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## Is fix finally set for Ford Road?

MDOT says it will help if millage is passed Aug. 7

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Canton Township's nine-year quest to add crash-reducing boulevards along a 2.5-mile stretch of Ford Road was injected with a shot of momentum Monday in the form of a letter from the Michigan Department of Transportation. In the correspondence addressed to township Supervisor Pat Williams, MDOT pledged its funding support to Canton's Ford Road Boulevard project *if* an Aug. 7 ballot initiative asking residents to approve a 1.45-mill hike is approved.

The \$5.6 million generated by an approved millage would go strictly to roads improvement in Canton.

Major county roads (Warren, Cherry Hill and Canton Center, to name three) would receive 55 percent of the funding; 35 percent would be earmarked for subdivision roads, while 15 percent would go toward improving state-owned roads, the category in which Ford Road is slotted.

Engineering studies predict crashes along Ford Road would be reduced by 35 percent with the addition of boulevards, saving drivers an estimated \$4 million per year.

Williams said the Ford Road boulevards would be similar to the ones that separate northbound and southbound lanes of Telegraph Road, not the wider medians that divide Michigan Avenue.

"The majority of the accidents that occur now on Ford Road involve left-hand turns from the center lane," Williams said. "With a boulevard, these dangerous turns would be eliminated."

Williams said many of the most seri-

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Despite his life-and-death health scare during 2016-17, Kyle Proffitt got back to doing what he loves — swimming for the

## FINDING THEIR WAY

## Graduates overcome personal challenges, setbacks

Tim Smith hometownlife.com

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Entering the high school maze and walking out the other end with diploma in hand is a straightforward path for many teenagers.

Yet trap doors and speed bumps can appear, almost out of nowhere, to turn a steady, confident gait into a stumble.

For recent Livonia Franklin High School graduate Cloey Hirst, the journey hit an emotional wall in 2016 and early 2017, when she dealt with her mother Annette's stage 4 lung cancer. Decades of smoking ultimately caught up to Annette Hirst, who died Jan. 14, 2017.

"It was pretty hard on our family; it was really hard-hitting," said Hirst, 18. "You don't really expect your mom to pass away. I was only 16. I always

thought she was going to live forever,

because it's mom." Kyle Proffitt dea

Kyle Proffitt dealt with a life-anddeath medical struggle that literally blasted him out of the water.

An emergency appendectomy in November 2016 became so complicated that the Plymouth High School student's heart rate ballooned from the normal 60 to 100 beats per minute to "are you kidding me?" proportions.

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## Mother, daughter find sweet success making cakes

**Darrell Clem** 

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Having her own cake shop has brought sweet success to Jackie Kalmar.

And having her daughter Anita as a business partner has been the icing on the cake.

Together, this dynamic cake-making duo is whipping up decadently delicious flavors — chocolate oatmeal stout, Italian cream, cherry nut, vanilla with raspberry lemon or Oreo filling, to name a few — at Kalmar Kakes, 44930 Ford Road, in Canton.

As the summer wedding season

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Jackie Kalmar works on a two-sided Batman cake. One side of the cake looks like a typical, traditional wedding cake. Spin it 180 degrees and it's Gotham City with the Batman logo. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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## **Ford Road**

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ous accidents along the treacherous stretch of Ford are caused by "polite" left turns, when cars traveling in the opposite direction of the turning car stop to create space for the vehicle to turn. Collisions occur when oncoming drivers in the far lane are obscured from the turning vehicle.

MDOT decided to offer financial support pending a millage approval because it wanted to see the township put "more skin in the game," Williams explained.

"In order for the project to be more viable and at-



A boulevard separating eastbound and westbound **Ford Road** would help reduce crashes by 35 percent, a recent study predicted. ERIC SEALS | DETROIT FREE PRESS



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tractive for funding, the township has to make Ford Road more 'shovel-ready,' meaning ready for actual construction to begin," Williams said

#### **Elusive TIGER**

Canton has applied for federal Transportation In-

encouraging, Williams noted. Ford Road has gotten so bad that people go out of

their way to avoid it," Williams said. "Two of its intersections (Ford/Haggerty and Ford/Sheldon) were recently listed on the top 20 most dangerous intersections in Michigan.

vestment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)

grants nine consecutive years up to this point, so

MDOT's support (pending the millage hike approval) is

The addition of boulevards along Ford Road would make it so much safer to drive on."

The creation of boulevards on Ford Road was a recommended alternative in the 2013 traffic and environmental study approved by Canton Township, MDOT and the Federal Highway Administration.

'No one has ever argued that the addition of boulevards would not make Ford Road much, much safer," Williams said. "The problem has always been the funding of such a project."

To figure out how much an approved millage would cost a homeowner annually, take the taxable value of one's home and multiply it by .00145.

For instance, if the taxable value is \$100,000, the owner would pay an additional \$145 per year, roughly \$12 per month.

If the August millage is approved, the Ford Road Boulevard project would be slotted into MDOT's 5-Year

Among the first steps to take place would be a detailed engineering design, which would allow engineers to determine the amount of property that would be required along Ford Road to install the boulevards.

Once that step is completed, appraisers would be tasked with negotiating the purchase of the property with private property owners.

In 2013, this was estimated to be approximately 2.35

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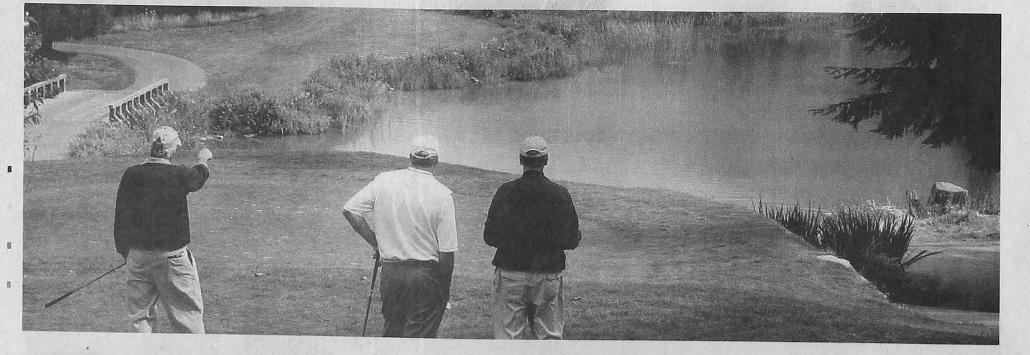
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## Canton resident named top teacher by Goodfellows

The Detroit Goodfellows announced the winner of the ninth annual Goodfellow Teacher of the Year contest - Jacqueline Waldron, a fifth-grade teacher at Detroit Public Schools Community District's Harms Elementary School.

Waldron and her students were surprised with the news in the classroom by Detroit Goodfellows board members and presented a \$250 gift card to buy classroom supplies. Additionally, Waldron will be acknowledged at the Detroit Goodfellows annual tribute breakfast this fall.

The Goodfellows Board of Directors selected the winning teacher from 900

nominations by DPSCD students in grades 3-8 who designated their favorite teachers by answering the question: "Why is your teacher so special?" in 50 words or less.

Waldron has been a teacher with DPSCD for 27 years and at Harms Elementary School for six years. The fifthgrade teacher is a resident of Canton.

For more information, go to www.detroitgoodfellows.org or follow Facebook at Facebook.com/ DetroitGoodfellows, Twitter @DetGoodfellows, and on Instagram at DetroitGoodfellows.



Goodfellows President Marshall Hunt (from left), winning teacher Jacqueline Waldron and nominating students Samiya Navarro and Bryan Melendez.

## VIBE CREDIT UNION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP



Vibe Credit Union hosted a reception June 5 to recognize five high school graduating seniors, each chosen to receive a \$1,500 FU\$E Scholarship. The recipents included (from left): Christopher Sadler, South Lyon High School; Rebekka Zawisza, Churchill High School; Victoria Faber, Canton High School; Megan Kowal, Waterford Mott High School; and Aspen DeMonaco, L'Anse Creuse High School. Vibe is in the ninth year of the FU\$E Scholarship Program.







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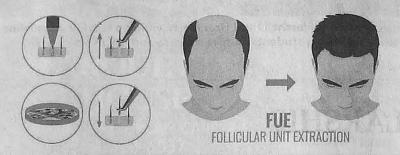
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Plymouth's Kellogg Park with host a free concert by the Michigan Philharmonic at 7 p.m. June 30.

## Michigan Phil to host **Kellogg Park concert**

It'll be a patriotic homecoming Saturday, June 30, for the Michigan Philharmonic when the orchestra plays downtown Plymouth.

