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# New tax may solve crumbling roads

### Township officials ponder putting millage on ballot

**Ed Wright** 

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How much is driving on smooth, crater-less roads worth to Canton Township residents?

The answer may come in August, if the Canton Township Board of Trustees agrees to approve a millage request in the next three weeks.

Spurred by the detailed findings of a Roads Task Force, the township board held a special meeting April 21 to discuss the options the task force suggested following eight months of meetings, research and conversation.

The meeting was a continuation of a four-hour discussion that commenced at the board's April 17 meeting.

Of all the options, the millage request has reportedly gained the most traction, overtaking another proposal that would

change Canton's form of government from a township to a city.

Livonia, which is similar in area and population to Canton, garners a significantly higher rate of funding from Wayne County for road improvements than Canton because of its city form of

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Roberto Teran of Livonia spreads mulch. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# HELPING HANDS

### Cleanup day at Miracle League field a heartfelt event

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Gripping a rake in one hand, his bright-green T-shirt dotted with traces of mulch, Livonia resident Roberto Teran talked passionately Tuesday morning about the Miracle League of Plymouth field that rested just a sacrifice bunt away from him.

An electrical engineer at Ford Motor Co., Teran has spearheaded the annual preseason cleanup efforts at Bilkie Field ever since his youngest son, Carlos, started playing baseball six years ago on the rubberized diamond designed for special-needs kids.

No matter how much sweat equity he invests, Teran asserted he will always be in debt to the field that has given his disabled son a chance to play baseball like able-bodied youngsters.

"This place is incredibly special to me," he said, talking over the humming vibrations of a leave blower. "My son absolutely loves this place. He didn't learn to walk until he was 4½ and he's non-verbal, but he's an absolute ham when he gets on that field and plays.

"There was one game last year when my wife asked me why I was taking pictures of his feet. I told her it's the first time I've seen both of his feet leave the ground at the same time. Carlos was so excited, he was running for the first time."

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## Dem: Gov candidate is 'pathetic, bigoted fool'

Colbeck slammed after remark about El-Sayed

Kathleen Gray

Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, a Republican candidate for governor from Canton, told a group earlier this month that he believes one of his Democratic rivals is part of a Muslim plot to take on positions of influence in America and start a "civilization jihad."

Giving a presentation to a group that was videotaped and posted last week on the website of United West, an anti-Muslim organization based in Florida, Colbeck repeated the conspiracy theory that is popular in some far right segments of the Republican Party—that Muslims are trying to take over the country and implement Sharia law in the United States.

First reported by BuzzFeed, Colbeck specifically targeted Abdul El-Sayed, a Democratic candidate for governor from Shelby Township, who says in nearly every speech that people tell him that he's probably "a little too young, a little too brown and a little too Muslim" to be a viable candidate for governor.

"There are a lot of pressures being applied in our society right now. You're seeing Muslim legislators in the state Legislature and you're seeing a push at the local level. Hamtramck is the first Muslim-majority city council," Colbeck said in the video. "But we also have somebody that I will be likely

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### Roads

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government.

The cost of transforming Canton from a township to a city, however, may not be worth the time and effort, township Supervisor Pat Williams said.

"The concept of switching to a city form of government sounds like a great idea on the surface," Williams said, "but we're learning that it's a very complex and lengthy process.

"Our clear intent (April 21) was to talk about the possibility of a millage request for roads improvement, but we were unable to come to a consensus. What we agreed to do was to, as individuals, research the topic - for instance, how much to ask for, for how long and, if it did pass, how to divide the funds up between local, primary and state roads during the time before our next meet-



Obtaining funding for Canton road improvements is a complex, costly problem. FILE PHOTO

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ing (May 1), when we will attempt to concur on a plan."

#### Meeting of the minds

Williams is in Traverse City this week, meeting with other officials at the Michigan Township Association's annual conference about such as issues as obtaining funds for road improvements that affect all townships.

"It has been very beneficial to discuss these issues with my peers from across the state and share ideas and programs that help tackle the problems all of us face," Williams said.

According to Director of Municipal Services Tim Faas, the earliest a millage request could be put before residents would be during the Michigan gubernatorial primary in August.

"For that to happen, it would need to be approved by mid-May so that Wayne County can approve the language of the request," Faas added.

One millage breakdown model discussed at the meeting would see 35 percent of the additional funding going toward local (mostly subdivision) roads, 50 percent to primary roads (like Canton Center, Cherry Hill and Warren) and 15 percent to state roads, namely Ford Road.

#### A better idea for Ford

Faas noted that the money directed toward Ford Road would ideally be used to fund the construction of boulevards along the much-traveled path.

"Boulevards, like the ones along Michigan Avenue, only narrower, would increase safety and improve traffic flow," Faas said. "If the No. 1 priority on Ford Road is to build boulevards, it wouldn't make sense to repave it now and then add boulevards five, 10 years down the road, because the boulevard construction would force the repaved road to be torn up."

The Roads Task Force's report reiterated the reality that there is no easy fix to the current road problems in Canton, given the insufficient funds that are provided by Wayne County and the federal government.

Approximately 30 percent of the roads in Canton are private. Although these roads would not be impacted by the approval of a millage hike, residents who live on these roads would benefit as they travel throughout the township.

The original Roads Task Force, which met for the first time in fall 2017, consisted of a diverse group of township residents. The task force met regularly throughout the past eight months, with 12 of the original volunteers diligently attending the meetings.

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### Colbeck

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running against in the general election, Dr. Abdul El Sayed, whose parents apparently have ties to Muslim Brotherhood back in Egypt. This is scary stuff."

El-Sayed's father immigrated to the U.S. from Egypt in 1978 before he was born and he's now an engineering professor at Eastern Michigan University.

Colbeck's statements drew a quick rebuke from El-Sayed, the former health department director for the city of Detroit, as well as Democrats and Republicans.

"Of course, I knew that in choosing to run for governor as an unapologetic, proud Muslim and American, I was going to contend with the ugly face of white supremacy that Donald Trump and his friends have sanctioned," El-Sayed said in a statement. "Michiganders are not asking how I pray, but what I pray for and what I care about."

Sarah Anderson, spokeswoman for the Michigan Republican Party, said Colbeck's pronouncements have no place in the party.

"The party isn't interested in peddling any conspiracy theories and anything he said was not on behalf of the party," she said. "We categorically condemn any sort of hate speech, regardless of the source."

Brandon Dillon, chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party, called Colbeck "a pathetic, bigoted fool."

"Michigan is blessed to have a thriving Muslim community and my party is glad that Dr. El Sayed is a Democrat," he said in a tweet.

Colbeck stood by his presentation and his beliefs that El-Sayed had ties to the Muslim Brotherhood, an organization formed in 1928 to promote Islamic charity work and political activism. He cited El-Sayed's father-in-law, who sits on the board of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), and El-Sayed's membership in the Muslim Student Association at the University of Michigan.

"I'm not casting aspersions on all Muslims, just those affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood," Colbeck said.

Dawud Walid, the executive director of CAIR, said it's shameful but not surprising that Colbeck would at-



State Sen. Patrick Colbeck said this month that one of his Democratic rivals in the governor's race is part of a Muslim plot to start a "civilization jihad." ERIC SEALS | DETROIT FREE PRESS



Democratic gubernatorial candidate Abdul El-Sayed, who is Muslim, said he holds dear the ideals of the constitution. JUNFU HAN | DETROIT FREE PRESS

tack El-Sayed in such a manner.

"Since the last presidential election, Mr. Trump has let the proverbial genie out of the bottle and now candidates have seen that invoking xenophobia worked for him to get to the Oval Office," he said. "So they think

it's a winning strategy."

United West is categorized as an anti-Muslim hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center. Its website has several references to El-Sayed and the group's belief that he's a "Trojan horse" for a "stealth jihad."

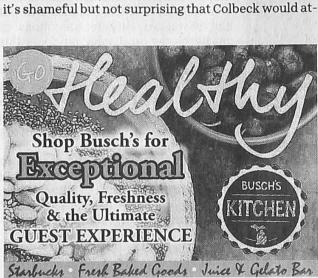
Colbeck is one of the most conservative members of the state Senate, and his views are shared by some other Republicans, including former state Representative Dave Agema, of Grandville, who also served as a member of the Republican National Committee and has endorsed Colbeck's candidacy. The Republican Party pressured him to resign from the RNC over his anti-Muslim and homophobic posts on social media.

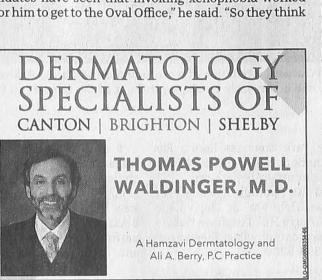
On Wednesday, Agema posted on his Facebook page that "the goal of Islam is destruction of America via immigration demanded by the Quran-called Hijrah. They take over America via force like 9/Il terrorism and via civilization jihad (immigration), which is peacefully at first, then aggressively once their numbers increase"

El-Sayed said he holds the ideals and constitution of the state and country dear and can inspire others with his run for governor.

"I know how much this means to so many people of color who feel locked out of political representation and government decisions," he said.

The issue arose on the same day that the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on Trump's ban on travel from majority Muslim countries that was imposed early on in his administration, but has been stymied by federal courts.

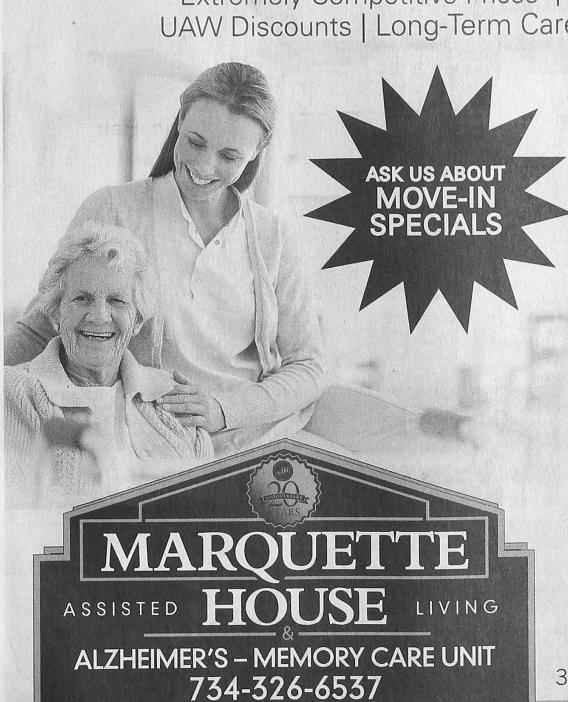






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# Plymouth Township to host hazardous waste collection

Plymouth Township will hold its annual household hazardous waste collection event from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, in the parking lot of USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck Road. It is open to Plymouth Township residents only. Picture ID is required.

Common household items that will be accepted at the event include computer equipment, batteries, TVs, VCRs, DVRs, game consoles, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, paints and stains, fluorescent light tubes, gasoline, oil, pesticides, fertilizers, syringes and non-controlled prescription medicines.

Items that cannot be accepted include ammunition, fireworks, tires, appliances, items containing PCBs and radioactive devices.

Due to the cost of this service, approximately \$33.50 per vehicle, the township is urging residents to "buddy up" with neighbors before driving hazardous waste to the hockey arena. For example, one vehicle delivering for four households will save township taxpayers \$100 and will help provide this service again next year.

For more information regarding acceptable items, contact the Solid Waste Department at 734-414-1452.

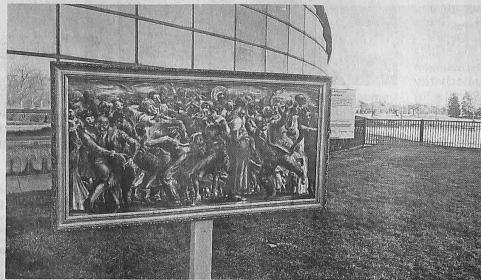
### **Canton to host Acts of Culture Week**

Canton will once again focus a spotlight on arts and culture during the eighth annual Acts of Culture Week. This special week, presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, will begin Saturday, May 12 and run through Sunday, May 20, at various community locations.

In celebration of the arts, a variety of events will be held, some of which include:

■ May 8: D&M Art Studio will hold a free outdoor painting class on the lawn of the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill Road. Participants must register in advance via email to jprovenzano@canton-mi.org or by calling 734-394-5497.

■ May 14: Summit Spring Art Exhibition will once again brighten the lobby of the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, from Monday, May 7, through Sunday, May 14. Stop in and view more than 40 works of art. Enjoy a cookie reception 6-7 p.m. Sunday, May 14. These paintings, which are also available for purchase, have been created by the students and instructors of Canton Leisure Services Enrichment Watercolor I, Watercolor II and Oil & Acrylics classes. This exhibit is free and open to the public during normal Sum-



DIA Inside | Out art installation of a reproduction of "Savoy Ballroom" by Reginald Marsh is currently on display in front of the Summit on the Park.

mit on the Park business hours. For more information, call 734-394-5460 or go to www.summitonthepark.org.

■ May 17-20: Spotlight Players present "Heaven Help Me" at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734-394-5300.

May 18: Acts of Fashion 2018 features a fashion-filled event that includes a fashion runway show and shopping experience, showcasing fashions from metro Detroit designers and boutiques, while also including special performances by local and national talent. Purchase tickets online at

www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734-394-5300.

■ May 19: The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district's 10th annual K-12 Art Show will be held from II:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Plymouth High School cafeteria, 8400 Beck Road. Stop in to enjoy more than 2,000 pieces of student artwork.

May 20: Art lovers can enjoy a special Coffee and Culture Walking Tour of Canton's DIA Inside | Out program, featuring reproductions of artworks on loan from the Detroit Institute of Arts on display in Canton's Village District. This free walking tour will examine a few of the 10 high-quality reproductions of masterpieces on display outdoors this spring in Canton.

■ May 20: Canton Concert Band presents Silver Screen Soundtracks at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734-394-5300.

The Canton Public Library will also be hosting a variety of storytimes and programs during Acts of Culture Week. Find the complete calendar online at www.cantonfun.org. For more information, call 734-394-5360.



