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# Rally on Ridge aids farmers market

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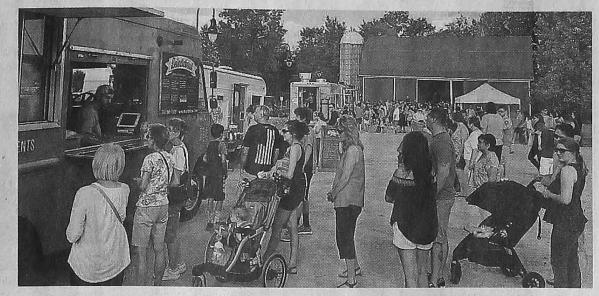
Area residents are invited to attend the fourth annual Rally on Ridge at Preservation Park for a festive evening of food, fun, music and more to benefit the Canton Farmers Market.

The rally takes place 5:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, and includes activities such as live acoustic music, gourmet food trucks, games for the kids and more. Event-goers who plan to stay for the music are being

encouraged to bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket. Organizers said this year's event promises to be "bigger and better" with its expanded hours and increase in the num-

ber of participating food truck vendors. More than 20 food trucks and vendors are tentatively expected to take part in this year's event (find a complete list of participating food trucks on the Canton Farmers Market Facebook page the week of the event). In addition, a new beer garden will also be available for participants 21 years of age and older.

"This popular annual event is a wonderful way for local families and friends to take advantage of a great summer night outdoors by enjoying some delicious eats from a



See RALLY, Page A3 The fourth annual Rally on Ridge fundraiser takes place July 25 at Cherry Hill Village.



Kristie Keene and daughter Alison Keene leave Art in the Park with a few purchases. Kristie carries a window, converted into a shadow box filled with dried flowers.

## Artistic atmosphere draws thousands to festival

**Brad Kadrich** 

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Jodi Lynn Burton has enjoyed coming to Plymouth's Art in the Park for years, but as a spectator with her mom.

This year, Burton — who specializes in "doodles" and drawings of cities, people and places — was there as a vendor, the proprietor of Jodi Lynn's Emporium of Doodles.

At her booth on Ann Arbor Trail, Burton was having a good time selling her wares. It's her first time selling at Michigan's second largest art fair.
"My parents convinced me to do it,"

said Burton, who runs her studio out of

her 350-square-foot apartment in Detroit. "As I've started to do more fairs, I thought I'd do this one, too. I do a lot of stuff that speaks to people. It's something that's very nostalgic.

She was one of more than 400 vendors populating the streets for the 38th annual art festival, which welcomed artists from around the U.S., offering paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fiber, glass, woodwork, photography and folk art, among other items.

Tim Bailey of Bradenton, Fla., spends his summers traveling the country doing similar shows. Plymouth Art in the Park is

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM Late afternoon brought crowds to Art in the Park, in spite of steamy temperatures.

#### Video chat device gives hospice patients peace of mind

**Sharon Dargay** hometownlife.com

A computer tablet capable of connecting its user to a nursing station for face-to-face communication is changing the way one local hospice reaches out to its patients.

Angela Hospice in Livonia received a \$2.1 million grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation to start a "telehospice" program that allows patients to video chat with nurses via computer tablets.

Dubbed Angela's Virtual Assist, the devices have been available since January for patients who live at home or in senior living centers. The hospice added another 25 tablets this month, bringing the total to 75. Angela Hospice serves approximately 270 patients, some of whom live in skilled nursing centers and the hospice's care center in Livonia. AVA users live throughout

southeast Michigan. Karen Gugala, AVA coordinator and a Northville resident, says Angela Hospice is the first organization of its kind in southeast Michigan to use video chat with patients.

The reason we're doing this is to be able to help the patient more efficiently before we get to their home. It's a way for us to do bedside nursing until we can have a person physically there with them," Gugala said.
"The family is able to send a signal to a triage station and a nurse calls back. If a patient has a wound or a family member is having trouble knowing how to care for a symptom, we can guide them.

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"It has helped in giving families a quicker response. Trying to explain something over the phone is very hard to do. Just being able to see them has helped us to guide them. It has exceeded our expectations."

The AVA tablet is meant to enhance weekly visits from hospice nurses, as well as lower patient anxiety.

"Just having it in the home is a huge decrease in anxiety," Gugala said.

One recent holiday, an at-home caregiver needed help changing a patient's dressing. A hospice triage nurse guided the caregiver through the necessary steps, communicating via AVA. Another occasion, the staff . connected a patient's

Easy to use

Gugala said.

Nina and Edmund Knittel of Plymouth Township have kept an AVA tablet at home since May, when Edmund was released from the hospital and began receiving hospice services.

AVA tablet to cellphone

able to "attend" the event

"The surprising thing

users at a family wed-

ding. The patient was

virtually and talk with

is even if they are not

using it, they feel it's a

them peace of mind,'

fantastic tool that gives

the wedding party.

Nina hasn't used the tablet's video capabilities, but she dutifully responds to a set of patient questions she receives via the device every week. Using

Karen Gugala of Northville works the triage center at Angela Hospice. A new "telehospice" program allows patients to video chat with nurses.

a stylus, she indicates if her husband needs more medication and describes how he is feeling. Anything out of the norm triggers a call from a

triage nurse. "I think it's a wonder-ful thing," Nina said. "It's not that complicated. It's

like FaceTime."

Patients who use AVA at home may take the device with them if they are admitted to Angela Hospice's care center. The tablet runs on a 4G network system rather than Wi-Fi.

"We don't feel we need

to use it in skilled nursing facilities because nurses are already there. But we've looked at assisted living homes," Gugala said. "We are branching out."

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always on his schedule. Bailey, who designs handpainted and silk-screened cotton tops, said he likes the way the show is organized.

"It's a good layout, with a lot of people, and it's well-run," said Bailey, whose designs all start as pen-and-ink drawings. "It does pretty well for me, certainly in my top 10.3

Cheryl Kniffen of Livonia strolled the streets looking at all the booths, not necessarily looking for anything in particular — "Whatever catches my eye," she

She ended up buying a lawn ornament on which she plans to hang a hummingbird feeder and a plant. She said it's not necessarily about what you buy.

"I was just looking," she said. "It gets bigger every year and it's a good atmosphere.

It's an atmosphere downtown Plymouth

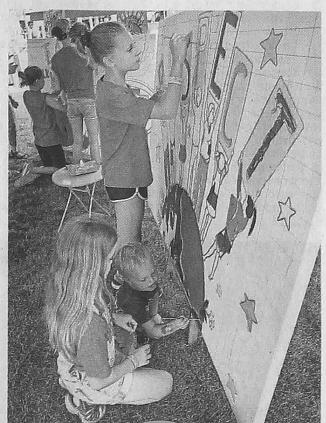


Detail of Ella Pierzecki working on her TGIF art shoes.

knows how to produce and it's one that officials count on for bringing visitors back more than once. The fair had a chance to draw a lot, since thousands of people crowded downtown streets over the weekend

Tony Bruscato, director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said festivals like Art in the Park help draw visitors not only from Plymouth, but from around the region.

They come not only for the art fair, but for the restaurants and they see what Plymouth has to offer on a daily basis, Bruscato said. "We hope



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM Avery Olds and Lily Rork are volunteers at the Art in the Park mural project. Alexander Radziszewski, 3, helps the girls with

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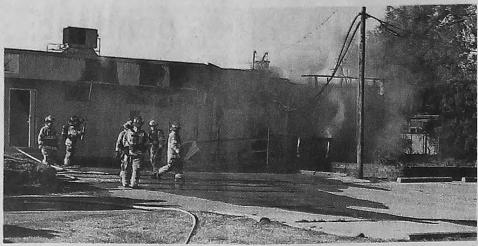
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Plymouth Township firefighters, with an assist from Canton and Northville townships and the city of Northville, battled a fire July 5 at an office building at Ann Arbor Road and Marlowe.