A series of free summer concerts by Michigan Philharmonic kicks off with the wildly popular annual Fourth of July holiday concert, An American Salute, starting at 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park. The concert is sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, The Wilcox Foundation, the Pat O'Neil and Family Legacy Wealth Partners and

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An American Salute is the first of a series of free summer concerts. Others include:

7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 14, at Kensington Metorpark

1 p.m. Sunday, July 15, at Belle Isle 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at Lake St. Clair Metropark

For information about all these conevents, www.michiganphil.org or find it on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

## Plymouth library to host fake news discussion

Staffers from radio station WDET-FM (101.9) will moderate a panel discussion, on the topic Gimme Some Truth, from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, June 21, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, about the ways reporting and receiving news and information have changed. Professionals from the fields of journalism, education and information sciences will talk about the potentially harmful impacts that "fake news" posts filled with errors and slanted bias can have on communities and how consumers can make sense of electronic information and judge its accura-

Of late, there have been countless cases of generated "news" posts that slip into social media, designed to manipulate public opinion, traveling at

nalists, meanwhile, long regarded as the gatekeepers of information, are shown increasing amounts of suspicion.

Gimme Some Truth is a community conversation about how all, from teenagers to seniors, currently receive and interpret news and information. This community conversation will help all learn more about detecting false, biased, or harmful dispatches over Facebook or email.

Gimme Some Truth is a free event. Attendees can take a quiz to see how well they can spot fake news. An audience Q&A will follow the panel discussion. Registration is required at https:// www.eventbrite.com/e/wdet-presents -gimme-some-truth-at-plymouth-dis trict-library-tickets-46757017498.

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Cloey Hirst, a 2018 Livonia Franklin graduate, holds a photograph of her late mother, Annette (left in photo) and grandmother Virginia Hirst. TIM SMITH [ HOMETOWNLIFE

## Grads

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"The nurse checked my heart rate and she said, 'Don't panic,' " said Proffitt,

18, who graduated June 10. "There were all these doctors, seven or so, in my room ... my heart rate was at 230.

"A normal human heart rate is 90. They said, 'If it wasn't for your age, you would not be here right now."

Trap doors and speed bumps, indeed.

Thankfully for high school students, there are counselors prepared to do what they can to keep them on their feet. Among Proffitt those essential life coaches is Christopher Ferrell, a Franklin counselor.

"It truly takes a village," Ferrell said. "Depending on the obstacle or challenge a student is facing, one person can't typically make a significant change without the assistance of others - parents, teachers or other adults in a student's life encouraging and supporting them to press on.

"Grit is one of the elements of character that (the Livonia Public Schools district) instills in students from an early age - persevering and never giving up."

#### Memories help motivate

When both Hirst and Proffitt claimed their coveted diploma, they also clutched onto memories both good and otherwise that helped shape them into young people with purpose as they step into the future.

"(Her mother) was always very strong on a good education, I was always trying to make her proud," Hirst said. "I would come home, straightaway, and do my homework. And then I was a perfectionist.

"My motivation was, although she passed away, I wanted to keep going for her. Because she left a note: 'Help Cloey with her homework.' And I took that to heart and I just, from there, I have to keep going. She wouldn't want me to stop.

Hirst, the youngest of 10 children born to Annette and Charles Hirst of Livonia, has big plans for college and beyond, too. She will take her 4.2 gradepoint average and perfect attendance record from Franklin to the University of Michigan-Dearborn (where she has an academic scholarship).

Her big goal is to go for her master's degree at University of Michigan-Ann Arbor or Michigan State University and, ultimately, become a veterinarian helping penguins, sea turtles and dolphins.

'I really love penguins," said Hirst, who also excelled in the Franklin choir. "For the longest time, since eighth grade, I wanted to be a marine biologist.

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So with doing veterinary medicine, I hope to do rescue and rehabilitation and work with more exotic animals, like studying in Antarctica.

"I had my entire plan mapped out (since eighth grade) of what I wanted to

#### Dealing with devastation

Hirst is sticking to that blueprint, but there was no way she could have envisioned then what would rock her family's world a few years later.

"My sister (Abby) graduated in 2016 from Franklin," Hirst said. "She had a grad party and that's when my mom started getting really sick. The day before her graduation party, she was in the hospital. And then literally, the next few days, she got admitted and she kept getting re-admitted, back and forth, and they did tests.

"It didn't really hit until beginning of junior year, when she was fully admitted. She started going on medication and she had her oxygen tank and her hair started falling out.

Annette, just 59, could not hang on for long. She did have the strength to give her youngest child the very best parental advice.

"She just said, 'Do what your heart desires, don't let anyone stop you," Hirst said. "And she said she believed in all of us, she just wanted to see us suc-

The devastation was hard to bear. Two days after her mother's death, Hirst had to muster up the strength to go to school that Monday morning.

"I went to school, because I knew that's what she wanted," Hirst said. "I didn't want to just sit at home and sulk. I wanted to show her I was strong and I was still going to be happy and that I was thankful with what she taught me and wanted to keep going for her."

#### Tough to stomach

Proffitt's sudden crisis began with a stomach ache that wouldn't go away. He thought he ate too much buttered popcorn at the movies, but soon he realized something else was going on.

It was election day, so he had the day off from school. But by early evening, he was headed to the emergency room. The diagnosis: he needed his appendix re-

"But the doctor said that the surgery was complicated, that the appendix was not by the hip, it was located higher up by the liver, stuck to it," Proffitt said. "They had to cut all the way open. They got it (appendix) off, but they said it was perforated, so there were still toxins circulating throughout."

What looked like an outpatient procedure turned into a week-long hospitalization, one where things were touch and go for a while.

Proffitt said his head began to involuntarily twitch toward the top of the shoulder. Poison in the bloodstream was causing the reaction.

In a flash, a huddle of physicians and nurses was around him, trying to stabilize his out-of-whack heart rate.

#### Working it all out

Seemingly just as fast, the danger was gone and Proffitt was back at Ply-

Unfortunately for Proffitt, it was apparent — at first — that resuming his high school swimming career was not an option. "It's two months from swim season, do I want to go back?" he said.

Although broadcasting sporting events and doing news announcements over WSDP-FM (88.1) The Park provided an outlet, Proffitt really wanted to return to the pool.

Several weeks following the surgery, then-Wildcats boys swim coach Kenn Forbes carefully coaxed Proffitt back into workouts and - ultimately - back into the action as a freestyler.

"(Forbes) kept working with me, he helped me get rehab, we worked outside the pool," Proffitt said, giving his former coach all the credit. "Just trying to get my training back up, especially around the abdomen. That was tough."

Then he was able to swim against Canton, a huge campus rival.

"He put me in just two events. I was nervous," Proffitt said. "I just gave it everything. I was, like, 'You know, if I'm going to die ... do my best.'

"I did my 50, got out and realized it was a personal best. It was 30 seconds flat. It took a few months of recovery, a near-death experience and about 20 pounds later (from weight loss), here I am."

### Friendly voices help

The mentoring by Forbes helped ease

Proffitt's mind and the support of friends and teammates lifted dark clouds of depression.

"I appreciate life a lot more, knowing that it could have just gone like that," Proffitt said, snapping his fingers. "And my team, when I came back, they were so, so supportive.

"It just helped me get over the depression of 'Maybe I won't come back to swim' to 'You know what? I don't care. I'm going to do this."

Friendly, nurturing voices were there for Hirst, too.

When Hirst had something to unload off her grieving mind, Franklin teachers and counselors were there for her.

Helping bring some light into her world were teachers such as Mary Beth Klawender, Jacki Price and Julie Smith.

They've all been there for me and my family and provided support," Hirst said. "My French teacher (Smith) won Teacher of the Year and she included me in her speech, which I was really thank-

"She said she was thankful enough that her students can come to her with traumatic times and she said a student

of hers had a traumatic experience with her mother and that I came to talk to her

Hirst had to take it from there, of course. And as her college life beckons, she has that "village" behind her.

#### Inspired and resolute

Always in her mind and heart is the quiet but powerful follow-her-heart message weak and frail Annette Hirst gifted her with in her final days of life.

Proffitt, who will begin his college career at Schoolcraft College, moves forward with a no-holds-barred attitude.

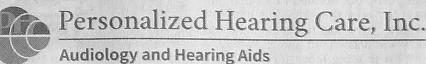
It's like playing with house money. Nothing is going to get him down, not after what he experienced.

"Never give up," he said. "Life will hit you like a bus sometimes. It will come at you out of nowhere.

"Life will hit you in crazy ways. You just got to learn how to get back up."

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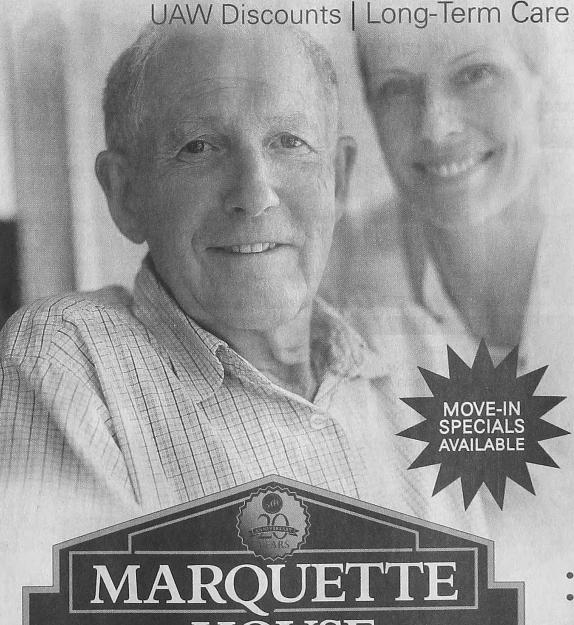
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## Cakes

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ramps up demand for cakes, the Kalmars know they can depend on each other to get the job done. It's a tight-knit family business.