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## P-CEP Winter Percussion takes eighth at world competition

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Winter Percussion group placed eighth in the Scholastic Open division at the WGI Percussion World Championships earlier this month in Dayton, Ohio. The team, composed of 31 P-CEP students, presented the audience with three performances of its program, Calculating Infinity. According to the team's coach, James Sparling, the production is influenced by Galileo and his use of mathematics to explain the universe.

In the preliminary round, the team had a third-place finish in its block with a score of 90.4. In the semifinal round, the team received a score of 91.625 in its block and placed fourth, qualifying its for the final round. P-CEP competed against the top 15 winter percussion teams in the world in the final round and received a score of 89.888.

"The ensemble had a great season," Sparling said. "Their attitudes and commitment to excellence are growing each day and we as a staff are very proud of them."

In addition to its performances at the world competition, the P-CEP Winter



The P-CEP Winter Percussion group finished eighth at the recent world championships. LYNNE COWELL

Percussion was the 2018 WGI Dayton Regional silver medalist and the 2018 MCGC state champion. "The P-CEP Winter Percussion's pursuit of excellence was displayed last weekend in all three of their competitive

performances," said G. Jon Thomann, director of bands at P-CEP. "Their energy, precision and dedication resulted in a top eight finish in a very competitive class. Congratulations to the students and their director, Mr. James Sparling, for a great season. Everyone is proud of their incredible season."

The Plymouth-Canton Winter Percussion team members are Connor Blaufuss, Betty Boulware, Erin Boyle-Levy, Lauren Chardenet, Sean Cowell, Kyle Dandurand, Karlee Forrester, Mila Garza, Ben Greene, Lily Hixson, Colin Hoffman, Joe Jankowski, Ryan Jankowski, Emma Kendall, Theo Knott, Owen Korff, Aly LaMontagne, Evelyn Leach, Jackson Maurer, Collin Mueller, Alex O'Brien, Nic Piantedosi, Miles Rhea, Skyeleigh Rozema, Carter Ryan, Armando Saucedo, Ethan Scartelli, Tyler See, Matthew Soltis, Chris Studnicki and Shane Swartz.

The team's coaching staff includes Sparling, Aaron Bailey, Noah Bellamy, Sam Cope, Katie Hanka, Kevin Howard, K.C. Michel, Dom Santini, Timon Sherman, Andy Wade, Amanda Watson and Thomas Wharton.

### Plymouth nonprofits looking for volunteers to pack meals

The 2018 Greater Plymouth Service Project will be hosting a grand food packaging event from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Satutrday, May 12, to benefit the Kids Coalition Against Hunger. The event will take place at Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church Street. The goal is to package more than 500,000 meals for hungry and needy children.

The community has come together to raise more than \$70,000 from charitable donations from local service clubs (Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions), churches (NorthRidge and Our Lady of Good Counsel), chambers of commerce, Community Foundation, Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, local businesses and many private citizens. The George and Mary Smith family donated \$10,000, which paid for 35,714 meals.

"Many hands make for light work as

1,500 community volunteers are needed to package over 500,000 meals for hungry needy children," said Nick Schultz, chairman of the event. "Encourage your family, friends and co-workers to join us on May 12. We need your help." Sign up at www.cfplymouth.org/may12.

One-third of the 500,000 meals that are packaged will go to local communities, where they are distributed to various food pantries (i.e. food banks, soup kitchens and backpack programs at the schools). The next third goes to more than 18 different countries that Kids Coalition Against Hunger supports on an ongoing basis. The final third is stored in the KCAH Michigan warehouse for disaster relief support.

"The goal is to recruit 1,550 volunteers," said Doug Wallace of Plymouth Township, membership director for the Plymouth Community Chamber of



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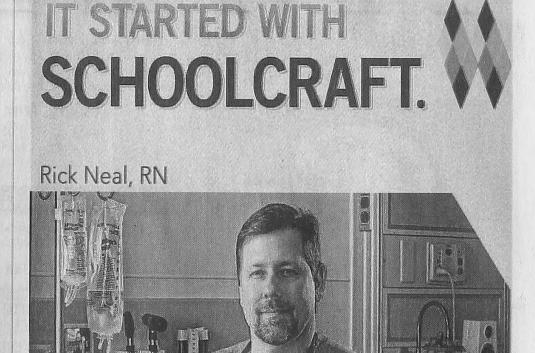


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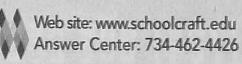
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### Cleanup

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#### Labor of love

Since April 2012 — the first full season of the Miracle League of Plymouth — Teran has rounded up a group of tireless volunteers from the Ford Volunteer Corps to make sure the facility is in pristine shape for opening day, which is usually held the first Saturday in May.

Volunteers like Canton resident Michelle Hutchison do everything from clear the playing surface of debris that has gathered during the winter months, trim and shape up the fast-maturing landscaping and secure the sponsors' signs onto the outfield fencing.

"I love the Miracle League, because it offers some normalcy for the players and their families," said Hutchison, whose daughter played softball at Salem. "I mean, they're kids; they should be playing.

"This is a great team-building exercise for myself and my co-workers. We do whatever they need us to do, whether it's spreading grass seed on the perimeter of the field to putting together picnic tables ... whatever it takes."

Having a contingent of detail-oriented engineers to maintain the field is a good thing, too, Hutchison noted.

"I'll see some of our guys check out the banners on the outfield fence and say, 'That doesn't look straight, let's measure it," she said with a chuckle.

While many of Tuesday's volunteers were multi-time helpers, new Plymouth Downtown Development Authority project coordinator Sam Plymale was chipping in with the spring cleaning for the first time at Bilkie Field.

"This is fantastic," Plymale said, gesturing toward the well-organized efforts across the complex. "We haven't even been here an hour and we're already well on the way to getting everything done."

#### **Everyone pitches in**

Plymale will serve as the Miracle League's game-day coordinator this season — a position that requires showing up early and staying a little late for all of the Saturday slate of games, making sure everything is in order and convenient for the special-needs players and their families.



Ford volunteers Michelle Hutchison and Valerie Piontek hang sponsor banners. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Everyone interviewed Tuesday brought up the name of Miracle League of Plymouth founder Deb Madonna, who continues to serve as the program's president and inspiration.

"Deb is and always will be this place's goodwill ambassador," Miracle League vice president Glen Kordick said. "This place was her idea; it's her way of giving back to the people of Plymouth."

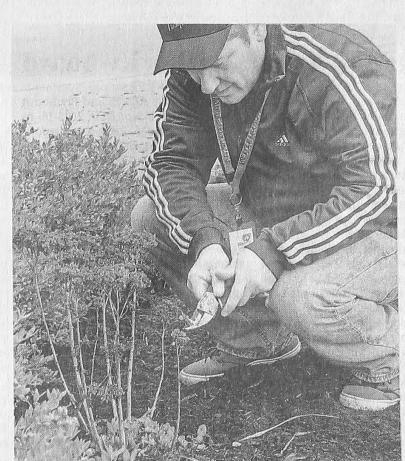
New Miracle League of Plymouth executive director Kelly Hermann, whose daughter Maggie participated in the league as a player for several years, is excited about the upcoming season.

"It's an amazing program that gives a chance for kids who normally don't get a chance to play baseball a chance to play," she said.

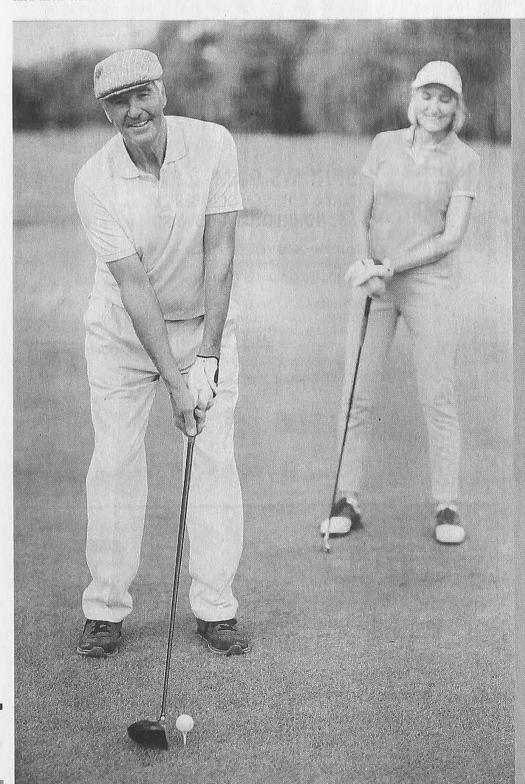
Hermann emphasized the ongoing need for volunteers and "buddies" who assist the players during games.

To learn how to register to become a buddy, go to the Miracle League of Plymouth's website.

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### FITT FACTORY ADDS YOGA STUDIO



Fitt Factory, 7246 N. Haggerty Road, in Canton recently held a ribbon-cutting to announce the addition of a yoga studio to its facility. Fitt Factory is in its seventh year of operation and specializes in one-on-one personal training, small-group training and sport-specific training. With the addition of yoga, it now provides its clients an additional avenue to help achieve their health and fitness goals. Owners Steve Simmons and Clay Brandenburg have been in the fitness industry for a collective total of more than 40 years.

### Price added to port authority board

The Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority has announced the addition of Shannon Price to its board of directors for a four-year term, as well as the appointment of current board member Bryan Powell to the position of secre-

tary-treasurer. Price joins the board after the departure of Alisha Bell, who had served since 2012, most recently in the capacity of secretary-treasurer.

Price has worked with nonprofit organizations and local municipalities,

where he has a proven track record in developing and implementing a variety of initiatives. Prior to this work, Price performed constituent relations for the attorney general's office for both Mike Cox and Bill Schuette.

Price has also served as an elected official, serving as a Wayne County com-

missioner from 2013-15 and Plymouth Township supervisor from 2015-16. In both of these roles, Price was responsible for developing and managing multimillion-dollar budgets, economic development and collaborating with neighboring communities.

"I am honored to join the DWCPA Board of Directors and be a part of shaping the future of this vital agency," Price said. "I have always been a passionate supporter for the work done by the DWCPA and look forward to leveraging my experience to help advance the agency's mission."

The DWCPA is a government agency advancing southeast Michigan's maritime and related industries with the purpose of delivering prosperity and economic benefit to the citizens and businesses of southeast Michigan. For more information, go to portdetroit.com.

# Co-habitation agreement can protect both parties in a move



Money Matters Rick Bloom USA TODAY NETWORK —

O: I'm in my mid-50s and single. I have never been married and I have no children. I have been dating someone for the last five years and we are thinking about moving in together. Because of a variety of issues, we have no plans to get married. Currently, he rents an apartment and he will be moving in with me. My house is free and clear. My father, who doesn't think it's a good idea, said that I am taking a risk by letting him move into my house. My first question to you is, what risk am I taking and is there anything I can do to reduce the risk? You should know that we don't plan to co-mingle our finances and we would split the household expenses.

A: The old adage of always listening to your father is applicable in this situation. Yes, you are taking a risk by letting him move into your home. At the same time, there are ways to protect yourself.

The risk is, what happens if your relationship does not work out and you want him to move out of the house and he doesn't want to? In addition, there may be issues as to whether he owns a portion of the house and the division of assets accumulated during the relationship. You said that you are going to split household expenses; does that include home improvements? He may claim that since he is paying for certain home improvements, he is building equity in the home. The result of a breakup could be a nasty lawsuit that

can get very expensive. I recommend

that you consider entering into an

agreement known as a co-habitation

agreement, which will protect both of

you.

Over the last couple decades, we have seen an explosion in the number of adults moving in together and starting relationships without being married. Despite the fact that more and more people are living together, the

law hasn't necessarily caught up with that trend. There are laws that protect couples when they are married, but the law is unclear when it comes to people living together. As a result, there's been a substantial increase in the number of lawsuits. A co-habitation agreement is a way to resolve these issues before the parties begin living together.

A co-habitation agreement is nothing more than a contract between two parties who want to live together that defines their rights and obligations to each other. Co-habitation agreements can deal with such things as property accumulated during the relationship, property acquired by gift or inheritance, property from before the relationship, expenses, separation or death and dispute resolution.

I understand that asking someone to execute a co-habitation agreement, just like a prenuptial agreement, is not the most romantic thing to do. By entering into a co-habitation agreement and going through the process, it will tell you a lot about your partner, the maturity of your relationship and about yourself.

When it comes to legal documents such as a co-habitation agreement, I always recommend they be drafted by a qualified attorney. When parties without legal knowledge try to draft their own agreements, they all too often fail to dot the I's and cross the T's. I recommend that each of the parties have their own attorney. If there's only one attorney involved, it may lead to allegations of conflict of interest or something of that nature. It is good business for each of the parties to have their own attorney.

I know that a co-habitation agreement is difficult to discuss. When we enter into a relationship, we are going to have to be able to discuss difficult issues with each other. If you cannot discuss these issues now before you move in together, maybe it's a sign that your relationship is moving too fast.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloom assetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.





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# Five margarita options for Cinco de Mayo

**Sharon Dargay** 

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Forget the fiesta-theme stemware and sombrero-shaped drink picks this Cinco de Mayo.

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar plans to elevate the celebration with \$100 margaritas served in take-home Baccarat crystal glasses.

"The \$100 margarita is an extraordinary twist on the traditional cocktail ... it creates a more upscale Cinco de Mayo experience," said Kristi Teefey, operating partner at Fleming's Livonia location. "We're super-excited to do this again. We love creating memories with our guests."

Teefey says customers began lining up before 5 p.m. last year to be among the first to try the drink. She expects the promotion will draw as much interest this year, too.

Both of Fleming's Michigan locations, 17400 Haggerty in Livonia, and 323 N. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham, will sell the \$100 Prime Margarita from May 4-6.

The margarita is made with Tequila Herradura Seleccion Suprema and Grand Marnier Centenaire and is garnished with a caramelized lime wheel.

It is served in a Baccarat Diamant Highball glass designed by Thomas Bastide and sent home in a red Baccarat box.

"People were super-excited about it last year and everyone who wanted one was able to get one," Teefey said. "It was a huge success."

Teefey doesn't know how much of the \$100 price represents the cost of the glass vs. the drink.