# Fire damages Plymouth Township office building

**Brad Kadrich** hometownlife.com

A fire that apparently started in a smoking receptacle caused damage to an office building Jult 5 in Plymouth Town-

Township firefighters responded around 6:30 p.m. that day to find a fire contained in an addition to the building built in the late 1970s, Plymouth Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips said.

There were no iniuries in the fire.

Phillips said firefighters, assisted by others from Canton and Northville Townships and the city of Northville, extinguished the majority of the fire in the building, located at Ann Arbor Road and Marlowe, "fair-

The remainder of the fire, according to Phillips, was trapped between two levels of roof in the addition.

ly quickly."

Early reports of the fire indicated a tree limb had fallen on the property and taken out a power

line with it. Phillips said the tree limb had indeed fallen, but did not play a role in the fire.

'You can clearly see the fire didn't start there," Phillips said.

The building, which for decades was home to a dentist practice, how houses an investment company and a media relations firm, according to Phillips.

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#### CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

#### Wings of Wonder Storytime

Families with young children looking for a fun way to experience stories and songs can join us for outdoor summer storytimes. All storytimes take place near our Wings of Wonder Butterfly Garden in the rear of the library. Bring a blanket for the ground outside and in case of inclement weather, storytime will be in the Community Room.

Upcoming sessions: 10-10:45 a.m. July 13 and 7-7:45 p.m. July 25.

#### **Summer Movie** Madness

Our CYS summer programming includes free Movie Madness events and you're invited to bring your own pillow/ blanket and snacks and hang out for different movie showings.

Upcoming sessions (2-4 p.m.): July 14, "The Red Turtle" and July 24, "SING."

#### Puppet Extravaganza

Come visit us for a puppet mini-marathon and then exercise your own creative puppet muscles.

Upcoming session: 2-3 p.m. July 13.

#### **Giant Spirograph**

We're busting out our giant spirograph and our huge stencils for everyone to collaborate, create sidewalk chalk masterpieces and maybe even learn a little geometry. This program is for all

Upcoming session:

said. "It's the perfect

home of the Canton

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event for showcasing the

Farmers Market, while

support for market pro-

The Cherry Hill School House area will

painters, bouncer, games

and other children's ac-

tivities. More adventur-

ous diners can visit Pres-

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ervation Park to find

vendors featuring deli-

#### 10-11 a.m. July 15.

#### Summer Storytimes @ Canton Farmers Market

The Canton Farmers Market is a celebration of locally grown food, interesting vendors and a thriving community spirit. We are thrilled to be back connecting with our community, offering storytimes and activities to enhance your farmers market experience.

Upcoming sessions (10 a.m. and noon): July 16, Aug. 13 and Sept. 10.

#### **Tuesday are Terrific**

On the first week of this five weeks series in Heritage Park, Canton Public Library presents The Kerfuffles. The Tuesdays are Terrific weekly music program is brought to you by Canton Leisure Services and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and we invite you all to meet your friends and neighbors for an afternoon of children's entertainment, fresh air and fun in the auditorium in Heritage

Light lunch options and refreshments may be available for purchase on-site. In the event of inclement weather, the concerts will move indoors to CPL's Community Room with limited space. This event is for all ages.

Upcoming session: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### July 18. **Dance Your Fanny**

This program is intended for new walkers up to children age 5. Children are invited to enjoy a half-hour of tunes and dancing to build motor skills and have fun.

Upcoming session: 10-10:30 a.m. July 17.

#### **CPL Escape Room:** The Mystery of **Mavis McDougall**

Work together with some news folks to solve a room full of puzzles and see if you can escape in time. This program is for ages 11-18. Registration is required. (Note: This is the same Escape Room from Oct.

Upcoming session: 2-3 p.m. July 19.

#### **Avoiding Home Repair Scams**

Learn how to navigate the home improvement process while learning about home repair scams and unscrupulous contractors at this program, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Attorney General Consumer Protection Division.

Upcoming session: 6-7 p.m. July 19.

#### Lego Bingo Challenge

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Upcoming session: 1-3 p.m. July 20.

#### ciously gourmet menus RALLY and live music from local Continued from Page A1 A portion of the proceeds collected from fantastic lineup of gourfood vendor sales will met food trucks, as well benefit the Canton Farmas fun entertainment," ers Market, which is farmers market coorcelebrating its 11th seadinator Jacqui Spears

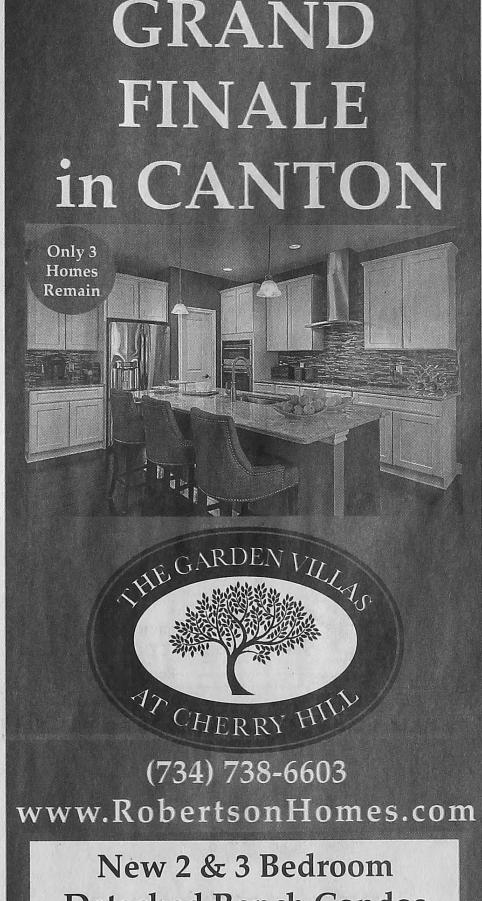
With the recent influx in "buy local" initiatives, the Canton Farmers Market is seeing an increase in both the number of participating growers and customers. As such, the market continues to expand its offerings during market hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday, rain or shine, through Oct. 15.

This year's Rally on Ridge main event sponsor is Toll Brothers. In

addition, The Regner Team of Edward Jones, Financial Advisor, is this year's entertainment sponsor. Additional sponsorship support is being provided by Brightside Dental. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities to support this event, call 734/394-5375.

The event takes place in the Cherry Hill Village District, as well as in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge. No admission is required for either event. Join the Canton Farmers Market weekly newsletter at www.cantonfun.org or like the Canton Farmers Market on Facebook for market updates. For more information, go to www.canton-mi.org/496.





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## Museum raffles pendant to mark Plymouth's 150th

Celebrating Plymouth's 150th anniversary this year has brought festivities of various kinds throughout the community over the past few months.

But Plymouth's biggest birthday party takes place Wednesday, July 26, at the Plymouth Historical Museum with food, wine, a great exhibit and a raffle for a diamond necklace valued at

Tickets to the event are \$25 and include the chance to win a beautiful diamond-scroll necklace designed and created by Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth.

Teri Allen, owner of Dearborn Jewelers, said that she sees this as an opportunity to celebrate. 'We've been in Plymouth 15 years now," Allen said. "I feel that this community, when we came, embraced us."

