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## Ridge Road paving project faces vote

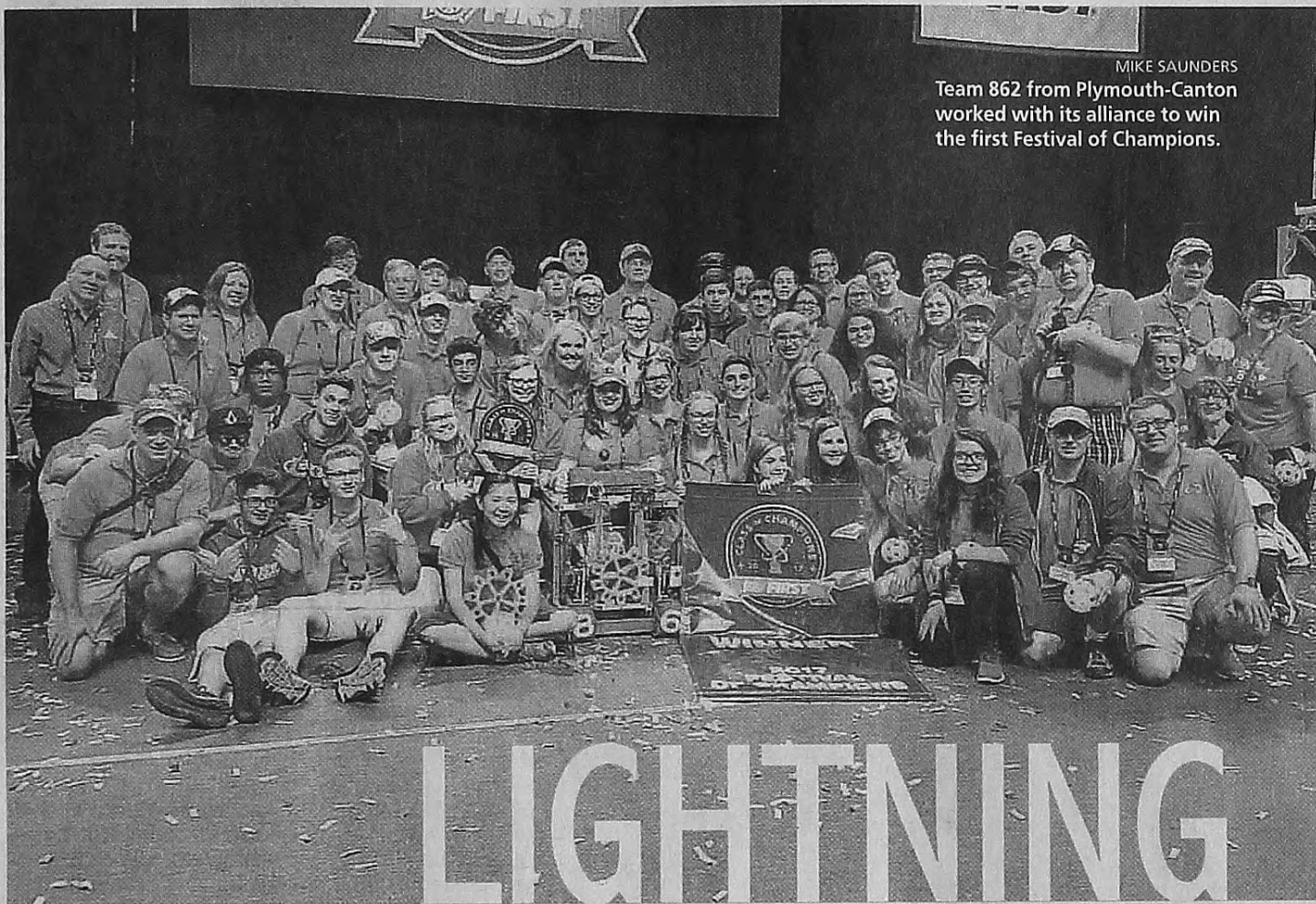
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After a belabored decision by Canton's elected leaders to approve a Ridge Road paving project, the issue still faces approval by the Wayne County Commission, an official said. Commissioner Joe Barone, whose 10th District includes Canton, said he expects no hurdles. "I don't see any problem whatsoever," he said. "It should go through." It wasn't immediately known when the commission might vote on the

intergovernmental agreement for Wayne County to spend \$1.5 million and Canton to pay \$1.2 million to pave the section of Ridge Road between Warren and Hanford. But Barone has said the county's portion already has been set aside in the budget — money he said Canton would have lost if the township board had rejected the project. A board majority initially opposed the project before reversing its decision in a July 25 vote. Barone said a letter of intent between Canton and the county will now

lead to a fully written agreement on which the two sides will sign off. Canton officials still face decisions about whether to pay the township's share by dipping into cash reserves, raising taxes or taking on new debt with bonds. Local officials also are still trying to figure out a way to pay the \$600,000 tab for a 900-foot stretch of Ridge Road, south of Hanford, that wasn't included in the project. The latest developments come as the township board has created a roads advisory task force to study

Canton roads and prioritize what needs to be done. The big question will be how to pay for it, with limited funds from Canton and Wayne County. Residents have remained sharply divided over the Ridge project. Some strongly support it, saying it is a safety issue, while others say \$1.2 million in Canton taxpayer dollars shouldn't be allocated to one road.   
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MIKE SAUNDERS  
 Team 862 from Plymouth-Canton worked with its alliance to win the first Festival of Champions.

# LIGHTNING STRIKES AGAIN

### ROBOTICS TEAM WINS INAUGURAL COMPETITION

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Not even the school year can contain Plymouth-Canton's Lightning Robotics Team 862. Three months after capturing a world championship in St. Louis, Team 862 traveled to New Hampshire to team with its St. Louis alliance to win the inaugural FIRST Robotics Festival of Champions. The competition — the first of its kind in the birthplace of FIRST Robotics — pitted the world cham-

pionship teams from this spring's competitions in St. Louis and in Houston, Texas. And the festival was won in epic style, with Team 862 and its St. Louis alliance — Stryke Force from Kalamazoo, Cheesy Poofs from San Jose, Calif., and The Pascack Pioneers from New Jersey — scoring a record 588 points to win the best of five match, 3-2. "It was the most amazing weekend," said Jay Obsniuk, the robotics

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MIKE SAUNDERS  
 Pilot Tyler Harris, now off to Kettering to start his college career, was all smiles after the Festival of Champions.

## Ex-coach gets probation for sex with underage girl

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A former Canton High School assistant coach has avoided a prison sentence after he pleaded guilty to having sex with an underage girl who is accused of lying about her age. Eric Christopher Locke, 20, was placed on probation for two years during his sentencing July 27 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Skutt. "I'm very pleased and relieved at the same time for Eric's sake," defense attorney Raymond Cassar said. "We appreciate the results and we're appreciative of the judge taking the time to look at this case closely." Locke could have faced up to 15 years in prison after he pleaded guilty in May to a charge of third-degree criminal sexual conduct. Police have said the girl was 15 when she met Locke, but Cassar said Locke was led to believe she was 18. The two met through an app, Tinder, often used for dating. "The moral of the story on all this is that young people should really, really be careful who they are dealing with online," Cassar said. "People don't always tell the truth online — men and women, boys and girls. You can find yourself in some hot water." Skutt sentenced Locke under the state's Holmes Youthful Trainee Act, a court clerk said, meaning Locke can keep the case off his record as long as he obeys the terms of his probation and stays out of trouble. The act applies to certain offenders ages 17-24. Locke, a former Canton High School boys hockey assistant coach, had a sexual relationship with the student from last November to Febru-



Locke

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An enthusiastic crowd of supporters welcomed back Team 862 from New Hampshire.



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Team 862 faculty adviser Jay Obsniuk with the star of the show, Valkyrie.

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honocho and faculty adviser to Team 862. "To meet (FIRST Robotics founder) Dean Kamen and all the leaders who attended and then to go out and win was amazing."

Plymouth-Canton actually sat out the first two matches of the best-of-five series against the Houston champions — teams from California, Arizona and Georgia — then got back into the rotation for the third matches.

