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## Absentee ballot returns at a trickle

Clerk's office worries what a late torrent might do

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Canton absentee voters have been slow to return their ballots this election season — a delay local officials say has become a trend.

"It just seems like every election it gets later and later,"

Deputy Clerk Jackie Shamus said, "and we're not sure why that is a trend."

With the Aug. 2 primary less than two weeks away, Shamus reported mid-week that 6,438 absentee ballots had been sent to voters, but only 2,985 had been returned to the clerk's office.

That's a return rate of only 46 percent, raising concerns the clerk's office could face an 11th-hour influx of absentee ballots. Clerk Terry Bennett said that could slow down efforts to process the ballots.

"We would ask that (voters) consider an earlier return," she said. "This is the lowest return rate for this time period that I can remember."

Canton voters this year will

choose candidates ranging from the Canton Township Board of Trustees to the next U.S. president, though most local township races are uncontested in the August primary.

Election officials aren't sure whether the low absentee ballot return rate indicates voter indecision or if another factor is at play.

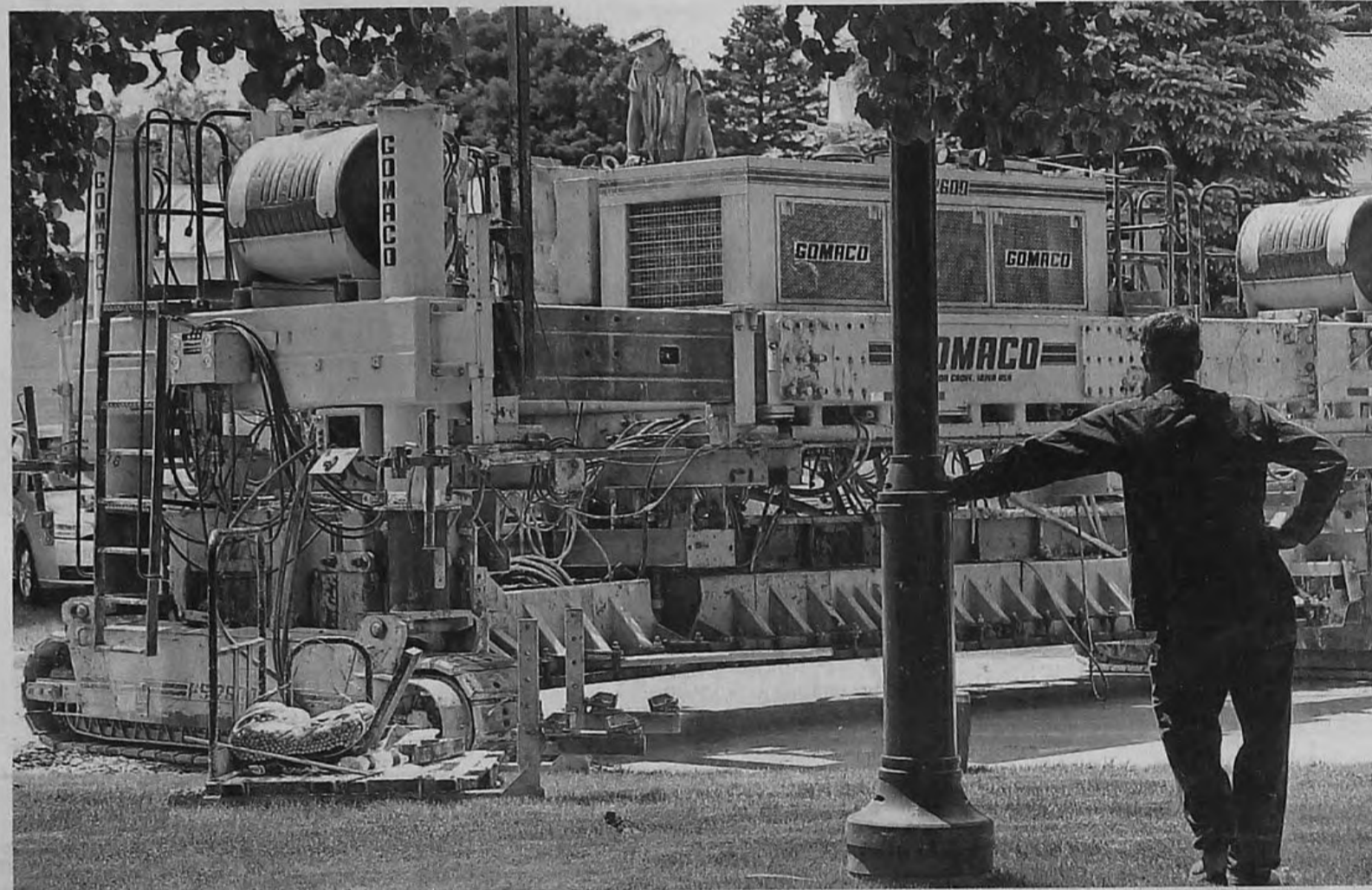
"They are woefully behind

schedule," Shamus said, adding that the clerk's office has a small staff "and we're getting a little panic-stricken here."

Canton has about 63,000 registered voters — and they often vote absentee ballots in large numbers.

Michigan voters can cast absentee ballots if they are 60 or older; unable to vote with-

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Road work continues on Lotz Road, south of Ford Road.

## Work crews finish paving Lotz; no word when road might reopen

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Work crews have mostly finished paving a dirt-and-gravel section of Lotz Road that harkened back to Canton's rural past, long before the population spiked beyond 90,000.

Wayne County officials couldn't yet say when the one-mile stretch of Lotz, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, might reopen to traffic.

The project, being done by Toebe Construction Co. of Wixom, involves constructing a three-lane concrete road

that includes a middle turn lane. Water mains and sidewalks also are part of the project.

"All lanes on Lotz Road have been paved," Tiffani Jackson, Wayne County Department of Public Works spokeswoman, said Thursday.

Work crews still have

finishing touches to complete in places such as the northwest and southwest areas of the Cherry Hill-Lotz intersection, Jackson said.

"The project is on schedule," she said.

Charles Larocque, Canton

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## Judge to rule on robbery suspect's competency

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

A Wayne County judge is expected to rule in August whether a Westland man is competent to stand trial amid allegations he robbed a Canton chiropractor at knife point.

Judge Thomas Cameron is expected to decide during an Aug. 5 hearing whether 36-year-old Michael James Stachowski should face trial for an incident that unfolded about 4 p.m. March 3 at the Village Wellness Center, on Ford Road near Haggerty.

Court records indicate that a competency report has been completed after Stachowski was ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation to determine whether he is competent to stand trial and aid in his own defense.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said competency reports are confidential because they contain medical information and cannot be divulged beyond what is publicly discussed in the courtroom.

Stachowski remains jailed with a \$300,000 bond on charges of armed robbery and larceny in a building. Sherry Sieber, a Village Wellness Center chiropractor, has said she was robbed of \$187 by a knife-wielding man who fled across Ford Road, where police cap-

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Stachowski

## Jazz concert series off to 'great' start

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Despite a storm that threatened the first concert — but didn't stop it — Canton's jazz series along the community's core shopping district has had a successful start, officials say.

"It has been great," said Amy Hamilton, Canton Downtown Development Authority coordinator.

A storm slightly delayed the debut concert July 8 by Demetrius "Krayon" Nabors outside IKEA at Ford and Haggerty. But it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of about 1,000 people who waited for the bad weather to pass, Hamilton said.

She estimated more than 1,000 people attended a July 15 performance by Althea René near the Super Bowl, on Ford

Road between Canton Center and Sheldon.

It marks the 11th year for the Canton Color Tour Jazz Series, which takes its name from color-coded streetlight banners along the Ford Road shopping corridor. One concert might occur in the so-called orange block; another in the purple block.



CANTON TOWNSHIP

See JAZZ, Page A2 Performer Penny Wells returns to this year's jazz series.



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## JAZZ

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The six-week series continues through Aug. 12. All concerts start at 7 p.m.

Organizers aim to offer a quality jazz series while bringing visitors to the Ford Road shopping district. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring chairs and coolers — but not alcohol — and some bring carryout meals from local restaurants.

Admission is free. Here's the remaining lineup:

» July 29, Randy Scott, near the JC Penney store on Ford, between Sheldon and Morton Taylor, in the green block.

» Aug. 5, Penny Wells, near Home Depot in the orange block.

» Aug. 12, Tim Bowman, at Super Bowl in the purple block.

If inclement weather occurs, concerts will be moved indoors at the Super Bowl, 45100 Ford road.

For more information, go to [www.ShopCanton.org](http://www.ShopCanton.org).

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## LOTZ

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Township staff engineer, said work crews have made steady progress on the Lotz Road project because of few weather-related delays.

"The weather has cooperated," he said.

Jackson said work crews late in the week were still doing some paving work at Lotzford, a side street, and on sidewalks and driveways.

Work crews closed

Lotz Road to through traffic earlier this year, but made accommodations for local residents to reach their homes. The project marks a \$5 million effort to transform the pothole-plagued road into a paved artery between Ford and Cherry Hill.

Canton officials have said the long-awaited project should pull some motorists off Ford and Haggerty roads and ease traffic congestion near the I-275 interchange on Canton's east side, particularly during rush hour.

It marks Canton's biggest road project this construction season.

"We believe it will change the traffic patterns and certainly affect Haggerty," Bill Serchak, Canton engineering services manager, has said.

Wayne County spokesman Ryan Bridges has said the project would be completed by November, but there was no word Thursday on how much sooner the road could potentially open.

Serchak has described Lotz as "a very old road dating back to the 1830s."

Funding to improve it came from the Michigan Department of Transportation, which already made nearby Ford Road improvements by adding a continuous third lane from Lotz west to Lilley, lengthening turn lanes and improving I-275 ramps.

Local officials have said the project will improve property values along Lotz and likely become a catalyst for new development.

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out assistance at the polls; expect to be out of town; in jail awaiting arraignment or trial; unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons; or appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside the voter's home precinct.

For voters who still need to get ballots close to the primary, the clerk's office will have special hours from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 30.

Bennett has cautioned voters to stick with one political party on their absentee ballot or risk spoiling it and having it discarded. The purpose of the primary is to choose party nominees for the November election.

Meanwhile, Bennett has said state officials are predicting "a huge turnout" this election season — particularly in November for the presidential race between Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Don-



FILE PHOTO

Absentee voters have been slow to return their ballots this election season.

ald Trump.

Only one Canton Township Board of Trustees race is contested in the primary. Republicans Linda Obrec, a community activist and businesswoman, and Thomas Lutkenhoff, a retired fire captain, are squaring off in the

clerk's race.

Bennett is retiring after 21 years.

The winner of the Obrec-Lutkenhoff race will face Democrat Michael Siegrist, who serves on the Plymouth-Canton school board, in November.

A contested race also

is on the ballot for the state House 20th District race. The district includes east Canton.

Competing on the Republican side are Jeffrey T. Neilson, an attorney from Northville Township; Jeff Noble of Plymouth Township, pastor at Praise Baptist Church; and Chris Roosen of Northville Township, global sales manager at an automobile parts supplier and a former trustee in his hometown.

On the Democratic side are John Sullivan of Northville, an attorney and former Wayne County commissioner, and Colleen Pobur, a Plymouth City Commission member and a former county employee and Michigan Liquor Control Commission member.

Voters in August also will help decide two area tax renewals. One would generate \$3.9 million for the Detroit Zoo. The other would bring in \$9.3 million for Wayne County parks.

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tured him.

The brazen robbery occurred in broad day-

light near one of Canton's busiest intersections.

Police caught up with the suspect near two hotels and fired a Taser gun to subdue him after he allegedly held a knife to his neck, as if he in-

tended to harm himself.

Police say Stachowski is a repeat offender. He already spent time in prison for bank robbery and armed robbery. He was paroled last July after he served time for

robbing the Bank of America branch at Five Mile and Beck in Plymouth Township.

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# Central City Dance earns awards at national contest

Students from the Canton-based Central City Dance Center captured numerous awards during a recent national competition.

More than 70 aspiring young students from the dance center attended the Encore DCS Dance Nationals Competition held July 6-10 in Charleston, S.C.

Central City Dance students, ages 6-19, competed against 50 other dance studios from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Virginia and Indiana.

The competition spanned five days and lasted more than 75 hours. Many different styles of dance were performed, including jazz, tap, hip-hop, lyrical, clogging and modern, among others. The competition was divided into solo, duo/trio, small group, large group and line and production categories.

Students from Central City Dance Center won the following awards: four Diamond Awards, 42 Platinum Awards, 21 High Gold Awards and 67 Overall Division Awards in a particular category.

Students began conditioning in September, but didn't begin working on the competition choreography until January. It took about 12 weeks to create the choreography and get it ready for competition.

"I was so proud of how well our kids did. They worked so hard all year," said Erin Kearney, one of the studio's dance instructors. "They really stepped up and danced their hearts out. It was so exciting to make it into the Standing Ovation Championship. The whole audience was standing and cheering for our students. That was a proud teacher moment for me."

Special recognition



Students of Central City Dance Center perform "The Last Dragon" during the Standing Ovation Championship in Charleston, S.C.



The mini-competitive dance team is backstage at Charleston, S.C.

awards were given to students of Central City Dance Center for stand-

ing out among the competitors.