Allen said she and her husband Matt took a "leap of faith" moving their family-owned jewelry store from Dear-born after 52 years in business. "My dad's perspective from day one in 1950 was, give back to the community," she said.

Part of what moved her to donate this necklace to the Plymouth Historical Museum is knowing that the museum is run on donations. "What also motivated us was the birthday, 150 years," she said, "That's a milestone to celebrate. I thought, 'What if we designed something?'"

The idea for the look of the necklace came from researching designs from 150 years ago. The fashions of that time showed a common detail: serif tails on letters. The other inspiration was Plymouth's 150th logo designed by Brett Wilson at Creativibe - a graphic design firm in downtown Plymouth — for the museum's exhibit to commemorate the anniversa-

Designing the necklace took a lot of iter-



This diamond pendant, valued at an estimated \$10,000, will be raffled off July 26 at the Plymouth Historical Museum-hosted birthday party.

ations - 20 drafts - with a full month of staff input while the design continually evolved. The word "Plymouth" had to be worked in, along with 150 diamonds. "It's symbolic," she said. "That's a lot of diamonds."

The challenge, Allen said, was incorporating it in a way that isn't "in your face." She is very happy with the way it turned out. "There's an antiquey, vintage element — it goes back to the designs of the time," she said. "Obviously, this will be an heirloom, no question.

Elizabeth Kerstens, executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, said Allen proposed the necklace idea back in February.

"I was astounded that they would create something this special," Kerstens said. "The value is priceless. The workmanship is beautiful. " Kerstens said the museum is grateful for community support.

The party where the necklace will be raffled will include visits from re-enactors posing as residents of Plymouth's past, like Plymouth's first woman mayor, Ruth

Whipple, and Old Village's own George Stark-

Kerstens said she is often surprised to hear people say that they have lived in Plymouth for years and have never

visited the museum. "This is the perfect opportunity for them," Kerstens said. "This may be our most important exhibit to date, highlighting the people and stories of Plymouth. It will be a fabulous party, as well as a major fundraiser for the museum. We're hoping to raise \$25,000 through the sale of raffle tickets for the diamond necklace. Most importantly, we're celebrating 150 years of being a vibrant hometown community where people love to live.'

Plymouth's 150th Birthday Party takes place 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Tickets are \$25, which includes entry to the party and a chance to win the necklace. You need not be present to win. Tickets are available at the museum, at Dearborn Jewelers and online at www.plymouthhistory.org.

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# We need to be better stewards of the

"I'm not telling you there is not toxic waste on that (Bathey) site. But I don't have any evidence that there is." -Plymouth Mayor Dwyer, at the Nov. 7, 2016, Plymouth City Commission meeting, while addressing resident concerns of the former Bathey Manufacturing Co site.

t a standing-roomonly meeting characterized by some as contentious, I witnessed many assert public health, safety, blight, code enforcement and fencing integrity concerns of the site. Among resident concerns reflected in Nov. 7 meeting minutes: "This concerns him with broken concrete, weeds, broken down fencing, toxic chemicals and no one should have to live across from this horrible property." And: "She has con-cerns with the kids and teenagers playing on that property and someone is going to get hurt."

One resident complained the site has been blighted for nearly 20 years, that a petition has been going around, and suggested the city commission is not enforcing code. Another asked, 'Why the city is not concerned with the toxic waste on that property and asked who is responsible?"



A notable comment in the minutes: "Mayor Dwyer thanked everyone for coming out for their input concerning the Bathey property and he feels like the city commission has let them

Although the mayor stated he had no evidence of toxic waste on the site, when pressed by residents, Commissioner Colleen Pobur later stated the city has had such records, while indicating a report

After learning in December that contact with the EPA and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on the Bathey issue had been initiated, I decided to explore further. Contact with Andrew Maguire of the Regional 5 office of the U.S. EPA in Chicago yielded names at MDEQ.

Upon filing a March 16 FOIA request with MDEQ, less than three hours later, I was provided with two reports titled "Baseline Environmental Assessment." The reports state at least 27 different chemicals and metals were detected in

soil and groundwater, many above state regulatory limits

According to the BEA report, hazardous substances were detected via a multitude of soil borings and temporary monitoring wells. Samples were collected by two contracted environmental engineering firms. Some of these materials are cancer causing or health hazards, according to published Material Safety Data Sheets.

Citing the 2007 BEA: "concentrations of chromium and lead exceed the statewide background default and the National Resources Environmental Protection Act 1994 Public Act 451, Part 201, Generic Residential Groundwater Surface Water Interface Protection' Criteria." The BEA also states that "concentrations of PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) exceed the Part 201 Generic Residential 'Direct Contact' criteria and the **EPA Toxic Substances** Control Act Cleanup Standard." Additionally, the BEA states "Concentrations of 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCE) exceed the Part 201 Generic Residential GSI and drinking water criteria."

The 2012 BEA cites: "A concentration of TCE was detected above DWP (drinking water protection), SVII (residential soil volatilization to indoor air inhalation), and VSI (volatile soil inhala-

tion) cleanup criteria." Additionally, the 2012 **BEA** cites concentrations of lead were detected above DWP and SDC (soil direct contact) criteria, that chromium was found above DWP cleanup criteria and that arsenic was found to exceed both DWP and SDC cleanup criteria.

Other notable citations contained in the 2007 and 2012 BEA's are as follows: "Significant deficiencies exist with regard to locating underground storage tanks." "The potential for historical contamination to have migrated from the former west adjoining Daisy Air Rifle facility onto the (BMC) study property." "Based on the long-term manufacturing operations, the potential exists orphan underground storage tanks are present."

The report also indicates close proximity of the BMC site to the Rouge River, being within 1,000 feet. Also notable are Pobur's comments in her 2016 campaign video for state representative: "Ethyl-methyl bad stuff leaked into the ground"

(on the Daisy site), and "all that contaminated material was either removed or capped.'

When City Manager Paul Sincock was queried at the November meeting on ownership of the BMC site, he suggested it would be fruitless to bring the BMC issue into the court system. Section 18-226 under Purpose, of the Plymouth City Charter states: "The purpose of this division is to promote the public health, safety and welfare by prohibiting the deterioration and inadequate maintenance of buildings and premises, which contribute to fire, safety and health hazards and adversely affect the property rights of adjacent owners and occu-

March 16 with Michigan DEQ, it appeared the matter was about to be closed, with no action taken, since BMC was characterized as a typical former industrial site, with fencing appearing intact upon a MDEQ visit in December. After two phone calls and some email correspondence, Brandon Alger of DEQ stated in an email: "I'm actually glad you brought this site to my attention again as my December 2016 review was only of

Upon first contact

the 2007 BEA. This time I took a cursory review of the 2012 BEA, which brought something else to my attention that I believe warrants elevating this site for 'screening.

Maguire suggested that federal funding for some situations is available for remediation of contaminated sites. In my opinion, obtaining federal assistance and funding during the nearly eight-year period the city owned the property would have been prudent

With a new administration in Washington advocating a 30-percent EPA budget cut, challenges could be greater for remediation of the BMC and other such brownfield sites in Michigan and across America.

A hope of many is that a near-term opportunity for remediation of the BMC site has not been lost. This is not how humans should steward land that was once beautiful, pristine, wild and

Taylor resident Daniel Sabo grew up in Old Village in the home his great-grandfather G.A. Starkweather built, attended Starkweather School and graduated from Plymouth-Canton Educational

#### Educational Excellence Foundation to hold Quest for Excellence

The Educational Excellence Foundation, in partnership with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district and Canton Leisure Services (CLS), is holding its inaugural Back to School Bash on Saturday, Aug. 26, in Heritage Park.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. with the EEF

Quest for Excellence, an "Amazing Race"-type challenge in which teams of two to four participants (adults and children) will compete in a series of six challenges in locations around Heritage Park. Families and local businesses are encouraged to join in the fun and form teams to

compete for prizes.