"We get along very well," Jackie Kalmar said. "We have our moments, as every mother and daughter do, but for the most part, we just know each other. We know what our strengths and weaknesses are. It has worked really well."

Jackie, 52, always loved baking and boosted her skills by studying bakery and pastry arts and earning her culinary arts degree from Schoolcraft College in Livonia. She attended cake design classes at the Chicago Pastry School and has participated in the World Pastry Forum and International Cake Exploration Society.

Jackie made and sold her own cakes on the side after she started working for a restaurant group that made fancy pastries for high-end Detroit-area restaurants.

"It just got to where I had too many cake orders," she said.

Her husband, Steven Kalmar, advised her to quit the job and make cakes full time from home. She did that for four years, but decided to expand and open her own shop last July with her daughter, who has taken culinary arts classes at Schoolcraft and elsewhere.

"This is a big move for us," Jackie said.

One cake often requested for weddings or birthdays has a Batman theme. And the Kalmars can decorate it with Gotham City skyscrapers — black buildings with yellow lights — made with a mixture of gum paste and fondant.

"Batman has been our most popular cake," Jackie said.

Anita said Star Wars and The Avengers also have proved popular, with the latter prompting an order for a five-tier

"Each tier was a different superhero," she said.

The Kalmars created a Star Trek USS Enterprise cake for a Fairlane Sunrise Rotary Club event and, for a baby shower, a cake decorated with animals, including a giraffe, lion, monkey and zebra, among others.

The Kalmar cake team has made cakes for weddings, birthdays, bridal showers, graduations — any special oc-



The daughter and mom team of Anita and Jackie Kalmar are partners in the cake business. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

casion, really. One of their sexier cakes may have been the one that looked like a sailor's torso. And for a couple marrying at Halloween, they created a horror-themed cake that looked like it was dripping blood.

"Pretty much any event you can think of, we can do a cake for," Anita said.

They can decorate their cakes with most any theme in mind. Many decorations are edible, but some, such as heirloom brooches, fresh flowers and silk flowers, are not.

Other than cakes, the Kalmars make cupcakes, cookies and cake pops, but customers can't just walk in off the street to buy cakes and sweets. They have to place an order and cake delivery options are available.

One of their biggest cookie orders involved baking 1,300 cookies, each indi-

vidually wrapped and tied with ribbon, for a Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph event at Ford Field in Detroit.

Chocolate chip and sugar cookies are among the most popular. For corporate parties, they have decorated cookies to look like martinis and tuxedos, among other items.

Some couples order multiple-layered wedding cakes, each with a different flavor. Others opt for vanilla cake, with different flavored fillings for every tier: Swiss buttercream, peanut butter, lemon curd, cream cheese, maple, caramel or fresh strawberry and raspberry.

"People like to pair the vanilla cake with a lot of different fillings," Anita said. "Vanilla is like a blank canvas."

Kalmar Kakes has won some competitive cake contests, garnering a first-place award for best decorated cake,



A Star Wars-themed cake in the window of the store draws lots of attention. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

which had an Easter theme, and thirdplace honors for best carrot cake in one Michigan Sugar Art Showcase. It reflects an attention to detail.

The Kalmars make their own cake ingredients, including fruit fillings, from scratch. And they have perfected their mixing methods.

The Kalmars estimated they have spent as much as 15 hours on one cake, though that much labor is not typical. Even the weather brings challenges, with humid days prompting the need for more air-conditioning inside the business.

"Humidity is really bad for us," Jackie said, saying it can "throw off" timing.

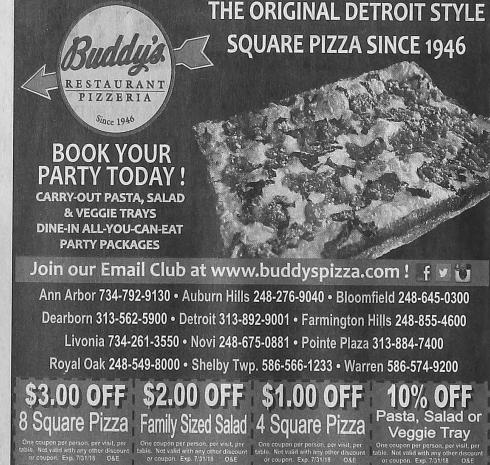
She said the wedding season has begun in earnest and will continue through fall, with August being the busiest month for Kalmar Kakes. No matter how busy, though, Jackie said quality always comes first.

"I'm very particular about the cake," she said. "If it's not right, it won't go out."

For more on Kalmar Kakes, go to www.kalmarcakes.com.

Contact Darrell Clem at dclem@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter: @CantonObserver.







## Thursday concerts return to Heritage Park

Continuing a more than 20-year tradition, the Thursday Night Concert Series will fill Canton's Heritage Park with a wide variety of musical entertainment and plenty of family fun during the free weekly concerts that kick off Thursday, June 28. This year's Thursday Night Concert Series is sponsored by Canton Community Financial Credit Union.

Concerts will be held 7:30-9 p.m. each Thursday through Aug. 16 (except July 5) in Heritage Park, located adjacent to the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Audience members are encouraged to bring blankets or folding chairs for optimal enjoyment on the amphitheater lawn. The music is family friendly, ranging from rock to R&B. Participants are also encouraged to take part in weekly raffles and free kids activities. In addition, food items will be available for purchase on site from Cruisin' Custom Coneys and Good Humor Ice Cream.

The 2018 schedule includes:

■ June 28: Drop 3rd Strike - A popular band playing oldies, hits, country, punk and more

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■ July 19: Randy Brock - Enjoy electrifying blues hits from yesterday and today

July 26: Balduck Mountain Ramblers - A fun play list of folk and bluegrass music that will entertain all ages

Aug. 2: Power Play Detroit – All your favorite classic rock covers in the most energetic and exciting ways

Aug. 9: Laughing Madmen – Enjoy high-energy rock and roll hits in a wide range of classic rock music

Aug. 16: PanaMO - A play list of the Latin and jazz favorites that showcase the talents of these band members

All concerts are weather dependent. To receive text weather updates, join the free RainedOut service by texting "cantonconcerts" to 84483. Weather updates will also be available by contacting the Summit on the Park front desk at 734-394-5460 or watch for updates online at www.facebook.com/ cantonfun. For more information, go to www.cantonfun.org.

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11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, June 22, St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

1:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, June 25, VFW Post No. 6695, 1:30-7:30 1426 S. Mill Street,

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, Canton Municipal Complex, -1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton

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#### **AREA EVENTS**

Send calendar items to LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com. Items must be received at least two weeks prior to the event.

#### **Ukulele sing-alongs**

The Ukulele Players of Plymouth will hold two concerts Tuesday, June 19, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, in the Waldorf/Dunning Room, 2-3 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.. There will be time for questions, interactions and instrument examination. The event is geared for children ages 5-12 and is for entertainment and introduction purposes.

Register at the Youth Services Desk or by calling 734-453-0750, ext. 5. For more information, go to http://www.daytimeukes.net.

#### Wings & Wheels Show

Yankee Air Museum and presenting sponsor Hagerty Insurance will hold the inaugural Wings & Wheels Show on the tarmac at historic Willow Run airport, 801 Kirk Profit Drive, in Ypsilanti from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 24.

Admission is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the gate for adults. Children under age 15 are free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.yankeeair museum.org/events/ or via Eventbrite at https:// www.eventbrite.com/e/yankee-air-museum-wings -wheels-tickets-41921661819.

#### Pagan to host coffee hours

State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, will be holding three coffee hours for constituents.

■ 7 p.m. Monday, June 25, at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road

Noon Saturday, June 30, at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, in Belleville

■ 7 p.m. Monday, July 23, at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road

Pagan invites residents to join her to discuss their thoughts and ideas about how she can best represent and address the needs of her constituents. She en-

courages individuals to contact her directly at KristyPagan@house.mi.gov or by calling her office at 517-373-2575. To sign up for email updates, go to pagan.housedems.com.

#### Trailwood Garden Club walk

The Trailwood Garden Club will present its 22nd annual tour of several Plymouth-Canton yards and gardens from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 26. Chat with the homeowners, get horticultural tips from master gardeners and shop the treasures sale for vintage, gently used and handmade garden and floral items. Purchase inexpensive perennials potted up by Trailwood members from their own gardens and enjoy complimentary refreshments, door prizes and more.

Admission is \$10 per person; ticket with enclosed tour maps on sale via Eventbrite and at Plymouth retailers Specialty Pet, Sideways and Little Black Heart Boutique. For more information, go to TrailwoodGardenClub.com.