» The Fred and Gin-

ger Award was awarded to 11-year-old Giovanni Succuro and 10-year-old

Makaila Barker, both of Canton, for performing a duet to "Hallelujah, I Love Her So" by Ray Charles.

» Central City Dance instructor Shannon McHale-Johnson accepted the award for Best Choreography for her inquisitive dance "The Cello Song" featuring a 16-foot golden see-saw.

» Brownstown resident Parker Brudzinski, 14, was the recipient of a scholarship to Broadway Dance Center, providing him the opportunity to study in New York City this upcoming season.

» The studio's production of "The Last Dragon," featuring 64 students, was nominated for the Standing Ovation Championship Award.

Bethany Amann, one of the studio's dance instructors, described the moment: "My favorite part of the week was looking out into the audience and seeing all of the

supportive parents, family members and friends standing up and cheering so loud for our dancers. ... The energy in the theater gave me chills."

Tim Smola, studio owner and director, called the competition in Charleston "very tough."

"We are proud of the accomplishments of all of our students and are proud to represent Canton Township," he said.

Central City's Summer Dance Jam began July 12 and runs through Aug. 18. The studio is currently accepting students into its six-week Summer Dance Jam and three-day dance camps. For a complete list of summer class offerings, three-day dance camps and registration dates, go to [www.CentralCityDance.com](http://www.CentralCityDance.com).

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# Barbecue contest is all about having fun at the grill

**Sharon Dargay**  
Staff Writer

Season your grill. Prep the meat by trimming fat, marinating or rubbing with spices. Invite friends and family to lend a hand and don't take your barbecuing too seriously.

Follow that advice and you're set for a tasty, good time competing in the "backyard" grilling category at Westland Area Jaycee's second annual All American BBQ Throwdown, set for Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5-6, at Thomas H. Brown Central City Park, located on Ford Road, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, in Westland.

The Throwdown, which will take place during Westland's Blues, Brews and BBQ festival, will offer two levels of barbecue competition this year. The Kansas City Barbecue Society portion of the event is new and likely to draw serious pit masters from across Michigan and beyond to vie for championship titles and \$500 to \$1,500 in prizes as they barbecue chicken, ribs, brisket and pork. Registration is \$200 and due Aug. 1. The Backyard Series will award \$50 to \$100 and costs \$30 to enter. Register by Aug. 4.

"There are very strict rules at KCBS," said Sarah Austin, Westland Area Jaycees president. "Everything has to be cooked on-site. Everything has to be prepped on-site. It's like a barbecue camp for a weekend.

"The backyard event allows any method of cooking — gas, wood pellets, charcoal," she added. "It's more laid back and less competitive. The backyard barbecue is very relaxed."

## Social outing

That's why Brian Markonni of Garden City enjoyed competing last year with his son Blake. He'll expand the team to include two sons this year.

"I could never compete with the Kansas City barbecue guys. They take it too seriously," said Markonni, who uses a grill that has both propane and charcoal capability. "It's something we do for fun. Everyone on the amateur side, we're talking and having a good time. You don't need a lot. You can come out with your hibachi grill, sit back, laugh and enjoy."

He grills at home and prefers the smoky flavor of charcoal barbecue to other cooking methods.

"I love doing ribs a lot," he said. "I love it when everything falls off the bone."

Markonni recommends removing skin, some fat, marinating the ribs and barbecuing slowly to ensure the meat is fall-off-the-bone tender.

"Give yourself enough time, cook at a slow even heat and make sure if you're going to do a competition, get an idea of what you're doing and try it a week or two in advance," he said.

## Sweet ribs

Markonni likes to wing it with a little improvisation at the grill. He adjusts spices as he cooks, tasting along the way. He flavored his ribs with cinnamon, apple and Jack Daniels Tennessee Fire, a blend of cinnamon liqueur and whiskey, at Throwdown last year.

"I wanted to think outside the box," he said. "It turned out more like a candy taste than barbecue — like ribs for Christmas. It was really



James Hart, former Westland Area Jaycees president, tending to the barbecue during the organization's inaugural All American BBQ Throwdown last year.



Brian Markonni and his son Blake get ready to barbecue at the All American BBQ Throwdown last year.

good. We'll try something different this year. I'm thinking Asian."

Markonni hopes to incorporate a smoker into his barbecuing someday, but has a lot of

questions about the method and equipment. He plans to ask around at Throwdown for recommendations and cooking tips.

James Hart, former

Westland Area Jaycees president, suggests seasoning a new smoker before using it in competition. It's a lesson he learned when he brought a new smoker and a grill to Throwdown last year.

"Cook on it a few times before you cook on it competitively," he said. "I had never smoked anything before."

## Great steak

He'll return to Throwdown's Backyard Series next month with his 2015 team. His father Richard and his son, also named Richard, handled the team's barbecue pork, chicken and ribs last year, while Hart took a "big old porterhouse" steak from raw to medium rare. The pork and ribs went into the smoker and the chicken and steak cooked on a gas

grill. The Backyard Series allows contestants to substitute steak for brisket.

"When it comes to my steak, there is a family marinade I use," he said. "It has proved to be very successful. It's not uncommon for friends to say, 'We'll bring a steak and you cook it.' My wife can't even go to a steakhouse anymore. I'll give you one ingredient in it and that is teriyaki."

His advice for barbecuing steak includes trimming unnecessary fat, marinating meat and a medium cook or less.

"If you make a good steak, it doesn't need sauce," he added.

For more about the All American BBQ Throwdown, go to westlandareajaycees.org.

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# Week-long camp challenges 'Kidney Kids'

**Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

Like many first-time visitors to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan Kids Camp, 9-year-old Antonio Casey of Redford found some new and exciting things to do.

As it is for so many of the visitors sponsored by the NKFM, the Kids Camp is about the only place Antonio, the son of Mark, is going to be able to get some of the excitement "normal" kids find regularly.

Antonio, one of 22 Kidney Kids (as they're affectionately referred to in camp) in the NKFM's annual week-long adventure at YMCA Camp Copneconic in Fenton, came into camp Monday with a big smile on his face and it only got wider as the week went on.

"I've had lots of fun," Antonio said, while taking a break following a free-swim session. "I get to make a lot of friends. They have a lot of special things here that you can do."

His favorite? The zip line through the woods camp officials have labeled "Freak Creek."

"It's fast and exciting!" Antonio said with a grin.

## 'Freak'ing out

Freak Creek is just one of the many activities at Camp Copneconic that allow Kidney Kids to feel like other, non-medical campers. The Kidney Kids are mixed in with the other campers and treated the same way, except for the fact many of them have to stop to get their weight and blood pressure checked or take their medication or, even in some cases, take a dialysis treatment.

The kids are all kidney patients, most of them from one of three hospitals in the state: Chil-

dren's Hospital at the DMC in Detroit, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

The idea, according to camp director Bob Meyer, is to allow these patients — whose activities are often restricted by their disease — to "be kids" for a week.

"Their day-to-day lives can be pretty involved with all the medical challenges facing them," said Meyer, an Ann Arbor resident who's been the camp director for 13 years. "We want them to be regular kids. (Camp) lets them challenge themselves to do things they never knew they could do."

In addition to mastering the 200-yard zip line, they challenge themselves with activities like a climbing tower, horse-back riding, archery, hikes and catching frogs, all leading to the campfire that ends their stay.

## Bonding experience

The Kidney Camp is in its 30th year, during which the NKFM has sponsored nearly 1,000 campers. The kids stay in cabins on the campground, have their meals together and make their way through the week in groups that let them not only "bond with their fellow kidney patients," according to Meyer, but also with other non-kidney campers.

Their medical needs are constantly monitored and met. In fact, in summer 2014, the camp opened a new Health and Wellness Center opened to provide care to campers. The medical staff — nearly all of whom are volunteers from one of those same three hospitals — meet every medical need from handing out oral medication to running IVs.

Susan Elm of Dear-



Free swim is a popular part of Kidney Camp.

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Kidney Kid James Caruso gets ready for take-off on the Freak Creek platform.

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born Heights, a nurse at Children's Hospital in Detroit, first came to Kidney Camp in 1987. She figures she's been there for 10 of the 30 years, with time out in between to raise her own family. She knows what the medical staff does provides first-rate medical care for the campers and provides their parents, who are often leaving their kids for the first time, with reassurance.

"Our goal is to keep the kids integrated with

the rest of camp as much as possible," Elm said. "It can actually be a respite (for parents). Most of the staff comes from one of the home units, so we know a lot of the kids already. We can reassure (parents) because they know us."

## Coming back

The camp is for Kidney Kids ages 8-16 — applications and more information are available at nkfm.org or at 800-482-1455 — and many of them return year after year. Meyer said the camp this year has two such campers, both of whom want to come back as counselors-in-training next year.

Like the kids, many of the counselors also come back year after year. The counselors actually work for Camp Copneconic and are integrated with the Kidney Kids just like the campers.

Many of the counselors come from faraway places, particularly Britain. And many (maybe all) of them pay for the privilege, like 20-year-old Finn Shepherd, who lives and goes to school in

London, but comes to Fenton every summer to work with the kids.

"I spend my days swimming in a lake, making sure kids have fun and climbing the high ropes with them," said Shepherd, who got the gig after attending a kind of "camp job fair" in London, where officials from similar camps recruited counselors. "It's a place where you get to be a kid all over again."

## Miracles happen

While the week is filled with regular activities, occasionally a miracle occurs. One such event took place at the beginning of camp this year. A camper from Southfield the counselors affectionately dubbed "Mr. T" was awakened on the first day of camp to the news that the transplant he'd been hoping for was finally going to happen.

It was Shepherd — with two other counselors who'd worked with Mr. T — who got to help deliver the news. The three woke Mr. T up and

## KIDNEY FACTS

According to statistics provided by the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan:

- » More than 900,000 people in Michigan have chronic kidney disease (permanent kidney damage or decreased level of kidney function for three months or more).
- » Diabetes and high blood pressure are the two leading causes of kidney disease.
- » As the incidence of obesity in children increases, so does the rate of type 2 diabetes, which is a leading cause of kidney failure. One in three kids born in 2000 will develop diabetes.
- » Nearly 2,900 people were waiting for a lifesaving kidney transplant in Michigan in July 2016.
- » In 2015, the generosity of Michigan's 285 organ donors resulted in 800 life-saving organ transplants.

delivered him to the doctor, who gave the still-groggy camper the good news while the counselors peeked from around a screen.

"He was actually calmer than we were," the British counselor said. "We were like three mums, kind of peeking while the doctor told him. It was such a great moment. I was very privileged to be a part of that."

Meyer said parents are rightfully careful with their kids when they're at home, but at camp the counselors challenge them a little more. Parents, he said, "kind of protect them," but at camp "we're like, 'Hey, c'mon, let's do this.'"

"Their day-to-day lives can be pretty involved with medical stuff," he added. "Here they learn things, they grow, and they challenge themselves. It let's them be in control."