At 11 a.m., the local communities are invited to the Picnic in the Park, where guests will enjoy food, fun and entertainment while learning about some of the programs and groups that help all P-CCS students thrive. The entire event is sure to be a memorable day and a great way to end the summer and

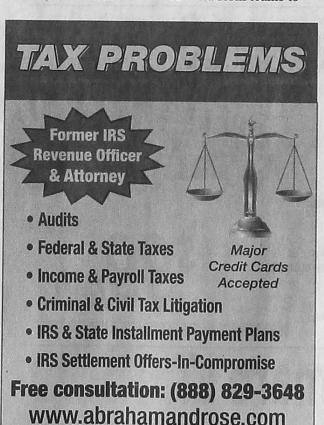
welcome families back for the 2017-18 school

"We are thrilled to partner with CLS and P-CCS for this event. Starting the bash with the Quest for Excellence is a terrific opportunity for families to participate in a fun activity and a great opportunity way for our community sponsors to gain exposure and

support the families of the over 17,000 P-CCS students," EEF Executive Director Gretchen Ward said. "It will also be a platform for the community to give back; during the picnic, donations will be accepted for the Salvation Army Back to School Supply Drive. We look forward to making the Back to School Bash an annual tradition in our community.'

Proceeds will support the Educational Excellence Foundation's mission of helping students in P-CCS. Sponsorship opportunities include booths at the events, teams for the Quest for Excellence and exposure through T-shirt advertising and a variety of social media outlets.

Information and registration for sponsorships or teams can be found at eefforkids.org. Questions can be directed to gretchen.ward@pccsk12.com or 734-416-2718.



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#### **Property for Sale** Residential zoned property for sale

by Garden City Public School. Parcel size is approximately 4.90 acres of vacant land that has the potential to be subdivided into 20 separate lots. The parcel is located north of Beechwood and east of Dillon in Garden City. The Wayne County parcel I.D. for the lot is 35006010131000. The school district is marketing the property for the purpose of developing single family homes. This is an excellent opportunity for an experienced developer. Asking price is \$225,000. The district reserves the right to refuse/decline any bids. Interested parties/developers should contact the district's C.F.O Mr. Drew McMechan at 734-762-6323.

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## Top seven things to do around the area this weekend

**Dan Dean** hometownlife.com

Looking to get out and about this weekend? Check out these destina-

**Oakland County Fair** When: July 7-16 Where: 2451 Andersonville Road, Davis-

burg, MI 48350 **Description:** The last weekend of the annual event. Highlights include the Figure 8 Championships Friday night; Monster Trucks Saturday and the popular family lookalike, most freckles, husband calling and skillet throwing contests starting at noon Sunday.

Pig and Whiskey When: July 14-16 Where: Downtown Ferndale, Nine Mile and East Troy, between the WAB and the Emory. Description: A sum-



**FILE PHOTO** 

The Oakland County Fair runs July 7-16 in Davisburg.

mer celebration of booze, BBQ and live music. All ages, free admission. #pigandwhiskey

**Wyandotte Street Art** 

When: July 12-16 Where: The fair is located along Biddle

Avenue between Eureka and Oak streets in downtown Wyandotte

**Description:** The Wyandotte Street Art Fair is in its 54th season and is billed as one of the largest art fairs in the state.

**Concert of Colors** When: July 12-16 Where: Numerous

**Description:** The five-day festival unites metro Detroit's diverse communities and ethnic groups by presenting musical acts from around the world. The festival also offers ethnic food and merchandise vendors and, in 2014, restored the annual Forum on Community, Culture and Race.

**Movie Nights Under the** 

When: Pre-show entertainment at 7:30 p.m.; movie at dusk Friday, July 14

Where: Booth Park, 151 Martin St., Birming-

**Description:** "Finding

Dory" is scheduled for this free monthly feature presented by the Birmingham Shopping Dis-

**Flying Pancake** 

Breakfast When: 10 a.m to 1 p.m. Sunday, July 16 Where: Greenmead

Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh Road, Livonia **Description:** Pancakes will be served by Chris Cakes of Michigan, Guinness World Record holders and featured on the Food Network. Also enjoy a walk through

Greenmead. PNC Roar on the River When: July 14-16, 7

a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Where: Elizabeth Park, 4461 Elizabeth Drive, Trenton

**Description:** Plenty of fast boats, food and fun in the sun. Sunday is a great day to head to see the finals heats.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Focus on quality of

I read with interest your front page article about the Plymouth Township Hilltop Golf Course. It appears that the township board is considering selling the course because it is not making money. I was a trustee in Plymouth Township and we never considered the golf course as a money-making operation.

The golf course was constructed to provide for open space in the township and to provide recreation to our citizens. After all, the township is a not-for-profit organization and we pay township taxes to receive a good quality of life. The golf course is no different than the Township Park, Friendship Station and other parks in the township, which cost taxpayers money to construct and operate. After all, Plymouth Township's quality of life has attracted most of us who have lived here since the early

As residents of this township, we have enjoyed the open space and do not appreciate building homes on top of each

neighboring cities. Even though I have never been a golfer, I always enjoyed the open space Hilltop provides to our citizens and I believe that it is worth paying to have this amenity in our communi-

I served on the Planning Commission and on the Board of Trustees for several terms and I always considered the quality of life to be outstanding in Plymouth Township. I sure hope that the present board does not ruin it by destroying all the good things that this township has and stood for.

Today, I received my summer tax bill and it is substantial. I would gladly pay it to continue the outstanding quality of life and our integrity. Destroying our community by selling all of our assets is not welcomed nor it is appreciated

Abe A. Munfakh Former Plymouth

#### Township trustee Hillside golf

improvements Some suggestions to improve Hilltop Golf

Course for minimal cost: 1) The rough off the fairways is all one cut and too deep. My playing

he dropped to mark a ball off the fairway. Grounds keepers found it for him. Have the grounds keepers drop the cutter lower approximately 10 yards either side of the fairway. Hitting your ball from a deep cut when hardly off the fairway takes the fun out of the game, especially if it is wet.

2) There are no big signs on Beck Road telling commuters that Hilltop is just down the dirt road. Maybe if signs each way were more visible, it would register with people going to work that there is a golf course

3) Hilltop is barely off M-14. Advertise more widely as it's easy to reach.

4) Keep the dirt road leading in smoother or pave it. It's a short road, but very rough.

**Larry Schultz** Plymouth

#### **Choosing license**

Patrick Colbeck calls Gov. Snyder's recent veto "utterly disgraceful." The veto put the kibosh on Colbeck's scheme to put that "Right to Life" groups propaganda on our license plates.

Colbeck, in my estima-

tive lawmaker ever to serve our area. Pushing his religious beliefs on others is exactly what

makes him so ineffective. Now, he has aspirations of being governor. I would think he would be better suited to preach from a pulpit somewhere instead of the hallowed halls of the capital. Or, perhaps, move to D.C and work for Mike Pence.

But who knows? With the likes of Bill Schuette and Brian Calley on the Republican primary ballot, maybe he has a shot at the nomination

**James Huddleston** 

#### Keep an eye on officials

In this letter, I speak of the city of Wayne, but it could be said of any American city.

I paraphrase Gov. Charles Hughes of New York with these remarks.