#### Music at the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Tumbao Bravo, winner of three Detroit Music Awards, will perform Tuesday, June 26. Come and enjoy these great Cuban sounds with Paul VornHagen on sax/flute/piccolo/percussion, Brian DiBlassio on keyboards, John Barron on bass, Gregory "Greco" Freeman on congas and and Olman Piedra on timbales.

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.

#### Michigan Phil concert

The Michigan Philharmonic, under the direction of Nan Washburn, music director and conductor, will present An American Salute at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. The event is sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Develop-

ment Authority, The Wilcox Foundation, the Pat O'Neil and Family Legacy Wealth Partners and Hometown

#### **Wounded Warrior benefit**

Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles of Canton and Canton Leisure Services have joined forces to host The Lynn M. Bentley Memorial Walk, Talk and Yoga Event To Benefit The Wounded Warrior Project, with Dan Nevins, set for Saturday, July 28, in Heritage Park, adjacent to the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

This fundraiser is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.; participants are asked to arrive by 8:30 a.m. for check-in or registration. Nevins is a motivational speaker and nationally recognized Wounded Warrior and a retired U.S. Army staff sergeant

All proceeds will go to benefit Wounded Warrior Project. Tickets (\$20 online, \$25 the week of the event and \$30 on-site the day of the event, a portion of which is tax-deductible) are on sale at www.cantonfun.org. Veterans will be admitted free.

For additional information, go to www.canton fun.org or call 734-394-5360.

#### Mother-Son Tigers game

The Plymouth Recreation Department will sponsor its inaugural Mother-Son outing Sunday, July 29, when the Detroit Tigers host the Cleveland Indians. A charter bus will leave from the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, at 10:30 a.m.

Event price (\$35) includes tickets to the game, as well as transportation to and from Comerica Park. Your little guy (ages 14 and younger) can enjoy free carousel and Ferris wheel rides throughout the day and at the end of the game kids can run the bases. Advance ticket purchase is required because space is limited.

Registration can be found online www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling 734-455-6620 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

#### **Optimist Club Detroit River cruise**

The Plymouth-Canton Optimist Club will be hosting its second annual dinner cruise at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, aboard The Diamond Belle on the Detroit River. It will depart from the Stroh's River Place dock for a 2½-hour cruise at sunset.

Dinner will be served and the cruise will include a cash bar and raffle opportunities. Tickets are \$49.25 per person, including secure parking. All proceeds go to support the youth programs the Plymouth-Canton Optimist Club provides to the community. This is an adults-only cruise and accommodations are available for handicapped cruisers.

To reserve tickets, contact Pamela Batcho at PlymouthCantonOptimist@gmail.com or 734-502-5776. Reservations must be made before Wednesday, Aug. 1, and payment must be received by Wednesday, Aug. 15.



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## **Obituaries**

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Glenn H. Schroeder

H. Schroeder, passed

away April 25, 2018,

in Scottsdale, AZ. He

was preceded in death

by his wife, Margaret

(Jackson) Schroeder

a long time Plymouth

resident. He is survived

by his second wife,

daughter, 2 sons and

their families. There

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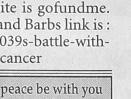
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#### Barbara A. Duda

REDFORD - Age 67, passed away on Tuesday, June 5th, with her daughter Heather by her side. Barb was survived by 2 brothers, 1 sister, a son and a daughter. Five grandkids and 4 great grandkids. A remembrance gathering will be held at the Redford Moose, on Sunday June 24th from 1-6pm, and a prayer @ 4:00.

Donations to Barb's go-fund-me page, would be greatly appreciated in lieu of flowers. Website is gofundme. com and Barbs link is: /barb039s-battle-withlung-cancer





## James C. Beachum Sr.

- - Age 83. June 10, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Carmen for 58 years; dear son of the late Curtis M. and Margie Beachum; loving father of James Jr., William (Laura), T. Christopher and Barb (Gregg) Barker; proud grandfather of Curtis J., Lindsay, Molly, Riley and William R.; cousin



of John (Claire) Trafelet and Tommy Trafelet; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Co-founder of Beachum and Roeser Development, and honored with several building awards. E. Lansing High School Tennis State Champion in 1951 and MSU varsity tennis player from 1954-1956. Visitation Tuesday, June 19th from 4:30-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Wednesday, June 20th from 11:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 12 p.m. at Holy Name Catholic Church, Birmingham. Burial at St. Joseph Cemetery, Lansing. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to the Alzheimer's Association. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.







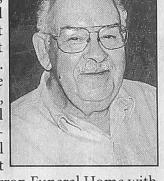
**Helen Rose Kimbrell Gibbs** 

PLYMOUTH - Longtime resident, 95, died of natural causes Friday, June 1 at her home. A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, June 22 at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the church's ministry or Arbor Hospice. To read full obituary or to share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



#### Robert "Bob" Walter Schultz

CHESTER, SC - Robert "Bob" Walter Schultz, 77 went to be with the Lord Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at Lancaster Convalescent Center, Lancaster, SC. The family will receive friends Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Barron Funeral Home from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM. A Memorial Service will be held at

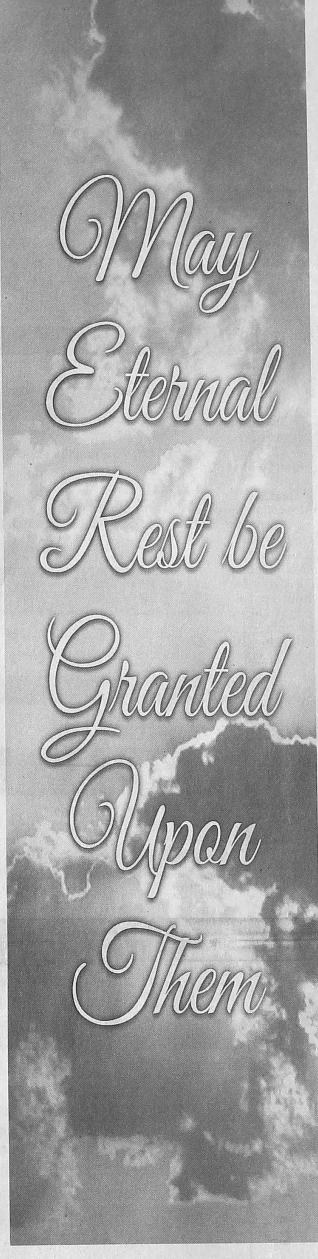


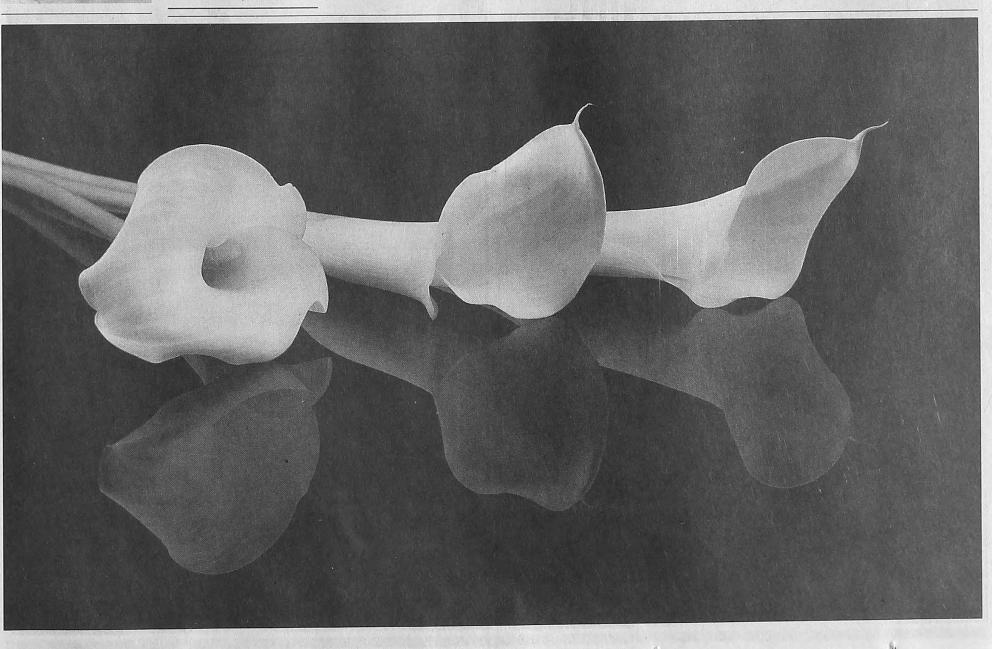
2:00 PM Saturday at Barron Funeral Home with Reverend Michael Shaffer officiating.

Mr. Schultz was born in Dearborn, MI on November 11, 1940. He was the son of the late Walter H. Schultz and Florence C. Schultz. He graduated from Garden City High School in Michigan and was retired from Ford Motor Company as a quality control supervisor. Mr. Schultz had a long and happy life with his wife, Jane, of 56 years and their three children, Steven, Scott and Sean. He had 6 grandchildren Justin, Brittany, Ashlee, Liberty, Ben, Jackson and 3 great grandchildren Peyton, Aaron and Poppy. He is preceded in death by his brother Jerry and his son Sean.