The St. Louis alliance came back to win the final three matches of the set to win the inaugural title.

"It was really exciting to come back and win three straight," Obsniuk said.

Vivian Clements, who starts her senior year at Canton High School next



BRAD KADRICH

Members of Team 862 show off the championship banner they brought home from the Festival of Champions in New Hampshire.

month, said the Festival of Champions is different from the world championships in St. Louis. For one thing, she said, you don't have to compete to find out whether you're chosen to be in an alliance.

Having a lot of those kinds of issues settled made for a quick, exciting competition, she said.

"In St. Louis, you're competing very hard for three days," said Clements, who served as a human player, collecting and feeding gears to the

team's robot, Valkyrie. "The Festival of Champions is different. You already know who your alliance is, you just have to work hard and do your best. It was a whole big collaborative effort."

Theoretically, 2017 graduate Tyler Harris's robotics career should have been over. Harris, the team's pilot in the on-field airship, was part of the St. Louis alliance that captured Plymouth-Canton's first world title and then put off starting at Kettering University

in order to travel to New Hampshire.

Obviously, he's pretty happy he did.

"It's insane. ... When you go from just having an idea to having a full-fledged robot to working with your alliance ... it's mind-boggling," said Harris, due in a college classroom about 12 hours after returning from the trip. "I wouldn't trade that experience for anything."

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ary, until the girl's mother found out and reported it to a high school resource officer at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Canton police have said.

Locke pleaded guilty to one charge after authorities agreed to dismiss two other counts.

Cassar spoke about the case at length prior to Locke's guilty plea.

"He was under the belief when he met her that she was of age," Cassar said. "He cared a great deal about her. They were in a dating relationship."

Police have indicated Locke knew the girl was younger, even though Cassar insisted he did not.

Locke was dismissed from the boys hockey coaching staff after he was slapped with criminal charges.

Locke worked on the same 6,100-student campus where the girl attended school, but Cassar said the two met through Tinder.

"This is a good man who has never been in trouble before," he told the Observer, saying Locke "had a great future ahead of him."

Locke had remained free on a personal bond as he awaited the outcome of his case. He also

had been ordered by 35th District Judge Ron Lowe to stay off school property and away from minors.

Monica Merritt, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district superintendent, issued a letter after Locke was charged to alert parents that Locke had been "permanently removed" from the district, saying "student safety remains the No. 1 priority of the district."

Locke was employed by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district through a third party, CoachEZ, LLC.

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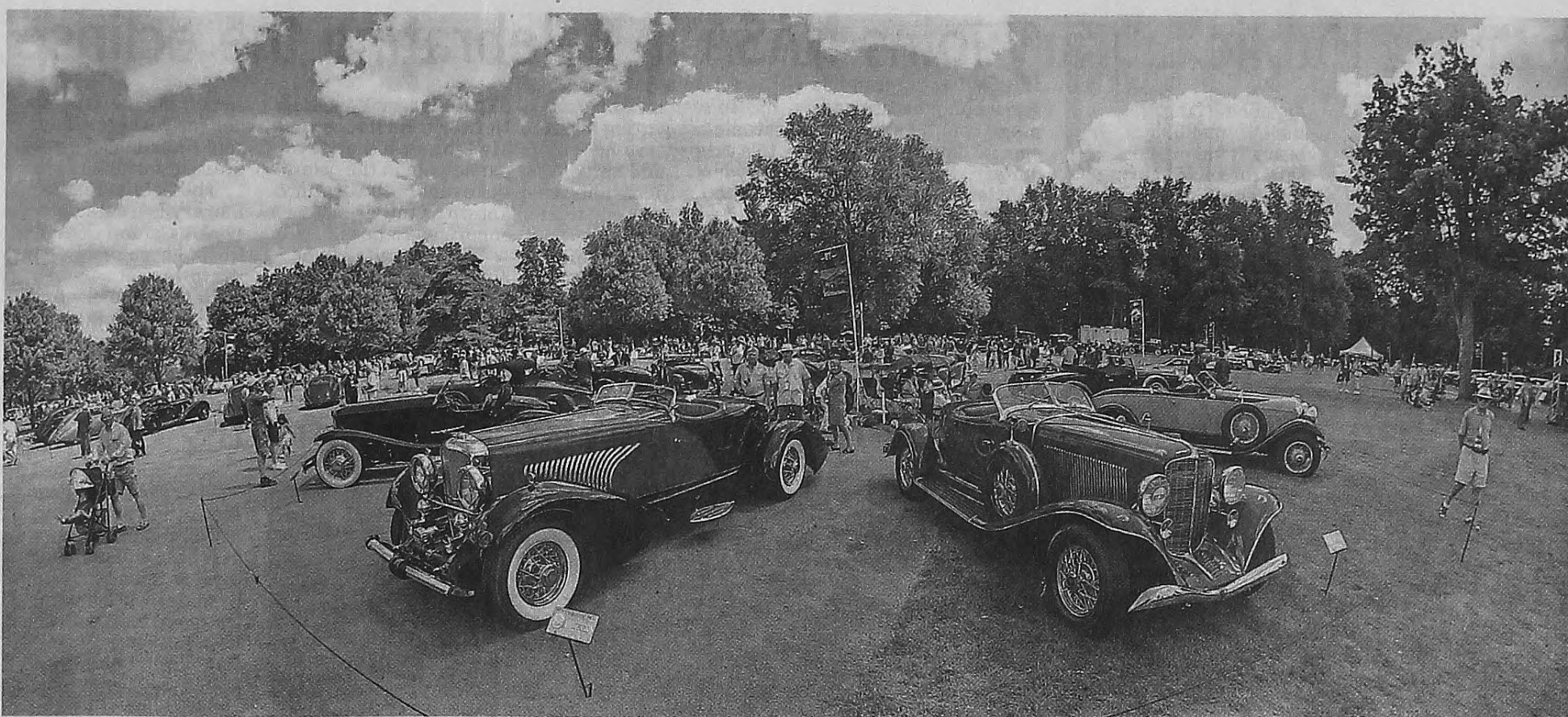
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The Concours d'Elegance drew good crowds in excellent weather to see classic cars.

# CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE DRAWS BIG CROWD

**John Wisely**  
Detroit Free Press

Joe Grasso likes cars enough that he was willing to take a train from his home near Philadelphia to Toledo, where he rented a car and drove to Plymouth for the Concours D'Elegance auto show.

"I was overwhelmed," said Grasso, 70, of Uwchland, Pa. "I come specifically to see the old cars, the Duesenbergs and things like that. I'm surprised at the number of museum-quality restored automobiles."

Grasso was one of thousands of people who enjoyed near perfect weather last weekend to visit the show at the Inn at St. John's on Five Mile Road in Plymouth. Crowd numbers were still being tallied, but executive director Diane Flis-Schneider said it was the largest crowd the show had seen since moving to Plymouth six years ago after years at Meadow Brook in Rochester Hills.

"We certainly set a record," she said. "We are the second oldest Concours and third largest."

This show was the 39th in metro Detroit. The show in Pebble Beach, Calif., is the oldest and largest. The Concours in Amelia Island, Fla., near Jacksonville, also is bigger.

The show features about 300 cars, which are selected based on their rareness and beauty, and about 400 volunteers to make it all work. The crowds are too large for the parking lot at St. John's, so visitors parked at Plymouth High School and rode shuttles to the event.