Baccarat's U.S. website lists a set of two Diamant Highball glasses at \$280. Here are a few more margarita op-

Barrio Cocina Y Tequileria squeezes 4,000 limes every week, but will up its game during Cinco de Mayo week by adding another 2,000 limes into the mix.

The restaurant, 555 Forest Ave., in downtown Plymouth, uses only fresh lime juice in its drinks, stocks more than 180 different tequilas and makes its tequila infusions and syrups in-house.

"We'd rather make it than buy it," said Cheyenne Savah, bar prep manager, adding that hours of preparation go into the creation of some drinks.

To make a pineapple-infused tequila, for example, the liquor is combined with the fruit and vanilla bean. It stays that way for two weeks before it's ready for use.

Savah says the Classic (\$8), made with El Jimador Silver, triple sec, fresh lime juice and simple syrup, is the bestselling margarita on the menu, followed by the \$14 per glass Cabo, made of Cabo Wabo Reposado, Grand Marnier, lime



Camelia's Mexican Grill serves margaritas at its Royal Oak and Farmington Hills locations. CAMELIA'S MEXICAN GRILL

juice and agave.

More adventurous drinkers might try the Blood Orange, which features Solerno Liqueur, which Savah says adds a "smooth bite," or the Coconut, which combines 1800 Coconut tequila with triple sec and lime juice.

"We use coconut water in it, too," Savah said. "It's a pretty cool margarita."

■ The Lyon Cantina, 22870 Pontiac Trail, in South Lyon, stocks 50 different tequilas and lists 20-30 different margaritas on the menu, according to Mark Kapllaj, whose family owns the restaurant. Kapllaj suggests that customers order off the menu or try the house margarita (\$5 on Cinco de Mayo) during the busy holiday weekend.

He recommends the Presidente, made with Sauza tequila, Grand Marnier, a splash of cranberry juice, sour mix and fresh lime juice, served on the rocks. Cost is \$9.50.

"Our margaritas ... you can't find them anywhere else," he said. "They are all fresh and none are pre-mixed. Even the house margarita is special. We have a homemade mixer for margaritas and that's what makes them special."

Kallaj says customers come from as far as Livonia and Plymouth for The Lyon Cantina's margaritas.

There's also a make-your-own option that allows customers to select the ingredients and flavors they want.

"You can add different tequilas or mixes to it," he said. "If you want a half-shot of Patron and a half-shot of Cuervo.

we can do that."

■ Camelia's Mexican Grill, with locations at 28990 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills and 1304 E. 11 Mile in Royal Oak, invites customers to build their own margarita, but Maria Rodriguez, manager of the Royal Oak location, said most guests order a signature selection off the menu.

"Our signature margaritas are very good," she said. "We always put in fresh lime and they're made by the glass."

Rodriguez says the Cucumber Margarita "tastes like summer" and is a refreshing mix of lime juice, agave syrup, Gran Gala and Jose Cuervo Silver.

She also suggests the Chile Margarita, made with cilantro, fresh jalapeno and a splash of sour mix; Margarita Primavera, which includes grenadine; and Golden Margarita, with a splash of orange juice.

Customers who build their own margaritas choose a tequila, a flavor, such as wildberry, passion fruit or lime, and decide if they want the drink frozen or on the rocks, with a salt, sugar or plain rim.

■ Rojo Mexican Bistro, 250 E. Merrill, in Birmingham, will offer a drink special for Cinco de Mayo, but hasn't worked out details. Customers might also consider trying one of the nine margaritas listed on the menu.

Rojo Presidente is a popular choice that combines Lunazul Reposado tequila, Grand Marnier, agave and lime juice, for \$11.

Can't decide between a margarita and wine? Get the best of both worlds with the Rojo's Sanga-Rita, which combines sangria and the house margarita.

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#### **CCS admissions at PARC**

The College for Creative Studies admissions team will be at Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church Street, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, to share information about majors, internships, successful alumni and provide portfolio reviews upon request. You can also learn about scholarships and dual enrollment classes at the PARC location, thanks to a grant from the Margaret Dunning Foundation.

Family members are welcome. To RSVP, go to https://www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/visit-us.

#### Day of Prayer breakfast

The Plymouth Family YMCA is organizing a National Day of Prayer breakfast 7-9 a.m. Thursday, May 3, at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church Street. Members of all faith communities are

Tickets are \$20 each or \$150 for a table of eight. To purchase tickets, go to goo.gl/ZXBiAz, call the Plymouth Family YMCA office at 734-453-2904.

### Spring pottery sale

The Village Potters Guild will hold its annual spring sale Thursday through Sunday, May 3-6, at its building at 326 N. Main Street in Plymouth. Hours are 5-8 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The sale will feature original handmade pottery from more than 20 artists, including garden items, one-of-a-kind serving dishes and tableware, as well as decorative items and sculpture. Some clearance items will be available.

For more information, call 734-207-8807 or go to www.villagepottersguild.org.

### 'Annie' by Spotlight Players

The Spotlight Players troupe will perform the hit musical "Annie" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 4-5, as well as 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6.

Tickets are \$15 to \$18 and available at www.cantonvillagetheater.org. Tickets can also be ordered over the phone at 734-394-5300, ext. 3, or purchased at the box office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each weekday. If available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to show time.

### **Bomber Buffing party**

The Yankee Air Museum, Willow Run Airport,



"Annie" will be presented May 4-6 by the Spotlight Players troupe at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. JOE KVORIAK

Hangar 1, 801 Kirk Profit Drive, in Ypsilanti will host its 23rd annual Bomber Buffing party from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5.

People are invited to help us polish the Boeing B-17 "Yankee Lady" and the North American B-25 "Yankee Warrior." There is no cost to participate in this event. A pizza luncheon will be served for everyone buffing a plane. People are encouraged to bring plenty of clean, soft rags.

Yankee Air Museum itself will be open with free admission for all Bomber Buffers that day and people are encouraged to visit after polishing the planes.

### **Plymouth Oratorio Society**

The Plymouth Oratorio Society will open its 32nd season with a concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial. Plymouth. The POS will perform J.S. Bach's "Mass #1in F-major" and Bob Chilcott's "Requiem." The POS will be joined by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and organist May Ann Balduf.

A free will offering will be taken; no tickets required. For more information, call 734-455-8353 or go to plymouthoratoriosociety.org.

### Hernia education seminar

Join Beaumont surgeons Edward Mavashev, M.D., and Daniel Bacal, M.D., to learn about the latest hernia treatment options, including minimally-invasive surgery, 6-8 p.m. Monday, May 7, at Beaumont Weight Control Center, 6300 N. Haggerty Road, in Canton. online at www.beaumont.org/ hernia-seminar or call 800-633-7377.

#### Music at the Elks

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The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

#### Archer at joint chamber event

Former Detroit Mayor Dennis W. Archer will speak at a multiple-chamber gathering from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at the Schoolcraft College Vis-TaTech Center. The event will involve members of the Livonia, Canton and Novi chambers of commerce. Archer will be available to sign copies of his autobiography "Let The Future Begin" and take pictures after the

The cost is \$35 per chamber member. For more details, contact the Livonia chamber at 734-427-2122 or go to www.livonia.org.

#### All-sports equipment sale

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department is holding an all-sports equipment sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 2, inside the Plymouth Ice Arena, 525 Farmer Street. Each 10- by 10-foot spot is \$20 and space is limited. You may purchase multiple booths and we will ensure that your spots will be next to each

Admission is free. For more information or to register, go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or call 734-455-6620.

### Plymouth H.S. reunion

The Plymouth High School Class of 1963 is celebrating its 55th class reunion Saturday, Aug. 18, with a dinner at The Summit in Canton. Other activities include a golf outing, a night mixer Friday, Aug. 17, at Karl's Cabin and an indoor picnic Sunday, Aug, 19, at the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex. For more information, contact Nancy Richard Earle at 734-634-8974 or nancyearle@comcast.net.

### **Baseline Folk Society**

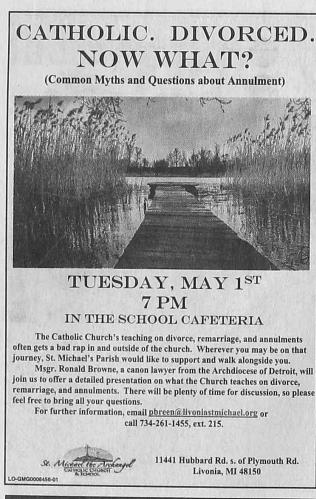
The Baseline Folk Society continues its 2018 season, at The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, at 774 N. Sheldon Road. Performances include 10 open-mic artists and then the feature act at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 at the door, including performers. Sign-up for open mic starts at 6:15 nm and ends at 6:40 p.m. Performances are the third Saturday of each month, September through May.

The season schedule is available on its Facebook For more information, bfspresident4u@gmail.com

### **Diabetes support group**

A diabetes support group meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street. Facilitator is Fern Vining, R.N., a diabetes educator. The group is sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club.





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# Brother Rice students visit Galapagos Islands

Diane K. Bert

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As biology teacher Bo Chumiecki was teaching her Brother Rice students about Charles Darwin and the theory of evolution, which he developed after observations on the Galapagos Islands, her students chanted, "Field trip! Field trip! Field trip!"

These comments planted the seed of an idea in Chumiecki's mind and she began exploring the possibility of a journey there. After recruiting a fellow teacher, Tim Dobrzenieki, and receiving permission from administrators to proceed, she arranged the trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands through a well-regarded educational tour company called EF.

Sixteen young men ages 14-18 went on the tour after a parent meeting and receiving instructions on behavioral expectations and packing lists.

After a two-hour flight to Atlanta and a five-hour flight to Quito, the group spent a few days in Quito exploring and experiencing the culture there. Jernal Sraon said: "Everyone we met was very

William Fitzpatrick called going to the Galapagos Island a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"We are fortunate to have been given the opportunity," Fitzpatrick said. "Life is simpler there. There is less focus on material things. They don't need technology to be happy."

"This was my first opportunity to travel outside the United States and to live a day in another culture. The Ecuadorian people were more laid back and seemingly less concerned about money," Spencer Geyman said.

Each day of the trip began with a briefing on the activities of the day. Meals were served family style. One special event was a visit with a Mayan family and introductions to native musical instruments

Alejandro Jacome was their tour guide. He provided insights into the Ecuadorian culture, tourist sites and points of interest.

'We bonded with the guides, who were sad to see us go," Alex Rice said.

Six days of the trip were spent tour-



Brother Rice students visiting the Sierra Negra volcano on the Galapagos Island of Isabela include (from left) Alejandro Jacome (tour director), Chun-Hwa Ma, Marcus Beaton, Bo Chumiecki (tour leader), Jernal Sraon, Mattei Jacks, Marco Farion, James Phillips, William Fitzpatrick, Gabriel Biondo, Reed Dawson, Brian Messo, Jack Ginste, Anthony Paredes, Alex Rice, Spencer Geyman, Aiden Connaughton, Wesley Zhang and Tim Dobrzeniecki (chaperone). BO CHUMIECKI

ing the Galapagos Islands, which are 600 miles west of the continent of South America and straddle the Equator. The islands are a volcanic archipelago in the Pacific Ocean, with a great diversity of plant and animal species. There is no other place in the world like it. The goal is to protect the species and to look out for the environment.

Jack Ginste said: "Upon entering each island, we had to clean our shoes." Luggage was inspected to be certain that no animal life was being intro-

Isabela Island was a favorite. All of the boys were fascinated with the sea lions, which were living on abandoned fishing boats. This was the "least touristy" island. Aiden Connaughton helped list the animals seen, which included sea lions, flamingos, wild horses, marine iguanas and penguins.

There was a penalty of \$5,000 for visitors who touch an animal and the rule was to stay two meters away from

them. The tour bus halted for a tortoise, which was slowly crossing the road.

"It was truly incredible to see the species of animals and their vast array of colors," Geyman said.

Snorkeling was a grand adventure for the boys. They enjoyed their opportunity to observe underwater scenery. Gabe Biondo said he was startled when a sea lion came exploring to see him and touch his mask.

After a long hike, the group reached the Sierra Negra volcano caldera and learned about volcanoes.

The other islands visited were Santa Cruz and San Cristobal. Each had a specific ecosystem of animal and plant vegetation. The Charles Darwin Research Station on Santa Cruz is devoted to preserving the environment and guarding the biodiversity of the archipelago. Visiting there helped make the connection with the students' original interest in

Chumiecki said following in the foot-

steps of Darwin "helped students evolve their own perspectives on the world."

"This was a packed trip. Wake up. Go, go, go!" Chumiecki said. "It was a good group of boys. I am proud of each and every one of our travelers. Our group represented their own families, our school and our country with grace. We have made memories that will last a lifetime.'

Brother Rice Principal Edward Okuniewski said school officials are "very proud of Bo Chumiecki and the work she accomplishes."

"Her enthusiasm, upbeat personality and love of the sciences inspire our boys to think deeply, stretch their learning and, ultimately, become great men," Okuniewski said.

Diane K. Bert is a Bloomfield Hills resident with a Ph.D. in educational psychology from Wayne State University. reached be can dkbert617@gmail.com.







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# Garden City women among Zeal award winners

For the second year, Zeal Credit Union invited online nominations in nine different categories to recognize and reward people for their hard work and accomplishments with the the Hard Working Spirit Awards.

"We received nearly 300 heartfelt and very moving nominations from family members, friends and co-workers. Members and non-members were also able to self-nominate," said Bryan Feldpausch, marketing coordinator for Zeal Credit Union. "It was very difficult to narrow down our selection to nine recipients."

Garden City residents Stephanie Booth and Dawn Corey were among nine honorees who were celebrated at Zeal Credit Union's 63rd annual membership meeting at the Dearborn Inn in March.

Booth was nominated in the category of service work. Manager of a pet grooming business, she has pushed through treatments for health issues while making sure everything at work goes smoothly. Nominated by one of her team members, she is appreciated for her attention to detail, thoughtfulness, and even baking cookies or cakes for their birthdays.

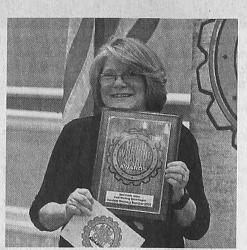
Booth was one of eight recipients presented with award plaques and \$100 in cash.