No one should try to wriggle out of responsibility. Citizens can only remedy things by paying attention and carrying their duties as citizens. You are not fit to solve national problems if you can't fix the things going on right at your front

Things around here nave been left to run themselves for a long time and now it's got to be corrected. You must show your state and the country that you, the people, run your own city.

You must give thought and attention to those you select to represent you in municipal, county and state affairs as well. Keep an eye on them so they keep an eye on the ball and keep it moving. They need to carry out your ideas - you are not in their service.

In this way it doesn't matter who is on this side or that side at any given time because the people of our city will win. Popular ideas and the popular vote should direct what is to be done.

We cannot have, and have not had for some time, the correct operation of our local elected government because the offices have been filled by persons who are playing games. They are not doing their pledged work.

They need to do their duty in accordance with the laws of our state.

**Alfred Brock** 

#### **Supports ending** Paris plan

Despite general leftwing hysteria, President Donald Trump did the courageous and correct thing by keeping his campaign promise to pull out of the Paris Climate Agreement.

As expected, Trump's decision was immediately criticized by climate zealot Al Gore, whose 2006 documentary "An

Inconvenient Truth" should have been entitled "Inconvenient Errors" in retrospect. Gore predicted that the world would reach "a point of no return" in 10 years because of significantly rising temperatures (temperatures have not risen significantly in 11 years), the polar ice cap would melt (just the opposite, it has been growing), and there would be more violent hurricanes (just the opposite - not even one F3+ hurricane has made landfall in the U.S. since 2005)

Most citizens have no idea what the Paris Climate Agreement contains. In addition, it was never approved by Congress and for good rea-

This agreement was definitely not a good deal for the American people. **Randy Kniebes** Brighton

#### Free market health care myth

I'm tired of hearing from elected officials who believe that a free market works for health care. They say competition will lower prices. Except for Medicare and Medicaid, we have a free market system; costs keep increasing. There is a man I know with diabetes. To control his glucose, his doctor changed his medication to a more expensive one. His insurance company caps the amount they will pay in a year, so in August he has to pay the full cost. He drives to Windsor and finds the same medication over the counter for less than a quarter of what he would pay in the

So why are drug prices less in Canada? They have price controls and everyone has health insurance through the government. Every developed country in the world except the U.S. provides these benefits to all of their citizens. The free market only works when people have a choice as to whether or not they will buy a product. If the price is too high, they go without. If the man with diabetes doesn't take his insulin, he dies.

Pharmaceutical companies are making profits in price-controlled countries; prices were negotiated. In countries where there is insurance through the government, are people being well served? Yes. The World **Health Organization** analyzes and rates health care of nations. The United States ranks 37th Thirty-five ranked higher have universal coverage.

The Affordable Health Care Act (Obamacare) is a combination of government and corporate insurance. Prices for corporate insurance and drugs keep increasing, because there

are no price controls. Medicare is a government insurance program that has worked very well since 1965 for those 65 and older. Under part B, Medicare pays 80 percent of approved amounts for medical services and procedures. In essence the "approved amount" is a price control. People can pay the remaining 20 percent or purchase a Medigap policy. I bought a Medigap policy and the monthly premium has increased 53 percent in the last seven years.

Those in favor of The American Health Care legislation say it will reduce costs and be a better plan than Obamacare. Both have major flaws. What needs to be done is to expand Medicare so it covers everyone, and set price controls on prescription drugs, medical care and insurance premiums.

The free market works well in some areas, but not for medical care. Everyone needs health care, so let's view health insurance as a right, not a

Ann Abdoo

#### Don't drop health

privilege.

Trump's latest tweet calls for repeal of the Affordable Health Care Act now and replacement later. According to the Congressional Budget Office, an arm of Congress, 32 million Americans would immediately be without health care with repeal only. This is up from the CBO scoring that 23 million would lose coverage under the U.S. House version of Trumpcare and but 22 million lose coverage under the Senate version.

The CBO is a bipartisan extension of Congress and the best official scoring of proposed legislation. The CBO works for Congress and to dispute there scoring of legislation is simply politically irresponsible and ridiculous.

The immediate impact would be felt in Medicaid recipients which I am sure Trump has no clue of the coverage. Medicaid and expanded Medicaid, provides health care to the working poor, poor kids, kids in foster care, the elderly, blind and handicapped not covered by Medicare, nursing home residents and pregnant women, to name but

Trump's repeal only decision is grossly irresponsibly and for the 32 million American who will be rendered without health coverage, is tantamount to domestic terrorism. I do not say this lightly, but can think of no other adequate descriptive terms.

**Gerald Maxey** Farmington Hills

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**MEN'S LACROSSE** 

# All-American pick Diederich doesn't get short end of stick

Brad Emons hometownlife.com

Whether he's out in the field or inside the office, Dan Diederich can pro-

vide you with a good insurance policy.

During the school year, the 2015

Novi Detroit Catholic Central High
grad excels for the Aquinas College
men's lacrosse team, as he earned NAIA second team All-America honors as
a defensive midfielder while leading
the Saints to their most successful season in school history.

Diederich admits he likes to golf and fish during the summer, but spends most of his time working as a licensed



Diederich

insurance agent for TDA Insurance & Financial in Novi.

"I've worked at my parents' insurance agency the past five summers now and plan on taking it over," said Diederich, an associate who just recently earned three in-

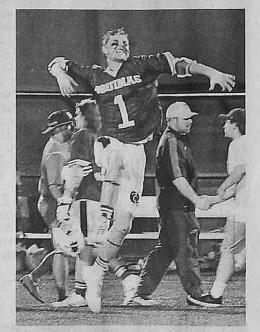
surance industry scholarship awards. "I do a little bit of everything, just trying to get a grasp on how the agency runs, really, is what I've been doing. I'm a full-time producer, so I'm in a normal role of any employee, but I also work a lot of the renewals. So I just kind of hop

around and do as much stuff as I can to learn as much as I can when I'm young"

Diederich, who will be a junior this fall, is majoring in business administration and marketing and it appears he is already well ahead of the curve when it comes to his career path.

"It's something I enjoy doing and coming home to, especially having the family business thing," said Diederich, who made the dean's list at Aquinas. "It's been life-touching to me to take what my parents (Mark and Sherry) started and see my future with it. We

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Dan Diederich jumps for joy after Aquinas upset top seed Indiana Tech.

#### YOUTH FOOTBALL



RYAN DOYLE | VIDEO VISION 360

Former Catholic Central football standout Mike Martin instructs a young player at his 2016 football camp.

# Former Shamrocks player Martin's camp about hope

Ex-Wolverines star hosts camp July 16 at Detroit Catholic Central

> Mark Snyder Detroit Free Press

Mike Martin remembers the limita-

He had a comfortable childhood, but

there was not a lot of wiggle room.

So now that the former Michigan defensive tackle has experienced professional success, playing four NFL seasons, he's extending hope to other bids.

Martin's summer football camp returns Sunday, July 16, but there will be a few changes as he shifts the focus. No longer in Ann Arbor, it will take place at his alma mater, Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

"Myself growing up in Detroit, near Belle Isle at Jefferson and Van Dyke, I never had the opportunity to go to any camps because we didn't have any money," he said. "All the money went towards feeding me and towards school, because I went to private Catholic school. There were no opportunities. So

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RYAN DOYLE | VIDEO VISION 360

Former Wolverines player Mike Martin (left) will stage a youth football camp July 16 at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

LITTLE LEAGUE

# South Farmington teams win district titles

Marty Budner hometownlife.com

A pair of teams will proudly represent South Farmington Little League in state competition this weekend.

state competition this weekend.