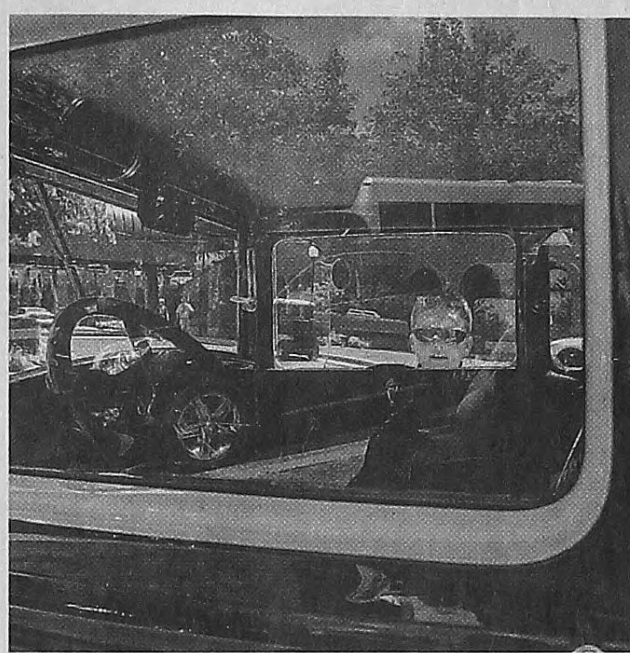
Flis-Schneider said the show draws a variety of car buffs, from young kids to old-timers who remember owning or driving some of the models now on display.

Milton Antonick, 81, of Royal Oak, got his start in the automotive industry designing Studebakers in 1960 before moving to Chrysler, where he



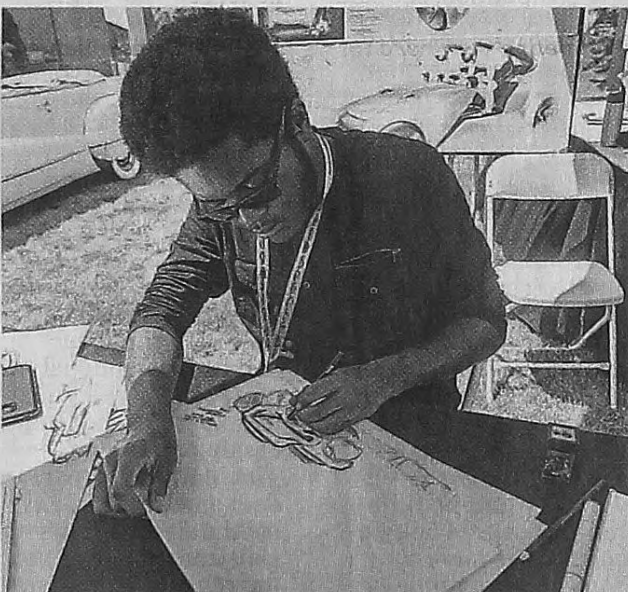
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Scores of people walked the Inn at St. John's grounds, enjoying the cars and the great weather.



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Attending his first car show with his grandfather, Garrett Gmreck of Oxford takes a peak at this Ford Model A.



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Students from the Center for Creative Studies were in attendance designing cars of the future. Christopher Hendricks of Detroit, inspired by all the cars around him, works on a new design.

was able to work on the Plymouth Barracuda and Roadrunner models, among others.

"For me, it's mostly about the memories you get," he said, noting he can point to different cars that friends or others he knew worked on.

Terry Drosz, 75, of Lake Angelus, volunteered at the event, but also brought his 1955 Chevrolet Bel Aire convertible.

He owned a hardtop version of the car when

he was 19 and bought a beat-up one in 2004 to restore. He spent six years refurbishing it so that now it's a gypsy red and shoreline beige.

He's upgraded the car from its original state, including adding air conditioning, power brakes and radial tires, which make it safer and more enjoyable to drive, he said.

"My goal in restoring the car was that from 10 feet it looks original," Drosz said.



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State police show off their classic and pose for pics with car enthusiasts.

# Canton Public Library joins NASA in celebrating the eclipse

The moon completely covering the sun is not something you see every day. The last time anyone in the U.S. saw one of these nature magic tricks, known as a total solar eclipse, was about 40 years ago. Lucky for our community, another total eclipse of the sun is

happening Aug. 21 and the Canton Public Library is handing out safe-for-solar-viewing glasses while supplies last 1:30-2:30 p.m. The moon will make its way between the sun and the Earth and during this movement, the moon will cover the sun

and its tenuous atmosphere completely on this special day. We're taking our safe-for-solar-viewing glasses across the pathway to Heritage Park to bask in the glory. The actual eclipse will be most visible in Canton in the small window of 2:25-2:27 p.m.

"To see how excited people are getting about this eclipse is mind blowing," said Laura Fawcett, program librarian. The Canton Public Library, along with more than 1,000 other public libraries across the country, joined the

STAR Library Education Network and its NASA @ My Library initiative to participate in the celestial event of the century, known as the Great American Eclipse. "We're excited to be able to offer this opportunity to our patrons and hope that this event is

something they remember for years to come," said Nichole Welz, program librarian. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Learn more about the library at [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) or 734-397-0999.

# Canton to bring back Family Field Day & Movie In The Park

Area residents are invited to relive those childhood moments of excitement, joy and friendly competition during the third annual Family Field Day & Movie in the Park. This fun event that the whole family can enjoy is scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, in Heritage Park, located west of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads.

Featured activities that will be held on the north side of Heritage Park include classic favorites, such as potato sack races, shoe kicks and distance throw. You can also learn about family fitness opportunities that take place throughout the year through the Fit Family Challenge. "If you're looking for some friendly competi-



A sack race is part of Canton's annual Family Field Day.

tion and summer-time fun, this is a great event to take part in," said Laura Mortier, Canton youth recreation specialist. "Each year, everyone looks forward to this

popular outdoor activity that gets families to exercise together, encourages team spirit and then follows it all up with a free movie in the park. What says summer more

than that?" Presented by Canton Leisure Services, this family-family event is a great photo opportunity, so attendees are reminded to bring a camera to

capture these fun memories. No pre-registration is required. Registration fees are \$11 per family for Canton residents and \$13 per family for non-residents and can be paid

on-site; cash only. Food, snacks and popcorn will also be available for purchase on-site. This event is open to the public and all ages are encouraged to attend, even grandparents.

Following the Family Field Day events, a special showing of DC Entertainment's animated movie "The LEGO® Batman Movie" (rated PG) will be held outside in the park on the big screen starting at dusk. Food, snacks and popcorn will also be available for purchase on-site. Individuals who are not able to attend the Family Field Day activities are still encouraged to attend the movie.

For more information about Family Field Day & Movie in the Park, go to [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call 734-394-5460.

# All-Pro Exercise, Fitness Things announce merger

Fitness Things, a family-owned and operated home and commercial fitness center equipment consulting company, has announced a merger with All-Pro Exercise, Inc., a long-time commercial fitness outfitter based in Plymouth. The joint venture will serve as an exclusive provider of the Brunswick Corp.'s Fitness Division — including Life Fitness, Cybex,

Sci Fit, InMovement and Indoor Cycling Group — in Michigan and across the U.S. Fitness Things/All-Pro Exercise owner and managing partner Kristen Tassielli made the announcement. All-Pro Exercise and Fitness Things have long served as leaders in providing fitness products and services and space planning to community centers, country clubs, multi-

family housing, corporate fitness centers, medical and rehabilitation centers, universities and workplaces. Fitness Things also provides retail sales to homeowners seeking new and refurbished equipment, as well as equipment support. The companies are two of the longest-standing fitness equipment suppliers in the nation, with Fitness Things being founded in 1984

and All-Pro Exercise established in 1989. "We are thrilled to combine these companies to maximize our service offerings as providers of commercial, retail and refurbished fitness equipment and supplies," Tassielli said. "Fitness Things and All-Pro Exercise always existed as friendly competition and this merger allows us to be more efficient with our service and delivery to our customers to keep them active and healthy all year long."

All-Pro Exercise and Fitness Things, which both emphasize a high-level of customer service, will share contracts and manufacturer relationships in a shared delivery and installation process. The two companies have a combined revenue of \$10 million. Individuals interested in high-quality home fitness equipment can learn more at [www.fitnessthings.com](http://www.fitnessthings.com). For sales and installation in the commercial fitness marketplace, go to [www.allproexercise.com](http://www.allproexercise.com).