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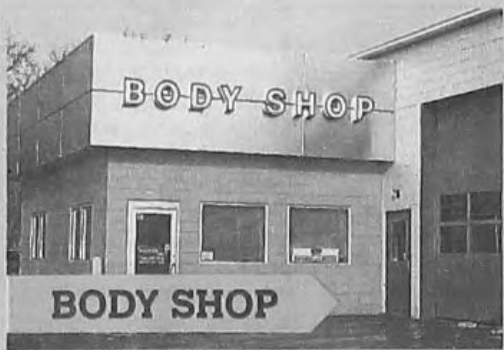
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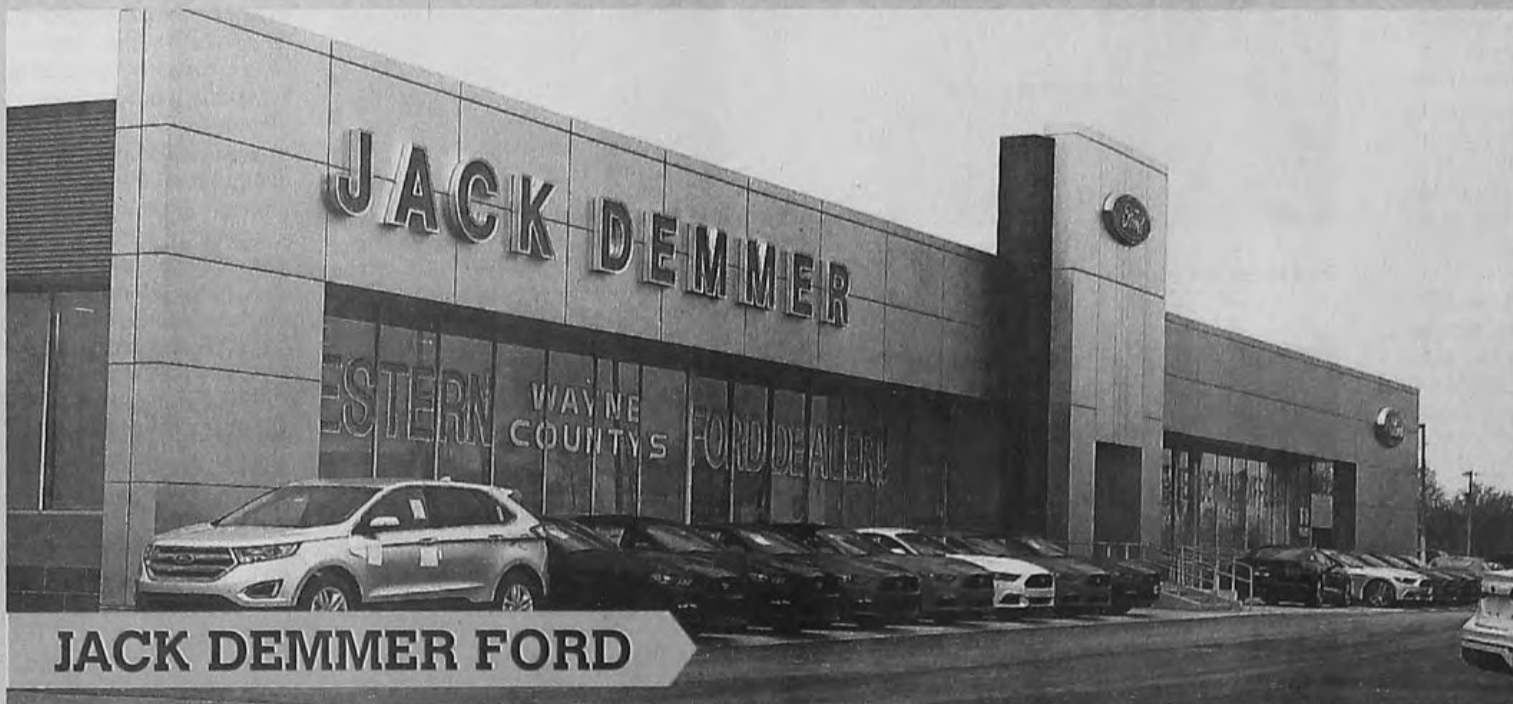
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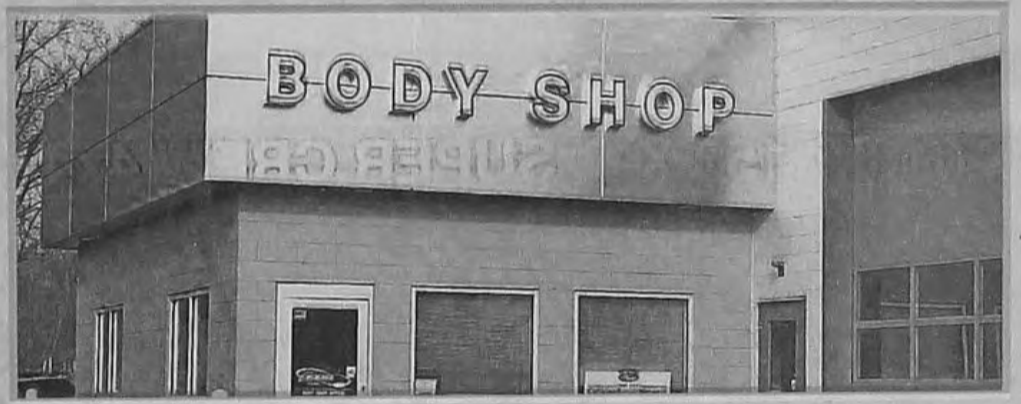
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# Four township board hopefuls answer questions

There are 10 Republican candidates in this year's primary for the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

All are running for the party's nomination for board seats; the top four finishers will move to the November election, where they will face one an-

nounced opponent, Libertarian Joseph H. LeBlanc, who was nominated through a convention process. There are no Democratic candidates in the board race.

All primary hopefuls recently answered questions from the Plymouth

Observer and we are publishing their answers, continuing today with candidates Michael Oliansky, Thomas Parelly, Alexander Roehl and Don Schnettler.

The other candidates are incumbent Chuck Curmi and Jack Dempsey, whose answers were published in the July 17

Observer, incumbents Bob Doroshewitz and Mike Kelly and Gary Heitman, whose answers were published in the July 21 Observer and Theresa Somercik, whose answers are scheduled to be published July 28. The primary election is Tuesday, Aug. 2.

## Oliansky: A method to making good decisions

Michael Oliansky, 59, is making his first run for the Board of Trustees; he has served as a Republican precinct delegate. Oliansky is a vice president and director of consumer analytics for GTB, an advertising agency that handles Ford Motor Co. advertising. He has a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in industrial psychology.



Oliansky

**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: Much of my career has been about helping business people make good decisions. We define our goals, develop and execute a plan to meet the goals, and then evaluate the results of our program.

This method of defining goals, developing a plan, and measuring the results is a great framework for making decisions on the board and gaining information to guide future actions. We need to continually evaluate the benefit to the taxpayers when we spend their hard-earned dollars. When I am on the board I will help guide the process to assure good decisions.

**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: More transparency will help. Often board meetings have enough business items that a thorough explanation of each decision is difficult. The township could consider publishing background and position summaries on the township website in addition to the usual board packet. It seems when people do not have all the facts behind a decision, they often infer the worst.

On the board, some of the trustees have served a long time and caused long-standing animos-

ities. It is time for a group of principled conservative trustees that will work together to keep taxes low and government efficient. Elect me - Mike Oliansky, Mike Kelly, Tom Parelly, and Theresa Somercik; we have the experience in government and business to guide Plymouth Township to a successful future.

**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: PARC claims they want to tax the homes of residents of the city and Plymouth Township up to \$25 million to "fulfill their vision." Some estimates of the costs require \$40 million. PARC has not provided a business plan or feasibility study to the township. The township portion of \$25 million would be about \$19 million - more than the township's annual operating budget. Given the lack of a plan, lack of documented benefits and

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## Parelly: Show respect and restore collegiality

Thomas Parelly, 38, a Plymouth Township Board of Trustees candidate, is making his first run for public office. Parelly is the chief operating officer for a logistics company and has a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University, where he majored in history and political science. He is vice president of the Trailwood Homeowners Association.



Parelly

**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: My career has been rooted in business development, where listening to the customer is paramount in being successful. Being a successful trustee is similar. You have to listen to your fellow residents, professionals working in the government, and the other elected officials to come to the best decision that is the least intrusive.

I've also been active in the community since I moved to Plymouth Township, and have been vice president of the Trailwood homeowners association for the past two years, which has motivated me to serve the entire town-

ship.

**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: As I stated in the previous question, listening is a good place to start. Listening respectfully to each other will work even better. This doesn't mean you can't have a vigorous, passionate debate about a topic. It does mean however, that you don't resort to going into a private Facebook group for support that does nothing but put out negative personal attacks. The animosity that has been building


over the last eight-plus years has spilled over into nothing but personal attacks. Most residents don't even know about the issues, just the personal animus that some board members have towards others in the township.

**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: My view about such projects, whether it be a stadium for a pro sports team, or a private entity such as PARC, is that if you have a viable business model, and are not sharing the profits with the taxpayers you're asking to pay for your projects, then you need to pay for it yourself.

In regards to the public recreation facilities, we should be constantly looking at improving facilities that bring young families into our community. Philharmonics may be cultural gems, but I don't know many 3-year-olds that like going to them all the time. Swing sets, play structures, and sledding hills

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cost, PARC is not good for Plymouth Township.

The improvements in Plymouth Township Park, the pavilions and the snow machine, are used and appreciated by township residents. Future plans for Township Park need to be based on an open-space plan that should include a survey of our residents.

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

A: Keeping the lowest tax and water rates in Wayne County is the first priority. This is important to our many retirees, living on fixed incomes, and our young families. This gives the township an advantage in attracting businesses, which increases our tax base and contributes to keeping our rates low.

General quality of services in the township are a complementary concern. We need to live within our budget and use debt financing with care so we are not put in a bad position by an unexpected economic downturn. This year, we have an expected budget surplus of a half-million dollars, with an expected surplus next year as well. We can consider using this to expand public services in a sustainable way.

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though are things that families enjoy, and make them want to move here.

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

A: My top priorities are bringing collegiality back to the board and making Plymouth Township more attractive to young families.

For my first, I think it's obvious that having a government that isn't rehashing old grievances will be best for everyone. Settling old scores may be personally gratifying, but they do little to move Plymouth Township forward.

For the second, we need to realize our community is aging. The school district is losing revenue because we don't have as many children attending. We need to make use of our great park infrastructure, and expand it. I'll push for more bike lanes and bike paths, so that residents can get around without driving. We need to continue adding sidewalks and do more activities like the 4th of July picnic to encourage our community to come together.

# Roehl: Business prepared me for leadership role with township board

Alexander Roehl, 46, is making his first run for public office as a candidate for the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees. He is a full-time father and homemaker and previously owned an e-commerce business. He has a bachelor's degree from Ferris State University, where he majored in graphic arts.



Roehl

**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: Owning and operating my own business has prepared me in many ways for a leadership role in our community. These include, but are not limited to, sound decision making, problem-solving, organizing skills,

action planning, budgeting, and working with a diverse group of people. Although the endgame is different when running a business, having three generations of my family living within the township will give me a unique perspective when applying these valuable qualities.

**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: I'm all too aware of the current board's relationship with both itself, and with the community. In fact, it's the reason I decided to run for a position. I'm embarrassed and very concerned. The root of the problem is that two of the board members weren't elected to their positions. Once the voters have spoken, I believe it will alleviate part of the problem. Reopening Fire Station 2 would also put out both real

and proverbial fires within our community. The other solution is to bring much more transparency to our government. The people of Plymouth Township want to know how all of their money is being spent, and where it is being kept.

**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 would like to close the money-hemorrhaging Hilltop Golf Course and make that entire area part of Plymouth Township

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# Schnettler: Us-vs.-them mentality among board members, residents has to stop

Don Schnettler, 57, is making his second bid for the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees; he has also run for township supervisor and for the state House of Representatives. Schnettler is a building and electrical inspector in Washtenaw County and an aikido instructor, and has an associate's degree in industrial technology.



Schnettler

**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 been a building official, electrical and building inspector for Washtenaw County, and the city of Plymouth for 19

years. I have served on the board of directors of my church for 17 years, and have been a small business owner for 30 years. In those capacities, I have managed budgets, served on hiring committees, negotiated contracts, supervised various municipal departments, and in a voluntary role

helped maintain our church building. While my experience as a municipal building inspector will bring an expert's opinion to the board when dealing with potential building issues as our township grows, I believe that all of these experiences will help to make me a well-rounded, and contributing member of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

**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: The us-against-them mentality towards fellow board members, and more importantly, our taxpayers, has to end. While it begins with the supervisor, I will work as a trustee to bring an end to the animosity. Communication and civility is the key to ending the confrontation that we so often see. I will immediately make the effort to build relationships with all board members, not just those who share my views. I will push for study sessions in an honest effort to reach consensus, before hot button issues are brought before the board for votes. I agree with Rep. (Kurt) Heise, that there should be

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# Check out 2016 Maxima at Nissan of Canton

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



Test drive the 2016 Nissan Maxima at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave.

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

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

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

#### Exterior and styling

The Maxima brings Nissan's Energetic Flow design language to its sedan lineup. Signature cues include a plunging grille bordered by LED daytime running lights and gloss-black pillar

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

#### How it drives

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

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

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

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

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

One of the benefits of a CVT is that it's able to

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

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

#### Interior

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

The upper sections of the doors are finished with soft-touch material that's a comfortable alternative to the door armrests.

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

Fighter jets also informed the layout of the cabin controls, according

to Nissan. The center dashboard control panel is angled 7 degrees toward the driver, and center console controls are close at hand.

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

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

#### Ergonomics and electronics

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

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

#### Cargo and storage

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

The Maxima has a media bin just ahead of the center console cup-

holders. The bin is large enough for an iPhone 6 Plus, according to Nissan, and it's also where the car's two standard USB ports are located.

#### Safety

Most of the Maxima's active safety features come on SL and higher trims. These models have standard blind spot warning, rear cross-traffic alert, adaptive cruise control, forward collision warning with autonomous braking and predictive forward collision warning. Predictive forward collision warning uses low-mounted radar to "see" under the car directly ahead of you to the next one in line. The system can issue a warning if it senses that car slowing suddenly — even if you can't see it yourself.

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

#### Value in its class

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

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GUEST COLUMN

# Price explains township's stance on PARC



**Shannon Price**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Recently, PARC's plans to renovate Central Middle School into an arts and recreation center, including a 600-800 seat theater, have taken center stage. Plymouth Township administration has been accused of meeting the plan with "resistance." The majority of the board did meet the proposal with less enthusiasm than Trustee Bob Doroshewitz, a founding member, partner and general counsel to PARC; however, the board researched enough about PARC to know members have questions that should be answered before proceeding.

I, personally, met with Don Soenen, PARC's president, on several occasions, including a comprehensive tour of PARC and participation in a public forum where we discussed PARC in

detail. In fact, I have met with him more times than TDM, Federal Mogul, Bosch and developers of the Kmart property combined - companies bringing thousands of jobs and millions of dollars of investment into our community.

I have serious questions about PARC. PARC is asking for significant investment from our community and there are several issues which are not clear. The issue is not as simple as "putting it on the ballot and letting voters decide." PARC organizers admit this requires the creation of "a joint Plymouth-Plymouth Township public taxing authority that

would raise money... and run it ... for both communities" (Detroit Free Press, Feb. 22, 2015). It would be irresponsible to surrender our financial destiny to a PARC authority before knowing what we are asking taxpayers to consider.

Until these questions are answered, I won't be supporting PARC. Just to be clear, talks stalled with the known scope of the plan - renovations and building a theater. PARC estimates this will cost \$25 million. P-CCS's estimated renovation cost was "in excess of \$26 million" (Plymouth Eagle, Jan. 9, 2013).