The SFLL Majors (12-under) will play in the girls softball state tournament starting Friday in St. Clair. Head coach Steve Dickson's squad earned the organization's first ever softball championship after sweeping Holly in a best-of-five series last week to capture the District 4 championship.

"It's definitely been an experience. I really wanted that banner," said Dickson, who has been involved in the South Farmington Little League for the past 15 years. "Of course, being the first one that was pretty special, needless to

In Junior Baseball (13-14) action, South Farmington's boys won the District 4 crown in dominating fashion last Saturday at Drake Park. Head coach Scott Johnson's team outscored its three opponents by a whopping 64-3 margin and now advances to a threegame sectional tournament scheduled to start Saturday at Harrison High School

It marks the third straight year that South Farmington has captured the District 4 Junior championship.

"It's pretty amazing because we were actually thinking about getting out of Little League five years ago when I joined the board, but now we have three straight district championships," said Johnson, who serves as SFLL president. "And with the softball team winning this year, that actually"

makes four district championships."

The South Farmington softball team, known as the Lady Bombers, was led by the pitching tandem of Warner and Power middle school students Sophia

Ramold and Jackie Hoerner.

The Lady Bombers got the tournament started in exciting fashion with a late-inning rally that produced a 3-2 victory. With Sammy Hoffer and Jackie Hoerner on second and third base in their final at-bat, Hannah Smith laid down a bunt that Holly misplayed and allowed both runners to score.

South Farmington won the second game, 10-8, with the help of extra-base hit production from Emily Dickson, Autumn Bartlett and Hoffer. Macee Babb, after being down 0-2 in the count, drew a walk with a 12-pitch at-bat which seemed to spark the Lady Bomb-

The Lady Bombers took the third game in decisive fashion, 15-3, It featured a home run from Ramold and a pair a doubles from Kendall Carr. Hoffer made a great defensive play in center field to end an inning

ter field to end an inning.

"We played in a tournament with
Holly, but we didn't get to play them
and we got to see them play and they
saw us play before we actually played
each other," said Dickson, assisted by
Jen Orow and Tom Hoerner. "I'm just
so proud of these girls because they've
really worked hard. It's a bit surreal,
for sure, because we weren't sure we
were going to have a team and it's just a

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PREP POM

# South Lyon squad earns summer camp awards

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The 2017-18 South Lyon varsity came away with three awards, including a first place in original pompon routine, at the Mid American Pompon Summer Camp held June 22-25 at Davenport University in Grand Rapids.

South Lyon, coached by Katee Buddenborg and Emily Thomas, also earned awards for team unity and team showmanship out of 15 squads.

Meanwhile, the new freshman and sophomore team members competed in the intermediate division and

received a grand champions trophy for first place in speed learning, kick line and original routine.

Senior team members for South Lyon are Emma Campbell, Allison Havrilla, Danielle Havrilla, Katie Jakubik, Evelyn Keller, Bailey Papich and Jenna Potter.

Junior team members are Evelyn Arnold, Caroline Badrak, Ashley Cox, Nina Rav-indran, Kamdyn Price, Bella Ruddy, Molly Thomas and Taylor Vitori.

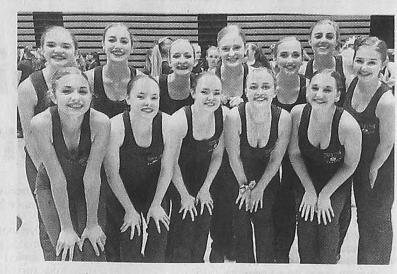
They are joined by sophomores Elyssa Haas, Emily Manriquez, Abbie Martin, Izzie Mckercher, Kennedy Niedbala, Morgan Rende, Shannon Richardson, Jenna

Stanfield, Lilliana Vangelov and Kim Wyman.

Rounding out the squad are freshmen Bella Campbell, Delaney Chapuseaux, Erin Ellis, Leah Evangelista, Ally Furstenau, Jessica Genord, Alex Leonardo, Mackenzie Pagels, Ashley Pickl, Lacey Smith and Makayla Sullivan.

Among those trying out and earning Mid American All Star honors were Sullivan, Vangelov, Arnold, Ruddy, Thomas, Badrak, Furstenau, Allison Havrilla, Danielle Havrilla, Potter and Campbell.

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Twelve members of the South Lyon varsity earned Mid American Pompon Summer Camp All Star honors.



The South Farmington Little League's Lady Bombers squad captured its first district championship in history last week. Team members include Macee Babb, Autumn Bartlett, Kendall Carr, Emily Dickson, Kassidy Fenton, Desserre Glenn, Jackie Hoerner, Samantha Hoffer, Katie Kowalyk, Sela Lefler, Emily Luke, Anna Orow, Sophia Ramold and Hannah Smith.

#### DISTRICT

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great group of girls."

South Farmington will play its first game at 12:30 p.m. Friday at Legacy Fields in St. Clair. Its next games are scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Junior Baseball squad was led by three players who all batted over .500 in the three games - third baseman Vince Hardy, first baseman Jack Donehue and catcher/pitcher/ infielder Tyler Johnson.

The pitching staff of Gabe Smith, Mike Crawley and Johnson was superb as it allowed just six hits combined in 13 total innings.

"I didn't actually expect to dominate the way we did,' Johnson said. "We're not an overpowering team. We don't hit home runs every game, but we just put the ball in play every game and try to play a

small-ball game. "We just kept going. The kids were focused and the end result was there, I guess," he added. "We just got a lot of key hits when we had runners on. It was a total team effort, that's all I can say."



South Farmington Little League's Junior Baseball team won its third straight district championship. Team members include Danny Brenner, Ryan Angeliu, Jack Donehue, Zach Ivanac, Isaac Brendel, Gabe Smith, Steven Ihm, Peter Barraco, Tyler Johnson, Ian Width, Eoin Hubbard, Mike Crawley, Vince Hardy and Jonah Musial

South Farmington's will play the Taylor Little League representative in a best-ofthree section series, with the winner advancing to the eightteam state championship tournament. The teams will play a doubleheader at noon Saturday at Harrison and a third game,

if necessary, would be played at noon Sunday.

Johnson is confident his boys are ready for the section-

'With this team, they are pretty focused," Johnson said. "There was a celebration when we won the (district) banner,

With UAW-Ford as a part-

ner, there's transportation to

Novi and some breakfast for

That all may seem small,

but as Martin found out from

UAW vice president Jimmy

Settles, it's a big deal.

but their focus is bigger and better than that. So as long as we keep that attitude, my gut tells me we are moving on to states.

'I'm sure it will be a hard battle, but this team definitely does not have any give-up," he added.

#### DIEDERICH

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sell home, auto, commercial, health, life. I'm licensed in everything, pretty much all types of insurance.'

During his sophomore sea-son at Aquinas, Diederich was second on the Saints squad with 59 ground balls and caused six turnovers as a defensive midfielder. He scored six goals and added 14 assists for 20 points, while also winning 11 face-offs en route to first team all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference hon-

Diederich was recruited out of CC as a defender, but his urge to play immediately during his first year with the Saints gave him the opportunity to switch to being a midfielder, something he hadn't done since the sixth grade.

"My freshman year, I came in as a long pole and they were returning three starters and I was just dying to get on the field, so I came to my coach and said I would play short stick 'd-middie,' which I had never done before," Diederich said. "It started just as a chance for me to get out on the field and maybe move back, but I actually fit in really well and I was able to use my athletic ability to be able to play both sides of the field more instead of being stuck down on defense, so it actually worked out pretty well.'