# Jasti promoted to Plymouth district president

Bank of Ann Arbor is proud to announce the promotion of Satish Jasti to Plymouth district president. Jasti joined the bank in 2011 and has more than 30 years of banking experience in sales, business lending, credit analysis and management. He served as vice president and senior loan officer at the Plymouth office before being promoted to senior vice president and senior loan officer in 2015.

"Over the course of his career, Satish has exhibited a unique blend of exceptional sales skills, credit quality expertise and leadership capability," said Tim Marshall, president and CEO of Bank of Ann Arbor. "He is consistently one of the top revenue generators in the bank and sets a high bar for networking and self-generating opportunities for new relationships. We are confident that Satish will excel in his new position and the Plymouth office will continue to enjoy notable and quality growth under his leadership." Prior to joining Bank

of Ann Arbor, Jasti started his career as a financial analyst with the Detroit office of the Federal Reserve. He then moved to NBD, where he worked in various positions of increasing responsibility over a 14-year period in its Detroit and Ann Arbor offices, including time as a middle market lender and a division manager for one of NBD's successor banks, Bank One, with responsibility for the Ann Arbor and Toledo markets. Most recently, he was the founder, president and CEO of a de novo community bank in Novi, where he was able to successfully conceptualize, create, raise \$14 million in capital and help open the new bank. Jasti is also very involved in his local community. He serves on the College of Management Advisory Board at Lawrence Technological University, is active in the Novi Rotary Club, is a sustaining member of the Detroit Economic Club and is a member of the West Bloomfield Optimists Club. He holds an MBA from University of Chicago and a BS from Wayne State University.

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Alfred Brock  
Wayne

**On lawns, just cut it out**

With the summer upon us, we get to renew our acquaintance with both things we like and dislike about the season. For me, one of the most egregious of the latter category would be the ritualistic tradition of grass cutting that most people obsess over almost in a religious way.

Quite honestly, I'll tell you, I don't share this obsession over a perfectly green, buzz-cut lawn. You might say heh heh, that I'm not lawn for this world! Quite frankly, I really can't understand how the concept of lawns even got started.

I imagine that when America turned away from a countrified way of farm life and adopted an urban lifestyle, that they regretted leaving behind their rural roots and planting grass sod on one's front and back yard was supposed to be poor compensation for an actual natural life. My advice is, if you want real nature, move away to untouched spots of the nation.

It seems silly to me to pretend that you're still living in the country by planting a few squares of grass on

your property. I don't know why developers began planting grass around homes in the first place. They'd probably would've been better off with dirt or gravel instead. That wouldn't change the aesthetic view much and it would entail less upkeep. I've come across a few people who've come up with a creative way to remove the grass problem — simply plant trees, bushes and flowers over the entire lawn and let them absorb the grass, creating a mini nature preserve.

When it comes to blunders as regards fawning over one's lawn goes, most people don't even know that buzz-cutting the grass with a crew-cut trim actually stresses it out more during periods of heat and drought. Most people can't afford to water their lawns (except for those who wastefully run sprinkler systems during rain-storms), so lawns turn yellow and brown. The fertilizer man is often selling you a 'watered down' product and non-fertilized lawns look just as good.

Unlike the quiet, humble yet effective reel mower, the gas powered mower sounds like a jumbo jet and the brain-dead weekend squires all seem to fire them up simultaneously like emulating lemmings. If this isn't bad enough, some people who don't know what a broom is then employ the equally noisy blower gun. Even worse are the tank-size tractor driving lawn compa-

nies which are allowed to start up their racket as early as 7 a.m. in Livonia. They also block side-walks way too much.

Leo Weber  
Livonia

**Question information you read**

I'm very troubled by my fellow citizens' inability, or perhaps unwillingness, to pause and think when reading or hearing news. This is not an isolated issue; all political persuasions are suffering from this ailment.

This is what typically happens: a citizen logs onto their favorite news website; reads an article of interest; and regurgitates it to others without questioning what was said. Instead, citizens must take time to reflect on what they read and challenge the validity of it. Not just for factual accuracy, but also for expediency. Should this position be advanced? Is it really in our long-term best interests?

Too often, this exercise is not undertaken, and we miss out on arguably the most beneficial aspect of our political discourse: intellectual enlightenment. Socrates was a master of learning through questioning. Both sides learned more. Every citizen ought to question everything they read. This is the only way we all learn.

Zachary Risk  
Plymouth



Plymouth's Stephanie Saia with her Chair-iot.

**Fireworks show prompts Plymouth woman's invention**

Attending the Detroit Symphony Orchestra "Salute to America" concert and fireworks show at Greenfield Village over the Fourth of July holiday in Dearborn turned into a business for Stephanie Saia, 58, of Plymouth.

Saia and her family, like so many, look forward to the annual event that pays tribute to America and celebrates the armed forces. There is a considerable walk from the parking lot to the show, about a half-mile, for some.

Now Saia attends with little effort — thanks to her idea.

"I saw thousands and thousands of people carrying their cooler and wagon on wheels and it made me think why there wasn't something to make it easier to take portable chairs to outdoor events," Saia said.

After doing some research, she found there wasn't such a product — so she decided to create one herself. Once she came up with the idea, it then took a full two years to make her idea become a reality.

After countless hours spent on research, 10 prototypes, two trademarks, a patent and launching manufacturing, she affectionately calls her product invention, the "Chair-iot." Simply put, the Chair-iot is a weath-

er-resistant creation of a wheeled carrier for portable bag sport chairs. And as her husband Steve said, "Why carry it, when you can Chair-iot?"

Chair-iot has become popular not only for families attending outdoor concerts but on baseball and soccer fields and at the beach. There is ample room for sporting equipment, jackets, umbrellas, even toys. Pockets were designed to carry beverages and snacks. The cost is \$59.95. For \$15 more you can get your bag embroidered with a company logo or family name.

"My goal is to have the Chair-iot sold in retail stores so people can easily purchase one as they would a portable chair," Saia said. "I'd love for it to become a household name, since it really makes life so much easier."

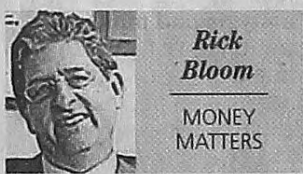
It is also a source of pride that this St. Clair Shores native has developed a fundraising program for the Chair-iot, in which a team, group or club will receive \$10 in return for each Chair-iot sold.

"I want to give back and help organizations and schools," Saia said. Those that have participated thus far are grateful that they can make more money for their cause than selling pizza kits, for example. As an additional benefit, any purchase by that organization benefits the group on an ongoing basis.

**Take some precautions ahead of vacation**

It is vacation time, which means many will be leaving town for a little rest and relaxation. One of the nice things about going on vacation is you can slow down a little from the hectic pace that most deal with on a day-to-day basis. Unfortunately, one thing you cannot afford to do is let your guard down when you travel. Thieves and lowlifes in our society know that people are less on guard when they travel and they look at taking advantage of that. It is important to take some precautions when traveling in order to protect yourself. Here are some things to consider that will protect you and make it more difficult for the lowlifes to take advantage of you.

Public Wi-Fi has allowed people to access the Internet virtually anywhere they are. This can be invaluable, particularly when you're out of town and looking for information. However, identity thieves and the lowlifes are also out there trolling public Wi-Fi to attempt to hack into



Rick Bloom  
MONEY MATTERS

information stored on our phone or laptop. Use extreme caution when you use public Wi-Fi. At a minimum, never use public Wi-Fi to transact business and that applies whether you're on vacation or at home.

I'm amazed at the number of people who go out of town and post that information on Facebook or Twitter. It is nice to share pictures with friends and loved ones, but let's not forget that you're giving a wealth of information to thieves. The last thing you want to do is let them know where you are and what your itinerary is. After all, you're making it easier for them to take advantage of you. My advice: Wait until you come home to post your pictures and talk about your trip. Don't make life any easier for the crooks.

When you travel, there is no need to take every charge card you own. The

more you take, the greater the risk you are going to lose something. Limit the number of charge cards you take on your vacation. In addition, it's important to make copies of the charge cards you are taking, so that if there is a problem — such as one of your cards is stolen — you have the information to immediately notify your charge card company. One other note regarding charge cards: If you are leaving the country, it may be a good idea to let your credit card company know where you are going, so there will be no problems using your card.