The township board has been accused of "fabricating numbers to scare voters," yet P-CCS's projected cost did not include the addition of a theater. In 2003, the 400-seat Village Theater in Canton cost \$11.5 mil-

lion. Plante Moran estimated that doubling the size of the theater would more than double the cost. If construction costs have not increased and PARC's theater cost \$23 million today, how can the entire project cost \$25 million? The actual cost is closer to \$40 million.

There are additional concerns, like parking issues. There are also questions about whether area theaters in nearby communities are viable. For example, the Village Theater in Canton loses \$400,000 each year. Dearborn's 1,200-seat theater loses more. Future costs are an issue. It took five years for the city to come to a partial agreement on legacy costs with the township. Yes, this makes many on the township board skeptical about entering another financial agreement, an

unfortunate by-product of the township being left with a \$4 million financial burden. Are we "bad neighbors" for protecting the well-being and financial future of the township, a core responsibility of township officials?

Recently Soenen said "a substantial portion of the cost" could be privately funded, but in a Plymouth Observer article April 1, "Soenen said total restoration and other projects" suggest a need for "a property tax to raise that money."

One aspect we agree on is that PARC could be grant funded. Recently, the Michigan Municipal League featured communities across the state which built their versions of PARC without taxpayer dollars. Can we follow a similar model? Certainly. But how do we request grants when the

cost of PARC is guesswork? Is the lack of funding our fault or do "potential funders" have similar concerns? Since the onset of discussions, I have asked for a business plan addressing the known goals - renovations and the theater. How do we move forward without this research?

Soenen says a business plan will be provided - after the election - and characterizes the township as "trashing PARC" for asking reasonable, fiscally responsible questions. He tells civic groups this election is about PARC and his goal is to elect candidates that support PARC. Are we being punished for asking questions instead of blindly supporting PARC?

Shannon Price is supervisor of Plymouth Township.

GUEST COLUMN

# P-CCS remains the first, best and only option for students



**Monica Merritt**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Over the past seven months, I have been reminded of a simple question that drives everything we do. It is the reason why our teachers teach, why our students learn and why our community continues to have high expectations of our schools: "Why P-CCS?" The answer to that question continues to be abundantly clear; it is because of the strength of our schools and the power of our communities.

Community is an essential ingredient in sustaining a strong school system. I am proud to report that with all of the challenges we've experienced this year, our dedicated

teachers, administrators and support staff kept their eyes on the prize and delivered an outstanding year of educational opportunities for our students. This success would not have been possible without the continuous support from our community. Thanks to your investment and trust in this district, the road ahead for P-CCS is one paved with incredible promise and opportunity.

As I continue leading this district with a stu-

dent-focused vision, we must be sure that, as a district, we relentlessly reach out and tap into the diverse and impressive resources of our community to help P-CCS remain the first, best and only option for students and families.

We are incredibly grateful for the way you, our community, got behind our district and overwhelmingly passed a \$114 million bond that contributed to the finalization and premiere of STEM Labs at all five of our middle schools, as well as the continued rollout of the 1:1 Technology Plan, putting a computer device in the

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LETTERS

### My vote to Morrow

With 21 candidates on the ballot for Wayne County Circuit Court judge, it can seem overwhelming to figure out which candidates are worthy of our support. Brian Morrow has the experience, expertise and demeanor to serve on the bench.

As deputy chief of the Juvenile Division of the prosecutor's office, Brian initiated "Teen Court" which is a juvenile diversion program allowing certain juvenile offenders who have committed relatively minor, first-time offenses, to avoid having a juvenile record if they comply with the terms of the program.

Due to Brian's exemplary work, he was awarded the "Champion of Justice Award" by the State Bar of Michigan, an honor given to, at most, five attorneys

across the state each year. The Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association and Wolverine Bar Association have given Brian Morrow the rating of "Well Qualified" to be a judge in the Wayne County Circuit Court. In addition to those honors, he's been endorsed by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, the Police Officers Association of Michigan, the Wayne County Chiefs of Police and several sitting judges.

On Aug. 2, my vote goes to Brian Morrow for Wayne County Circuit Court judge and I hope yours will, too!

Ethan Petzold  
Canton Township

### Trust an issue

We have been bombarded with mailings that come from or are affiliated with the township administration as well as from out-of-town PACs. The one that I want to talk about says "Vote For the

Trustees You Can Trust" and lists Mike Kelly, Teresa Somercik, Mike Oliansky and Tom Parrelly.

Trust is defined as the constant expectation of something, the reliance on the integrity, strength, ability, surety of a person or thing, confidence.

Trust is earned. I have never met Teresa Somercik, but I know she worked for Ron Edwards, I know he circulated at least some of her petitions and I know he told another candidate not to bother campaigning because it was a lock for "his girl," referring to Teresa, despite the fact that she has not participated in one candidate forum. No trust earned there - maybe some guilt by association.

The only thing I know about Tom Parrelly is that he was brought into the lawsuit, or an attempt

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Non-Use Variance Requested  
Rear Yard Setback  
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Applicant: Matt Thurber

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# VegMichigan plans fun, meatless, dairy-free festival

**Sharon Dargay**  
Staff Writer

VegMichigan's new outdoor festival will serve up everything you'd want in a summer party — grilled burgers, food trucks, live music and kids' activities — without meat and dairy products.

"Our goal is to let people know there is a whole variety of vegan food available," said Tom Progar, a Westland resident and VegMichigan board member. "We wanted to have a fun event. We wanted to create a free event so people could bring their friends."

VegMichigan promotes a vegan diet, which includes fruits, vegetables, legumes, nuts, grains and seeds and excludes all animal products, such as meat, fish and dairy foods.

The festival will run from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at Madonna University, located at Levan and Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Unlike VegFest, the organization's annual spring event, the new



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Chive Kitchen, a vegan restaurant in Farmington, will grill burgers at VegMichigan's Summer Festival.

summer gathering will focus more on fun than on health and cooking presentations. Progar hopes festival-goers will visit vendor booths featuring animal causes, vegan cosmetics and other products, in addition to playing carnival games and listening to singer John Rush and indie rock band Once United.

Food trucks will be stationed at the festival, along with booths from El Cardenal Vegan Tama-

les, Tumerican Indian Restaurant, Crushed Health Smoothies, Mi Little Sweet Tooth Baked Goods, Mitten Munch Trail Bars, Tower Garden Juice Plus and Violife Dairy Free Cheese.

### Vegan burgers

Chive Kitchen, the new vegan restaurant in downtown Farmington, will fire up the grill.

"We wanted to make it a real summer festival," Progar said. "They will grill burgers in the open-



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John Rush will take requests when he sings at VegMichigan's Summer Festival.

We wanted the smell of the burger."

Suzy Silvestre, Chive Kitchen owner, said her vegan burger is one of her most popular menu items. She makes her patties from scratch, using seitan and cannellini beans, mixed with herbs, spices and sunflower seeds, all topped with a creamy tomato-based sauce, pickles, dill and caramelized onions.

Her reuben sandwich and jalapeno burgers also are top sellers.

"We like taking anything and making it veg-



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Ben & Jerry's non-dairy ice cream will be available at VegMichigan's Summer Festival in Livonia.

an," she said, adding that she incorporates European, Mexican and Portuguese food flavor profiles into her cooking. The Portuguese influence, which is part of her family heritage, can be a little tricky when maintaining a vegan diet.

"It's seafood, meat and egg-driven," she said, describing the culinary style. "It's difficult, but in turn we focus on red pepper, tomato, parsley, garbanzo beans and potatoes."

Her menu, which changes daily, often includes acorda soup, a traditional Portuguese

bread and garlic soup with Swiss chard.

"I grew up eating it with a poached egg on top," she said. "It's a soul-satisfying soup and we made it vegan."

Silvestre isn't certain what she'll serve at the festival in addition to vegan burgers. She aims to serve dishes that appeal to a wide range of tastes.

"For me, that's texture and flavor ... making a dish taste, feel and smell good," she said.

For more about VegMichigan Summer Festival, go to [vegmichigan.org](http://vegmichigan.org).

## Two arrested following police pursuit, crash

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

Two suspects were arrested following a brief pursuit of an allegedly stolen vehicle that ended with a crash into an house Wednesday morning.

Westland Police report that officers were on patrol in the area of Henry Ruff and Michigan Avenue, when they spotted a vehicle that had been reported stolen in Romulus.

The officers reported attempting to make traf-

fic stop, but the vehicle didn't stop and attempted to evade officers. The vehicle eventually crashed into the front porch of a home in the 4000 block of Farnum in Inkster.

After the crash, three vehicle occupants fled on foot. Officers were able to take two of the suspects into custody.

No one was injured in



Harris

the pursuit. The porch had minor damage; the aluminum railing had been struck by the vehicle.

One of the men arrested, 17-year-old Dequiontez Harris of Ypsilanti, has been arraigned in Westland District Court on charges of fleeing and eluding police third-degree, receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle and operating without a license. A not-guilty plea was entered and bond was set at \$25,000 cash. A probable cause hearing is sched-

uled for July 28, with a preliminary examination Aug. 4.

The second suspect is age 16 and was arrested as a juvenile. He is currently being housed at the Wayne County Youth Home and charges will be handled by the Third Circuit Court Juvenile Division.

The Westland Police Department Traffic Bureau is working to identify the third party involved.

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## Special Observer & Eccentric Reader Offer

# Breakthrough relief for back pain and sciatica

By: Sam Potter  
Health Correspondent



**IF YOU suffer from low back pain and sciatica, you are one of over 20 million adults in the USA with this often crippling spinal condition.**

Shooting, stabbing and burning pains from the low back, sometimes with additional pain through the buttocks and down the legs, are all symptoms of a pinched nerves often called "sciatica".

In severe cases, it can lead to muscle wasting, numbness and constant tingling down to the tip of the toes. Left untreated, the intense pain can rapidly wear you down and drain the joy out of life.

### That is, until now...

Recent advances in the treatment of sciatica and lower back pain have led to the development and huge success of Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care.

The excellent results of this treatment have been published in major medical journals. With success rates as high as 90%, some back surgeons are recommending their patients try this treatment first before having back surgery.

In Livonia, you can try Non-Surgical Re-constructive Spinal Care at the Kramer Chiropractic — the office of low back pain and sciatica relief expert Dr. Gregory Kramer.

Gregory and his team of fully trained spinal care specialists have helped over 3,000 patients find relief from their agonizing spine based problems.

According to Gregory, "We use a combination of ultra-advanced technology, not found elsewhere in Livonia, for precisely diagnosing the cause of your low back pain and sciatica; and a unique programme for reconstructing the damaged area causing the pain; this means superior long-term results for most people."

Because the treatment is non-surgical, safe and easy, most patients report an almost immediate relief from their pain.

Patient Sister Marie from Dearborn says, "I could not walk, stand, sit, work, sleep for 7 or 8 months!

I was given various drugs but many I was allergic to and the others only lasted a hour and then pain returns again.

Dr. Kramer has restored my health and allowed me to work and live healthy!

Thank God I called your number. It's like a miracle to me."

**Your invitation for a comprehensive consultation and examination to pinpoint the cause of your low back pain and sciatica...**

The Observer & Eccentric has teamed up with the spine therapy specialists at Kramer Chiropractic to help readers find relief from their persistent back and sciatic pain.

All you have to do to receive a thorough diagnostic examination with the most advanced technology in the world and a comprehensive easy to understand report on your state of health is call 248-615-1533.

**Mention this article (CODE: BOS37SCID5) and Greg will happily reduce his usual consultation fee of \$195 to just \$37.** But hurry, due to obvious reasons — this is a time limited offer — with only 100 reader consultations available at this exclusively discounted rate.

My advice, don't suffer a moment longer...

Find out if Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care can help you, book a consultation with Greg and his team now by calling 248-615-1533; they are waiting to take your call today.

**They actually treat the cause of your health problem, not just your symptoms.**

**That's why hundreds of grateful patients tell them "You gave me back my life!"**

Over the years, they've treated thousands of patients with back problems and sciatica. The vast majority of them have enjoyed superior, lasting relief. In fact, many who've suffered and have tried other remedies have told them they gave them back their lives!

**Call them now and get a full and thorough examination to pinpoint the cause of your problem for just \$37; the normal cost of such**

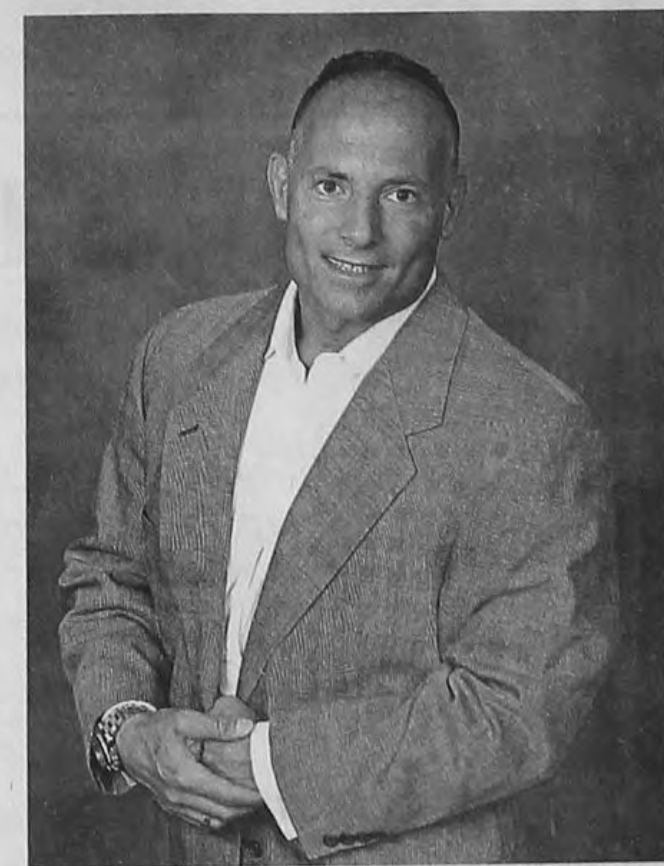
**an exam is \$195 so you will save \$158!**

Don't suffer from the pain and immobility any longer. Discover the natural treatment that can eliminate the cause of your problem and give you the safe, lasting relief you deserve.