The 6-foot-3, 180-pound Diederich, who also played basketball during his days at CC, was able to adapt fairly

"I don't think it was actually as much the position change as much as getting on the field and getting that chance to play," he said, "and once I got it, I just kind of ran with it and didn't want it give it up.'

Aquinas finished 10-5 overall, including 4-3 in the WHAC. The Saints lost 13-6 in the WHAC championship final to Lourdes (Ohio) after upsetting top seed Indiana Tech in the semifinals, 18-17, in overtime.

"We won our first program conference playoff game (in school history), so that was a big step for us. And we got to the conference championship game and fell a little bit short of our goal, but to make that step as a program and get that first playoff win - and get over the hump - was something really special to me and all the guys on the team to be a part of that first playoff win."

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being able to give kids these opportunities that don't have it - and I know they don't have it - doing stuff like feeding them

breakfast, you don't realize it.' This year's Youth Football Gauntlet event has a number of sponsors to keep the cost at \$25, with Meijer serving as presenting sponsor for the 300 participants.

The usual camp elements will be there: instruction from pro and college players (former Wolverines LaMarr Woodley and Brandon Graham among them), T-shirts, autographs, prizes.

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But this year's camp has the larger goal for third-through ninth-graders, integrating kids from Detroit's east side communities and providing them with unique experiences: a BMX bike show with ramps and jumps and the Detroit Pistons Flight Crew and their

aerial acrobatics. "For them to see things like that and be in an environment that's nothing like where they're from," Martin said. "They don't have opportunities to see things like that. That in itself, you remember things like that. You may not remember someone talking at you, but

the visuals, it just shows them

what's possible. It shows them

if I work hard in school, I can

go to more stuff like this.'

"He told me this story: They were at King High School and giving out the breakfast bars," Martin said. "He said kids were fighting over the bars and stuffing them in their pockets. They didn't want them for themselves, they were stuffing them in their pockets to give back to their family when they got home, because they don't have food. So it's the little things you don't think

about for kids who don't have

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it, because we have it. Also, I want to provide that and give them the mindset that if you the kids in Detroit before they work hard, you can have what leave from UAW headquarters. you want.

There still will be counselors taking time to share experiences — where they came from, where they ended up and how they got there. Many of those stories will relate to the camp attendees, which is Martin's goal. If he saves his for last, they'll be left with a zin-

Martin played his four years in the NFL for the Tennessee Titans and was on the Philadelphia Eagles roster last year before being waylaid by a leg injury, sending him to the

free-agency pile. Now, he's trying to make

history by returning from a high tibial osteotomy, in which the bone is cut to relieve pressure on the knee. The procedure was performed by noted Chicago orthopedic surgeon

Brian Cole. "They're doing a documentary on it because I'm actually the first NFL player to have this done," said Martin, who is training and rehabbing at former U-M trainer Mike Barwis's Plymouth facility. "He's, like, 'I want to document this because you coming back from this is going to be a big deal.' That's my vision. I get back to kicking (butt) and they're talk-ing on TV that this is the first guy to get something like this done. Pretty cool."

# Road Runner Classic features Maybury Park scenery

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The 2017 Road Runner Classic Saturday, July 22 at historic Maybury State Park will pro-vide participants a little bit everything and more.

The evening race, presented by the Northville Road Runners, will benefit the Friends of Maybury State Park.

It features an 8-kilometer run-walk, half on trail and half on pavement, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The new 5K run-walk, primarily on pavement, fol-

lows at 5:45 p.m.

The festivities for the family-style event kick off at 5 p.m. with the one-mile run-

"We've been successful with this race for the last 14 years, so all we want to do is tweak it

every year, make it a little bit better and have a little more fun, get a little more people and put Maybury Park on the map," NRR president Gary

Race fees (through July 20) are \$14 (fun run), \$36 (5K and 8K). Race day registration will be \$20 (fun run) and \$40 (5K and 8K).

There will also a be a \$5 discount for all high school cross country runners.

This year, we're kind of focusing in on having some cross country teams show up, let them come out here and let them duke it out, have some fun and share a little bit of the discount cost to them," Haf said. "And, hopefully, we'll see what happens.'

All participants will receive a finisher medal, along with a

Awards, donated by Running Fit, will go to the overall and masters male and female winners, along with the top three finishers in each of the 10-year age group divisions.

Post-race activities include music, pizza, homemade baked goods and beer. There will also be family activities for chil-

dren at the Maybury Farm.
"This year, our numbers are looking really good and we're looking to have a record year, especially after last year that was the hottest year on record." Haf said. "And we've tuned into some things that our runners have told us they wanted. And this year, we're planning on having bigger medals, nicer shirts, farm animals for the kids. We're going to have a flat-out blast.

We hope everybody comes out and makes the classic special this year.'

Maybury State Park is located off Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck. A state recreation passport is required; an annual Michigan passes can be purchased for

Packet pickup will be from noon to 3 p.m. Friday, July 22, at the Northville Running Fit store, 17783 Haggerty Road, just north of Six Mile, Livonia. Race day packet pickup starts

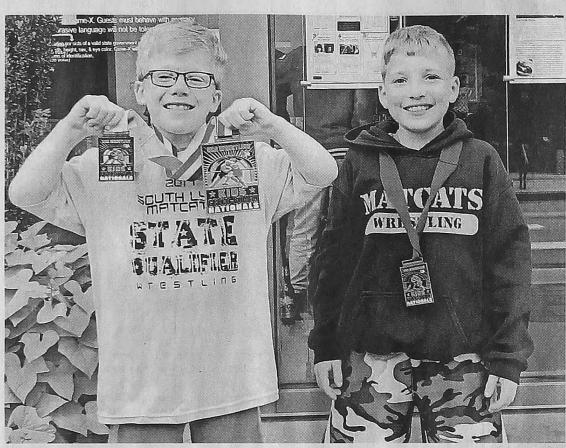
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Top masters runner John Tarkowski (left) and Northville Road Runner president Gary Haf are promoting the NRR Classic on July 22 at Maybury State Park.

#### YOUTH WRESTLING



The South Lyon Matcats' Nathan Walkowiak (left) and Drake Pollins both earn medals in the USA Wrestling Kids Greco Roman & Freestyle Nationals in Atlanta, Ga.

#### Matcats medal at U.S. Kids Nationals

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South Lyon Matcats' members Nathan Walkowiak and Drake Pollins came away with medals at the USA Wrestling Kids Freestyle & Greco-Roman National Championships held June 27-29 at the Georgia World Congress Center in At-

Walkowiak became the Matcats' first-ever USA Wrestling national runner-up in Greco-Roman while also placing sixth in the freestyle division. Pollins, meanwhile, finished eighth in freestyle.

Both wrestlers had extremely difficult brackets and a long road being required to compete and place at the state finals and Central Regional just for the opportunity to be able to compete in Atlanta," Matcats coach Steve Richardson said. "We're very proud of the season these two boys have had. South Lyon has a very bright wrestling future with Drake's and Nathan's leadership."

Walkowiak and Pollins were among only nine Michigan participants in USA Wrestling's Kids Triple Crown Wrestling Series, its largest event of the year.

"Both kids have worked extremely hard this season, competing nearly every weekend since late December for an opportunity to represent the Matcats and Michigan," Richardson said.

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#### YOUTH WRESTLING

#### Three Matcats members place first at AAU Eastern Grand Nationals

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The South Lyon Matcats came away with three individual titles last weekend at the **AAU Eastern Grand Nationals** held at the Wings Events Center in Kalamazoo.