One last note: When you do go out of town, make sure you stop your mail. An overflowing mailbox is a clear sign to the thieves that you are

out of town. It is very simple to hold your mail and you can do it online by at [usps.com](http://usps.com).

Going on vacation is wonderful and I recommend it for everyone. But in today's world, it is important to put some precautions into effect to protect yourself so you can enjoy your well-earned vacation. It would be nice if you didn't have to worry about these things, but that is not reality. Remember, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!"

Good luck!

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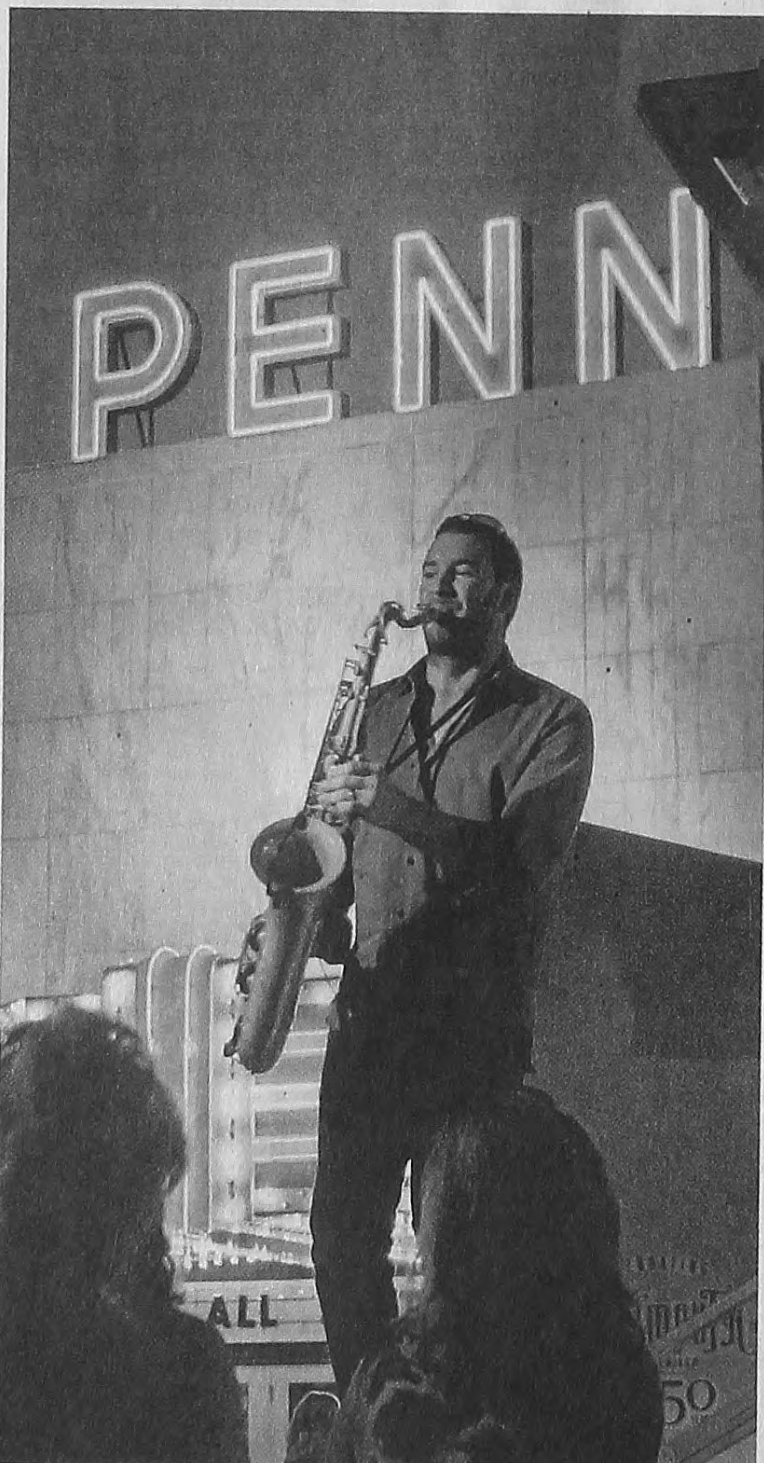
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Robert and Kathy Lomuscio met at the Plymouth concert in the park five years ago. The couple was back in Kellogg Park for Mainstreet Soul's performance July 28.

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The Penn Theatre provides the backdrop for the Friday night concert.



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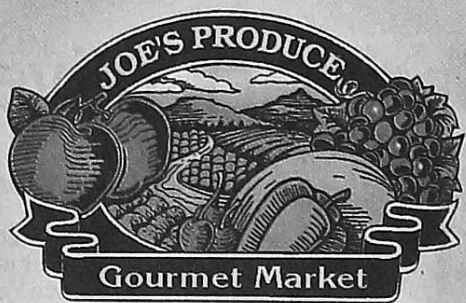
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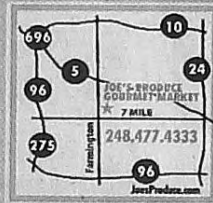
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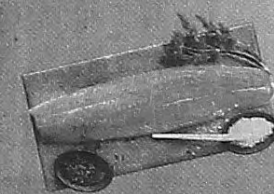


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COLLEGE TENNIS

## Johnston makes doubles play his calling card at U-M

Northville grad wins two ITA events after making NCAA's

Brad Emons  
hometownlife.com

It's safe to say that Connor Johnston has made a smooth transition into the world of collegiate tennis.

The 2016 Northville High grad, made his mark during his freshman season for the University of Michigan, teaming with partner Jathan Malik to reach the NCAA doubles championships round of 32 on May 25 at the University of Georgia's Dan Magill Tennis Complex.

Johnston, who was Michi-



Johnston

gan's Mr. Tennis as a senior at Northville, and Malik, a senior from London, England, became the first U-M doubles team since 2011 to earn a berth in the NCAA championships.

Seeded 29th, Johnston and Malik lost in a three-set heartbreaker to No. 25 Jerry Lopez and Reese Stalder of TCU, 6-3, 3-6, 10-8.

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Northville's Connor Johnston (left) and U-M teammate Nick Beaty won an ITA summer event last weekend in East Lansing.

### Little League fall registration

The South Farmington Little League is currently conducting registration for its fall season.

Fall ball is an opportunity for players ages 4-15 to play baseball or softball for six weeks starting Sept. 4. All games are scheduled for Saturday, with one practice each week through Oct. 14.

Limited spots are available, so some divisions may fill up quickly. The fee is \$50 for T-ball and \$90 for baseball and softball.

Registration ends Aug. 20 and is open to residents of Farmington, Farmington Hills and surrounding communities.

South Farmington baseball and softball also offers travel team opportunities.

To register or for more information, go to southfarmington.org.

### Lady Bombers to hold tryouts

The South Farmington Little League Lady Bombers are hosting tryouts next month.

The Lady Bombers are a competitive softball program that plays spring house ball and tournaments at an affordable cost.

The tryout dates are 1:30 p.m. Aug. 6 for 8U and 14U players; 6:30 p.m. Aug. 8 for 12U; and 6:30 p.m. Aug. 9 for 10U.

Eligible players must live in the following zip codes: 48336; 48335; 48334; 48331; 48167.

All tryouts will be held at Drake Park (23500 Drake Road) in Farmington. If interested, but unable to attend tryouts, contact Steve Dickson at southfarmingtonladybombers@gmail.com or call 313-671-5214.

### S.L. United lacrosse clinic

South Lyon United girls lacrosse program will host a free clinic for youngsters in grades K-8, 5-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the South Lyon High School Stadium.

Check-in starts at 4:30 p.m. and an alumni game will follow 6:45-8 p.m. for the fourth annual event.

South Lyon United alumni, along with current high school players and coaches, will share their knowledge and skills. No experience is necessary and sticks will be provided.