Zeal CEO Tony Carnarvon made the presentation to Garden City resident Dawn Corey, winner of the top category of Hardest Working Member, who received a check for \$1,000, an award plaque and large bouquet of flowers.

Corey was recognized for helping



Stephanie Booth (left), who received a Hard Working Spirit award in the service industry, accepts her award from Tiffany Robertson, a Zeal Credit Union team member. ZEAL CREDIT UNION



Garden City High School with all of its theater costuming and organized a prom dress sale for students with donated gowns. She also founded Angels Above Baby Gowns, a nonprofit organization to provide burial gowns for infants and small children. The gowns are made from donations of wedding gowns and distributed to 83 hospitals and emergency rooms. Her home is fre-

Dawn Corey, recognized by Zeal Credit Union as the Hardest Working Member, proudly displays her award. ZEAL CREDIT UNION quently open to volunteers who work together to provide this service and to grieving families when they need to get a burial gown and blanket.

"Having the opportunity to meet and visit with these special winners was as much an honor for those of us who celebrated them receiving the awards," Feldpausch said.

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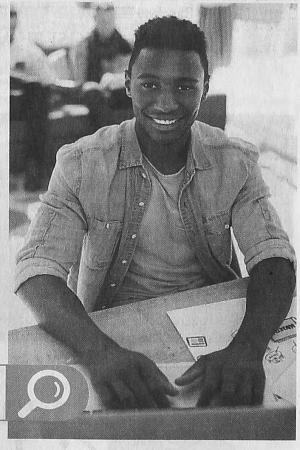
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# **Obituaries**

#### **Curtis Lundy**

TROY - Curtis Lee Lundy of Troy MI, passed away on April 18, 2018.

Survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Patricia (Woodmore) Lundy, son James Lundy, his brother David A. Lundy, niece Kristin (Lundy) DeMello, nephew Jon Lundy, and his adored grand nieces and nephews,

Sarah, Claire, Christian, Caroline, and Dan. Curtis was predeceased by his mother and father, Alvena (Lee) and Curtis S. Lundy of Lansing MI.

Born in Cambridge MA, Curtis attended Boston Latin School, and graduated from Sexton High

School in Lansing MI. He completed his B.S. degree in Geology and Mineralogy, and NROTC training, at the University of Michigan in 1954. Curtis joined the US Navy and served aboard the tanker USS Kankakee serving the Sixth Fleet. He was then deployed as First Lieutenant with the crew of the icebreaker USS Glacier on mission "Operation Deepfreeze I" to Antarctica to establish two Antarctic research bases during the International Geophysical Year, 1957/1958. After his service he returned to the University of Michigan, completing his M.S. degree in Geology and Mineralogy.

He was first employed in 1958 by Carter Oil Company (later Humble Oil) in Grand Rapids, Michigan, then in 1963 joined the exploration, production and underground gas storage staff at Michigan Consolidated Gas Company in Detroit. He was Senior Geologist of Geology, Reservoir and

Environmental Engineering when he retired in 1995. Curtis loved to be of service, and was active in his community, and a longtime member of the Northminster Presbyterian Church, where he served on the Session, as well as the building & grounds committee. He worked on a number of homes with Habitat for Humanity. He was a Boy Scout leader, and supported the Geology Merit Badge program at the 1977 National Jamboree. He enjoyed sailing on the Great Lakes, and was a member of the "Old Goat Society", having completed 29 Port Huron-to-Mackinaw races, and 5 Chicago-to-Mackinaw races. He enjoyed gardening, model building, and shared his Father's interest in model railroading.

Curtis died from complications of congestive heart failure, aged 85. He will be lovingly missed by all those whose lives he touched.

Relative and friends are invited to attend a memorial service on Saturday May 12, at 11:00 AM at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, Troy, MI 48084.

Donations in memory of Curtis may be made to Northminster Presbyterian Church, and University of Michigan Department of Earth and Environmental Science.



- - Arnold C Boyak Jr. passed away on March 21, 2018 at age 92.

He was the son of Arnold and Bessie (Titus) Boyak and brother to Betty (John) Barclay, Patricia (Richard) Hill, and the late Phyllis Boyak. He was married to Doris (Bamford) Boyak for 67 years before her passing

in 2017. He was father to Steven (JoAnn Peraino) Boyak, Craig (Sabine Schirm) Boyak and Barbara (Jim) Lambrecht and Grandpa to Megan, Caitlin, and Calley Boyak.

He was a graduate of Cooley High School and the Detroit Institute of Technology. He enlisted in the US Army Air Corps in 1943 and served as a tail gunner in a B-17 for the 99th Bomber Squadron in Foggia, Italy from May, 1944 through July, 1946. He was a consummate team member; making every team of which he was a member a better group. This included 30 years as an engineer at Massey-Ferguson designing tractors and farm implements, as an athlete on high school, army base, church and recreational teams, and in roles as a coach and umpire assignor with the Redford Township Junior Athletic Association, as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 548, as one of the founding members of the Thurston Booster Club, as an officer and president of the Massey-Ferguson Credit Union, and as treasurer, deacon and Sunday School teacher at 3 different churches. He was also an avid reader and gardener; hybridizing several varieties of daylilies and naming them for many family members.

A memorial service and celebration of his life is scheduled at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road in Livonia at 11:00 a.m. on May 5. Visitation with family will extend from 9:30 until the service. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Stephen Ministry at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of Livonia



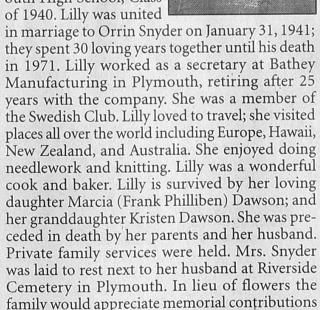
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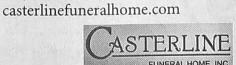
- - Judie passed away April 17, 2018 surrounded by the love of her family. Age 79. Beloved wife of the late Roger F. Sherman for 53 years. Loving mother of Roger F Sherman., Jr. (Susan), Ingrid Anne Sherman and dear family friend, Cindee Teer. Cherished grandmother of Jack and Kathleen Turner. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Also survived by her dog, Charlie. Memorial Services were held Wednesday, April 25th at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to The Michigan Humane Society or The American Cancer Society. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at

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### Lilly V. Snyder

PLYMOUTH - Lilly V. Snyder, age 95, a longtime resident of Plymouth, passed away April 22, 2018. She was born on April 10, 1923 in Plymouth, Michigan; daughter of Ernest and Thyra (nee Nilsson) Wickstrom. She graduated from Plymouth High School; Class





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### · Margaret Thoms

TRAVERSE CITY Margaret J. (Hammill) Thoms, 93, of Traverse City, died April 22, 2018, at Boardman Lake Glens.

Margaret was born Sept. 12, 1924, in Flint, Michigan, to May and Clarence Hammill. She received a bachelor's degree from Albion College and a master's degree



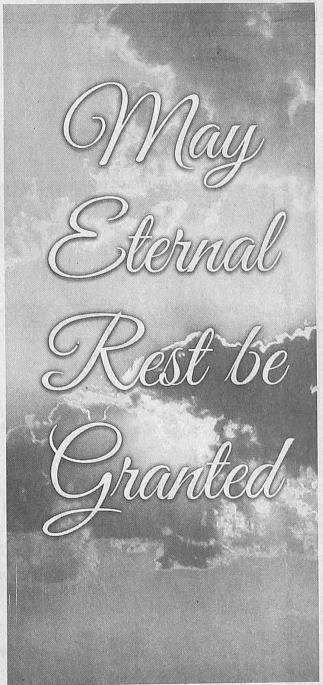
from the University of Wisconsin, and worked as an elementary school teacher. On March 17, 1950, she married John L. Thoms. They lived in Birmingham, Michigan, and built a cottage on Lake Michigan, near Honor, where the family spent countless summer days and nights.

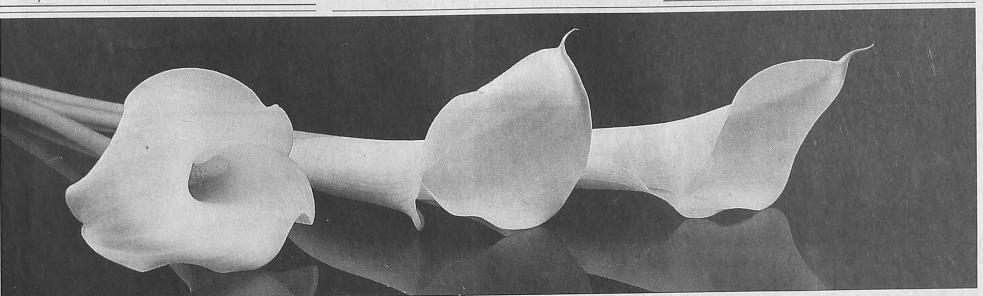
Margaret was a go-getter who took up yoga in her 70s and played a brisk game of tennis well into her 80s. She was talented at knitting and cross-stitch and was an avid reader. She loved walking along the shore of Lake Michigan looking for beach stones. An independent soul, at 79, she sold her home in Birmingham and moved to Traverse City to begin a new chapter. Devoted to faith, family and community, Margaret believed strongly in serving others. She served as an elder in the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham and was active in the Presbyterian Church of Traverse City. Active in state and national politics, she was a dedicated volunteer for the Oakland County Republican Party. And she held leadership positions with the philanthropic group P.E.O.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and her sister, Barbara Griffin. Mourning her loss is her family, which includes her sons, William (Susan) Thoms and Richard (Michele) Thoms; six grandchildren and two

great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 11, 2018, at the Presbyterian Church, Traverse City, where the family will greet friends starting at 10 am. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, Traverse City, or a charity of choice. Life Story Funeral Home, Traverse City, 231.941.9034





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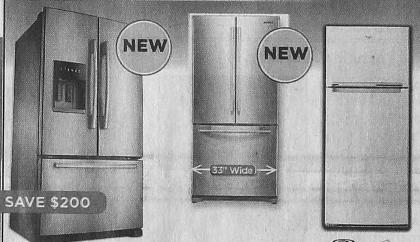
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# Carbo returning to his roots

Ex-major leaguer to be honored in May 5 banquet

**Brad Emons** 

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It's been almost 43 years ago since Bernie Carbo hit one of the most dramatic pinch-hit homers in World Series history for the Boston Red Sox in their epic seven-game set with the Cincinnati

Now age 70 and just coming off a hip replacement, the 1965 Livonia Franklin High grad, who played for six different clubs during his 12 major league seasons, remains active and connected with the game of baseball.

Carbo will return to his roots for a celebration and dinner put on by his childhood Little League friend Jim Neve on Saturday, May 5, at the VFW

Post 7546 in Dearborn Carbo "My health is good,"

said Carbo, who currently resides outside Mobile, Ala., with his wife Tammy. "I'm doing really well with it (the hip). I've been teaching baseball almost 35 years plus. I've been teaching hitting. I've worked with boys and girls, teach fast-pitch. I work with kids 5 years old all the way to college. I'm teaching a lot of things just dealing with baseball."

The former outfielder is looking forward to being reunited with his former baseball and football teammates at Franklin as well.

'The last time I'd been to Michigan was probably, I'd say, 15-18 years ago," said Carbo, who also does ministry work and fantasy camps. "It's going to be rewarding to me, because I didn't go to any class reunions because they had them in the summer when I played professional baseball and I never had the opportunity to go. Once in the winter time, they had a football reunion of our class of 1965 where we went 9-0. We really had a great time, so I'm looking forward

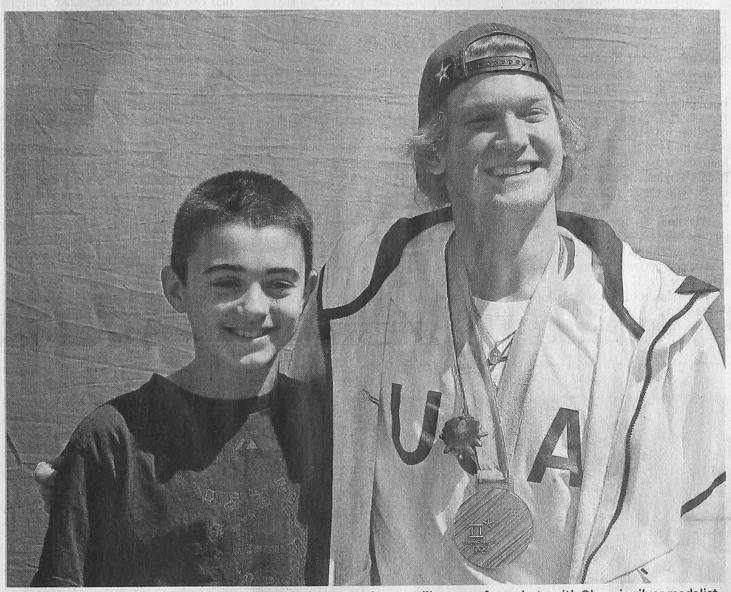
to seeing some of the guys from the football team that I played with and base-

While he's in town, Carbo plans to speak to the Garden City Fire Department and, possibly, to the Franklin varsity baseball team, which has a doubleheader that Saturday at home. Ironically, when Carbo played for Franklin, the Patriots did not have a home field. They played their games at Edward Hines Park, just a stone's throw away from where he grew up.

The dinner and celebration features an auction and Carbo will also be signing his book, "Saving Bernie Carbo."

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### **OLYMPIC GAMES**



Luke Shelton, a sixth-grader at Warner Middle School in Farmington Hills, poses for a photo with Olympic silver medalist Kyle Mack. MARTY BUDNER

# Silver medal winner Mack grateful for hearty welcome

Snowboarder celebrates success with home fans

**Marty Budner** 

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

West Bloomfield's favorite son returned home to a warm welcome and heartfelt congratulations April 22.

The visitor's bleacher side of West Bloomfield High School's football field was full of enthusiastic fans saluting hometown hero Kyle Mack in a well-orchestrated ceremony commemorating his medal-winning performance at the

recent Winter Olympics.