Bob will be remembered by his friends and family for his kind heart, friendly personality, skillful woodworking and lifelong dedication to volunteerism through service to many charities including the Special Olympics.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.barronfuneralhome.com.







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**BOYS BASKETBALL** 

## Holowicki recalled for influence

## Former CC basketball coach had Hall of Fame career

**Brad Emons** 

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One of the state's coaching stalwarts in Michigan high school boys basketball has died at age 86.

Hall of Fame coach Bernie Holowicki died Wednesday afternoon in his Livonia home, according to his son Greg.

Holowicki, who began his high school coaching career in 1953, started at his alma mater Detroit St. Hedwig,

while also coaching at Detroit St. Gregory and Detroit De La Salle.

But he left his biggest mark during his basketball coaching career at Detroit Catholic Central Holowicki (1971-94).

Holowicki compiled a

612-216 overall record, ranking seventh all time among boys basketball coaches in the Michigan High School Athletic Association in wins. He won 10 division, six Catholic League, 16 district and four regional titles.

In 1976, Holowicki led the Shamrocks to their second Class A state title in school history, beating Magic Johnson and Lansing Everett in the semifinals, followed by a 59-57 victory over Saginaw in the championship game.

Holowicki also was the head coach at Madonna University from 1995-2004 and served as an assistant for 13 years under his former MU player Noel Emenhiser.

"I certainly wouldn't be who I am where I am today without that man,"

Emenhiser said. "He's somebody that you can't go anywhere without running into somebody that knows him, played for him, in his classroom, that just have incredible memories of how he inspired and taught them. The world is a far better place because of Bernie Holowicki and I'm a better person because I knew him. And Madonna is a better place because of the time he spent there."

Holowicki was named Detroit Catholic League Coach of the Year nine different times. In 1986, he was honored as

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PREP ATHLETICS

## **Ex-coach** Skinner left large legacy at Seaholm

**Marty Budner** 

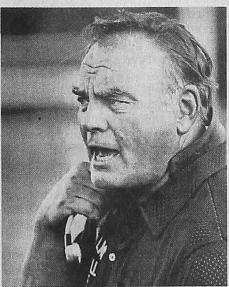
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Nancy Skinner will forever cherish the moments she spent with her dad as they watched his favorite high school football game - a 1984 comefrom-behind victory over Southfield at Beaumont Hospital just three days before he died.

The Chuck Skinner-led Seaholm Maples trailed the Bluejays, 20-6, with four minutes left in the fourth quarter. The Maples rallied for a thrilling 21-20 win that clinched Seaholm's third straight Southeastern Michigan Association championship.

"I went up there with my laptop and ne was wide awake and we sat and watched the Southfield game - the whole game," Nancy said. "Just me and him. Everything came back to him. He remembered players. He remembered plays. He remembered running out on

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Chuck Skinner coached 10 years at Seaholm, where he led the Maples to three SMA football championships and two state playoff appearances. **FILE PHOTO** 

## PREP BASEBALL



Brother Rice's Mac Menard scores another run. Tito Flores and the team are there to celebrate. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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## **Brother Rice rattles** Northville, advances to state semifinals

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For the first five innings of Tuesday's Division 1 baseball quarterfinal game against Northville, Brother Rice was completely stymied. The Warriors trailed 2-0 and produced only two hits against Mustangs right-hander Tyler Troyer.

It appeared as if Northville, Division 1 state runner-up last spring, was headed to its second straight final four.

Then in the bottom of the sixth, Brother Rice erupted for nine runs to turn what was a monster pitcher's duel into a decisive 9-2 victory at Wayne State University.

Brother Rice was scheduled to play Thursday at Michigan State University against Brownstown Woodhaven,

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Rice's J.D. Allen (left) slides into second, but he's already out as Mustangs second baseman Alex Garbacik throws the ball to first for a double play. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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## Marian aces semifinal test against DeWitt

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Bloomfield Hills Marian passed its biggest test of the girls soccer state tournament and now has the opportunity to defend its state championship.

The Mustangs used a second-half goal by junior forward Jansen Eichenlaub to register a 1-0 semifinal triumph Wednesday over DeWitt at Novi. Marian was scheduled to play Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern in the Division 2 state title game Saturday at William-

"We played very well. (DeWitt is) a great team, real young, too, so that's always a tough team to play against," Marian assistant coach Michael Schimmel said. "We knew we had to attack wide and keep making decisions in the box and we finally got one."

Marian, which had eliminated its previous five tourney opponents by a dominating 39-1 margin, figured DeWitt would be the most challenging roadblock to a second straight state championship. The undefeated Mustangs, Catholic League champions, held the No. 1 state ranking, while DeWitt, the Capital Area Activities Conference champion, was ranked No. 4.

The first half was evenly played, with Marian outshooting DeWitt by a slight 5-4 margin and both teams awarded one corner kick. DeWitt goalie Kennedi Pugh made three saves in the opening 40 minutes and Marian goalie Megan Kruas had two saves, both of them making big stops in the first two minutes of

#### Eichenlaub's game-winner

The game remained scoreless until the 31:56 mark of the second half, when Eichenlaub scored the eventual gamewinner following a restart.

Marian junior Sarah Stroud took a corner kick that bounced into the box, but was booted back out by a DeWitt defender right to Marian midfielder Annie Bruce. She then passed back to Stroud near the corner flag. Stroud sent it back in front and the ball bounced off Pugh right to Eichenlaub, who tapped in the rebound for her 32nd goal of the season.

"We've been stressing about going to flanks and dribbling the ball in. So our outside mid got it wide," said Eichenlaub, who had a second goal called back 17 minutes later when the ref ruled she had committed a foul. "All year we've just practiced crossing, crossing and



Marian junior Jansen Eichenlaub (left) scored the only goal during Wednesday's D-2 semifinal. MARTY BUDNER

finishing and that's exactly what happened. I just had to tap it in."

Schimmel said one of Marian's strengths is taking advantage of free starts and that played a key role in the victory.

"In these big games, those restarts, especially corner kicks, they are always going to be a good chance for you," Schimmel said. "So if you can get it wide and get those set pieces, that's good. We've done very well lately on our corner kicks, so that's a weapon for us.

"Jansen just always seems to find a way to finish," he added. "She just has a nose for the goal. She gets in the right spot, is composed and can put it in the back of the net."

#### Title game rematch

Like Marian, DeWitt had allowed just one tourney goal prior to Wednesday's semifinal match-up. Panthers head coach Jamal Mubarakeh said his team put up a valiant effort in the disappointing one-goal defeat.

There were two good teams out there. Marian is a solid team all the way around," said Mubarakeh, whose team finished 21-2-4. "We tried to work on corners, because they are very good at them. We went most of the game playing them even, but we let in one goal and that's what cost us.

"I have a young team and, hopefully, we can come back next year in the same spot and win it," he added. "It's an honor for our team to be here. We played a great game today against the defending state champion. But when you lose 1-0, it's hard sometimes."

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## **Baseball**

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which defeated Grand Ledge, 1-0. Grosse Pointe South and Midland are in the other semifinal game.

"It was a good game. (Northville is) a well-coached team and they do a good job," said Bob Riker, a 1985 Brother Rice graduate and only the fifth head coach in program history. "We were very fortunate to win. I just think my guys were overly aggressive at the plate, because they were so loose. They weren't tight at

"I'll tell you what. The best thing about the whole thing was when we got the final out and I'm next to a guy that played for me and this is his first year up with me, (assistant coach) Kyle Galli, and he's excited. And I said just stop and take a look at the kids. That's what it's all about. That's the excitement right

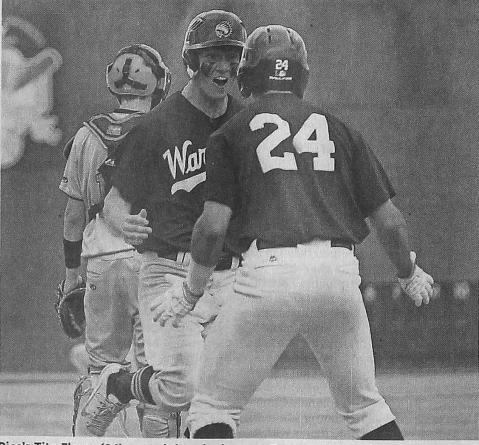
"That's why you do it," he added. "It's to see them experience something, hopefully, that you've experienced because you know what it feels like. That's why I do it and that's what keeps me go-

## Flores catalyst

Brother Rice sent 13 batters to the plate in its big inning, highlighted by junior right-fielder Tito Flores, who produced two key hits. The third-year varsity player rocketed a two-run double to center field his first time up that tied the game and later sent a three-run triple to right center that scored the last three runs and provided the valuable cushion.

The inning also featured a lead-off infield single by Josh Anschuetz that sparked the rally, a two-run single by Jake Riem that scored Flores with the eventual game-winning run, a runscoring single by lead-off batter Gabe Sotres, two intentional walks, a regular walk, a hit-batsmen and one error.

