix, and Brady and Hayden Meyer and great-grandfather of Ava and Harlow Polerecky. Interment Parkview Cemetery in Livonia.  
 www.harrywillfuneralhome.com

KRALOWSKI

**SOPHIE** Age 91, of Livonia, Michigan passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2016. Sophie was born in Detroit on July 29, 1924. Sophie was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Kralowski. She is survived by her four children, Larry, Denise, Lori, and Mark (Brenda); her grandchildren, Lauren (Jake), Sarah (James), and Colton; her great grandchildren, Hayden, Connor, and Aubrey. A family service will be held at a later date. She will be remembered and in our hearts forever.



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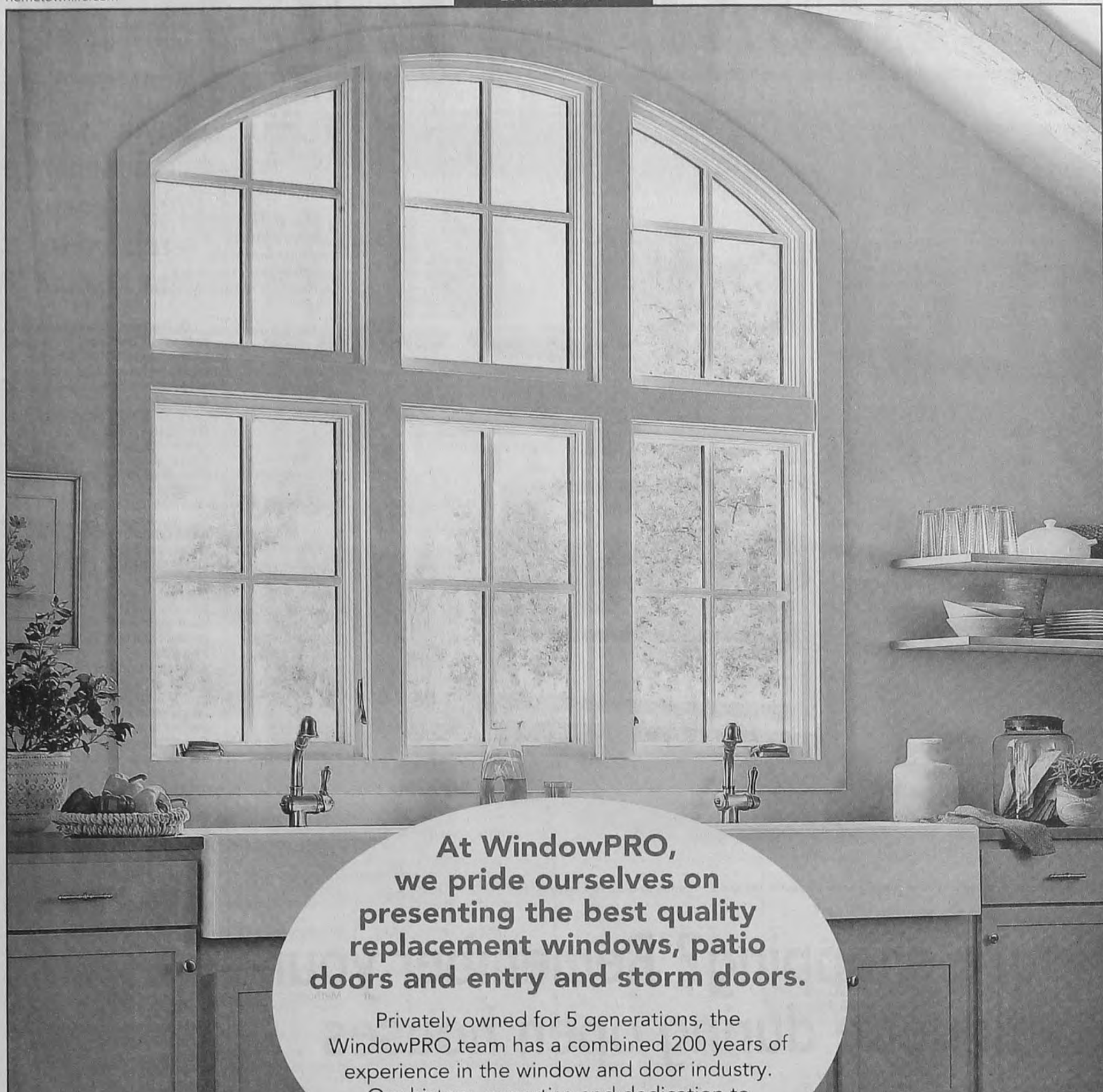
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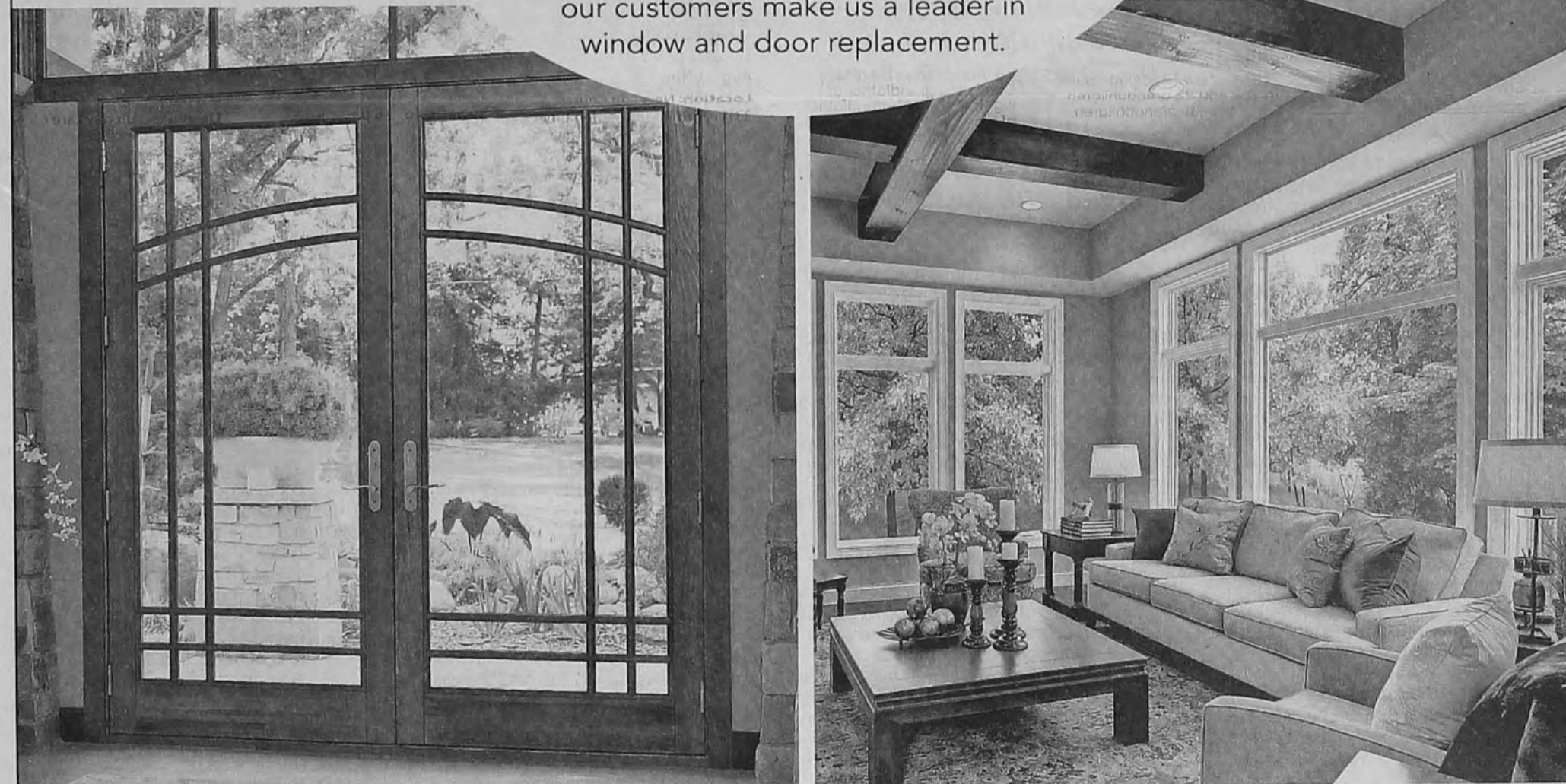
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It's easy to forget that, while you're playing home inspector, the space currently belongs to someone else.