Mack entered the field sitting atop the back seat of a glistening red Ferrari, which slowly snaked down the track as Olympic-themed music perfectly punctuated the upbeat atmosphere. The 20year-old snowboarder waved to the cheering crowd and then graciously cupped his heart with his hands in a sincere sign of appreciation.

It's been a whirlwind of activity for Mack since dazzling the world with his remarkable big air Bloody Dracula trick,

which led to the silver medal. He's been celebrating across the country since returning from South Korea and the accolades continued this week with a trip to the White House and a parade in Silverthorne, Colo., with fellow U.S. Olympians Red Gerard, a 2018 slopestyle gold medalist, and Chris

The Kyle Mack Celebration, sponsored by Boyne Country Sports, opened with the national anthem sung by popular Detroit-area artist Karen Newman, accompanied by the West

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### **COLLEGE RECRUITING**

### Raiders' **Sgambati** headed to Michigan Tech

**Marty Budner** 

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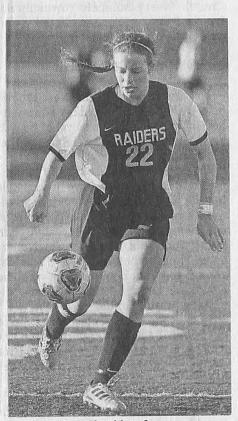
Shaun Gray is familiar with North Farmington senior forward Gabriela Sgambati's soccer skills.

After all, Gray coaches Sgambati on the Michigan Hawks U-18 premier travel team. He marvels at her savvy instincts and overall passion for the

Gray witnessed another sensational play in a recent high school game. However, this time he was on the wrong side of a Sgambati classic.

Gray also coaches the Farmington High School girls soccer team, which hosted Sgambati's North Farmington squad in an OAA Blue Division matchup that doubled 'as the Farmington

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Gabriela Sgambati is a four-year varsity veteran who will be studying mechanical engineering and playing soccer next year at Michigan Tech University. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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### **Sgambati**

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Public Schools district championship game.

The Falcons took a 1-0 lead midway through the first half and held the advantage for the next 58 minutes.

Then, with just a little over three minutes remaining, Sgambati picked up a rebound of a Farmington shot that banged off the crossbar, then dribbled down the left side of the field. She powered past a couple of Falcons defenders and then unleashed a left-footed shot that rolled into the far corner of the net, allowing the visiting Raiders to tie the game.

The spectacular play allowed North Farmington to not only leave with a draw, but retain the city championship trophy. Sgambati, a senior, maintained her record of never having lost to Farmington.

### An opportunist in life

Gray, in his second year as Farmington head coach, was not surprised.

"Gabby is a very good player and we talked about the threat that she has and that she can score goals," Gray said. "She waited for her opportunity and she took it."

Sgambati seems to be taking advantage of all her opportunities as she closes out a brilliant prep career both in the classroom and on the pitch.

In February, Sgambati signed a national letter of intent to attend Michigan Tech University. She is not only excited to kick-start her college soccer career, but seems even more elated to begin studies in her other passion — mechanical engineering.

Sgambati, North Farmington's senior class president who owns a 4.0 grade-point average, has earned a \$2,000 scholarship from the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program to the Upper Peninsula university.

"I looked at a couple smaller schools, but I mostly wanted to go into an engineering program," the bubbly Sgambati said. "I always wanted to go to Michigan Tech since I was young and both of my parents are alumni. We go to a lot of their hockey games and it's a big thing for my family.

"I figured, as long as they have a soccer team, I might as well play that up there, too," she added. "I've always wanted to go up there."



Cabriela Sgambati (right) celebrates her tying goal with teammate Ava Farquhar during the final minutes of the recent city championship game against district rival Farmington. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

#### Motivated by mom

Sgambati is a member of the National Honor Society, a ninth-grade mentor, a physics club member and a tutor. In addition, she volunteers at the new Farmington STEAM Academy, where she shares her love of math and science.

As for soccer, Sgambati, who has been playing since age 5, has played for the LCSC, Ingatestone FC in England, AC Milan in Detroit and this past season with the Hawks, where she is also a team captain and leading scorer. She is even enjoying her role as an assistant coach with the Farmington Fusion U-10 girls soccer squad.

"My mom was my first coach and she got me motivated," Sgambati said. "I tried other things but, with soccer, I felt it kept me active and have fun at the same time.

"I love the emotions you can have and the tenacity of how you play and can build yourself up," she added. "I like

"I always wanted to go to Michigan Tech since I was young and both of my parents are alumni. We go to a lot of their hockey games and it's a big thing for my family."

Gabriela Sgambati North Farmington soccer player

team sports, because you can always help each other and you always have some one else to back you up."

In her first three varsity seasons, Sgambati has accounted for 17 goals and 12 assists while primarily playing midfield. She had eight goals and seven assists last spring. So far this season, while alternating between midfield and forward, she's tallied two goals and one assist. Besides the memorable game-tying goal last week against Farmington, she connected for the game-winning goal Tuesday in a 1-0 non-league triumph over Dearborn

Veteran North Farmington head coach Tim Russell said Sgambati is simply a natural talent who possesses great enthusiasm.

"She is just an all-around team player and that's why she's going to be playing up at Michigan Tech," Russell said. "She is good with both feet. She can play every position on the field and has a great shot. She can beat good defenders and she's been a battler all four years. She loves the game and you can see she still plays it like a kid."

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### Mack

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Bloomfield High School choir. After a short prayer by the Rev. Tim Holzerland, pastor at Shepherd King Lutheran Church, West Bloomfield Township Supervisor Steven Kaplan offered a few congratulatory words.

### Celebrating the Olympian

Kaplan explained that West Bloomfield was going to fete Mack simply for his Olympic berth. The fact that he won a medal just made the celebration that much more festive.

"West Bloomfield Township is honored and privileged to have hosted Kyle Mack," said Kaplan, who began planning the event 90 days ago. "We think he is a champion and hero. More than that, he is a wonderful person with high character. The fact that he qualified was just enough to honor him, but then when he won the silver medal, that was just additional gratitude for us."

Master of Ceremonies Mike Stone from WXYT-FM (97.1) sports radio anchored a short question-and-answer session with Mack, to the crowd's delight.

Mack talked about how his family's presence in South Korea made him comfortable and how "cool" it was meeting athletes from across the world. His advice to young snowboarders is that practicing on any type of board — skate board, wake board or surf board — will go a long ways toward improving snowboard skills.

Mack also mentioned he plans to work hard for a return trip to the 2022 Olympics in Beijing, China.

In addition, prizes — featuring four snowboards and goggles — were raffled off to the fans, with Mack announcing the winners.

### Flyin' Brian greets hero

One of those winners was aspiring snowboarder Flyin' Brian Rice from Farmington Hills, who was grateful to win a replica board Mack used at the Olympics.

Rice first met Mack earlier this month at the USA Snowboard and Freeski As-



Farmington Hills snowboarder Brian Rice (right), a.k.a. Flyin' Brian, is all smiles after Olympian Kyle Mack presented him with a snowboard. MARTY BUDNER



Fans traveled to West Bloomfield High School to meet and greet favorite son and Olympic silver medalist Kyle Mack. MARTY BUDNER

sociation nationals held at Copper Mountain. Rice, who placed 12th at that national meet in his age division and owns the No. 1 regional ranking in half pipe, was thrilled when his Olympic hero personally handed him the board.

"I thought it was just an amazing experience. I'm so glad that I went," said Rice, a seventh-grader at Farmington Hills STEAM Academy who himself entertains Olympic dreams. "Overall, it was just a great experience to know that, one day, my town might do that for me as well. It was so cool that his town did that for him. It was very gracious of them. I got a picture with him there and I got another picture with him after waiting in the line. It was very nice."

After the giveaways, Mack walked back to a designated area to meet and greet all the fans in attendance. He took his time signing autographs and taking photos with all of his fans who came out for the festivities on the warm, sunny afternoon.

Dianne Colby, Mack's second-grade teacher at the now-closed Hickory Grove Elementary, attended with her husband Ray and daughters Caroline and Kathleen. They managed to sneak in a few pre-event photos before heading off to the Detroit Tigers baseball game.

"We just knew that he was special when he was at Hickory Grove. He was always just the nicest person," said Colby, who now teaches at Eastover Elementary in the Bloomfield Hills district. "He was so invested in the sport at a very young age. His two first-grade teachers, and he also had two second-grade teachers, we always watched his progress with enthusiasm.

"I remember one time he went to Vermont for a competition and, as a second-grade child, I thought that was impressive," she added. "We, as teachers, we like to watch our students progress and it's nice to see when they make their dreams and reach what they work so hard for."

Mack is simply grateful for everything that's come his way over the past two months. It's been more than anything the former Brother Rice student could ever have imagined.

"This whole thing, even before this today, the amount of people coming by to say hi and all the support, has been wild," Mack said. "The whole choir played a song for me which was, like, super cool and everyone around here has been so cool and supportive. The whole West Bloomfield Township, I have to thank them so much for being so supportive and throwing this event for me. I'm just so excited.

"It's a huge thing. I've been on TV all week and my first- and second-grade teachers came to see me," he added. "This whole experience has been excellent. I can't thank them enough for what they've done."

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# Groves defeats Farmington in baseball

#### Baseball

GROVES 6, FARMINGTON 2: Birmingham Groves avoided the OAA White Division sweep Wednesday afternoon with this four-run win over Farmington. Ryan Laub threw a completegame victory, allowing six hits and striking out five. George Cutler was 2-for-3 with a home run and four RBI while Falcon teammate Aerik Joe was 2-for-3 with two runs scored. Chaise Ford and Nick Ringler each pounded doubles for Groves. For Farmington, Deven Mahanti was 2-for-3 with a home run. Groves, which dropped a double-header to the Falcons earlier in the week, hiked its record to 8-3.

GROVES 8-13, UTICA 6-2: On April 21, Birmingham Groves swept this nonleague double-header in Utica. In the first game, Aerik Joe, Connor Bradbury and George Cutler each had two hits. Ari Sherman had one perfect inning of work to earn the save. In the second game, Josh Klein pitched four innings and allowed four hits to pick up the win. Tyler Newitt pitched an inning and struck out the three batters he faced. Harrison Cole, Nick Ringler and Bradbury each had two hits. Ryan Laub (1-for-3, two RBI), Joe (1-for-2, one run scored) and Cutler (1-for-2) also had notable performances. The wins lifted Groves to 7-1.

#### **Girls soccer**

NORTH FARMINGTON 1, DEARBORN 0: In non-league action Tuesday, Gabriela Sgambati netted the game's only goal in the first half. Sgambati's tally -- her second goal of the season -- was set up off a corner kick by Lynn Lerner. The Raiders held on for the win thanks to a key point-blank save by goalie Patil Tcholakian late in the game. McKenna Galloway, Maya Kelly, Milena Jansen, Ava Farquhar and Hailey Worthing helped preserve the shutout as backline players. Haley Collin had a strong game by sparking numerous offensive opportunities.

LAKE ORION 1, GROVES 0: In a defensive battle between two top OAA Blue Division teams, the Dragons scored the game's only goal on a penalty kick in the 77th minute of play. A handball was called after a scramble in the box following a corner kick and Lake Orion did not miss its late scoring opportunity. The teams were undefeated heading into the game.

MARIAN 8, LADYWOOD 0: Marian scored all eight of its goals in the first half to dominate this Catholic League victory Tuesday afternoon. Jansen Eichenlaub paced the offense with three goals and three assists. Grace Kinna (two), Maria Askiunis, Emme DeConinck and Maria Askoinis were the other Mustang scorers. Claudia Schilling, Neve Badalow and Sara Stroud were credited with assists. Goalie Megan Kraus registered the shutout for the defending Division 2 state champs.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 4, TROY ATHENS 0: Becka Hancock earned the shutout victory for the Black Hawks Monday afternoon in Bloomfield Hills. Sloane Marwill led the offense with two goals while Christina Hickson and Isabelle Harber accounted for the other Bloomfield Hills goals. Bloomfield Hills raised its undefeated record to 7-0-1.

COUNTRY DAY 6, GROVES 1: Country Day traveled the short distance to Groves on Monday and left with the five-goal triumph. DCD, the state's No. 5-ranked Division III team, was led by Elle Hartje's three-goal hat trick. Jamie Nicholls mustered Groves' only goal on a late penalty kick.

SEAHOLM 6, ROYAL OAK 1: In an OAA crossover game played Monday, Seaholm (OAA White) defeated Royal Oak (OAA Blue) by five goals. Senior captain Zoe Gaffney led the attack with two goals and two assists. Natalie Erne also connected for two goals while Cate Brown and Caroline Esper also found the back of the net for the Maples. Olivia Graham contributed three assists. Goalie Maya Nesti had three saves to pick up the win

MARIAN 5, DIVINE CHILD 1: On April 21, Marian broke up a close game at halftime (2-1) with three second-half goals en route to the four-goal triumph. Jansen Eichenlaub finished with three goals and Annie Bruce accounted for the other two. Emme DeConinck, Grace Kinna, Sara Stroud, Claudia Schilling and Olivia DeConinck picked up assists. Goalies Megan Kraus (first half) and Annabella Deines shared the victory.

ROEPER 3, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 3: Roeper netted the game's first and last goal to forge this MIAA tie with undefeated (3-0-2) Southfield Christian on April 20. Maddie Kragt and Micaiah Ligon (two) were the Eagle scorers.



North Farmington was undefeated after its first seven games, thanks in part to the strong play of shortstop Mara Sczecienski, who is hitting at a .684 pace, with 11 runs and 11 RBIs while batting from the lead-off position. MARTY BUDNER



Junior Jansen
Eichenlaub
has played a
big role in
helping
defending
D-II state
champion
Marian get
off to a
sterling start
this season.
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### Softball

SEAHOLM 4-7, ROCHESTER 2-12: These OAA White Division teams split their double-header on Tuesday. Seaholm's Erika MacArthur was a two-way force in the opener with a 3-for-3 showing at the plate and going the distance on the mound for the complete-game win. Reilly Vida contributed two hits and Kate Bridges added an RBI-triple. In the second game, Abby Righter led the Maple offense with three hits while Bridges was 2-for-2 with two RBI and Sarah Hegel smacked a triple and scored twice. The results left Seaholm with a 5-2 record.