**Call them now at 248-615-1533 and cut out or tear off this valuable article now and take it to your appointment. You'll be entitled to a comprehensive examination to diagnose the cause of your problem — and you'll be on your way to safe, lasting relief! Don't delay your important diagnosis and treatment another moment!**

You can even call on the weekend and leave a message on their answer machine to secure your spot as they promise to return all calls; and during the week they are very busy, so if they don't pick up straight away, do leave a message.

**Federal Guidelines Apply**



Sciatica Relief Expert Greg Kramer, says: In 20 years of practice, I've never seen a treatment as effective as Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care for patients with sciatica or lower back pain. **CALL 248-615-1533**

# Cemetery attracts Pokémon Go players, police

**Susan Bromley**  
Staff Writer

Local cemeteries are getting lively. Pokémon Go, the new game craze sweeping the nation, has brought hordes of players — and police — out and about, including at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. “Every single night since Pokémon has come out, dozens and dozens of people are in our main cemetery at 12 Mile and Novi Road and we have received complaints during the day that players are showing up,” Novi Police Chief David Molloy said, adding that Oakland Hills is the only cemetery affected in his community. “Family and friends are in there visiting grave sites and mourning and these players are creating a disruption running around trying to catch Pokémon via their smart phones.”

Players of Pokémon Go, the app for Apple and Android devices, was released July 6 in the U.S. The new portable game from Nintendo uses a technology called augmented reality, which allows a player to interact with the real world instead of just the screen. Players pursue game creatures that appear in real-world locations via GPS technology, with the goal of capturing them for training and battle.

The characters in the game can be found virtually anywhere, but they abound in the Oakland Hills Cemetery, where a woman was kneeling at a grave Friday afternoon.

Less than a mile away, Liz Bauman, 24, and Wixom roommates Sam

Marson and Matt Sharp, both 29, were out hunting Pokémon. The trio skirted grave markers on the perimeter of the cemetery before veering toward a sculpture close to a memorial bench, where they stared down at their hand-held phones and swiped the screens.

“There are a lot of PokéStops here,” Bauman said, explaining that these are locations where Pokémon Go players can obtain items for the game. “The graveyard has a higher ratio of PokéStops; that’s why there are so many people here.”

Told that the game has caused some problems at the cemetery, including the police being called there July 11 after it was reported that about a dozen people playing Pokémon Go were disturbing people visiting graves, Marson acknowledged she feels some discomfort.

“I am a little reluctant to be here. I worry about being disruptive to those who are grieving,” she said. “I think it’s OK as long as we’re quiet and respectful.”

She and her friends noted that the cemetery has the most PokéStops they have found in the city, far more than Twelve Oaks mall or Fountain Walk, although they agreed those places would probably be more appropriate.

The game’s popularity prompted the cemetery to post a new sign that features the Pokémon Go logo and welcomes players, but with a few caveats, asking them to be respectful, to not disturb items on graves and to not play after dusk.

“We welcome all

guests, but we want them to be respectful and mindful of families that might be attending services,” said Donna Campbell, vice president of legal/human resources for Midwest Memorial Group LLC, which owns and operates Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. “If there is a graveside service, stay away, do not sit on monuments or take anything off gravesites, be quiet and respectful as you walk around other people visiting gravesites.”

While Bauman, Marson and Sharp were observing the rules, dozens of players were breaking them Friday night. As a police patrol unit drove through the cemetery around 10 p.m. amidst at least 30 cars parked along paths, oblivious players stared down at their phones, only looking up as Officer Brian Tillman told them the cemetery was closed.

Local ordinance prohibits entering any of the city’s cemeteries after dark. Trespassers can be charged with a misdemeanor, although that has not yet occurred.

“We have provided warnings, but haven’t taken enforcement action,” Molloy said. “We don’t want to write tickets and give a misdemeanor for trespassing and occupying a cemetery after hours for playing a game. Use common sense and caution.”

Police have taken action that may stop the flow of players to the cemetery altogether. An officer submitted an online request to the game developer, Niantic, to have Oakland Hills removed as a Pokémon Go location, although it

is unknown when or if the developer will honor that request.

There have been several interesting news reports in the past week related to Pokémon Go players. A Milford man

wanted on an outstanding warrant was spotted right outside the police station searching for a character. A 10-year-old dog’s life — and the house — was saved in Royal Oak when a couple

hunting Pokemon saw flames and called 9-1-1. In New York, a driver totaled his car after crashing into a tree while playing.

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SUSAN BROMLEY

**Matt Sharp (from left), Sam Marson and Liz Bauman, all of Wixom, play Pokémon Go at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi on Friday. The cemetery welcomes players during the daytime, as long as they are respectful. After dark visits are against the law and have prompted nightly police warnings since the game’s release July 6.**

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**PROJECT:** Tonquish Creek Manor, LLC  
Roofing Replacement  
Architects Project Number: 16845

**OWNER:** Tonquish Creek Manor, LLC  
1160 Sheridan  
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

**ARCHITECT/ENGINEERS:** ARCHITECT  
Sauriol Bohde Wagner  
Architects and Associates Inc.  
46869 Garfield Road  
Macomb, MI 48044  
Telephone: (586) 532-9388  
Facsimile: (586) 532-9377

**Thursday, August 4, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m.**

**BID DUE DATE:** Thursday, August 4, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m.

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** Roofing replacement on Easterly (Part A) portion of the Tonquish Creek Manor Apartment Building for the Tonquish Creek Manor, LLC. Work includes, but is not limited to, shingle roofing, ridge vents, and new snow melt equipment on both Parts A and B of the building. Replace plywood sheathing, as needed

**INVITATION** Sealed bids will be received by the Tonquish Creek Manor, LLC, and will be privately opened and read immediately after due date time. Bid Proposals will be received at:

Tonquish Creek Manor, LLC  
1160 Sheridan  
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

Bids shall be in a sealed envelope as per Supplementary Instructions to Bidders and enclosed in separate outer mailing envelope addressed as shown above.

**BIDDING:** In order to receive consideration, make bids in strict accordance with the following:

Submit bids on the appropriate included bid form, properly signed and with all items filled out. Typed Bid Forms are preferred. Forms with items printed (legibly) or written will be accepted.

Do not change wording of the bid form and do not add words to the bid form. Unauthorized conditions, limitations, or provisions attached to the bid will be cause for rejection of bid. If alterations by erasure or the insertion of new words are made any reason, explain over such erasure of insertion with a signed statement from the bidder.

No phone bids or telegraphic bids will be considered. No modifications to bids via telephone or telegraphic means will be considered. NO bids received after the time fixed for receiving same will be considered. Late bids will be returned to the Bidders unopened.

Submit two (2) original signed copies of the bid. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to see that its bid is received on time.

### In addition to the bid form, bid security is required:

Proposals shall be made according to the contract documents as prepared by Sauriol Bohde Wagner Architects and Associates Inc.

Electronic documents will be available through the office of:

Sauriol Bohde Wagner Architects and Associates Inc.  
46869 Garfield Road  
Macomb, Michigan 48044

Bidding Documents include:

- Complete set of Construction Drawings.
- Complete Project Manual.

**PRE-BID WALK-THROUGH** Attention is called to the fact that a “Walk-Through” inspection of the Project Sites including areas of Representative Work Items will be held on **Tuesday, July 26, 2016 commencing at 10:00 a.m.** at the project site located at 1160 Sheridan Avenue, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. This “Walk-Through” is not mandatory, but is highly recommended for all General Contractors and their subcontractors to help understand the various different work items involved.

**BID BOND REQUIREMENTS** All bids shall be accompanied by a “Treasury Listed” bid bond or a certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the aggregate total bid, made payable to the Tonquish Creek Manor, LLC and enclosed in the same envelope with the bid. The successful bidder’s security will be retained until he/she has signed the Contract and has furnished the required Certificates of Insurance and Bonds.

The Tonquish Creek Manor, LLC reserves the right to retain the security of all bidders until the successful bidder enters into the Contract or until Sixty (60) days after the bid opening, whichever is sooner. Other bid security will be returned as soon as practicable.

After the Tonquish Creek Manor, LLC approves the award of the contract to the low responsive and responsible bidder(s), the Tonquish Creek Manor, LLC will require the successful bidder(s) to secure and post a Treasury Listed Labor and Treasury Listed Materials Payment Bond and a Performance Bond.

**GUARANTEE BONDS** All accepted bidders shall be required to furnish, at their expense, prior to the execution of the contract, “Treasury Listed” bonds in the amount of 100% of the Total Contract Price for the faithful performance of the Labor and material obligations arising.

**WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS** A bidder may withdraw its bid, either personally or by written request, at any time prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

No bidder may withdraw its bid for period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date set for opening thereof or until the successful bidder enters into the contract. Bids shall be subject to acceptance by the Tonquish Creek Manor, LLC during this period.

Bid security may be forfeited by any bidder who withdraws his/her bid prior to the execution of a contract with the successful bidder of the expiration of the sixty (60) day period.

**REJECTION OF BIDS** The Tonquish Creek Manor, LLC reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The rejection may include but not be limited to any bid which is incomplete, obscure, or irregular. One or more items in the price schedule may be rejected. Any proposal in which unit prices are omitted, or in which prices are obviously unbalanced, may be rejected. Conditional bids, or those which take exception to the specifications, may be considered nonresponsive and may be rejected.

**EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT** The form of Agreement which the successful bidder(s) will be required to execute is referenced in the Contract Documents.

Following the authorization by the Tonquish Creek Manor, LLC and responsible bidder(s), the Architect will issue a Notice of Award to that bidder. The bidder to whom the Contract is awarded shall, within fourteen (14) calendar days, after the Notice of Award and receipt of Agreement forms from the Architect sign and deliver required copies to the Architect.


**NOTICE TO PROCEED** Upon submission of all the required information and forms the bidder will be issued a Notice to Proceed. When such a Notice to Proceed is issued, all allowable costs incurred by the Contractor will be eligible for reimbursement and the Project will be completed within the time specified in the Contract Documents.

**PROJECT MANUAL** Bidders shall be required to obtain and refer to the Project Drawings and the Project manual for additional Project requirements and bidding instructions.

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for Fresh Made School Pizza for 5 Middle Schools and 13 Elementary Schools Specifications of the Request for Proposal (RFP) are available on at PCCSK12.com, under departments and business office or by contacting Kristen Hennessey, Director of Procurement, and Plymouth Canton Community Schools at kristen.hennessey@pccsk12.com. Proposals will be accepted as specified in the Request for Proposals at PCCS - E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 11:00 am. Bids shall be labeled: Bid document enclosed- “Fresh Made Pizza”. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
Kate Borniniski



## Ask Dr. Stewart

Dr. James Stewart offers treatment for sleep apnea and chronic snoring from his practice in Livonia, MI. Today he discusses modern day tips for Sleep Apnea Treatment:

### Benefits of Combining CPAP and Oral Appliance Therapy

**Dear Dr. Stewart:** Can I use my CPAP and oral appliance together?

**Dr. Stewart:** Great timing with your question! I recently returned from the annual meeting of the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine and one of the topics that came up several times during the scientific presentations that I attended was the concept of using these two therapies together.


The main advantage of using a CPAP and an oral appliance together is that it generally drops the CPAP pressure needed to keep the airway open. This can make the CPAP much easier and more comfortable to wear. They can be worn independent of each other or the CPAP can be attached to the oral appliance, eliminating the straps needed to hold the CPAP in place. A dentist can also take an impression of the face so a custom mask can be made and attached to the oral appliance. Custom CPAP masks are ideal for patients who can't wear a stock mask. Custom CPAP masks also prevent air leaks.

Finally, some patients are unable to get their sleep apnea under control with one therapy alone. Combining the two often makes the difference and allows them to feel better and live a healthier life.

If you have questions about your sleep difficulties contact Dr. Stewart by calling 734-425-4400 or visiting [sleepbettermichigan.com](http://sleepbettermichigan.com).