## House shopping? Remember your etiquette during open houses

With home buying season in full swing, potential home buyers are flooding into homes they saw on realtor.com and in person with the help of a Realtor. It's an exciting time, full of possibility and hope, but it is easy to forget that, while you're playing home inspector, the space currently belongs to someone else.

Still, buyers need to get a full picture of what they're buying. So, where do you draw the line; what is permitted and what should you restrain yourself from doing? The National Association of Realtors consumer site HouseLogic has buyers covered with house tour etiquette tips. When it comes to checking out closets and storage, for example, feel free to peek (you'll need to know this, after all), but try not to disturb anything.

As for snapping photos, feel free to take what you need to make a decision, but think twice before posting — remember that someone still lives there, and they may not want their personal valuables displayed for the world to see (especially if you've already identified where the house is located).

It's a marathon house-hunting day. As you check out listing No. 5's brand new windows, it suddenly hits you: "Oh man, I have to go to the bathroom."

Should you, or shouldn't you? Navigating do's and don'ts can be totally awkward, so we asked the pros everything most buyers secretly want to know. Stacey Freed of HouseLogic shares her knowledge.

### Well, can I use the bathroom?

If you've got to go, you've got to go — but don't just wander off and take care of business. It might not work in every house. Literally.

"Ask permission," says Pat Vredevoogd Combs, past president of the National Association of Realtors, who works and lives in Grand Rapids, Mich. Vacant houses, especially in winter, may have the water shut off, so there's no

**We're pretty sure ordering house hunters to forgo coffee qualifies as 'cruel and unusual punishment' ... if you're carrying a drink, be careful - unless you're prepared to go mano a mano with the floor.**

way to flush. That's something you *really* want to know before you go.

And if you're at a busy open house, being in the loo for more than a minute means other potential buyers can't check out the facilities — and may not want to after you've, um, done your business.

To be safe, schedule in a few pit stops at restaurants or gas stations along the way, suggests Vredevoogd Combs.

### Is it OK to bring in my coffee?

We're pretty sure ordering house hunters to forgo coffee qualifies as "cruel and unusual punishment" in some states. But if you're carrying a drink, be careful — unless you're prepared to go mano a mano with the floor.

"So many first-time home buyers are millennials, and I almost never see them without a cup of Starbucks in their hand," Vredevoogd Combs says. "I had one guy spill his coffee on white carpeting and we had to get down on our hands and knees to clean it up."

Food, on the other hand, is *no bueno*, unless the seller has left out cookies. By all means, take one, but eat it in the kitchen. Preferably over a napkin.

### Can I peek in the closet?

"Absolutely," says Tg Glazer, 2016 president of the New Jersey Association of Realtors. "Buying a home is probably the biggest purchase you're ever going to make, and you need to check out ev-

erything."

Basically, look all you want, but don't rifle around. You're shopping for closet space, not a new wardrobe.

### How about a quick selfie with this awesome, lemon-colored range?

With smartphones being practically an appendage for many buyers, snapping pics to share with friends and family is so easy. But hold your trigger finger, especially if you're planning to share the images online.

Whether you can take photos and videos "seems to be a regional custom," Vredevoogd Combs says. "In some cases, sellers have valuable things and don't even want their homes promoted online. Ask permission first."

### Can I plop down on that chaise lounge?

Vredevoogd Combs says she's not a fan. "Feeling comfortable enough to want to sit on the furniture might be a good intent to buy, but it isn't your furniture and you're not buying it." Plus, that cozy looking couch or comfy bed might be staged — air beds or cardboard boxes wearing fancy clothes — so you might take a spill.

If you need to sit, for health reasons or that sprained ankle from your last marathon, just ask. That's not unreasonable.