NORTH FARMINGTON 7, TROY ATHENS 1: North Farmington remained undefeated (6-0) with this six-run OAA Red Division win over Athens on Tuesday in the first game of a scheduled twinbill. Sam Cherney struck out 13 and allowed just four hits to pick up the win. Mara Sczecienski and Molly Simpson each had three hits, while Jordyn Taylor, Sarah Fish an Sarah Williams contributed two hits apiece. Maeve O'Hara added a hit and two sacrifice bunts. The second game was postponed due to weather

MERCY 19-17, MARIAN 0-0: Mercy scored 36 runs on 26 hits in just five innings in these two mercy-rule wins over Marian Tuesday in Farmington Hills. In the opener, Caroline Carlson had three walks and scored three runs. Mercy teammates Emily Rzepecki and Julia Kleismet combined for five hits and four runs scored. In the second game, Rzepecki was 3-for-3 with three runs scored. Anna Dixon was on base three times and scored each time. The wins lifted Mercy to 6-2 overall and 3-1 in the Catholic League.

MERCY 11-10, GABRIEL RICHARD 12-9: Mercy and Gabriel Richard split their Monday double-header, with each team winning by a run. In the second game, Mercy trailed by a run going into its last at-bat. However, the Marlins rallied for a pair of runs to collect the victory. Maggie Murphy smacked a single -- her third hit of the game -- to knock in the game-winning run. Sarah Cassidy had three hits and Anna Dixon scored three runs in the opener.

CHELSEA ROUND ROBIN: On April

21, Farmington won two of three games in the Chelsea Round Robin. Host Chelsea slipped past Farmington in the opener, 4-3. However, the Falcons bounced back with wins over Holt (9-3) and Livonia Churchill (6-3). Against Holt, Robyn Banks and Kayla Ghafari were each 3-for-4 with one RBI. Kacey Noseworthy (run-scoring triple) and Caitlin Sheltrown (run-scoring single) also had notable performances. Against Churchill, Lauren Johnson (2-for-4), Lily Morrissete (4-for-4, one RBI), Gabriella Slabaugh (3-for-4) and Banks (3for-4, two RBI) were notable performers. Morrissete, a freshman catcher, blasted a home run in the loss to Chelsea. Banks was the pitcher of record in all three games, striking out 26 batters and allowing 18 hits on her day's work. "Robyn was stellar all week long. She was able to command her pitches and locate them to work the counts in her favor," said Farmington head coach Stephanie Volpe. "Overall for the day, we played with a lot of energy and showed a competitive attitude which are things that as a team we have been working on acquiring. We had 100 percent contribution today. I am extremely happy with our 2-1 record on the day."

MERCY INVITATIONAL: Mercy won three of its four games in its own tournament April 21 at Founders Park. Mercy defeated Ann Arbor Skyline (16-0 in five innings), Linden (11-1 in five innings) and Northville (8-5 in five innings). The lone Marlin loss was to Anchor Bay (16-3 in five innings). Grace Nieto stood out in the tourney by posting an .833 batting average with nine runs scored and six RBI. The Mercy shortstop was 4-for-5 in the opener over Linden.

NORTH FARMINGTON 4, WATER-FORD KETTERING 1: On April 20, North Farmington, after trailing 1-0, scored the final four runs to take this non-league encounter. Mara Sczecienski, Jordyn Taylor and Molly Simpson each had two hits

### Girls tennis

GROVES 5, CRANBROOK KING-SWOOD 4: Groves swept the singles competition and Cranbrook won the first four doubles flights on Tuesday. The difference was at No. 5 doubles

where the Groves duo of Eve Wasvary and Hanna Lupovitch rallied to defeat the C-K tandem of Asha Bulusu and Ellie Rothstein in three sets, 3-6, 7-6, 6-2. The match's only other three setter was at No. 4 singles where Areille Bauer of Groves stopped Marie Ghilezan of Cranbrook Kingswood, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. The other Falcon singles winners were Sullivan Patel (No. 1), Marin Wachs (No. 2) and Anna Chikhalenko (No. 3). The winning Crane doubles teams included Kate Cao and Amelia Smith (No. 1), Sophia Moustakis and Abby Foltyn (No. 2), Sara Lawler and Maggie Stutz (No. 3) and Simrin Nagarasu and Mia Inakage (No.

GROVES 7, BRIGTHON 2: On April 21, Groves defeated Brighton in nonleague competition. The Falcons won three singles matches and four doubles matches. Sullivan Patel won at No. 1 singles over Brighton's Maria Raneses in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1. The Falcons took the three other singles matches in straight sets: Marin Wachs (No. 2), Anna Chikhalenko (No. 3) and Caitlin Upkong (No. 4). All five doubles flights were also decided in straight sets. Groves' No. 1 team of Ny'Dea terrell and Karis Horn defeated Olivia Cooperrider and Anna Kelly, 6-0, 6-3. Groves lost to Holly (6-3) and Ann Arbor Huron (7-2) in other matches that day.

DETROIT COUNTRY DAY 6, SA-CRED HEART 0: In a rain-shortened match on April 21, defending Division 3 state champion Country Day dominated the six contested flights. The Yellow-jacket singles players dropped just one game in winning all four flights behind the efforts of Julia Fliegner (No. 1), Monique Karoub (No. 2), Elle Hartje (No. 3) and Alexis Nardicchio (No. 4). At No. 2 doubles, DCD's duo of Ruhe Nayak and Tara Rahmani defeated Kathryn Monahan and Serena Seneker by identical 6-2

SACRED HEART 6, TRAVERSE CITY ST. FRANCIS 2: On April 21, Sacred Heart and St. Francis had a closer encounter than the final score would indicate as five of the eight matches went the maximum three sets, with the Gazelles winning four of them. Sacred Heart's three-set winners were singles players Elizabeth Etterbeek (No. 1) and Reagan Beatty (No. 3) and the doubles teams of Keilleigh Keating and Nolwenn Crosnier (No. 3) and Hannah Kakos and Katie Myers (No. 4). At No. 1 doubles, Sara Gerard and Annie Keating defeated Lilly Bobrowski and Lillian Jeynes in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1.

### Boys track

DE LA SALLE 65, BROTHER RICE 63: Brother Rice dropped this close Catholic League outing Monday in Bloomfield Hills. The Warriors won three field events -- Lucas Mitrius in the high jump (5-feet-10), Mike Murphy in the long jump (18-feet, 7-inches) and Pete Schultz in the shot put (43-feet, 1.5inches). Rice's track event winners were Grant Davey in the 1,600-meter run (4:44.5), Alex Miracle in the 800 (2:06.0) and Kevan O'Brien in the 3,200 (10:23.6). The Warriors won both the 4X800- (Dan Serra, O'Brien, Joe Kawka and Miracle) and the 4X400-meter (Mike Tremonti, Serra, Miracle and Mitrius) relays. Rice is 2-1 in Catholic League action.

### **Boys lacrosse**

BIRMINGHAM UNITED 11, OXFORD 9: Owen Cross netted a team-high five goals to lead United to this OAA Red Division win over Oxford on Tuesday. Carson Claar and Colton Tinsley each scored twice while Will McBride and Johnny Cross had one goal apiece. Goalie Benny Goldberg had an excellent outing with 14 saves.

### Girls lacrosse

CRANBROOK 14, MARIAN 11: Cranbrook Kingswood, the defending Division 2 state champion, defeated visiting Marian by three goals on Wednesday. The Mustangs were led by Mia Hannawa who netted five goals.

### Boys golf

OAA RED DIVISION TOURNA-MENT: On Wednesday at Twin Lakes Golf Club, Birmingham Seaholm captured the second OAA Red Division tournament of the season with a 300. Jack Muir shot a five-under 67 to earn low medalist honors. Spencer Whittington (74), Henry Scavone (75) and Alex Acho (84) were the other Maple scorers. Seaholm, currently ranked No. 2 in the state, has now won three tournaments this spring.

### **SPORTS SHORTS**

#### **Big year for Blue Dolphins**

It was another memorable season for the Birmingham Blue Dolphins agegroup swim program.

The Dolphins won the YMCA Eastern Cluster Meet, the YMCA 8-Under Meet, the YMCA State Meet and the Great Lakes Zone Meet. They finished second at the U.S. 12-Under State Meet and capped the season by placing 15th at the YMCA National Meet (the boys squad finished 10th overall).

The BBD set a number of program records, none bigger than the 9-10 boys 200 free relay team, which set a new state standard with a time of 1:50.52. The record-setting foursome included A.J. Farner, Ian Whan, Evan Tack and Jack Higgins.

"The swimmers broke team records in every age group and that made for a memorable season," head coach Kevin Fogarty said.

Following are the BBD team records set during the 2017-18 season:

8-UNDER GIRLS: Avery Tack (50

8-UNDER BOYS: Drew Madigan (100 IM, 1:19.25); Gray Schindler, Drew Madigan, Hully Quarrier and Oliver Grake (100 medley relay, 1:08.36)

9-10 GIRLS: Erin Madigan (1,000 free, 12:59.29)

9-10 BOYS: Jack Higgns (50 free, 26.43; 100 free, 58.44); Evan Tack (100 breast, 1:16.60); A.J. Farner (100 IM, 1:07.54; 200 IM, 2:24.99); Sean Lu, Evan Tack, A.J. Farner, Jack Higgns (200 medley relay, 2:07.22); A.J. Farner, Ian Whan, Evan Tack, Jack Higgins (200 free relay, 1:50.52)

11-12 GIRLS: Sydney Dekervorkian (200 free, 1:56.58)

11-12 BOYS: Ethan Schwab (500 free, 5:06.33; 1,000 free, 10:24.60; 1,650 free, 18:14.55); Angus McDonald (100 back, 59.07; 200 breast, 2:25.52; 400 IM,

13-14 GIRLS: Megan Clifford (200 fly,

15-17 GIRLS: Courtney Connolly (100 fly, 55.56)

#### **Basketball coaches needed**

Birmingham Groves and Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice high schools are searching for varsity boys basketball coaches.

Marc West recently resigned as Groves head coach to accept an assistant coaching position at Henry Ford College. He spent four years coaching the Falcons, taking them to a Class A district championship in 2016 and an OAA Blue crown in 2017.

Anyone interested in the job should send a cover letter and resume to Groves Athletic Director Tom Flynn at TFlynn@birmingham.k12.mi.us. Application deadline is May 4.

Over at Brother Rice, former head coach Ed Shaffer will not return next year as school administrators decided to go in a "new direction." Shaffer was head coach at Brother Rice for 11 years, compiling an overall 111-123 record. The 111 wins are second all-time in Rice history, behind only the legendary Bill Nor-

According to Brother Rice administrators, the new head coach must be "committed to the Mission of Catholic



The Birmingham Blue Dolphin foursome of A.J. Farner, Ian Whan, Evan Tack and

education and follow the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education while developing the mind, spirit and soul of every studentathlete."

Additionally, the head coach will be responsible for all aspects of the basketball program and must demonstrate strong leadership in player and staff development, sportsmanship, integrity and character development.

Anyone interested in applying should send resumes to Brother Rice Athletic Director Jeff Calcaterra at calcaterra@brrice.edu. Application deadline is May 8. Rice administrators hope to have a new coach by Memorial Day.

### **USPBL** news

The United Shore Professional Baseball League is set to begin its third season May 11 at Jimmy John's Field in Ut-

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers, coached by Chris Newell, enter as the four-team independent league's defending champion. The Beavers figure to get plenty of competition again this year from fellow league members the Utica Unicorns, champions of the inaugural season in 2016, Eastside Diamond Hoppers and Westside Woolly Mammoths.

The USPBL certainly seems to have made an impact in its first two seasons under the direction of owner and CEO Andy Appleby of Bloomfield Township.

Following are a few significant headlines heading into the USPBL's third sea-

■ The USPBL will have 10 games —

Jack Higgins set a state record in the 200 free relay.

two per month — broadcast this season on ESPN3 as part of a Game of the Week series. The featured broadcasts include the opener May 11, the Home Run Derby and All-Star Game on July 7 and playoff games scheduled for early September.

"To have our games on ESPN3 is another wonderful milestone in the development of the USPBL," Appleby said. "The national platform will give us a tremendous opportunity to show off our great ballpark, family-fun atmosphere and quality baseball being played every weekend in historic downtown Utica." Neal Ruhl will serve as play-by-play

Over its first two years, the USPBL had 20 players sign with Major League Baseball organizations. Since its inception, one of the USPBL's main missions was to give young players the opportunity to pursue their major league

"We consider the USPBL as a developmental professional baseball league for Major League Baseball," said Justin Orenduff, the league's director of baseball operations. "Therefore it's important for our players to compete on a national stage and our games on ESPN3 will allow them to do that. We look forward to this great partnership moving forward to help promote these highlyskilled players."

#### MWGA play is set

dreams.

May is rolling around, the weather is starting to break and the Michigan Women's Golf Association season is about to tee off.

The MWGA Match Play League kickoff tournament is set for 10 a.m. May 5 at Salem Hills Golf Club in Northville. The outing will be followed by the spring meeting luncheon and 2-Woman Scramble & Guest Day, set for noon May 12 at Twin Lakes Golf & Banquet in Oakland Township.

The MWGA's other outings through July include 2-Person, 4-Ball (May 27 at Whispering Willows in Livonia), International Women's Golf Day (June 5 at Carl's Golfland in Bloomfield Hills), Skills Clinic with Debbie Williams-Hoak (June 10 at Brookside in Saline), 2-Woman, 4-Ball (June 11 at Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield), Summer Stroke Play (June 24 at Hickory Creek in Superior Township), the Two-Day State Championship (July 14-15 at Timber Ridge in East Lansing) and the 4-Woman Cha, Cha, Cha (July 30 at Northville Hills Golf Club).

Competitions are open to all amateur female players and registration is available online at www.mwgolf.org.

For more information, contact Pat Shelton at shelton@mwgolf.org.

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PDL SOCCER

# Thomas takes over **Bucks manager reins**

Former Madonna women's coach takes over most successful PDL franchise

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The Michigan Bucks of the USL Premier Development League announced earlier this month that Paul Thomas has been el-

Thomas, the former Madonna University women's soccer coach. replaces former PDL Coach of the Year Demir

evated to head coach.