"It was an unbelievable inning and



Rice's Tito Flores (24) scored the winning run. Reese Trahey is right behind him with the fourth Rice run. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

said. "We were going to bunt to move the runners up, but (coach) Riker decided not to and swing away and he thought I had the better match-up between the pitcher and I. It's just weird how it all falls into pieces, like a big puzzle board, and everything fell our way today. It's just the game of baseball and we couldn't be more proud of it.

"I mean, whatever helps the team win. That's what we talk about," he added. "We're never selfish here at Rice. We always try to help the team win in one way or another and get the 'W.' Who cares how many hits you had or what plays you made? As long as you win, that's all that matters."

Northville (33-8) mustered its runs both unearned - in the fifth inning it's funny how it happened, too," Flores against Rice starter Tyler Sarkisian.

Spencer Ziparo scored the first run on an overthrow to first base and Steven Morrissey crossed the plate a few minutes later on another throw to first base.

## Loss stings

The Mustangs threatened in both of their final two at-bats with runners in scoring position, but could not push home any more runs against Rice reliever Jack Brockhaus.

"Tyler (Troyer) did an outstanding job and exceeded our expectations," said Northville coach John Kostrzewa, who had 13 returning seniors this year. "We had some chances earlier to score some runs and we had some base-running mistakes, but that's the nature of the game. It's a game of inches and I

couldn't be more proud of the way Tyler performed and how our whole team performed to get back here again. But it just got away from us.

"I think in a lot of years, they would be real happy that they just got here," he added. "But with this group coming back, I think it's going to sting for a little while because they had a taste last year and they felt they had what it takes to get back there again. But Brother Rice is a good program and a good team and they got the hits when they needed them and that's baseball."

## Final Four return

Brother Rice (31-8) returns to the final four for the seventh time in its illustrious history, the last being in 2013 when the Warriors lost in the state championship game to Bay City Western.

The Warriors are seeking their fourth state championship, having last won the title in 2008 in Riker's 10th season as head coach. Rice's previous state titles were in 1992 and 1994 under Ron Kalc-

"I have a great group of seniors and they like to be around each other," Riker said. "They really embrace the younger guys in keeping the tradition and that's what we're kind of all about at Rice.

"They play together. I've got great leadership. You just kind of get on a roll. We've created a tradition at Rice and we've created a program that guys kind of want to be a part of. They never want to leave the field and never want to leave the clubhouse.

They believe in each other and we talk about it all year long," he added. "This is a sport where you can't be a heavy breather. There are too many ups and downs and you have to be able to deal with adversity. And you have to be mentally tough and trust yourself. And to get this far, I'm not going to lie, you have to have a little lucky, too."

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## Seaholm finishes third at state finals

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It was a historic weekend for Birmingham Seaholm's boys golf team at the Division 1 state finals.

The Maples turned in their best state tournament showing since the Michigan High School Athletic Association went from the class to the division system in 1998.

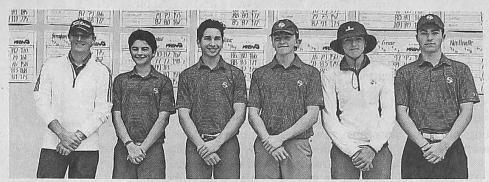
Grosse Pointe South, which placed runner-up to Detroit Catholic Center the past two years, shot 598 to capture its first Division 1 state title at The Meadows at Grand Valley State University. Rockford was second with 617, placing just two strokes ahead of third-place Seaholm which carded 619.

Seaholm was state runner-up in both 1976 and 1966 in Class A. The Maples were sixth overall last year.

"We were very excited about the third-place finish," said Matt Pesta, who finished his second year as head coach. "The boys hung in there tough. We only missed second place by two strokes, so they were that close to second."

Seaholm was led by its senior trio of Henry Scavone, Hagen Cunningham and Jack Muir.

Scavone, who plans to play next year at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, shot 79 the first day of competition and bounced back with 72 the sec-



The Seaholm boys golf team, coached by Matt Pesta, placed third at the Division 1 state finals at Grand Valley State University.

ond for a team-leading round of 151. The four-year varsity veteran and two-year team captain was one of a number of players who tied for 11th place, just missing the top 10.

Cunningham (74-79) and Muir (81-72) both finished at 153. Sophomore Spencer Whittington carded 162 (82-80) as Seaholm's fourth scorer.

Seniors Andrew Krivan (92) and Alex Acho (90) also played for the Maples.

"I think they key was everyone on the team contributed," Pesta said. "I thought it was a well-rounded team effort. Henry and Jack both shot even-par the second day and that stood out and Hagen carried us on the first day with a good score."

Seaholm won the Oakland University and Southern Swing tournaments this

season, finishing as OAA Red Division champion over runners-up Clarkston, the 2018 Oakland County champion, and Lake Orion. The Maples were OAA Red runners-up last year.

"We won the Red Division and that's no small feat because it contains both Clarkston and Lake Orion," Pesta said. "I think the season exceeded expectations with having the great finish and states and winning the OAA Red. We've played solid all year long.

'But we're basically recycling the whole team. The only one (from states) who is coming back is Spencer," he added. "It was a blast coaching all those great guys. It's going to be a bummer not having all those seniors (next year), but I'm very proud of this year's team."

Brother Rice placed seventh overall

with a 642 team score.

Rice's scorers were Brendan O'Rourke (78-78—156), David Bauer (79-81—160), Maxwell Brown (83-79—162) and Colin O'Rourke (86-78—164).

Bloomfield Hills did not qualify as a team, but was represented by individual qualifier John Paddock, who shot 154 (75-79).

#### **Division 2**

Flint Powers Catholic captured the Division 2 state championship in a close competition with Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern at Bedford Valley Golf Course in Battle Creek.

Powers won with 600 and Northern was just three shots back at 603. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood placed 13th overall with 634 (312-322).

Cranbrook's Josh Anderson finished among the top 10 as he tied for seventh (67-78) with Allendale's August Meekof (71-74), both at 145.

The other Cranes scorers included Charlie Eriksen (79-81—160), Alex Meyer (82-80—162) and Chris Ley (85-83—168). Zach Felsenfild carded 171 (84-87).

Individually, Detroit Country Day had two state qualifiers.

Ian Shu shot 173 (84-89) and Karthik Jasty finished at 176 (85-91).

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PREP SOFTBALL

## Howell freshman homers to oust Plymouth in D-1 quarters

Bill Khan

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It was no place for a freshman.

Facing Plymouth senior Jenny Bressler, one of the state's elite pitchers, with the game tied in the seventh inning of a softball state quarterfinal game is an unnerving proposition for a seasoned veteran, let alone someone in her first year of high school.

But Howell's Avrey Wolverton is no ordinary freshman.

She doesn't get nervous in stressful situations. With a big game on the line, there's no player the Highlanders would rather have at the plate than their freshman slugger.

Wolverton's latest clutch hit was a solo homer in the top of the seventh inning, giving 10th-ranked Howell a 3-2 victory over eighth-ranked Plymouth in the Division 1 state quarterfinals June 12

Howell's victory set up a state semifinal match-up between two Livingston County rivals as the Highlanders (29-10) took on Hartland (32-5), which advanced with a 3-2 victory over No. 1 Clarkston.

Wolverton has had the game-winning RBI in Howell's two toughest post-season challenges. In the regional semifinals, her sacrifice fly in the bottom of the 10th inning gave Howell a 2-1 victory over Mattawan.

In the Highlanders' regional tune-up June 6 against Monroe St. Mary, Wol-



Howell catcher Skye Grant tags out Plymouth's Kiersten Metz for an inning-ending double play. TIMOTHY ARRICK | FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

verton had a walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh, giving Howell a 3-2 victory.

"I kind of get up there and just hit the ball as hard as I can," said Wolverton, who is hitting .441 with seven home runs and 56 RBIs. "It doesn't matter the outcome, as long as I tried my best."

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Wolverton stepped to the plate to lead off the seventh, backed by a confident group of teammates watching from the dugout.

"Before she hit that ball, the person next to me called it, and I got chills all through my body," Howell pitcher Molly Carney said. "We all could feel it coming. Five girls in the dugout called it. It was unbelievable. She's a freshman and she's just killing it."

Howell had two runs on three hits in the first inning, but Bressler retired 16 straight batters before Wolverton lined a pitch over the fence in left-center field. Bressler, Michigan's Gatorade Softball Player of the Year, pitched a four-hitter, striking out 10 and walking none.

Carney continued to provide Howell with strong pitching, even though she struggled a bit more than she has recently. She walked four batters while

pitching a four-hitter and striking out

Plymouth (31-6) loaded the bases with nobody out in the third inning. After Bressler struck out, Angela Schmidt flew out to center fielder Sydney Pezzoni. Keirstin Metz tagged up at third, but Pezzoni fired the ball home and catcher Skye Grant applied the tag to complete an inning-ending double play.

"In situations like that, I want the ball so bad," Pezzoni said. "It actually came to me for once. I was prepared. I picture this in my head all the time, so I was really prepared for that. I just let it go. I didn't think I was going to get her, but it happened."