**Calling 734.425.4400 or Visit [www.sleepbettermichigan.com](http://www.sleepbettermichigan.com)**

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## PLYMOUTH ELKS JAZZ

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 26  
**Location:** Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth  
**Details:** The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks hosts its Jazz @ the Elks, featuring for the first time, Jerry McKenzie's "Just Jazz" featuring Lori LeFevre. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers. Lori LeFevre will do vocals, Tad Weed on piano, Ray Tini on bass and Jerry McKenzie on drums. McKenzie played with the Stan Kenton Band and is a great promoter of jazz in the Detroit area.  
**Cost:** There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers.  
**Contact:** 734-453-1780, go to www.plymouthannarborelks325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

## ANNUAL MARKET RALLY

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 26  
**Location:** Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge, Canton  
**Details:** Area residents are invited to attend the third annual Rally on Ridge at Preservation Park for a festive evening of food, fun, music and more to benefit the Canton Farmers Market. Local eats with friends, family and neighbors and enjoy activities for all ages, including live acoustic music, gourmet food trucks, games for the kids and more. For event-goers who plan to stay for the music, bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket. This year's event promises to be bigger and better as the number of food vendors and the overall footprint of the event will nearly double.  
**Cost:** Free  
**WORSHIP IN THE PARK**  
**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. each Sunday through Aug. 21  
**Location:** Cherry Hill Village



FILE PHOTO

Jazz drummer Jerry McKenzie will perform at the Plymouth Elks.

Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hills roads, across from the Village Theater  
**Details:** St. Michael Lutheran hosts worship services in a casual atmosphere. Professionally managed child care will be provided.  
 Immediately following Worship in the Park on Aug. 7, a free picnic happens 12:30-2 p.m. on the grounds of the Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse. Hot dogs, cookies, chips and water will be provided, while you enjoy some musical entertainment from one of our praise bands.  
**Contact:** Church office at 734-459-3333 or go to www.connectingwithGod.org.  
**CANTON CONCERTS**  
**Time/Date/Location:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, Westland Farmers Market pavilion and noon Saturday, Aug. 27, Canton Lions Club corn roast, Cady-Boyer Barn  
**Details:** The Canton Concert Band performs its series, The

Spirit of America.  
**SHAKESPEARE FEST**  
**Time/Date:** July 29 through Aug. 14  
**Location:** Village Theater, Cherry Hill, Canton  
**Details:** The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is once again teaming with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival to present a three-week run of performances in Canton. This year's 22nd festival season will feature productions of William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" and "Richard II," as well as Karen Tarjan's "The Killer Angels," based on the novel by Michael Shaara  
**Cost:** Tickets are on sale now, including season flex passes, at www.cantonvillageheater.org. A flex pass will include one ticket to each production and show dates and times can be chosen at the time of purchase or at a later date. Ticket prices range from \$16 to \$40, depending on patron's age  
**Contact:** www.cantonvillageheater.org or call 734-394-5300

**FASHION SETTERS EXHIBIT**  
**Time/Date:** Museum hours, through Nov. 6  
**Location:** Plymouth Historical Museum  
**Details:** The First Ladies Fashion Setters exhibit features more than a dozen dresses of the first ladies throughout history. Other memorabilia highlighting elections, the presidents and the first ladies will also be displayed  
**SUMMER ARTS COUNCIL CAMPS**  
**Time/Date:** Through Aug. 19  
**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, south of M-14 in Plymouth  
**Details:** The PCAC will offer 40 camps in painting, filmmaking, photography, cartooning, graphic design, theater, music and more, with the emphasis on getting campers to "think outside the box" and not follow preconceived notions of art.  
**Costs:** Camp prices range from \$55 to \$145, with discounts for PCAC members.  
**Contact:** View a complete schedule and register online at www.plymoutharts.com or register by calling the PCAC at 734-416-4278 or stopping in during business hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

**CLASSIC CAR SHOW**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 30  
**Location:** First Baptist Church of Canton, 44500 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
**Details:** The church will host a classic car show to raise money to help the youth group  
**Cost:** Visitors are asked to make a \$5 donation; Classic car owners can simply show up and pay a \$10 entry fee to become part of the show  
**Contact:** www.FBCCantonCarShow.com or call 734-776-8892


## Michigan State Fair

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 1-4; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (interior exhibition hall closes at 5 p.m.), Monday, Sept. 5  
**Details:** 2016 Fifth Third Michigan State Fair returns to Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi. This year's State Fair will include expanded midway rides, an interior exhibition hall, the ever-popular racing pigs, an expanded Equestrian Pavilion, a larger Michigan Made Pavilion, tasty carnival treats, a parade on Monday at 10 a.m., and more.  
**Cost:** General admission \$8, parking \$5. Go to michiganstatefairllc.com for additional pricing information.

## SEEKING COMPASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS

**Time/Date:** Until September  
**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5820 N Lilley Road, Canton,  
**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient care and companionship, office support, group activities and more. Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentially, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer. Interested volunteers must complete the online application process prior to training. Early registration is encouraged, as several steps are to be completed prior to the start of the training sessions. Next new volunteer orientation is Sept. 13 in the hospice office.

**Contact:** Jeanne Edwards, volunteer coordinator, at 888-983-9050.  
**DIVERSITY EXHIBIT**  
**Time/Date:** Exhibit runs through July 30. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday  
**Location:** Canton Historical Museum, on Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill.  
**Details:** Wood carvings of Filipino dancers, Muslim prayer beads known as tasbeeh, a Buddhist monk's brass bowl and a Brazilian special-occasion dress are on display as a Canton Historical Museum exhibit pays tribute to this community's cultural diversity. Muslims, Filipinos, Sri Lankans, Brazilians and the American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine, are represented in the exhibit — "A Diverse Township: Looking at Canton's Cultural Community."  
**Cost:** Free.  
**CANCER SUPPORT**  
**Time/Date:** 6-7:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month  
**Details:** Connecting with others who know what it is to have lung cancer can help during this difficult time. To start, join the Lung Cancer Support Group at the Beaumont Cancer Center-Farmington Hills, 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 230. Thoracic surgeon Dr. David Sternberg leads the group. The group is open to anyone living with lung cancer and their loved ones. Meetings are free the third Monday each month. For more information, call 248-473-4828.  
**WIDOWED FRIENDS**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month.  
**Details:** Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Men's Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Contact Dick at 313-534-0399.  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. the first and third Monday of each month.  
**Details:** Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Ladies Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Connor's Restaurant on Haggerty/Five Mile Road, Northville. To save a seat, contact Carol at 313-562-3080.  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. the first Thursday of each month.  
**Details:** Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting Co-Ed Breakfast at Richard's Restaurant on Plymouth Road at Eckles Road. Contact Jerry at 734-455-2651.



### CITY OF PLYMOUTH

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a "STATE PRIMARY ELECTION" will be held in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. The Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time candidates of the Democratic Party, Republican and Non-Partisan Candidates, along with two county proposals will be elected.

**PARTISAN SECTION:**  
 Representative in Congress - 11th District  
 Representative in State Legislature - 20th District  
 Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney  
 Wayne County Sheriff  
 Wayne County Clerk  
 Wayne County Treasurer  
 Wayne County Register of Deeds  
 Wayne County Commissioner, 10th District

**NON-PARTISAN SECTION:**  
 Judge of the Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit, Non-Incumbent Position  
 And in the CITY OF PLYMOUTH:  
 Delegates to the County Convention (Precinct Delegates)

**STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964  
 AMENDING THE PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION ACT**

I, ERIC R. SABREE, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 06, 2016 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY			
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN			
Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Year Increase Expires
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Year Increase Expires
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	August 5, 2014	18 mills	2024 (non homestead only)

**WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSAL**  
**PROPOSAL P**  
**PARKS MILLAGE CONTINUATION**

To continue the millage authorized in 2010, shall Wayne County levy this millage at the estimated 2015 rollback rate of .2459 (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2016 through 2020) to continue to improve and operate several parks, and related facilities, including Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park, and improvements to municipal parks in the 43 communities as provided in an implementing ordinance through an annual allocation by commission district of the greater of \$50,000 or 15% of the total funds generated from that district, on the condition that, for any year for which this continued levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-1996 fiscal year appropriation for parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$9,865,514 in 2016.

YES  
NO

**WAYNE COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL  
 AUTHORITY RENEWAL MILLAGE**

The Wayne County Zoological Authority was established pursuant to Public Act 49 of 2008 and formed to allow for continuing zoological services for the students, residents and visitors of Wayne County. The law allows the Authority to seek authorization from the electors to levy a tax on real and personal property to provide revenue to an accredited zoological institution for this purpose. According, as a renewal of the previously approved millage authorization which expires with the 2017 tax levy, to continue providing zoological services to benefit the residents of the County, shall the 0.1 mill (10 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on all the taxable property located within the County continue to be imposed for a period of ten (10) years, being years 2018 through 2027? It is estimated that if approved and levied, this millage would generate approximately \$3,940,066.55 in 2018.

Shall this proposal be adopted?

YES  
NO

**POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH:**  
**PRECINCT #1, #2, #3 & #4 :** Plymouth Cultural Center  
 525 Farmer Street  
 Plymouth, MI 48170

Applications for Absent Voter Ballots for the City of Plymouth registered voters may be obtained at the City of Plymouth Clerk's office, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Absentee Ballots will be issued to qualified absentee voters in person at the Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2016. On Monday, August 1st, 2016, qualified register voters can apply for a ballot and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. and is considered an "Emergency Ballot". Any questions can be directed to the Clerk's Office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234 or 225.

Linda Langmesser, CMC  
 City Clerk  
 City of Plymouth

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# MERRITT

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hands of our more than 17,000 students. These transformative changes for teaching and learning are preparing our young people to be successful in a technologically-driven society.

As I drive around our community every day, I am reminded yet again of your support as I see the capital improvements being made at our elementary schools. Our classrooms continue to be transformed with even more upgraded technology for our teachers to enrich our students every day; our building and grounds are also receiving a much-needed update, improving the learning environment for our students; and 14 new buses have been delivered this week to get our students to and from school safely and ready

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» P-CCS just received the honor of being one of 58 districts in the state (and one of three in Wayne County) to be named as a "Notably Successful" district — the highest measure given — in the recently released Michigan Education Finance Study, recognizing how financial resources are used to increase academic achievement. State Superintendent Brian J. Whiston said of P-CCS, "The achievements of your school district is a testament to the focus, hard work and commitment of your team, school board, teachers, students, parents and community to sustain a rigorous, high-quality learning environment."

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than 6,200 students? In fact, our P-CEP buildings were recently recognized in the Newsweek "Top 500 High Schools in the U.S." list, honored by the College Board with placement on the sixth Annual AP District Honor Roll for increasing access to AP coursework, while the Class of 2016 received more than \$20 million in scholarship funds.

» Five of our elementary and middle schools were recently released from the Michigan Department of Education Focus Schools list, thanks to the hard work and dedication from building administrators and teachers. This proves that we are "practicing what we preach" in terms of working to close achievement gaps.

» P-CCS continues to have incredible performances from our athletics and activities groups at both the middle and

high school levels. There is something for everybody during the P-CCS educational experience, including more than 200 extracurricular clubs and 34 sports.

» Instrumental in our preschool expansion, as well as other enrollment initiatives, is the P-CCS Blue Ribbon Panel, a group of community leaders dedicated to helping P-CCS grow and thrive.

Why P-CCS? Just think about it: When you see an Apple on a piece of technology, that represents something strong, something identifiable — and, above all, symbolizes an idea that you know what you are going to get from that brand. As a community, we can all work as a team to build the same identity for P-CCS — one of quality, innovation and tireless effort to be at the top of our game. Let's vow to do this together and make sure that when

people see P-CCS, they know the product we will deliver — the greatest and most complete educational experience a child can have.

I want to sincerely thank our community for your continued support to make P-CCS such an incredibly strong, successful learning environment for students. Our team will focus our efforts this summer to strategically plan and prepare for the return of our our students, teachers, administrators and support staff. Working together, we will ensure that our students will continue to learn, prepare and thrive during the most important years of their lives.

*Monica Merritt is superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district. The board of education recently approved a three-year contract as superintendent, which was effective July 1.*

# LETTERS

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was made to bring him into the lawsuit, as a plaintiff, to get Kurt Heise and Don Schnettler off the ballot and he appeared at a candidate forum and refused to participate because Heise and Schnettler, both declared candidates, were allowed to participate.

Mike Oliansky at least took the time to attend the League of Women Voters forum and he participated. He also worked on the committee, as did others, bent on destroying our fire department. I believe he was misled by those who sought revenge, Richard Reaume and Ron Edwards, but I don't know him.

Mike Kelly is a trustee, so we know him. We've wondered why we didn't attempt to recall him after he started referring to the citizens who stood up at board meetings as malcontents. He has not been a standout trustee by any stretch, commonly letting people know they don't know what they are talking about. Has he ever demanded accountability from the current administration on things that matter? He is known among citizens who attend meetings as the guy

who goes with the wind — you never know what he will do.

Trust ... the constant expectation of something ... the reliance on integrity, strength, ability, surety of a person or thing, confidence. If you are looking for that in a trustee, you need look no further than two trustees who have proven over and over again what that is: Chuck Curmi and Bob Doroshewitz. Vote wisely! Vote for trust!

**Sandy Groth**  
Plymouth Township

## Edwards a positive voice

Some time in 1995 or '96, I had my first conversation with Ron Edwards, the gentleman who would soon be the elected treasurer of Plymouth Township. He was campaigning outside the Little Professor bookstore in downtown Plymouth, a spot that always reminded me of Floyd's Barbershop, a place where locals gathered to figure out which way the wind was blowing. I had one question for him: Why do you want this job? His response: "I want to see the township grow in a way that keeps it high in the minds of people looking for a friendly, positive community to live in while maintaining the lowest tax rates in the county."