Muftari, who for the past four seasons has been a part of the team's successful stretch of national titles since he joined in 2014.

The Bucks begin their 23rd PDL season with their record 15th appearance in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup in a match beginning at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, against host Detroit City FC at Hamtramck's Keyworth Stadium.

Thomas, who posted a 45-20-7 record in four seasons at Madonna, brings a wealth of experience to the Bucks at the youth and collegiate coaching level, with vast experience in the U.S. and England. While assisting the Bucks since 2014, Thomas was also the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association director of coaching.

"I love working with the young players who are all aspiring to chase their dream to become professional soccer players here or abroad and I will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that this year's team continues to produce champions," Thomas said in a team press release. "It is an honor and a challenge to be handed the reins of this great program and I appreciate the trust that ownership and management has given me to expand my career."

Thomas is also currently on the USSF national coaching education staff, as well as a Michigan Wolves/Hawks academy coach and technical adviser. He has held a USSF 'A' license since

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Dr. Joe Joseph Guettler USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

he word "Fore!" has traditionally been used to tell surrounding golfers to seek safety from the path of a misdirected shot. You can think of this article in the same way as the word "fore" and use the following advice to seek safety so that you can avoid injuries that might otherwise keep you from your favorite pastime.

Now, I'm not going to lie to you — I can't guarantee my advice will shave 10 strokes off of your game.

But I will tell you this: If you're aware of the common injuries that sideline golfers and if you do some simple things to prevent them, you may get to spend a lot more time on the course this season.

Five of the most commonly affected areas in the body are the shoulder, elbow, wrist, low back and knee.

The rotator cuff is a group of four muscles in the shoulder that is responsible for much of your shoulder's function. Unfortunately, tremendous stresses are placed on the rotator cuff during a typical golf

The rotator cuff is prone to acute strains and tears, as well as overuse injuries that result in tendonitis or

bursitis. The best cure for rotator cuff problems is pre- considerable pressure on the spine and muscles. Poor vention. Some simple shoulder stretches and strengthening exercises, as well as a good warm up don't hit the long ball your first swing - can keep your shoulders in commission.

Golfer's elbow refers to inflammation and overuse of the inner part of the elbow. The muscles that originate here are responsible for flexing the wrist and rotating the forearm — integral components of the golf

One of the best ways to avoid elbow problems, besides cutting back on golf, is to strengthen the forearm muscles and slow the swing so that there will be less shock in the arm when the ball is hit. Some simple and beneficial exercises include using a "grippy ball," doing wrist curls and reverse wrist curls with a light weight and performing simple wrist stretches.

Wrist tendonitis is very common. It results from "stressing out" the tendons that control the hand and

We all know that a great swing relies on the coordinated activity of the legs and trunk, as well as the arms. Although the wrist is one of the final links in this kinetic chain, it's an important one that deserves at-

Another common complaint among golfers - low back pain — can be caused by a poor swing.

The rotational stresses of the golf swing can place

flexibility and muscle strength can cause minor strains in the back that can easily become severe in-

Low back health requires a balance of strength and flexibility. Remember - it's not just the muscles of the low back, but also the abdominal and hip muscles that are important (together these are called your "core muscles")

Once again, you can avoid a lot of grief with some simple stretching and strengthening exercises.

In my practice, the most common knee injuries that I see in golfers are: 1) aggravation of the knee from the twisting motion and 2) tearing of the meniscus (bumper cartilage) because the twist was too much.

So before your next round of golf — especially at the beginning of the season — engage in some simple stretching exercises and then get a bucket of balls and hit them at the driving range. Warming up is very im-

For more information and links related to preventing and treating golf injuries, go to www.performanceorthopedics.com.

Dr. Joseph Guettler is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in sports medicine. His practice, Performance Orthopedics, is located in Bingham Farms.

### **Thomas**

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"I have been involved in high levels of soccer the past decade, but nothing has been as challenging and rewarding as being a part of the most successful team in American soccer history at this level," said Thomas, a Beverly Hills resident.

Thomas's first order of business was to appoint Will Thornton as his first assistant. Thornton, who hails from Pennsylvania, is also a staff coach with the Michigan Wolves/Hawks Academy and was an assistant coach for two seasons with the PDL powerhouse Reading (Pa.) United.

Thornton's resume also includes coaching at legendary youth club FC Delco in Philadelphia.

"Thanks to Paul for giving me this opportunity to be a part of the Bucks organization," Thornton said. "Having previous experience coaching at Reading, I am very aware of the standards for winning and developing players that the Bucks have established over the past two decades. I believe my passion for helping young players reach their ultimate potential will help me succeed in my role during this upcoming Bucks season."

Muftari, meanwhile, has been promoted to technical director of the Bucks and will continue to work

closely with Gary Parsons, the team's director of coaching, as well as Thomas and his new staff.

While the Bucks are most well known for their championships and professional players developed, the team takes as much pride in developing coaches as

"If you look at where some of our past coaches have been in their careers, we are as proud of them as we are of the player's advancement," Bucks CEO and Livonia native Dan Duggan said.

Steve Burns, the Bucks' first head coach, went on to lead Michigan to an NCAA Final Four berth, while Joe Malachino (Eastern Michigan) and Paul Snape (Butler) also became college head coaches. Dario Brose also played MLS for a short time and Don Gemmell is heading up one of the most successful youth programs is Houston, Texas.

Dan Fitzgerald, Parsons and Muftari were also part of Bucks championships since 2006.

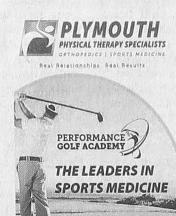
"We are proud of what all these great coaches have done to advance the game of soccer at the academy, college and professional level here in America," Duggan said. "We have some of the brightest young coaches in the country on this staff ready to embrace the exciting opportunities that professional soccer will provide right here in the state of Michigan in the coming

The Bucks open their PDL season on the road Sat-

urday, May 12, against Lansing United. The Bucks' home opener is 4 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at Royal Oak High School against the Derby City (Ky.) Rovers.

For information regarding individual season tickets and family passes for the upcoming PDL season, go to www.buckssoccer.com. You can also follow the Bucks on Twitter @MichiganBucks and on Facebook @MichiganBucksSoccer.

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### Carbo

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Written by Dr. Peter Hantzis, the book chronicles Carbo's trials and tribulations while growing up, being molested by an uncle, suffering through a contentious relationship with his father and his drug-addicted Major League career.

Known as a free spirit, Carbo was a first-round draft pick of the Reds.

Carbo made his big league debut in 1969 with the Reds and, in 1970, he played in the World Series against Baltimore after being named Sporting News Rookie of the Year (with a .310 batting average).

But he left the game prematurely at age 33 with a .264 career batting average and 96 homers. Carbo went to cosmetology school and opened a hair salon in Allen Park. He also had a stint in the Senior Baseball League in St. Petersburg, Fla. where he hit rock bottom in 1993 after his mother committed suicide, his father died and his first marriage dissolved.

Thanks to "Buffalo Heads" Bill Lee and Ferguson Jenkins, Carbo went for help and found Baseball Assistance Team, an organization that helps needy former players. They were instrumental in his getting into a recovery program. While in rehab, Carbo found that God had a plan for his life and, "through the healing power of Jesus Christ," drastically changed his life around.

It was also during 1993 when he found his calling, starting Diamond Club Ministry. (He also met his wife Tammy during an abbreviated stint in the Senior Baseball League while he was in Lakeland, Fla.)

"I live 100 yards from the beach in a small condo," said Carbo, who resides on Dauphin Island off the Gulf Coast. "I'm married with 11 grandchildren. My son just turned 36. He's a major in the army. He's got a doctorate degree in clinical psychology. He's stationed in Washington with two little girls. My wife (Tammy) is counselor at an elementary-middle school with 500 children and she's terrific. I just married one of my granddaughters last weekend. Small wedding, she asked me to do the ceremony. It was fun. She's a beautiful girl. My other grandson (Tyler) is working with me teaching hitting. He's 19 and

wanting to go to a junior college and play baseball. Wants to be a fireman and is doing really well."

In Game 6 of the 1975 World Series, Carbo become an instant hero for Red Sox fans when he delivered the gametying, three-run homer with two outs in the eighth inning at Fenway Park.

That set the stage for Carlton Fisk's infamous 12th-inning lead-off shot that hit the left field foul pole, giving Boston a 7-6 victory over the Reds. (In Game 3 of that series, Carbo hit his first pinch-hit homer; the second tied Chuck Essegian's 16-year-old record.)

Carbo, a member of the Red Sox Hall of Fame, also started Game 7, hitting a double and drawing a walk, while also gunning down George Foster at second base, who was trying to stretch a single into a double. But Cincinnati eventually rallied and won the deciding game, 4-3.

Carbo admitted during a series of interviews in 2010 that he played high in that Game 7. Carbo said he could have had a much better baseball career if he had found God as a teenager and avoided the destructive path of drug and alcohol abuse.

"My place at Diamond Club Ministry is full of the message of Jesus Christ by iust showing them God, being able to love them where they're at and teaching the parents to have fun with the children," said Carbo, who also managed in a Florida summer independent league in Pensacola, Fla., from 2003-05. "What I do is work with the parents to teach them hitting and teach them how to behave at the ballpark. I teach them to smile, love their kids with the understanding that major league baseball players are few and far between. It's very difficult. You set goals to bat 10,000 times, you're going to make 7,000 outs. And if you get 3,000 hits, you're a Hall of Famer. It's OK to strike out. Reggie Jackson struck out 2,000 times and, for five years, he didn't hit the ball. So I try and work with parents (to) realize just let the kids have fun and play baseball."

Tickets for the Carbo dinner and celebration are \$40 per person (\$20 for students). The event starts at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7:30 p.m. No alcohol will be served. VFW Post 7546 is located at 6228 N. Waverly, in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Neve at 734-612-9354.

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# PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



# GRACE NIETO

FRESHMAN SOFTBALL MERCY MARLINS

It's a scary thought of what lies down the road for Farmington Hills Mercy's softball opponents with Grace Nieto standing on the field.

The freshman shortstop, who has already committed to Northwestern University, has wasted little time in making her presence known this season for the 6-2 Marlins.

In the Mercy Invitational held April 21 at Founders Park, Nieto hit for a sparkling .833 average in leading the Marlins to three victories in their four games.

Batting from the lead-off spot, the ninth-grader was 10-for-12 with nine runs scored and six RBIs. She was also was 4-for-5 in the 11-1 opening-game win over Linden.

"Very, very happy and excited," said Nieto, who was voted Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week after garnering 15,727 votes (55.36 percent among the six nominees). Canton soccer player Carly Schwinke was runner-up with 11,645 votes

(40.98 percent).

Mercy coach Jerry Ashe can't hide his excitement either and can only wonder what lies in store for his team with Nieto leading the way the next four years. He was an assistant coach under the late Jack Falvo when Grace's older sister Kayce was an All-Stater for the Marlins. Kayce, now attending law school at Wayne State, played at the University of Utah.

"Kayce was, of course, a pitcher and a power hitter for us," Ashe said, "and Grace is more of a quicker, left-handed batter, and gets the bat on the ball . . . that kind of thing. And she's also an outstanding infielder."

Grace is part of a larger Nieto family softball tree. Her uncle Paul is the varsity coach at South Lyon East where he coached two daughters including Morgan, who graduated in 2017, and Molly, who is a freshman player for the Cougars.

"Being around her sister Kayce, that kind of thing, and that family, they have a great work ethic and softball sense," Ashe said of Grace. "She grew up with that. And I remember seeing her as a youngster just running around and being around the team and stuff... and that's the way she is right now."

Grace Nieto arrived at Mercy as a well-seasoned summer travel player where she was a middle infielder for for the Chicago-based Beverly Bandits.

"I think my best position is probably shortstop," Nieto said, "but I also can play second base. That's what I play in travel."

Coming out of Our Lady of Sorrows Grade School in Farmington, Nieto came with a ready-made bat and glove. But it didn't come without a little bit of trepidation.

"Our team has been doing pretty good," Nieto said. "Being a freshman is kind of like nerve-wracking and everything, but we have great senior leaders, especially Anna Dixon. I feel like she helps with anything we need with the coaches.

I feel like everyone around me kind of helped me get rid of the nerves, helped me play better and helped my team play better. My teammates there have made me feel more comfortable, so I'm really excited to play the rest of the season with them."

Nieto, who also played hockey before stepping away to concentrate on softball, also excels in the classroom with a 3.91 grade-point average. Her favorite subject is the sciences. She also likes to bake, cook and travel during her free time.

She is one of three early commits to Northwestern, which also includes South Lyon East freshman Lauren Sciborski and Clarkston sophomore Hannah Cady.

"I committed because I want a good education and everything," Nieto said.

In Monday's first game of a double-header against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Nieto was injured in a collision with a runner stealing on a play at second base.

"She strained her throwing hand, two middle fingers," Ashe said. "So she's out for a couple of weeks. She can run, but can't do anything

But Ashe said the injury won't keep Nieto down for long, "Even when she goes for the

"Even when she goes for the equipment, she runs," Ashe said. "She's a bundle of energy."