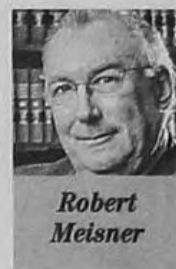
The bottom line is the old-fashioned Golden Rule: Do unto others' homes as you'd have them do unto yours.

"Be on your best behavior," says Vredevoogd Combs. Pretend the seller is there — and sometimes they are, even if you can't see them. They might be waiting next door at a neighbor's house and wander back at any minute. So it's also a good idea to keep comments to yourself. You wouldn't want them to overhear how much you love the master suite — that could mess up your negotiating power if you decide to buy.

## Snyder signs bill to eliminate requirement related to tax dispute

**Q: We lost our assessment protest at the local level and at the tax tribunal. Are we going to have to pay the tax assessment before we can appeal?**

A: As of now, taxpayers can now appeal their tax disputes to a Michigan court on a pre-deprivation basis. On June 16, 2015, Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law a bill eliminating the requirement that taxpayers pay all taxes, penalties and interest before they can have their tax appeals heard by a court by guaranteeing that they have their day in court before being required to pay the disputed tax assessments. This is obviously a benefit to those who feel aggrieved by the tax tribunal and/or their taxing authority, which concern is growing every tax season.



Robert Meisner

**Q: We do not allow pets at the condominium, but if there is one so-called emotional animal. We want a deposit for it. Do you think it is a good idea?**

A: No, I think it will probably be determined to violate the Federal Fair Housing Act as an attempt to limit people with disabilities and/or who need emotional support animals to be able to have their pet, assuming that you do not otherwise allow pets. I think that there are administrative standards against such conduct. I would get a legal opinion from your attorney to confirm this position.

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

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Benefit Estate Sale

Hall & Hunter Realtors will hold its 13th annual Estate Sale of Antiques, Collectibles and Treasures to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Hall & Hunter Realtors, 442 S. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham. All year long, Hall & Hunter Realtors collect antiques, gently used furniture and collectibles. Since Hall & Hunter started this tradition 11 years ago, the firm has donated \$250,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. Sponsored by: Changing Places Moving Company, Devon Title Agency, Stefek's Auctioneers & Appraisers, Bank of Birmingham. For more information, visit [HollandHunter.com](http://HollandHunter.com) or call 248-644-3500.

### Investors

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

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

For more information, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

### Short sales

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

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

Call the office at 248-782-7130 or email [june.quantum@gmail.com](mailto:june.quantum@gmail.com) for your reservation or additional information.

## Walbridge senior VP tapped for 'Women Who Lead' class

Walbridge Senior Vice President and board member Terry Merritt has been selected by WJR News/Talk 760 to its 2016 class of "Women Who Lead."

The program, initiated six years ago, celebrates women throughout the Great Lakes region who are making a difference in the community. Senior Producer Ann Thomas recently interviewed Merritt and the podcast is available on WJR's website here.

"Terry is an integral part of Walbridge and her contributions to our company's executive team, growth and culture have been hallmarks of her success," said John Rakolta Jr.,

chairman and CEO of Walbridge. "We are proud to join WJR in congratulating Terry on being honored as one of the 'Women Who Lead' and her incredible contributions to our industry and our region."

Merritt has been with Walbridge for 35 years and supports numerous programs that improve the lives of women in the state of Michigan. She is chair of the Haven Foundation and serves on the Board of Directors for Inforum, Michigan Women's Foundation, Wayne State University — HIGH Program and Women United for United Way of SE Michigan.

Merritt has been awarded

Inforum's Inner Circle Women of Achievement Honoree, Crain's Detroit Business 2002 Most Influential Women, CORP Magazine's 2002 95 Most Powerful Women in Michigan, the Athena Award from the Oakland County Chamber of Commerce and the State of Michigan Dept. of Civil Rights, Michigan Women's Commission.

Merritt and the other "Women Who Lead" will be honored this fall during a special broadcast by WJR's Paul W. Smith.