Since that day, I have moved twice to other homes in Plymouth Township and have enjoyed the positive spirit of the community and its elected officials. Ron Edwards has been one of the positive voices at Township Hall helping to attract numerous new businesses to our community in the same way he wanted to attract citizens searching for a positive and vibrant community. The current board has maintained a low tax rate, provided strong community services and helped to keep us named as one of the top communities to live, not just in Michigan, but in the nation.

Volunteering seems to be a way of life for many in our community. Over the years, as my family grew, we volunteered at many events in the community including the Good Old-Fashioned July 4 Picnic, an event initiated by Ron Edwards, and came together through that great spirit of volunteerism. It is one of many community centered events that we've enjoyed that will be sorely missed if some of the current crop of social media naysayers have their way.

I continue to find my township a positive place to live and work and wish that for all my neighbors.

**Rich Childs**  
Plymouth Township

# SCHNETTLER

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a citizens advisory council, which would give a voice to our community, that would benefit us in our decision-making process.

**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: What I feel about PARC is inconsequential. What our taxpayers feel about PARC, is what matters. The current board made a horrible decision when they

chose to remove themselves from any discussions on this issue in particular, and on any issues with the city of Plymouth in general. PARC is up and running, and our taxpayers will soon see how well their business model is working, and at that point, we can make an informed decision on the future. Improvements at our park are great, but it was not prudent to borrow 2 million dollars for pet projects when Lake Pointe Fire Station is closed and our police have not had a contract in over a year. We must have better fiscal priorities.

**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 feel that safety,

and fiscal responsibility should be the top priorities for Plymouth Township at this point. Lake Pointe Fire Station must be opened, and we must have a fully staffed fire department, without depending upon government grants. Our police deserve to have open, honest, contract negotiations. To have them working without a contract for well over a year, is simply shameful. We need to get our fiscal house in order. We need a transparent audit of everything, from our underfunded legacy costs, to our ownership of Hilltop Golf Course. There are simply too many unanswered questions about Plymouth Township's financial stability that need to be answered. We cannot plan for the future until we have a clear understanding of our current financial situation.

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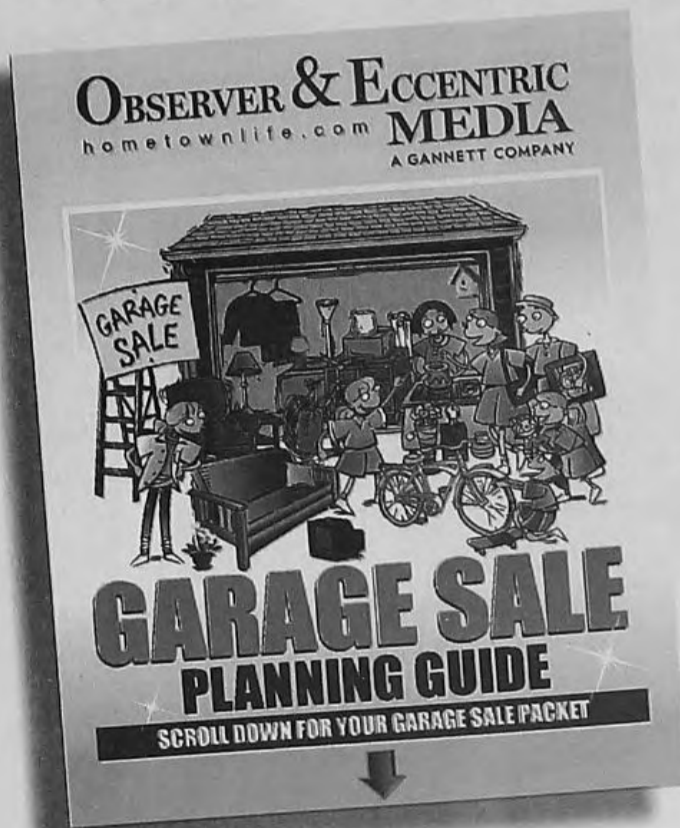
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# ROEHL

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Park, including a community pool. This would provide use to the entire community, and not just the 2 percent that use the golf course.

I'm open to the idea of a Plymouth Arts and Rec complex, but not until sound cost estimates are in. Too many communities in metro Detroit have gone way over bud-

get on similar types of projects. Also, there are too many widely varying cost estimates being thrown around at this time to give a simple answer on this proposed project.

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

A: Maintain low taxes by using innovative

ideas. One of which is to prevent any more homes to become rental properties. Too many rental properties hurt home values which in turn effects our tax revenue.

Secondly, I would like to bring more transparency to our government. This can be done in a number of ways, including a code of ethics for the Board of Trustees, live broadcast of the board meetings, and making all financial spending (records) easily available to our citizens.

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PARATRIATHLON

# Scheidies chases new world title

Former Farmington resident plans to rebound from previous Paralympic disappointments

**Dan O'Meara**  
Staff Writer

Aaron Scheidies is on his way to what he hopes will be his 12th world championship in the sport of paratriathlon.

When he competes Sunday in the Netherlands, the Farmington native likely will do so with extra vigor in the wake of recent disappointments.

Scheidies, who now lives in Seattle,

had hoped to be going to Rio de Janeiro in September for the 2016 Paralympic Games, but that was dashed by a series of events.

"I guess I've moved on as much as I can," Scheidies said. "I think having the paratriathlon world championships so soon afterward is probably a good thing."

"It's given me the ability to not think



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See SCHEIDIES, Page B3 Aaron Scheidies (right) and guide Ben Collins enjoy a scenic training run on the bike.

AMATEUR GOLF

# Johnson captures Publinx golf title

Former Canton High School golfer claims state match-play crown

**Greg Johnson**  
Correspondent

Chad Johnson trailed Leo Daigle of Wixom throughout the day but stayed close.

Close enough to win three of the last five holes to emerge with a 1-up victory and the Michigan Publinx State Match Play Championship on Tuesday at Twin Lakes Golf Club.

"I was fortunate," the 30-year-old medical salesman said of his first major state victory. "My short game saved me all week, and it was the reason I was even in this match."

Johnson, who played golf at Canton High School, is a Monroe resident who was raised in Plymouth and lived there until two years ago.

Daigle, 52, lamented some missed putts on the front nine that might have turned his 2-up lead through 13 holes into something larger.

"I had a few putts to bury him, but I didn't make them and let him hang around," Daigle said. "We played just long enough for my age — he had 22 years on me — and being tired from all the golf this week to wear on me."

"I hit a few loose shots coming in and it really cost me, but he outplayed me and deserved to win. He made three sand saves on the front nine. He just kept grinding and hanging in there."

Johnson hit a shot on the 182-yard par-3 No. 14 hole to two feet for birdie to pull within one hole, and he chipped to 18 inches to save par at 17 while Daigle played to bogey.

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GREG JOHNSON

Chad Johnson proudly displays the Publinx golf trophy.

NEW SPORT TAKING ROOT



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Carson Stoneburg "tees off" at Fellows Creek. Steve Anton watches the kick, while his son Nathan Anton just removed his soccer ball from the 21-inch cup.

# KICKING IT!

Area courses doing double duty as footgolf brings soccer to the links

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

The teenagers walked onto the west nine at Fellows Creek Golf Course wearing huge smiles of anticipation and carrying soccer balls.

Huh? Canton 13-year-olds Nathan Anton and Carson Stoneburg, accompanied by Nathan's dad Steve Anton, were getting their first taste of a relatively new recreational craze — footgolf.

Nathan and Carson eagerly flipped regulation-size soccer balls in the air as they made their way to the first tee box. There was no sign of players with golf clubs at Fellows Creek, a public course in Canton.

"This is the first time attempting footgolf or at least witnessing these guys trying to attempt it," Steve Anton said. "It's very interesting. My son and I play a lot of golf, so I can see it's a completely different mindset from golf, even though it's played on the same platform."

As Nathan launched into his opening salvo on the west nine-hole course at Fellows Creek (which has been retrofitted for footgolf, complete with 21-inch cups, enough room to squeeze in three soccer balls) he approached the ball from right behind it and kicked it the way an old-school football field-goal kicker would. "I stubbed my toe," he said with a big laugh.

**Soccer style**

Carson, his pal from Pioneer Middle School, took the sidwinder's approach when teeing off. That made perfect sense, because he is a travel soccer player for the Plymouth Reign.

"It's working so far," Carson said about hitting the ball with his instep instead of toes. "I haven't had any problems."


The trio walked the virtually flat 1,195-yard front nine,

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Watching with excited anticipation as the soccer ball rolls toward the large footgolf cup is Canton's Carson Stoneburg, 13.



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RUNNING

# Former Mercy star wins Founders race

Allysen Eads top women's runner in Farmington event

**Dan O'Meara**  
Staff Writer

Allysen Eads' decision to enter the Farmington Founders Festival road race was almost an afterthought. When it was done, she was glad she had.

The 19-year-old Northville resident easily won her age group and was the overall women's winner in the four-mile event July 16.

It was the first time Eads, a former star runner at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, had ever done a road race.

"I never really thought I needed to," she said. "I guess it makes all the training I do in the summer worth something. It breaks it up. I thought it was really fun."

Eads, who completed the course in 24:16.5, ran most of the race with the leading male runners.

She was way ahead of the other women, finishing a good two minutes in front of the next competitor and placing 11th among all entries.

"I didn't know really what to expect," Eads said. "I wasn't looking to win or do anything else. I wanted to see where I was in my summer training."

"About a mile into the race, I turned and looked behind me, and I didn't see any girls. I thought, 'Oh, cool, I guess I will win something.'"

"I know a guy who finished two spots in front of me who has run a 29-minute 10K. That was pretty good. Some of those people are pretty serious runners."

Eads, who runs cross country and track at Hillsdale College, entered the race at the suggestion of the manager at the New Balance store where she works.

It was the first time Eads ran a competitive race since the end of the collegiate track season. She had been averaging six to seven miles a day and 44 per week in her training.

"I had been doing base runs, normal runs," she said. "I've been training since the end of May and beginning of June for cross country. For my first workout back, I thought it was pretty good."

"I was doing interval workouts during the race. I'd do a minute of sprinting, run for a minute and sprint again. I didn't wear a watch like I usually do, which helped because it went by really fast. I had no idea what my time was."

Eads liked the course, which winds through the neighborhoods of Farmington and Farmington Hills, and especially the finish.

"It was a really fun atmosphere," she said. "I liked running down Grand River (in front of the crowd waiting for the parade). It was all roped off."

"There was one slight uphill at the start. After that, it was rolling hills, nothing too big, and the last mile was pretty much all downhill."

"I went to school at Mercy, so I knew a lot of the people who were on the side of the road. I said 'hi' to them; that was really cool."

Eads had a good freshman year at Hillsdale. In the NCAA Division II championships, she contributed to teams that finished second in indoor track and third in both cross country and outdoor track.

Eads, who said she has "improved a ton" since high school, runs the steeplechase as her primary event in outdoor track. She focuses on the 1,500 meters during the indoor season.



ELIZABETH EADS  
Allysen Eads runs the steeplechase for the Hillsdale College women's team.

*"I was doing interval workouts during the race. I'd do a minute of sprinting, run for a minute and sprint again. I didn't wear a watch like I usually do ..."*

**ALLYSEN EADS**

"I did pretty well in cross country," she said. "I ran fifth on the team and traveled to all the meets."

In the steeplechase, the top 23 athletes were invited to the national meet. She was ranked 24th.

"Two days before the competition, my coach called and said someone had scratched," Eads said. "I had started my (postseason) break and hadn't run in nine days. I didn't run that well, but I got the experience as a freshman, which was really important."

Eads plans to do at least one more road race this year and to get an earlier start on doing a lot more next year.

"I train for three months straight in the summer," she said. "When you're training during the year, you always have a race to look forward to. I like doing a road race and breaking up the training routine."

The men's overall winner was 27-year-old Hunon Cjutak, with a time of 20:28. Connor Naughton of Northville, 19, who was the 2015 winner, was second in 20:41.3.

The runner-up in the male 15-19 age group and third-place overall finisher was Farmington High School junior Nick Trevisan, 16, with a time of 20:45.

The women's runner-up was 26-year-old Olivia Juntilla, who finished the race in 26:12.4 and won the 25-29 age group.

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## Blues perfect in league play



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The 9-and-under South Farmington Blues baseball team won the Community East Division of the Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association with a 16-0 record. The Blues finished 18-10 overall. The team members are (front row, from left) Joshua Rood, Brady Brink, Curtis Kent, Brendan Erickson, Vincent Pesci, (middle row, from left) Joshua Brenner, Tyson Bone, Joshua Lee, Paul Downey, Jackson Hargis, Andrew Pahnke, (back row, from left) coach Matt Downey, manager Jim Kent and coach Jeremy Hargis. For more information, go to kvbsa.com.

## Impact makes big impression



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The 14-and-under NFWB Impact Red travel softball team won the Pool B championship of the Diamond Divas Tournament in Jackson earlier this month, and it recently clinched the 14U Silver Division championship in the Western Wayne County League. The team members are (front row, left to right) Sydney Gordon, Kelly McCullough, Izzy Randel, Olivia Elder, Abby Woods, (back row, left to right) Nicole Roggow, Elena Sarasin, Kelsey Lavery, Meghan Roshak, Sarah Fish, Julianna Petrak and Mary Williams. The Impact will have tryouts for its 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U teams Aug. 6 and 8 at Drake Sports Park. For more information, email nfwbimpact123@gmail.com.