Pezzoni delivered Howell's first run with a double in the first inning. A two-out single by Maddie Springer made it 2-0. Plymouth tied it, 2-2, on a single by Schmidt in the fifth.

"We definitely had way more runners on base than they did," Plymouth coach Lauren Evans said. "They were just able to execute when it mattered. That's just where we fell short a little bit today."

Plymouth beat Howell twice during the regular season, 2-0 on May 4 and 9-1 on May 22 in the KLAA semifinals.

"The odds of beating a team three times is always tough," Evans said. "That was the little butterfly I had in my stomach coming in. I knew that both teams were hot; they were both playing good softball at the right time. I knew this would be a 3-2 game, a 2-1 game. Of course, I was hoping we'd be on the winning end of it."

## Skinner

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the field when someone was injured.

"He watched his favorite game probably on his last day when he was coherent and wasn't in pain. It was one of the last things he did was watch his 'best game ever,'" she said. "For him to enjoy that game the way he did and to forget about everything he was going through for a while, was such a special moment for us."

## Man of many hats

Skinner, a life-long teacher and iconic football coach who spent 31 years along the sidelines at both Hazel Park and Seaholm high schools, died June 11 at age 87 after a six-month battle with lung cancer.

Skinner was a family man who, with Anna, his wife of 65 years, raised six children. He was an entrepreneur, having owned the Putt-Putt Golf and Dairy Dip in Royal Oak. He dabbled in politics, having run for state representative in 1984. He was a religious man, having been raised a Catholic.

"He was not only a football coach, but he was a life coach," Nancy said. "Not only for his teams, but to his entire network of family and friends. He was a leader for a number of people who relied on his strength. That extended to his own family, his football players, so many friends who he helped through so many crises.

"He was an excellent football strategist, but his life-coaching support was for everyone. He went the extra mile for everyone. He taught us two things. He always told us to go for it, to pursue your dreams and do what you love. And he always told us to be a good person in pursuing those dreams.

"In 87 years on this planet, I can't imagine having lived a better life than my dad did with so many friends with so much success and love," she added. "He impacted many people and he made life fun. He was even surprising the nurses with his sarcastic wit. We were all there until the last moments."

Skinner, a Madison Heights native who played college football at Eastern Michigan University and went on to get his master's degree from the University of Michigan, spent 25 years at Hazel Park High School, where he gained the reputation as an outstanding teacher and coach. He helped turn Vikings wrestling into one of the state's most powerful programs. He also had some memorable football seasons at Hazel Park, which competed in the old Southeastern Michigan Association.

## Taking over at Seaholm

However, in 1977, he moved to Birmingham Seaholm High School, where he took over a struggling football pro-

gram. Skinner made an immediate im-

In his first season, Skinner's Maples finished with a 6-3 mark after the team had logged just two wins in the previous

two years combined.

Skinner spent 10 years at Seaholm, compiling a a 60-32 overall record, and is still the school's third-winningest coach. The Maples enjoyed eight winning seasons — including back-to-back undefeated regular seasons in 1983-84. The Maples posted a phenomenal 26-game regular-season winning streak from 1982-84.

Skinner, who was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1984, not only led Seaholm to three SMA titles, but also took the Maples to their first state playoff berth in 1983.

## Impacting his players

Joe Holland, an all-state defensive end, played for Skinner from 1982-84 and still holds the Seaholm record for career sacks with 30. He was a key member of those Maples teams that ruled the SMA during those days.

Holland went on to play football at the University of Michigan and said Skinner played a big role in his life.

"I actually moved to Michigan in eighth grade from Connecticut," said Holland, who now lives in the Chicago area. "Going into my freshman year, I remember Chuck Skinner writing me a

personal note welcoming me to Birmingham. So Chuck Skinner was my first interaction with my new school.

"He was great. He was a great coach, old school in terms of making people work hard and do the right things, but he really cared about the kids. He was kind of a throwback. He was the kind of guy people wanted to play for, because he was a great motivator.

"And looking back on it now, he was a guy others wanted to coach with, because he put together some really good coaching staffs. They all liked him and they wanted to coach with him," he added. "To me, that was a mark of a great coach, to not only lead the troops, like us players, but also to get the coaching staff to buy in to what he was doing as well."

Bill Watson, a 1978 Seaholm grad who returned in 1982 as the school's athletic trainer, said Skinner helped change the program's culture.

"Birmingham kids were considered soft, country club kids who wouldn't work hard," said Watson, who still works as the school's trainer. "He changed the attitude, the work ethic. He got kids to believe, to buy in.

"He had T-shirts printed with 'RE-VOLT — 1977.' Revolt against losing," he added. "He was a great person, a great coach."

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## Holowicki

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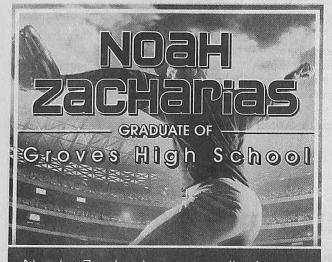
Midwest Basketball Coach of the Year by the National High School Coaches Association and Catholic League Person of the Year. He was inducted into the Detroit Catholic League Hall of Fame in 1980 and coached in the McDonald's High School All-American Game in 1994 in New York City.

In addition to his coaching duties with the Crusaders, Holowicki was also a regular at Five Star Basketball Camps, conducting several clinics throughout the year. He has also produced a series of instructional videos on various topics.

Holowicki coached three high school All-Americans and 13 all-state players. A total of 30 of his players made all-Catholic and another 62 made all-league.

Among the notable NCAA Division I players Holowicki coached included Tom LaGarde (North Carolina), Tom Zaliagaris (North Carolina), Mike Prince (Western Kentucky), Barry Spencer (Notre Dame), Greg Wendt (Duke/Detroit), Stan Heath (Eastern Michigan), Mike Maleske (Bowling Green), John McIntyre (Detroit/Missouri) and Chad Varga (Richmond/Pittsburgh), Rob Gonzalez (MSU/Colorado) and Bobby Kummer (UNC-Charlotte).

In January 2018, Catholic Central named its basketball floor as the Bernie Holowicki Court.



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Call Mark Rutherford pro-instructor for lessons 734-421-4928! In attendance for that ceremony was the 6-foot-10 LaGarde, who played under the late Dean Smith at North Carolina (1973-77) while also winning a gold medal for the U.S. Olympic Team at the 1976 Montreal Summer Games. LaGarde was a first-round pick of the Denver Nuggets and won an NBA title with the Seattle SuperSonics in 1979.

"When Bernie came, I was a junior, so I only had him for two years," LaGarde said during the 2017 court dedication. "He was such a positive force. I called it the positive pull, because every day he was just happy. He gave us all energy; he was like an energizer. He believed in us and he inspired us. And I am fortunate to have those two years with him at Catholic Central."

LaGarde said Holowicki helped shape his basketball career, which spanned eight seasons.

"I think he got me to play with enthusiasm, get a floor burn and believe in yourself," LaGarde said. "He's right — three hours, seven days and 12 months of the year, you really have to work. And when you work and put the time in, then you have positive energy and you can't help but succeed."

McIntyre, who played nine years professionally in Israel, served as a ball boy at CC and first met Holowicki when he was a first-grader at South Redford's Fisher Elementary, where Holowicki taught.

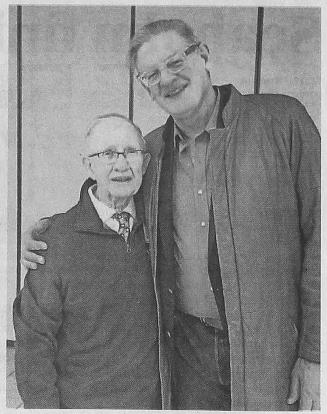
"It was great to see his name get on the court," Mc-Intyre said. "He had a really good life. He worked extremely hard and was an innovator and was always trying to stay up with the times. He just had a tremendous basketball mind. I have memories of the city championship vs. (Detroit) Southwestern, all those times playing at the Boys Club in Detroit. It just brings back fond memories of those really good times."

Heath, who later became the head coach at Kent State, the University of Arkansas and the University of South Florida, said Holowicki was instrumental in his coaching career path.

"Obviously, he's my coach. what a special guy," said Heath, who now coaches the Lakeland (Fla.) Magic in the NBA's G League. "He meant a lot to us – I know that – and a lot to me. He kind of had a huge effect on my life and direction it led me, obviously, being a coach. Looking back, he was one of those rare coaches that had that eye. He recognized things and players and just wasn't only one of those guys that recognized them, but was able to see things the person himself didn't see and kind of help that grow, kind of plant that seed and grow. I think he was really ahead of his times when I looked back. It's kind of sad to see, but I'm sure he really led a good life and I'm sure he's going to be coaching up there in heaven."

Holowicki, one of nine children who grew up in southwest Detroit, graduated in 1950 from St. Hedwig High School, where he played baseball, basketball and football. He earned his undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Detroit. He taught elementary physical education and was a fifth-grade home room teacher from 1965-97 with the South Redford Schools district.