For more information and to register, email slunited@gmail.com. You can also contact South Lyon United coach Rachel Curmi at curmi1r@gmail.com.

### Hole-in-one club members

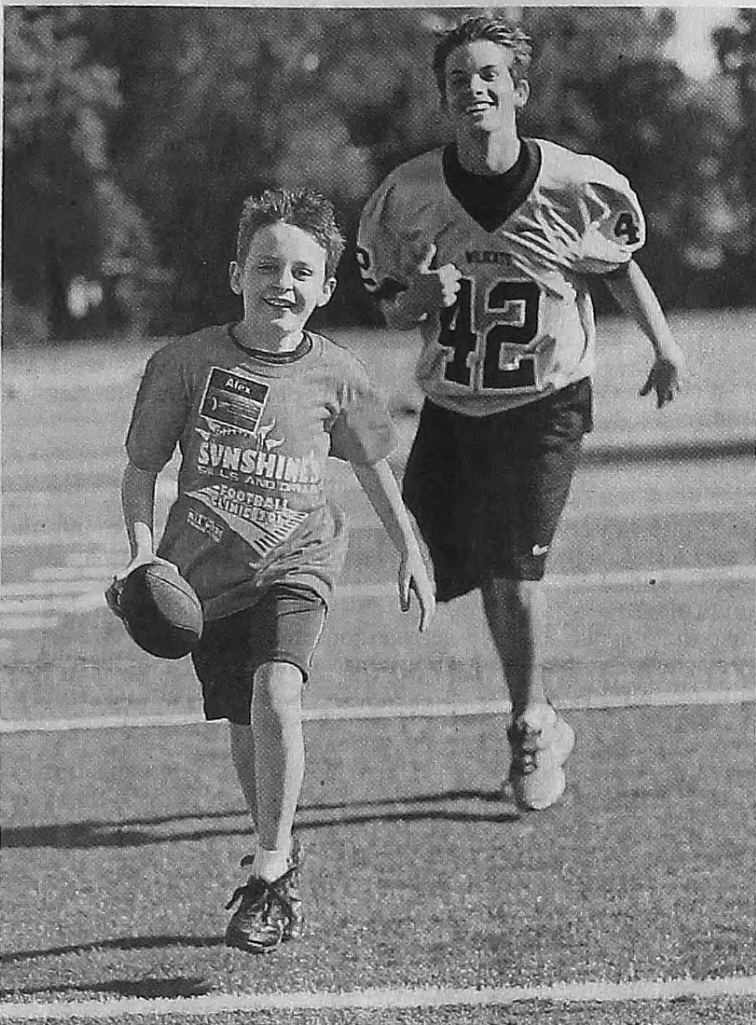
Several holes-in-one recently were tallied at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth Township.

On July 24, Jeremy Jenkins, 14, of Farmington Hills aced the 84-yard No. 11 hole at the Strategic course. He used a Taylor Made Wedge and Titleist Pro VI ball for his ace. He finished with 50 for the day.

On July 21, Diane Benne, 57, registered a hole-in-one on the 100-yard No. 3 hole at the Strategic course. She used a 5-iron and Srixon ball for the feat.

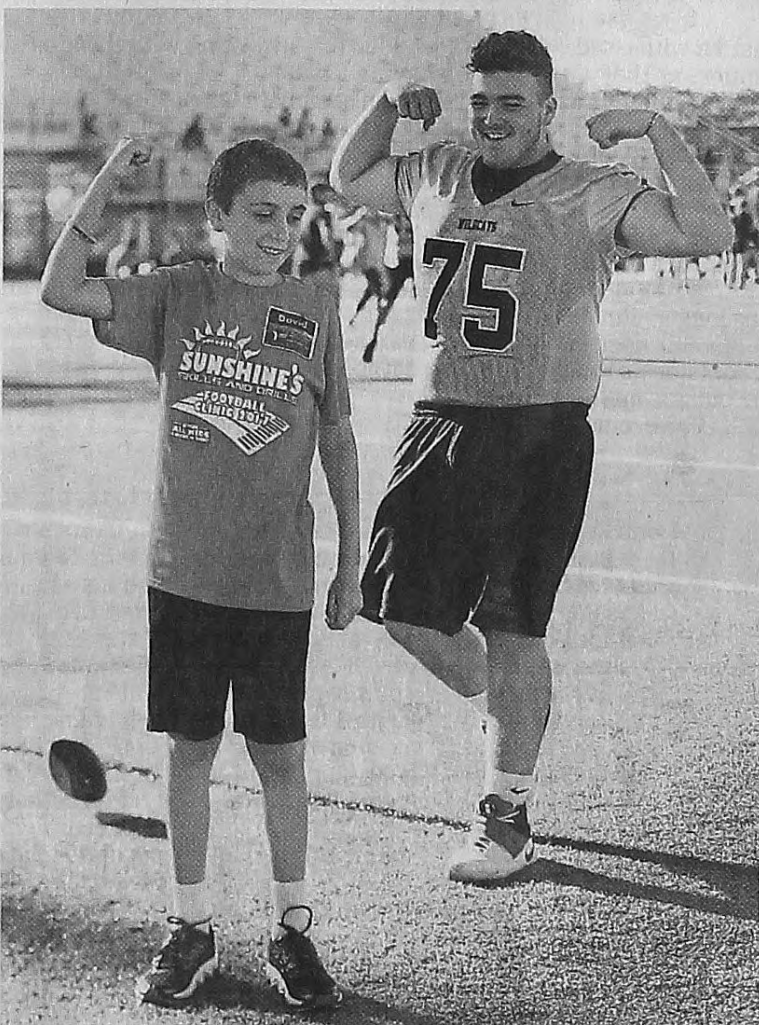
Canton's Denis Burke, 44, aced the 131-yard No. 3 hole at the Golden Fox course July 17. He used an 8-iron and Maxfli ball and finished with 40 for the day.

### 'SUNSHINE'S' SKILLS AND DRILLS CLINIC



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Sunshine's camper Alex Banko outraces his buddy, Plymouth football player Jonah Brafford.



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Flexing their muscles after a "touchdown" are Sunshine's buddies David Bilson and Plymouth football player Brad Miller.

## BUDDY SYSTEM

Kids with special needs bond with Plymouth football players during annual event

Tim Smith  
hometownlife.com

Nicolas Cetnarowski had so much fun at last year's Sunshine's Skills and Drills Football Clinic that there was no way his mom wouldn't bring him back for the fourth annual event.

"He just wanted to play football more (after last year's camp), he loves it here," said Lisa Cetnarowski, formerly of

Canton, whose 13-year-old son was paired up with Conner Bell. "It's just fun, watching all the kids have a great time."

Nicolas, who has autism and is non-verbal, made the rounds with Bell — a Westland resident who is entering eighth grade at St. Michael Catholic School in Livonia.

"He loves to catch and throw," Lisa said. "Oh gosh, he just loves he socialization part of it. Besides, he loves football

and baseball in general."

Judging from the smile on Bell's face, it looked like he was having just as much fun during the two-hour event held on the varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"It's just a really great thing for them, there's not a lot of things like this around," said Conner, whose dad Ryan Bell is an assistant varsity football coach for Plymouth High

School. "It's just a great experience."

There were about 60 boys and girls with special needs on hand for the clinic, the brainchild of now-13-year-old Conner Sherman (a.k.a. Sunshine) and hosted by the Plymouth High School football program.

Each youngster went around to four non-contact stations with their Wildcats

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### WORLD JUNIOR SUMMER SHOWCASE

## American teams off to rousing start at tourney

Split squads go combined 3-1 as international tourney opens in Plymouth

Tim Smith  
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They uncapped a refreshing weekend of "summer shinny" at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

The 2017 Under-20 World Junior Summer Showcase opened Saturday and Sunday with a quartet of games, three

of which either USA White or USA Blue came away with a victory.

And for the fans watching games featuring a plethora of NHL prospects, they were rewarded with some splendid hockey by the cream of the prospect crop — including

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RENA LAVERTY

USA White Team forward Ivan Lodnia (left) of Novi fends off a check from Team Sweden's Axel Jonsson Fjalby during Sunday's game at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.