## Patriots Power



The Canton-based Precision Patriots 13U Major team won the Macomb County Challenge the weekend of July 9. The team recently returned from a world series tournament in Alabama, where it placed third out of 44 teams. Tyler Overaitis, Nate Herberholz and Kris Stojanovski hit home runs in the series, with Overaitis crushing three round-trippers. The other players are Dominic Bruno, Dante Doute, Kane Elmy, Bradley Folks, Hayden Ludwig, Brendan McLaren, Johnny Reno, Matthew Strand, Nicholas Yeager and Brady Bak (not pictured). The head coach is Craig Overaitis, who is assisted by John Bruno, Scott Elmy and Dan Folks.

JUNIOR GOLF

## Area youths score well on tour

**M.B. Dillon**  
Correspondent

Andrew Lack of Northville fired a 3-over-par 74 to win the Kensington Junior Golf Tour's Bay Pointe Open on July 15 in West Bloomfield Township.

"I was making a lot of putts, and I got the driver going," said Lack, a 16-year-old incoming junior at Catholic Central High School. "I hit it pretty good, and I had a bunch of birdies."

Tyler Fuelling of White Lake took runner-up honors, carding an 80. Waterford's Katie Boyd won the girls 15-18 division with a 91.

For Livonia Stevenson senior Madison Maurier, who finished second with a 96, the day was similar. She hit some of the hazards as did Boyd.

"It was a struggle," she said. "I had some unplayable shots. I was striking the ball well; it just didn't go where I wanted it to go."

"It's hard to hit your driver because of all the water. The course is interesting to say the least."

Bay Pointe borders Middle Straits Lake; and numerous holes require shots over inlets and waterways.

In its 11th year, Kensington hosts 27 tournaments in Oakland, Wayne, Livingston and Washtenaw counties.

The tour makes a stop in Livonia on Tuesday, July 26, for the Whispering Willows Junior Open. To register and

for more information, visit [www.kensingtonjuniortour.com](http://www.kensingtonjuniortour.com).

In an effort to support junior golf, the Livonia-based charitable Dinan Foundation is offering five \$1,000 scholarships to 2016 high school graduates. Aug. 1 is the deadline for high school coaches to nominate student-athletes.

In the boys 12-14 age division, Westland's Troy Watson, 10, played up and won with an 88.

"I had some messed-up holes that cost me a bit," he said. "The course is pretty curvy, and there's a lot of water out there — and bushes and trees. It's quite a walk and a very long course. I made sure I kept the ball going straight."

Vincent Levesque of Detroit finished atop the leaderboard in the nine-hole, 11-and-under division with a 50. Damo Watson of Westland shot 51 to take second.

Lack's 74 was noted by Bay Pointe head pro Danny Zywick.

"That number is impressive for an adult, let alone a 16-year-old," he said. "It's a number you don't hear too often at any golf course. Obviously, Andrew's got game. I imagine some colleges are looking his way."

"Competing out here, the Kensington junior golfers know the rules and golf etiquette. Participation is increasing every year; the Kensington Tour is upward trending."

SUMMER COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

## Rams stay hot, edge Hurricanes

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

The Michigan Rams' heat index has been off the charts this month.

On Thursday at Ford Field in Livonia, the red-hot Rams overcame an early 2-0 deficit to post a 5-3 victory over the Hurricanes in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League showdown.

The Rams' fifth consecutive win improved their record to 24-8-1. The Hurricanes slipped to 17-15-3.

Justine Steele was the winning pitcher after tossing 4 2/3 strong innings, during which he surrendered just one hit and two runs. Steele struck out three and walked five.

Zack Schmitz earned the save after allowing just one base runner over the final inning and change.

Five pitchers toed the rubber for the Hurricanes.

Patrick Downing was the only player in the game to record two hits, one of which was a double. Tyler Lowe, Craig Wilson and Jack Ferguson knocked in runs for the winners.

Travis Harvey roped a triple and knocked in a run for the 'Canes.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Patrick Downing ripped a pair of hits in the Rams' 5-3 victory over the Hurricanes.

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## Make the transition to manager confidently

BY MATT TARPEY  
CAREERBUILDER

**E**ntering your first managerial role is an exciting step forward in your career. But if managing a team is unlike any of your previous positions, it comes with new and unique challenges.

Here are five of the most common issues for first-time managers, along with tips on dealing with them.

### How to give feedback

If you've ever sat through a performance review silently wishing you were on the other side of the desk, get ready for a surprise. Providing useful feedback is often a lot more difficult than first-time managers expect. One of the most common mistakes is not being specific enough.

"Just hearing 'Great job' isn't as effective as 'I really appreciate how prepared you were for that client meeting,'" says Amanda Sowadski, founder of the Institute for Feminine Leadership. "This gives your employee something specific to continue to do."

"The same thing goes when you notice behavior you'd like to change. Start by identifying the situation or task, what action the person took (and) what result occurred, and then offer up a new action and intended results that would



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occur if they did it differently. These types of specifics will ensure everyone is always on the same page."

### When to give feedback

Many new managers also have trouble determining how often feedback is necessary. While you don't want to start micromanaging your team, be sure not to reserve all comments for quarterly evaluations.

"Make sure you are providing feedback all the time, not just during a formal review cycle," Sowadski says. "An employee should never be

surprised with the results of a performance review if you've been doing your job and praising your employees or offering ideas for improvement as necessary."

### Supervising former colleagues

We spend a lot of time with our co-workers, and when one person from the group is promoted above the rest, it almost always causes a bit of tension. In many of these cases, the best way to deal with it is through direct and open communication.

"In order to address this,

have a one-on-one conversation with each person, where you express your gratitude for the opportunity to work with them, ask them to share any concerns, address any concerns you have and share your vision for what it will be like to work together," Sowadski suggests. "Don't dismiss or overlook the fact that these people may have also applied for the position or just feel awkward now that you hold a title that denotes more power. The most effective managers acknowledge others' concerns, even if they don't feel there is a valid concern, and create a collaborative team environment where everyone's input is welcome and appreciated."

### How to motivate

Perhaps the most important skill you need to be a good manager is the ability to continually and reliably motivate others. If you were promoted internally, you're probably excellent at performing your team's function. But you cannot do it all on your own. Keep in mind that what motivates you doesn't necessarily motivate everyone on your team.

"One of your main responsibilities will be to improve the performance of your direct reports, but a one-size-fits-all strategy won't work," says Jordan Wan, co-founder and CEO of CloserIQ. "Not all

employees learn the same way, and not all of your reports will respond to the same style of feedback. You need to get to know your employees and what drives them. Then you'll be able to better give them what they need to succeed."

### How to reward

One of the most effective means of motivating anyone is the promise of a reward. However, while prizes or awards can be useful short-term tools, sustained recognition, credit and praise for good work can be just as effective in the long term.

"You will shine through the success of your team as a whole," says Anna Lundberg, a career coach, author and co-founder of Wolf Leaders Academy, which offers fast-track training and coaching for young managers. "Do not hesitate to praise your team publicly — far from taking the glory away from your own work, demonstrating the maturity to praise and thank your team is a valued characteristic of a leader and will only strengthen your image, not weaken it."

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# Car Report

## Mazda Ascends with the Industry's Freshest, Most Fuel-Efficient Lineup and Rising Brand, with Sales Recovery To Follow



By Dale Buss

Its US sales are down this year so far, and frankly the entire American auto-sales picture has flattened out. But under new CEO Masahiro Moro, Mazda North American

territory that has been dominated by upscale brands. Also serving as CMO for Mazda worldwide, Moro crucially sees brand management as the key to long-term success for Mazda in the US and globally.

"We have changed to emphasize brand and product value to customers and to emphasize brand-value management," Moro told a group of journalists in Detroit recently. Mazda's global share of automotive sales is only less than 2 percent, but over the last few years the Japanese brand has been seeking to punch above its fighting weight by overhauling its entire product lineup, gaining technologically with its new Skyactiv development platform, expanding its offerings in fast-growing SUV and crossover segments and, most recently, casting itself as a near-premium marque.

So far this year, progress isn't evident because Mazda's US sales were down about 8 percent for the first half compared with a year earlier. But much of the reason for the decline was the fact that Mazda was introducing a significantly enhanced new version of its CX-9 flagship SUV and its dealers were without the previous version to sell for most of 2016 so far, explained Robert Davis Sr., vice president of US operations. Now the new CX-9 has populated showrooms and is gaining a good reception, especially for its Signature trim level of premium materials, amenities and technology, which Mazda is using to try to begin leveraging its brand out of the mere mainstream of the US auto market and into near-luxury territory adjacent to, say, Acura.

Moro said Mazda began moving to emphasize long-term brand equity a few years ago, after the Great Recession brought yet another turn in the industry's historical boom-and-bust cycle and after the company's brain trust closely examined its approach. Its philosophy at that point was heavily based on increasing volume and achieving sales growth at nearly any cost. "We sold at a discount so the customer didn't see value other than the price deal," Moro said. "We also focused on selling smaller cars" with relatively small profit margins. Customer retention rates were low to match, he said -- less than 30 percent in the United States.

Operations clearly means to be regarded as a brand on the rise. That will be increasingly easier for the company because the products it brings to market keep getting better. Exemplary is the new CX-9, the brand's top-of-the-line large SUV. The design, interior comforts, drivability, responsiveness, fuel economy and overall feel of the Signature version of the new vehicle, which I recently drove, are pushing strongly into

territory that has been dominated by upscale brands. Also serving as CMO for Mazda worldwide, Moro crucially sees brand management as the key to long-term success for Mazda in the US and globally.

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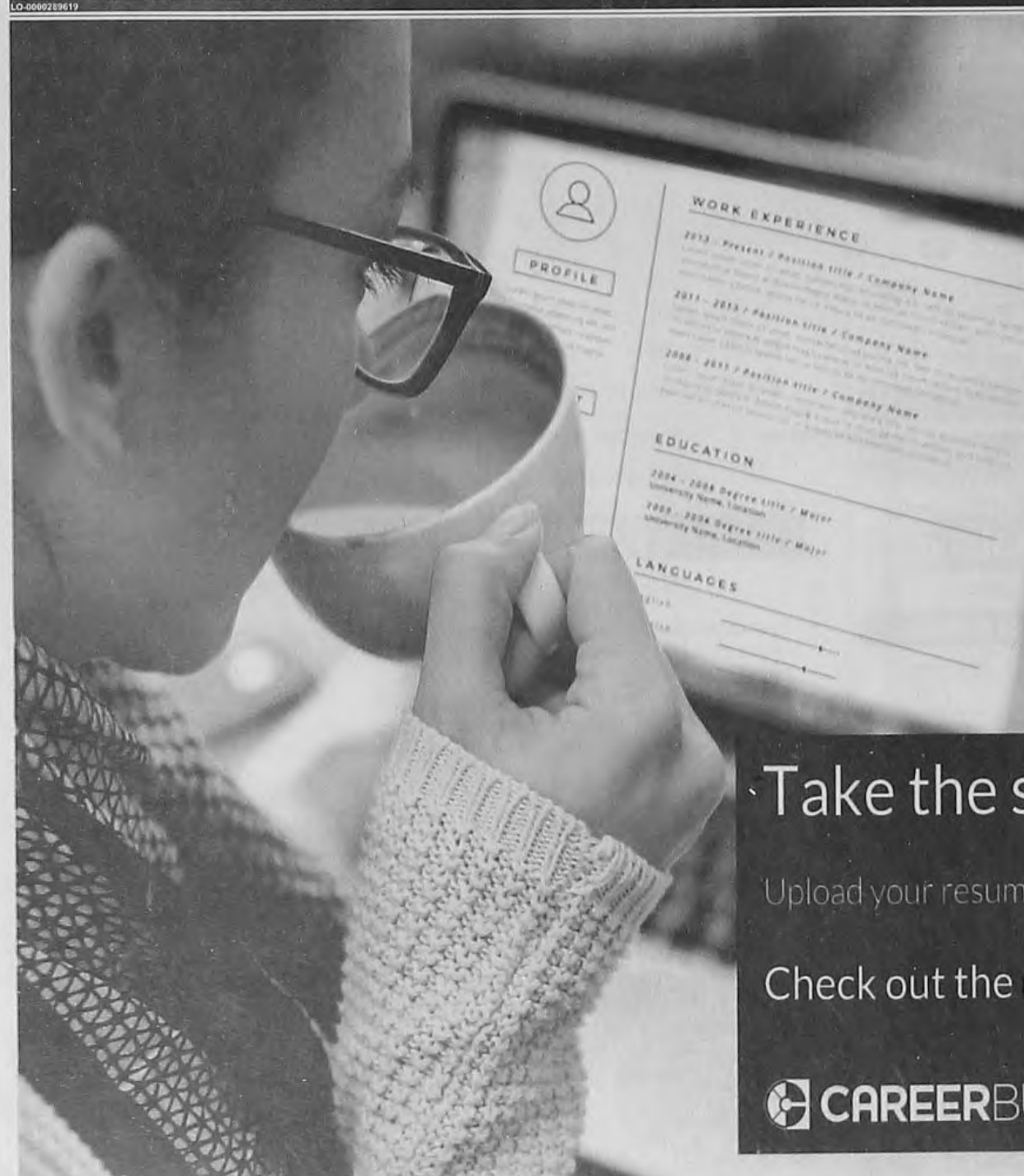


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