The Matcats' Jonah Koilpillai seized titles in freestyle, Greco-Roman and folkstyle for his division, while also scoring the tournament's second fast-

Aidan Meyers, a folkstyle specialist, not only captured the folkstyle championship in his age division, but also entered the age group above and came away with another

Travis Richardson completed the Matcats' hat trick, winning his second consecutive triple crown in all three styles without a point being scored

against him.
"This event is the oldest youth wrestling tournament in the country that always draws very competitive wrestlers from all over the country,' Matcats coach Steve Richardson said. "While we don't



Earning AAU Eastern Grand National wrestling titles for the Matcats were (from left) Aidan Meyers, Travis Richardson and Jonah Koilpillai.

compete in AAU on a regular basis, we recognize them as a league with a rich wrestling tradition. The fact that their Grand Nationals was in Michigan this year was a reward to the hard work these kids have

The Matcats continue their summer season July 13-16 at

the National United Wrestling Association for Youth Grand River Rumble in Lansing, a highly competitive tourney that includes 40 teams from around the county.

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PDL SOCCER

#### Tie secures first-place Bucks a playoff spot

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The Michigan Bucks found themselves in another hardfought battle Saturday night, this time with the Cincinnati Dutch Lions, resulting in scoreless draw that had a playoff feel from beginning to end at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

With the one point, the Bucks (8-1-3, 27 points) retain first place in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL Central Conference over Kitchener-Waterloo (Ontario) United, while extending their unbeaten streak to 12 dating back to their last loss in the second game of the PDL regular season in Day-

Cincinnati (5-5-2, 17 points), meanwhile, was officially eliminated from playoff contention with the tie, but played like a playoff team in one of the hardest matches the Bucks have played all season.

The Bucks have two remaining games left and a win from either would insure their 14th Great Lakes Division title and the top seed going into the Central Conference final four, with the venue to be determined for the July 21-22 tournament.

Bucks head coach Demir Muftari warned the team prior to the game to be prepared for exactly the type of match that transpired.

"Anytime you come off emotional back-to-back wins like we did against K-W last week, you are afraid of a letdown," he said. "Then you throw a good, scrappy squad that is fighting for their own playoff lives into the mix and you get a game that is probably going to be decided on one or two plays. That is exactly what happened tonight except we did not make the play and their goalkeeper was outstanding, keeping us off the

The Bucks started the game attacking and put the Dutch Lions on their heels from the opening minutes. Captain Tom Owens nearly converted the closest opportunity in the eighth minute, when his free kick from 25 yards out hit the crossbar.

Jared Timmer (Butler) created most of the opportunities in the final third and was con-

stantly double-teamed as he kept the pressure on Cincinnati keeper Zeus de la Paz, who made four saves in the first half, two from point-blank

While forced to make only one first-half save, Bucks goalie Drew Shepherd (Western Michigan) continued his dominance. The Ann Arbor native registered his seventh shutout in 10 PDL matches and his 11th clean sheet of the season by turning away all four shots he

The second half started out much like the first, with the Bucks attacking and the Dutch Lions doing what they had to do to contain the Bucks' secondhalf substitutions, Austin Ricci (Oakland) and Francis Atuahene (Michigan).

Midway through the second half, de la Paz was forced to make three outstanding saves from distance on shots from Ricci, Atuahene and Timmer, respectively.

The game went end to end for a 10-minute span and the Bucks got a call from the referee when Atuahene went by two defenders into the penalty area and was wrestled to the ground, giving the Bucks a penalty kick in the 77th minute.

Owens put his PK attempt low to the corner, but de la Paz guessed correctly and made a great diving save to keep the game scoreless.

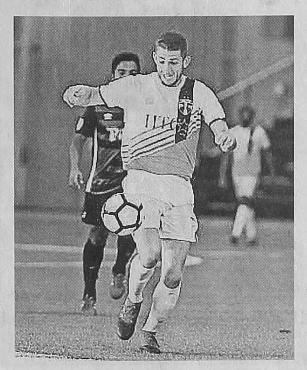
The Bucks need one point from their final two games to clinch the Great Lakes title and a win in one of their final two matches will insure they are the top seed with a chance to host the Central Conference tournament.

In what could be their final home game, the defending North American PDL champions finish the regular season at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 15, against the Derby City (Ky.) Rovers at Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Tickets are available at the door for \$10 (adults) and \$5 (youths). Children 5-and-under

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**Bucks** captain Tom Owens was denied on a penalty kick in the 77th minute in a 0-0 tie with Cincinnati.

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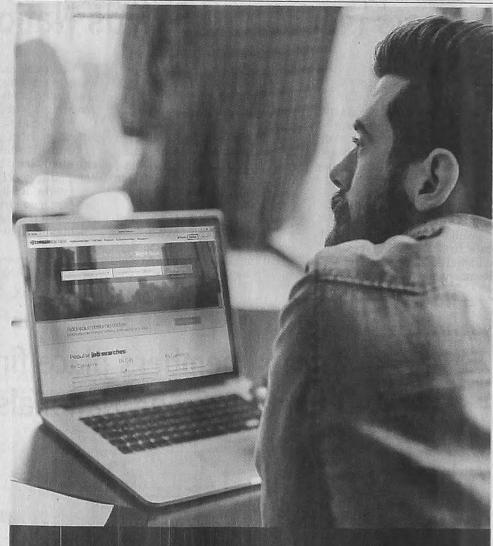
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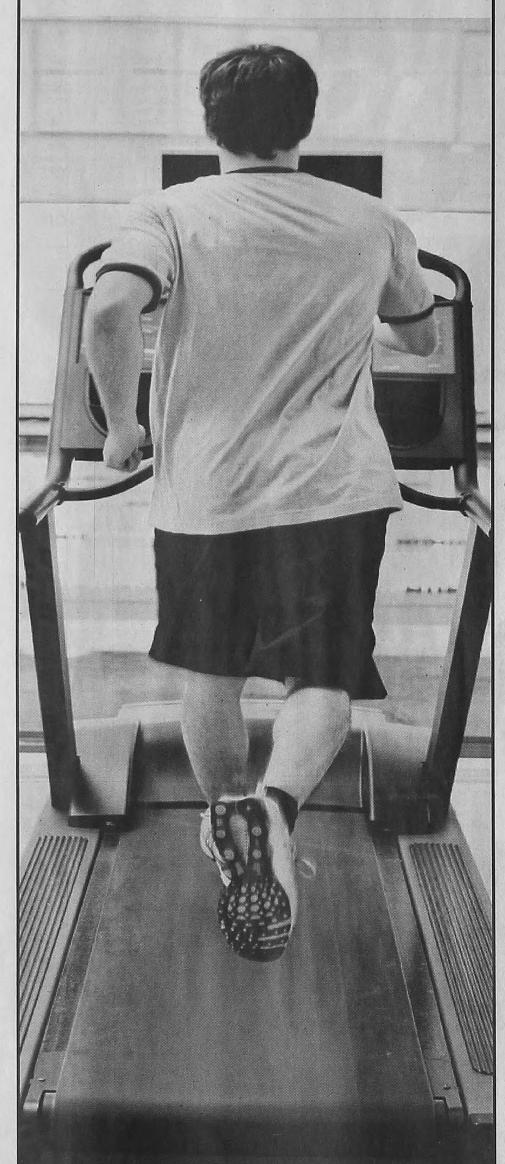


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Here's How It Works:

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

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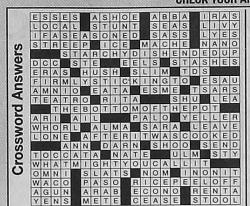
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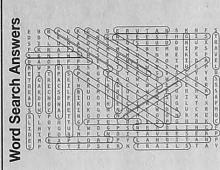
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