JUNIOR GOLF

# Kensington tour a hit with young players

M.B. Dillon  
Correspondent

Jack McCarthy, 17, of Plymouth and Andrea Davis, 15, of Highland outdistanced the competition to capture the men's and women's titles in the Kensington Junior Golf Tour's Whispering Willows Junior Open under sunny skies July 25.

McCarthy, who's golfed for just three years, fired 2-over-par 72 after shooting 36 on both nines.

"It went pretty well. I made a lot of pars," said McCarthy, a senior who competes on Plymouth Salem's golf team. "On the first nine, I bogeyed one hole and, the next hole, I birdied. I hit a lot of greens and had a lot of two-putts. It was pretty much the same thing on the back side."

McCarthy was competing in his second KJGT tournament. He placed third with 80 at Washtenaw Country Club earlier in the month.

Hole No. 16, a par-5, was a highlight for McCarthy.

"I hit my drive off the tee into the trees. I hit a good second shot and my third shot was right next to the hole and I one-putted for birdie," he said.

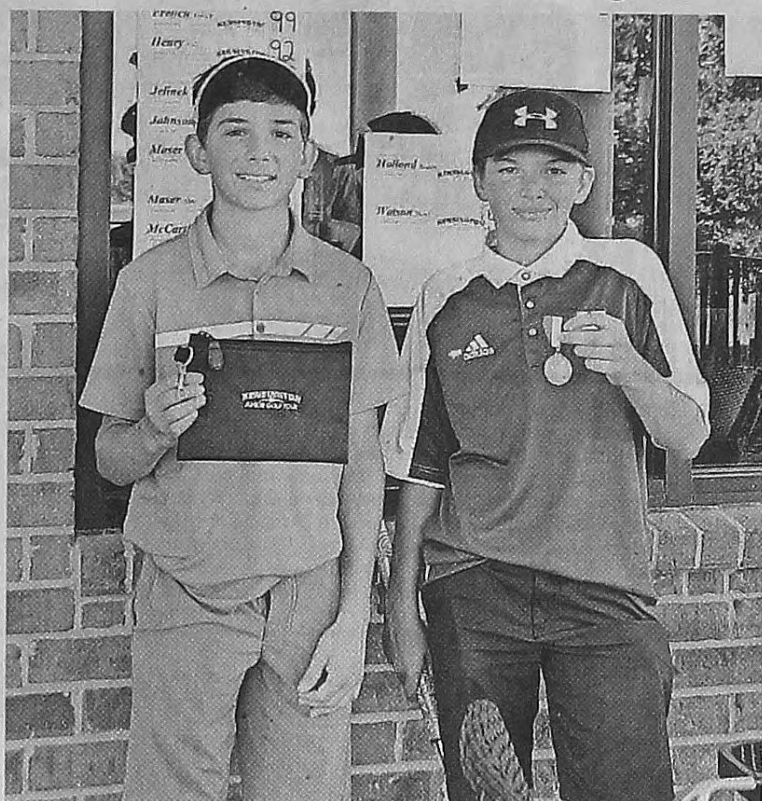
Davis, a rising sophomore at Milford High School, carded a personal-best 90, despite seven three-putts, for the win.

"I was really hoping to shoot in the 80s. I shot a bogey five on the last hole. I had a bad tee shot or I would have had an 89," said Davis, who made Milford's varsity golf team as a freshman.

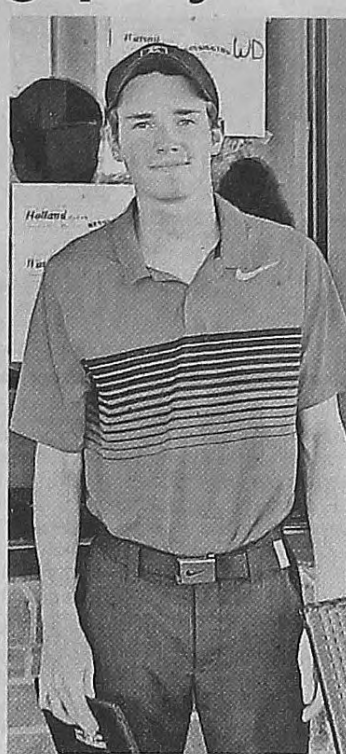
"The three holes before that I shot par, so I was expecting to shoot really well," added Davis, who shot 47 on the first nine and 43 on the second. "I parred a bunch of holes. Normally, I putt really bad, but I had a lot of two-putts, which made a lot of difference for the back nine. There are a lot of trees on the front nine. I didn't lose my ball, but I had to use shorter-distance clubs to avoid the trees and the creeks."

Peter Stassinopoulos of Novi shot 87 to win the boys ages 12-14 division.

"I was marginal on the front



Peter Stassinopoulos of Novi (left) and Brayden Niemiec of Canton were the winner and runner-up respectively at Whispering Willows.



Plymouth's Jack McCarthy won the recent Kensington Junior Golf Tournament at Whispering Willows

nine. I shot 45 with one three-putt," the Novi Middle School student said. "And then on the back, I hit a good first drive and started out pretty well. I only had one bad hole and shot better on the back. I ended up with a 42."

Stassinopoulos, who carded an impressive 78 at the recent KJGT Cattails tourney in South Lyon, said the highlight of his round was on No. 7, a par-3. Following his drive, "I hit a nice pitching wedge and lobbed it in for a par," he said.

The KJGT awards points for tournament play in four local county divisions. Heading into late July, Stassinopoulos topped the leader board in both the Wayne and Oakland races in his age group.

Damo Watson, 8, of Westland won the boys ages 7-11 nine-hole division with 42. Runner-up was Keating Holland of Ann Arbor, who carded 60. Watson, winner of the 2016 Oakland County division, is leading the Oakland and Washtenaw divisions this season.

Andrew Aigeltinger of Wayne and Evan Johnson of Grosse Ile both shot 80, vying for runner-up honors behind McCarthy. Aigeltinger won the tie-breaker by paring the tough second hole.

"I was pretty solid on the front nine and shot 2-over," said Aigeltinger, 17, who competes for Wayne Memorial H.S. and is leading the KJGT's Wayne and Washtenaw divisions. "On the back nine, I had a hole where I actually hit the ball too far into the creek and had to take a drop. So that kind of hurt my score."

Princess Wells, 18, of Macomb Township finished second behind Davis with 106. "I was driving everything well, but I couldn't really putt today," said Wells, who will join Northwood University's golf team this fall.

Brayden Niemiec, 13, of Canton was runner-up with 90 among boys ages 12-14. No. 17 was memorable. "I just missed a birdie on a par-3. I hit it 15 feet to the hole and it almost

went in," Niemiec said.

The KJGT was established 12 years ago to give local junior golfers the opportunity to play organized, competitive golf at reasonable rates. Thirty tournaments are staged at top courses in Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

New this year is a developmental, non-competitive division for girls and boys ages 6-11.

The Kensington Tour is a hit with junior golfers.

"I love it. The players are all around the same skill set, so everyone has a good shot at winning," Stassinopoulos said. "It's a great program."

"I think it's fun," Davis said. "It's not super-competitive, so it's not intimidating."

"The tour is really good," Aigeltinger said. "This is my second year and I'm always meeting nice new people to play with."

For more information, go to [kensingtonjuniorgolf.com](http://kensingtonjuniorgolf.com).

RUNNING

# Area preps take top two spots in women's Heart of the Hills 5K

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Recent Northville High grad Katie Chevoor and incoming North Farmington junior Whitney Reid finished first and second in Saturday's challenging Heart of the Hills women's 5-kilometer race in Bloomfield Hills.

Chevoor, who will run this fall for the Eastern Michigan University women's cross country team, took first in 20 minutes, 2 seconds (6:27 per mile), while Reid was runner-up in 20:30 (6:36 per mile).

The pair placed third and fourth overall, while 29-year-old Mike Quick of Lake Orion proved to be quick in first overall (16:40), averaging 5:22 overall.