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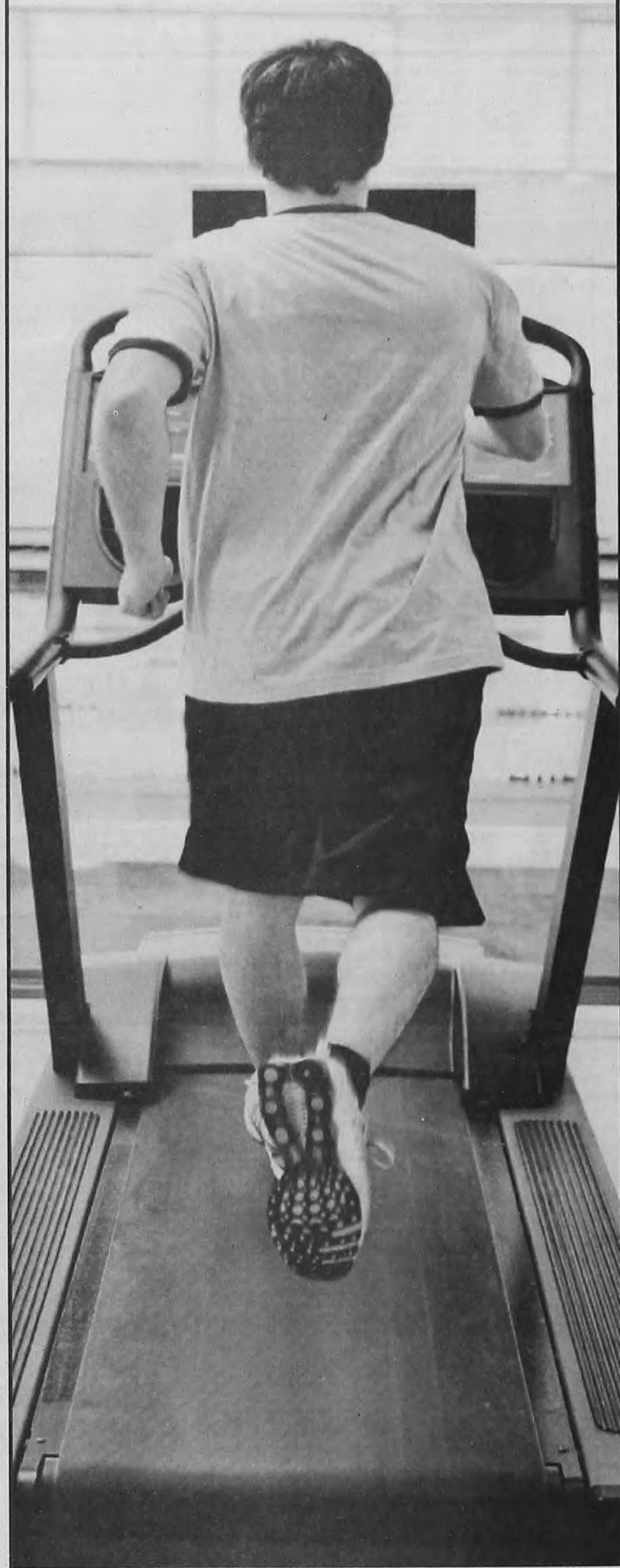
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## THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Greek letters after rho
  - 7 French country house
  - 14 Classic game consoles
  - 20 Vain type
  - 21 Loud warning gizmo
  - 22 With 71-Across, pre-talkies time
  - 23 Valuable desert plants?
  - 25 Graf of tennis
  - 26 "Leave it in"
  - 27 PC-to-PC hookup
  - 28 Shuttle org.
  - 30 Chalk out
  - 31 Pine cousin
  - 32 Test of one's holiness?
  - 37 Most gross
  - 41 Twistable cookie
  - 42 Legal title
  - 43 Dollar or euro div.
  - 44 Really bad-mouth a physician?
  - 47 Good (at)
  - 49 Tool in a wood shop
  - 50 Walk— (tiny parts)
  - 51 Iowa's tree
  - 53 Slim, slithery fishes
  - 56 Voting "no"
  - 57 Really small
  - 59 Tennis' Korda
  - 61 Jet boat model
  - 63 Rehearse with great enthusiasm in Britain?
  - 67 Poker prize
  - 70 401(k)
  - 71 See 22-Across
  - 72 Itsy-bitsy bit
  - 73 Sun's org.
  - 74 Scandal over legal agreements in Tehran?
  - 79 Tea varieties
  - 80 Trial pledge
  - 81 Huck's craft
  - 82 Acclaim
  - 86 Give out
  - 87 James Bond, e.g.
  - 88 Mom's skill, for short
  - 89 Suit material
  - 90 Far Eastern mercenary
  - 93 Oil-anointing rite in old Russia?
  - 98 Chillax
  - 100 Without, in Paris
  - 102 Bank holding
  - 103 Ballet garb
  - 104 Draw out feta or Brie?
  - 107 "Uh-uh," rural-style
  - 108 Elisabeth of "Molly"
  - 109 Boxing wallop
  - 110 Kit— bar
  - 111 Re
  - 115 Ones giving Gis orders
  - 117 "That bee just ingested poisoned plant fluid!"?
  - 123 Warming current
  - 124 Hastened
  - 125 Cornell's city
  - 126 Abate
  - 127 May's gem
  - 128 Enthusiastic about
- DOWN**
- 1 Stitches up
  - 2 "— it!" (sandlot cry)
  - 3 Ex-veep Al
  - 4 Pol Romney
  - 5 Bat wood
  - 6 Fashionable
  - 7 "Elf" actor
  - 8 Big name in fruit drinks
  - 9 Actor Carney
  - 10 Fri. preceder
  - 11 Goddess of the dawn
  - 12 Lack life