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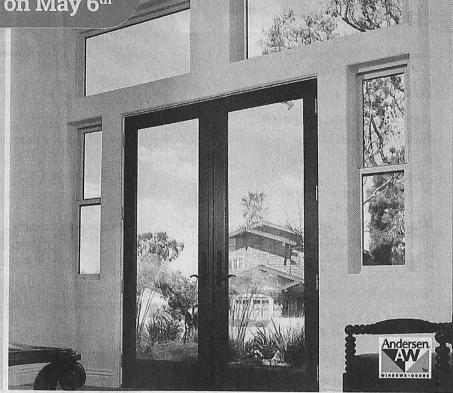
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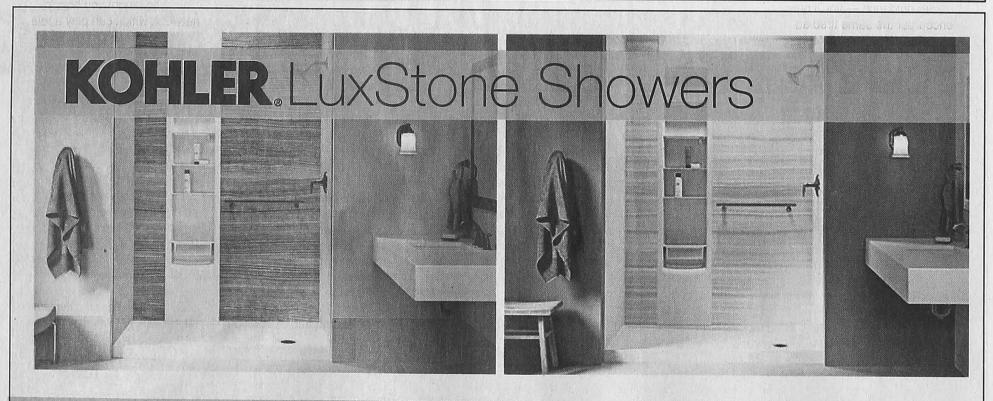
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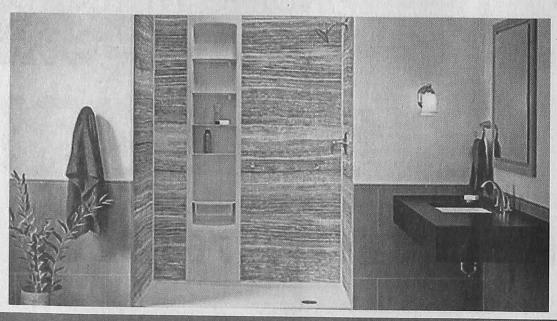
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# Is it time to retire these cliché career tips?

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oes this sound familiar? You're in the midst of some serious career planning, when all of a sudden you're inundated with advice on what to do, what not to do and how to move forward.

When it comes to career planning, some people tend to think they have all the answers and dish out clichéd and uninformed advice to others. If you're the unwitting recipient of these tired tips, you may feel overwhelmed and unsure of where to turn.

Don't bother doing a blind search on the internet for career guidance - you'll only encounter the same tired advice. So, with all of this "career noise" at every turn, how do you know what to believe and follow?

#### You should always do what you love

It would be an interesting world if everyone got to do exactly what they want to do or love. But reality sometimes holds a different view of how our careers should play out. While it can be a good idea to pursue a dream, it can be foolhardy to pursue it forever. Besides, it's possible to find happiness and fulfillment while turning to a back-up plan. Use logic and reality as your guide

when deciding between pursuing your dream and choosing an acceptable alternative.

#### Don't leave your current job until you have a new one lined up

This advice is as old as it gets - but does that necessarily mean it's sound? This tip gets murky if your job environment is especially toxic or unhealthy. Sure, it makes sense to have a steady paycheck and job history while job hunting and until something new comes along, but life is short, and if you're really in a difficult or miserable spot, then it may be worthwhile to leave.

Besides, it's easier to job hunt when you have more time to focus on it. Fully weigh your situation's pros and cons, and decide wisely.

#### Don't leave a job before you've been there for at least a year

Everyone has heard this one before, and according to online career source The Muse, "It's true: You don't want a reputation as a serial job-hopper. Employers like to work with people who stick around since it's so expensive to recruit and train them."

However, The Muse also suggests that reality might

not be so black and white: "While you want to avoid having lots of short stays in your job history, most people will understand if there was a

particular situation that wasn't

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great. If it's your boss or the dayto-day nature of your work that's not what you expected. keep in mind that there are sometimes options to change positions without leaving the organization. Start by looking for new responsibilities and discussing a transfer to another team. If, after that, you're still itching to get out, update

your resume and restart your

#### If you change your field you'll have to start at the bottom

Are you thinking of a complete career overhaul? If so, then you've undoubtedly encountered this advice, which comes from the notion that you always have to work your way up from the bottom. But whoever originally came up with this one obviously never thought about the value of transferable work experience and skills. According to The Muse, "if you've already put time into your current career, you probably have more skills that transfer from field to field than you recognize. Not just that, but your years of work have also taught you how to network, which can play a role in getting off the ground floor." Bottom line: Recognize your value and transferable skill set when considering what positions to pursue in other fields.

There you have it - a fresh look on some old career clichés. Hopefully this information will help declutter your brain when it gets too full of competing advice and you'll be on your way to making smart career decisions.

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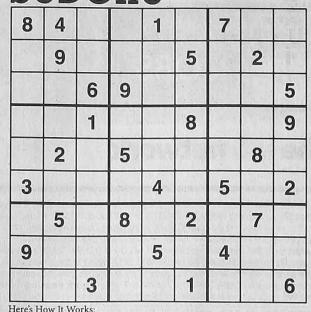
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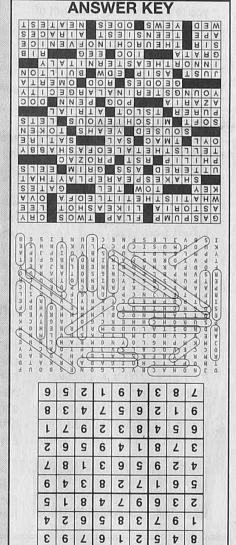
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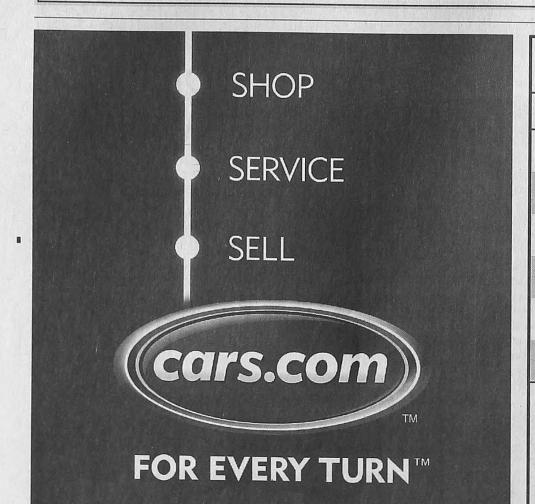
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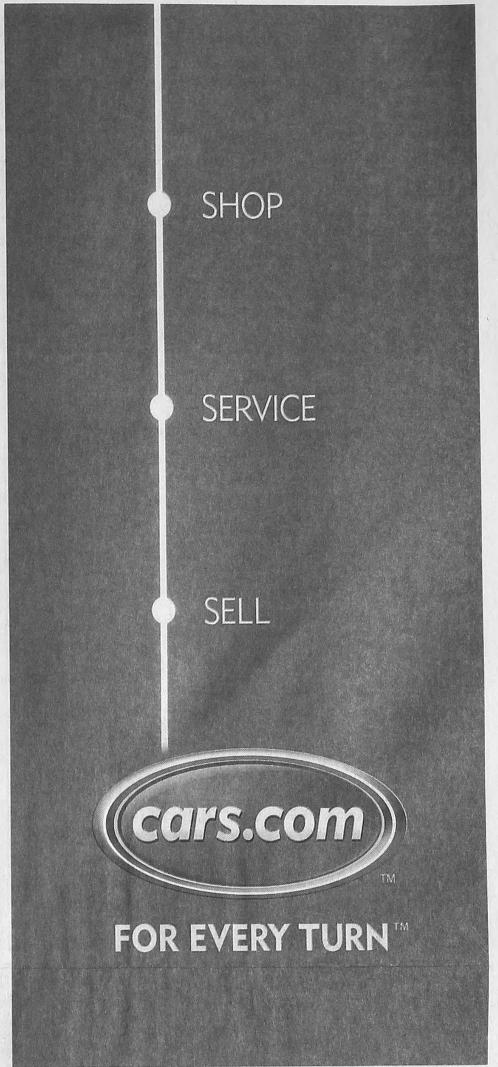
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## Car Report

# RSUASIVE MUSCLE-CAR



great job of reviving muscle-car era with its Challenger and Charger models. only have they become the sinewy DNA

of the re-comprised Dodge brand, but they also manage to fool a few people into believing that they're the Hemi-fueled beasts of old.

At least my grandson, anyway. He's only three years old, but he's already seen a few Woodward Avenue Dream Cruises. So when we were bouncing a ball on my driveway recently within reach of thee 2018 Dodge Challenger GT sitting there, with Army-green exterior, he said, "Watch out, Papa - you don't want the ball to hit your old car."

Out of the mouths of babes, Dodge been doing a for sure. And when I drove the Challenger to Flagstar, I barely got the in the door before Melissa, one of the managers at the local branch, called me out on the "great car." If she'd had the time I probably could have talked her into taking a ride in Not it.

Moral of the story? Challenger is one of those few cars in modern-day lineups that you either get, or you don't. Others on that list include the Nissan Leaf and the Kia Soul. And if you get Challenger, you love it. If you don't, you might figure it's a

waste of sheet metal and rubber. Prices for Challenger start at about \$27,000, so this is not a plaything for the casual consumer. If you want a muscle car as your everyday vehicle, making a type of statement virtually everywhere you go, you can pay as much as the mid-\$60,000s and above for the highest-priced, most powerful versions.



The 2018 Dodge Challenger 392 Hemi Scat Pack Shaker.

It is actually possible to evaluate Challenger on some rather objective criteria that don't have to do with its retro design, strange colors or the new 840-horsepower engine that just joined the Challenger lineup this year in the form of a Demon version that's designed mainly to win at the nine-speaker Alpine audio system,

drag strip. most other vehicles, Challenger holds up pretty well. It gets 27 mpg on the highway in the version with the 3.6-liter, six-cylinder, 24-valve engine that I drove, which isn't awful. It's got the advantage of housing the latest generation of FCA's Uconnect infotainment system, which is holding up pretty well against industry rivals even though every automaker is upping its game in that arena.

Though a coupe, Challenger's interior room, particularly in the back seat and trunk, is pretty voluminous. It has more interior space than most other sports cars, though the interior has more hard plastics than you'll find in some

rivals. Challenger also boasts just over Challenger boasts immense trunk space for a sports can

16 cubic feet of trunk space, which is enormous for a nameplate in its segment. That's enough space for a dozen shopping bags or four sets of golf clubs, although the high liftover height of the trunk lip can

make it difficult to load heavy objects into the bay.

Other standard features are pretty, well, standard: dual-zone automatic climate control, two USB ports. Available features include a power sunroof, satellite radio, a six- or an 18-speaker Harman Kardon And on criteria that it shares with audio system and an upgraded Uconnect system.

Challenger also drives and handles quite well even when you're not

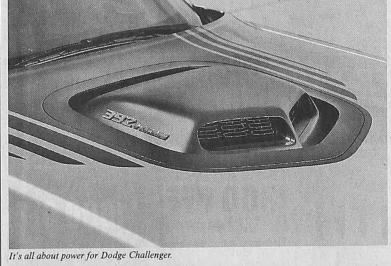
going as fast as you can in a straight line. And for 2018, Challenger has added a touch screen for the base model as well as Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

But also for 2018, Challenger has added the explosive SRT Demon trim and the new SRT Hellcat Widebody model. And for a car that's ultimately a performance vehicle above anything else, by a mile, Demon and Hellcat are where the action is for Challenger.

The base engine 305-horsepower V6 that's powerful enough and provides pretty quick acceleration. The least powerful of the four V8s available puts out 375 horsepower. But when you get into the upper range - well, the Demon's supercharged Hemi produces a whopping 840 horsepower, with 770 pound-feet of torque.

That kind of power is an anomaly in any era: today or in the era that Challenger is trying to recall.





### **BUDGET HEARING** Canton Preparatory High School

A public budget hearing will be held for Canton Preparatory High School at 46610 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48188, on May 2, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Copies of the budget will be available at the school office.

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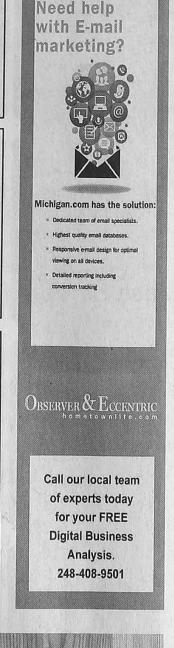
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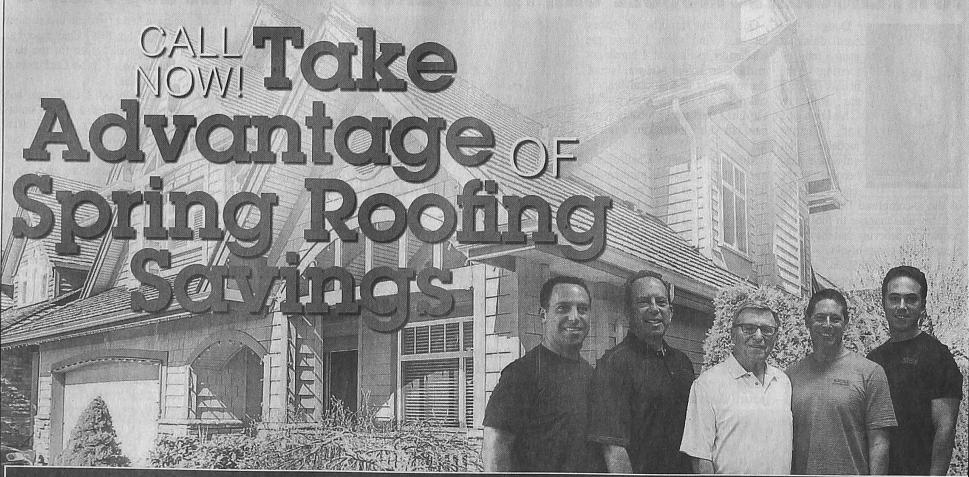
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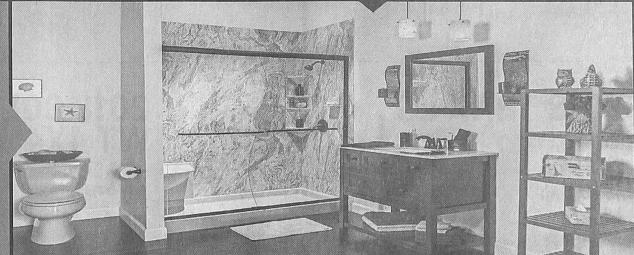
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