Canton's Brandon Bastianelli, 26, was second overall in 19:28 (6:16 per mile).

Other top 10 finishers included Brittany Bottenhorn (Boulder, Colo.), 21:44; Monte Piliawsky (Southfield), 25:14; Vijay George (Wixom), 25:15; Rachel Jarvis (Troy), 25:27; and James Carleton (White Lake), 25:31.

In the 10K, 27-year-old Mark Bottenhorn (Boulder, Colo.) took the title with a time of 37:19 (6:01 per mile) with Pontiac's Eric Green runner-up in 39:25.

Rounding out the top 10 overall were David de Steiger (Rochester), 40:18; Doug Miles (Grand Blanc), 48:14; Harold Woods (Commerce), 49:08; Ellsworth Bruley (Dearborn), 49:17; Christopher Coyle (Northville), 51:12; Bruno Lombard (Bloomfield Hills), 51:24; Autumn Saenz (Sterling Heights), 51:25; and Annesophie Despres (Bloomfield Hills), 52:27.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

# Madonna loads up with key area recruits

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The Madonna University men's lacrosse program took its lumps during its inaugural season, but second-year coach Mike Walters is adding 23 new recruits to beef up his 2018 roster.

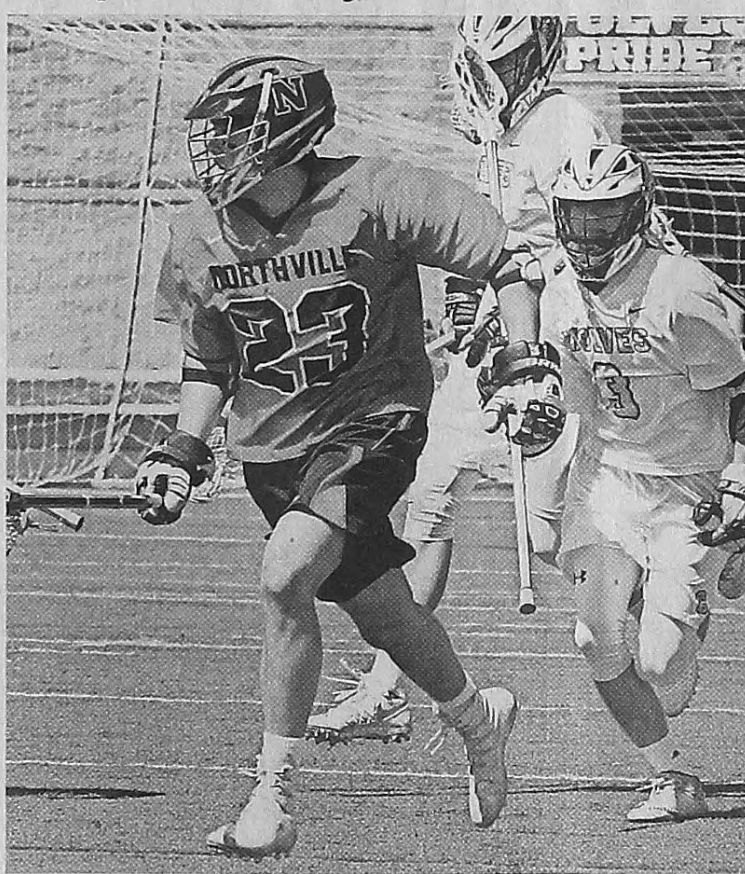
The Crusaders, who finished 1-11 overall and 0-7 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, are expected to make marked improvement with several area players, including three each from MHSAA Division 1 runner-up Novi Detroit Catholic and regional runner-up Northville.

"We are looking for all these guys to come in and make an immediate impact on our team," Walters said in a press release. "When you look at our roster, with these additions and the returners from last season, our goals of winning the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, making it to the tournament and claiming a national championship are all within reach for this team."

Among the prized recruits from Northville are attacker Cole Gingell (58 goals, 40 assists), who started three seasons at CC before transferring his senior year; attacker Ty Kilar (28 goals, 50 assists); and defender Connor Wright, a four-year starter.

Catholic Central will be sending midfielder Chris Kovath and defender Mike Molchan, both three-year starters, along with goalie Collin Caid (Livonia).

Other area players in the fold for MU include: Orchard Lake St. Mary's midfielders Ian Rush (Livonia), who had 45 goals, 32 assists, and Frank



Northville defender Connor Wright will be playing next year at Madonna University.

Dedvukaj (Farmington Hills), a three-year starter; South Lyon Unified attacker Sean Millane; Birmingham United goalie Gary Cutler (Southfield); and Novi midfielder Brendan Daschke.

Other Michigan recruits include midfielder Kyler Pearson (31 goals, 45 assists) and defender Hunter Keenan, both of Howell, along with Walled Lake Western attacker James McGrath (Wixom).

Among the out-of-state players signed by Walters include midfielder and face-off specialist Zachary Bean and attacker Dylann Sibley, both from Montgomery (N.Y.) Valley Central; goalie Derek Amoth, Hopkinton (N.H.); defender Garri-

son Brackens, Fairfield (Ohio); attacker Tucker Brady, Cumming (Ga.); North Forsyth; midfielder Jordan Davis, Johnson City (N.Y.); Senior goalie Tyler Dohmeier, Middleton (Wis.); defender Donovan Maurelli, Centennial (Colo.) Smoky Hill; and defender Tyler Spanfellner, Kuna (Idaho) Bishop Kelly.

The Crusaders open their 2018 season Feb. 26 in Brighton against host Cleary University. The home opener is March 8 on the outdoor turf of the MU Athletics Complex against Illinois Benedictine College.

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

# Albion College's Shuk focuses on off-court work this summer

With nearly 1,200 digs in the first two years of her volleyball career at Albion College, incoming junior Monica Shuk has earned her place as one of the top defensive players in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

At the midpoint of her collegiate career, however, the libero from Milford, who is concentrating in Albion's Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management is just as focused on developing her professional skills in accounting. She responded to questions about her summer internship with Jacobs Technology, where she is the project account lead/associate for aerospace projects and selective automotive projects.

In her second year with the company, her role has expanded into an impressive list of responsibilities.

"In this role, I am responsible for budget estimates and then manage the budget throughout the project (concept to final delivery)," Shuk said. "I am also in charge of procurement needs for these projects and securing the proper senior management with approval and alignment. I analyze, examine and interpret account records, compile financial information and reconciled reports and financial data. My span of control on projects has me managing assets from \$750,000 up to \$20 million."

"I am also on an inventory control process improvement project that could be used corporate-wide by ensuring all material is accounted for and knowing the exact location for all of our materials without having to do a hand counted inventory," she add-



Albion College volleyball libero Monica Shuk (Milford/Mercy) is a two-time all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association second team pick.

ed. "I worked the summer of 2016 with Jacobs Engineering and I was concerned I would have the same level of responsibility," she said. "I was glad to see they were happy with my work and invited me back for another year and gave me bigger tasks."

Some of the additional responsibility, Shuk said, has introduced her to skills outside the realm of accounting and that makes each day at the office different.

"The whole internship is unusual really, in a fun and challenging way," she said. "Where else would you get a glimpse into the automotive client's perspectives one day and the next you are exposed into the mindsets of aerospace and NASA?"

Shuk is also developing her time management skills with two classes on top of her internship.

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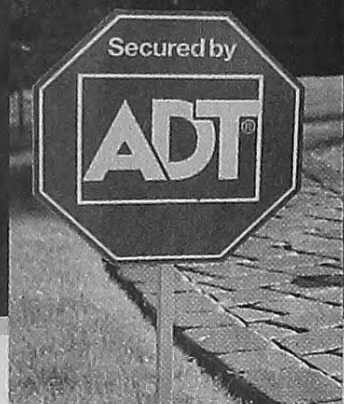
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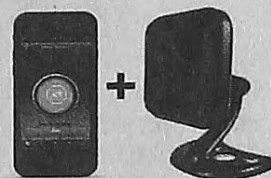
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