  - 13 Not voiced
  - 14 Evaluated
  - 15 Little bird
  - 16 First Hebrew letter
  - 17 Outwardly shown by
  - 18 Actually
  - 19 Is lousy
  - 24 — blanché
  - 29 Surf and turf's "turf"
  - 31 Big bash
  - 32 Woody Allen's wife
  - 33 Curved lines
  - 34 Post-taxes
  - 35 Talk lovingly
  - 36 F preceders
  - 37 Mallorca, por ejemplo
  - 38 Tribal bunch
  - 39 Actor William or Nicky
  - 40 "Gotcha," to a jazz cat
  - 45 "Keep it up"
  - 46 Pictorial
  - 48 Highest point
  - 52 Excavation discovery
  - 54 Lisa of pop music
  - 55 Sammy of the diamond
  - 57 Poi plants
  - 58 Confident cry
  - 59 Roost
  - 60 Floride, par exemple
  - 61 Tuned to, as a dial
  - 62 Hollywood's Morales
  - 64 Basmati, e.g.
  - 65 Usher in
  - 66 "The Tao of Pooh" author
  - 67 Organ part
  - 68 Provo's neighbor
  - 69 Alternating
  - 75 Curt denial
  - 76 Light shafts
  - 77 Dahl of film
  - 78 Butler played by Gable
  - 83 "Eri tu," e.g.
  - 84 Monster-film lab assistant
  - 85 — lease
  - 87 Christmas Eve visitor
  - 88 Bonds
  - 89 Garbage-hauling boat
  - 91 Covert org.
  - 92 "Bad" singer Michael
  - 94 Bullring call
  - 95 Contend
  - 96 Lower arm bones
  - 97 Clean freak
  - 98 Artery, e.g.
  - 99 Breathe out
  - 101 Reaper's tool
  - 105 Former TV host Philbin
  - 106 Boring
  - 110 NBA's Jason
  - 111 Dull pain
  - 112 Getz of jazz
  - 113 Fiesta snack
  - 114 Algerian city
  - 116 Compass dir.
  - 118 Before
  - 119 Fumble
  - 120 Vardalos of the screen
  - 121 Playa — Rey Gable
  - 122 Summer, to Yves

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### WORDS

ACRE GRAVITY  
AUTOMATIC HYDRAULICS  
BACKFLOW MAINLINE  
BALL NOZZLE  
BOOSTER PRESSURE  
BUSHING PUMP  
CONTROLLER PVC  
COUPLING REDUCER  
CUBIC SIPHON  
DESIGN SLIP  
DRIP SOAKING  
EMITTER SPIGOT  
ENVIRONMENT SPRINKLER  
FLOW TRICKLE  
FOOT VACUUM  
GALLONS VALVE  
GATE WATER  
GAUGE WELL

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**Crossword Answers**

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