Holowicki is survived by his wife Barbara, his four sons (Greg, Kevin, Mark and Steve), a daughter (Beth Holowicki), two sisters (Fran and Mary Ann) and two



Former NBA player and 1976 Olympic gold medalist Tom LaGarde (right), returned for the Bernie Holowicki court dedication at Detroit Catholic Central in 2017. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

brothers (Richard and Raymond).

Despite all his success as a basketball coach, Holowicki was a family man first and foremost.

"A lot of people who knew my dad knew him as a great teacher, a great coach and I think my dad as a great father," Greg Holowicki said. "With kids, he gave them the shirt off his back, selfless and would do anything for his family, his kids, even at the expense of something else that he may want. His family always came first and he demonstrated that through his actions. He was a tremendous man."

Holowicki was also an avid baseball fan and was a Detroit Tigers season ticket holder for 20 years with his son Greg.

"The last year at the old Tiger Stadium, he convinced me to go down and wait in line for season tickets at the old Tiger Stadium, because that would give us opportunity to be season ticket holders at Comerica Park," Greg Holowicki said. "He is the one who convinced me to go down to the Tiger games, a 27-game package, and that was something personally were moments I won't forget. I'll always cherish that time. People talk about basketball, but his love was baseball. He just loved it."

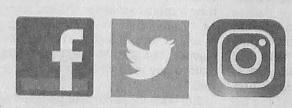
Arrangements are pending, according to the Holowicki family.

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## PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



## SARA STROUD

JUNIOR SOCCER

BLOOMFIELD HILLS MARIAN MUSTANGS

Sara Stroud was voted Athlete of the Week Wednesday afternoon and celebrated later that evening by helping Bloomfield Hills Marian land a 1-0 victory over DeWitt in the Division 2 state semifinal game.

Stroud captured top honors in the weekly poll by securing 5,042 votes -- 64.26 percent of the total votes cast. Bloomfield Hills lacrosse star Grace Dillon finished as runner-up with 2,633 votes in what turned into a two-person race. The other four nominees for Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week received no more than 44 votes.

The honor took Stroud

a bit by surprise.

"My mom told me
about it and a friend of
hers, one of my teammates' mom, told her
from twitter and then I
saw it," she said. "I was
a little surprised because
I'm not a forward and I
usually don't score the
goals. But, I've really
been playing hard so it's
been good."

Stroud, a junior midfielder for the topranked Mustangs, had a phenomenal game in the recent 5-0 regional championship victory over Trenton with a goal and two assists in which she earned the Athlete of the Week nomination. Stroud's role as a cornerkick specialist -- she executed seven corners against Trenton -- gives the Mustangs an ability to

score on every restart.
Stroud, a three-year
varsity player, has been
happy with her play
which has greatly aided
in undefeated Marian's
overall success.

"I really gave it my all in that Trenton game," Stroud said. "I took a lot of corner kicks in that game. We have scored most of our goals this season on corner kicks which is amazing.

"And it's not all me, it's my teammates scoring as well. We always get on the end of them and we finish every chance we get," she said. "We don't give up. We never give up. We always go until the end."

Marian's coaching staff is overjoyed to have a player of Stroud's unique abilities at its disposal. "Sarah is an incredibly smart player who just has a mind for the game," said Marian assistant coach Michael Schimmel. "She always seems to be in the right spot and she's very much our rock in the back. When she's playing well you can definitely tell based off of our possessions. The other team has a hard

time really developing their offense when she's on her game.

"She hits some great corners and that definitely gives us that dangerous edge and gives us a great opportunity," he said. "Whenever we can we try to attack wide and see if we can get a corner out of it. She's a very valuable player for us."



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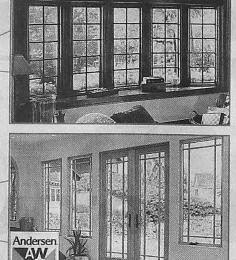
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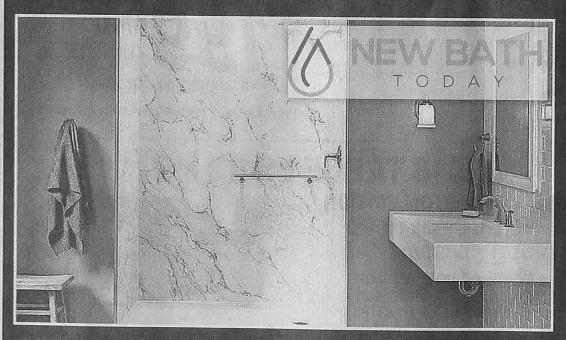
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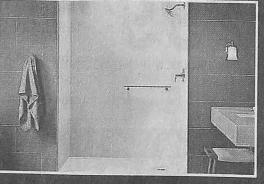
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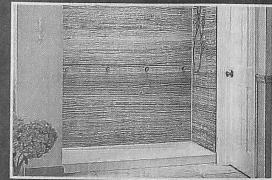
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ou're in a job interview and have been rocking all the usual questions that come your way. What's your five-year plan? Tell me about your last job. What brought you to this industry in the first place? Then there's a question that stumps you a little and you pause. Uh oh, they've hit a gap in your prep, or touched on an uncomfortable subject.

How do you deal with questions that you didn't anticipate? Let's look at some of the toughest interview questions and some sample responses:

I know everyone has a go-to "weakness" in these job interviews, but what's your real biggest weakness?

I tend to take on too much myself, because I have high standards and get impatient when others don't meet them. But I'm working on my delegating skills and learning how to let others do their jobs while I do mine.

#### Why do you have so many jobs on your resume?

I have been very faithful to my vision when it comes to my career. I have very specific long-term goals and have

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taken advantage of growth opportunities along the way when certain jobs started to feel stagnant. For example, I left XYZ Corp. because there was no room for professional development. That's why I was so excited to hear about the opening here. This is the

kind of place where I can see myself growing and evolving for a long time.

Looking at your resume, you're awfully senior for this junior-level job. How do we know you won't jump ship as soon as

something else comes along?

I'm a big believer that you can't always take a linear approach to your career, that it's about the quality of experience. This job appeals to me because it's a chance to learn and grow in an area that interests me, so to me that step back in seniority is an investment.

It looks like you have a significant gap on your resume, and your cover letter mentioned that you took time off to start a family. Will you be having more kids in the near future?

Taking time off was a choice that worked best at the time, but now I'm ready to move forward with the next phase and focus fully on the next steps in my career.

[Note: It's illegal for interviewers to ask about your family status, so if you get a sneaky question like this one, it's best to turn it into a general answer without giving specific information about your spouse, your family, your personal plans, etc.]

Do you think you've peaked in your career?

Oh jeez, I hope not! I don't think of a career as an uphill/ downhill thing. I try to keep learning new things and finding new and better ways to do my job. So, it's less about being on the way up or on the way down and more about keeping things moving forward, no matter what,

How would you deal with a colleague who threw you under the bus for something that was their fault?

Office politics are always fun, right? Seriously, though, I'd start by taking it up with the person directly. I don't think there's anything to gain from publicly humiliating anyone. I'd also make sure that my boss privately understands the reality of what went on - what my role was in the issue, whether I shared any of the blame or what I did to help resolve the problem.

If you're facing challenging questions, don't stress out too much, and don't let yourself get that "deer in headlights" look. The most important thing is to pivot the question into familiar territory — especially if you can use it to highlight one of your strengths or emphasize your goals.

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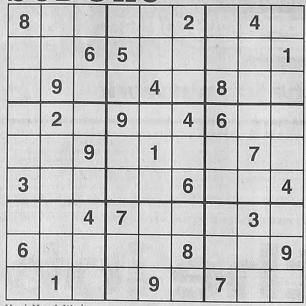
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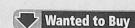
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Applications are available at Farmington Public Works Office located at 33720 W. Nine Mile Road Farmington Michigan 48335, Farmington City Hall located at 23600 Liberty Street Farmington MI 48335 or at http://www.ci.farmington.mi.us/City-Services/Forms-and-Permits/Human-Resources/CoF-DPW-Employment-Applicationfillable-2017.aspx

Applications must be submitted to Farmington Public Works Office located at 33720 W. 9 Mile Road Farmington MI 48335, or online to: FarmingtonDPW@farmgov.com no later than 4:30 PM Friday, July 6, 2018.

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offerings are limited in the market, so the Japanese brand has to them make count. And with the Outlander and Outlander

Mitsubishi's

Sport SUVs, exactly that's

what Mitsubishi is doing these days. Fortunately, the Japanese company selected SUVs and crossovers as the segment for its biggest presence in America, because sedans aren't doing so well.

Of course, there are lots of familysized crossovers these days, in what has become the market's heavily populated sweet spot. This segment even has drawn previous abstainers, including Volkswagen and Subaru, to make substantial new offerings in order to get in on the crowd of

American millennials shelling out bigger bucks to move around their

families. Mitsubishi hits that spot square with Outlander, with its three rows of seating, intriguingly low price tag, strong safety scores, and plenty of standard and optional features. Outlander also has an easy drivability that compares favorably with utility vehicles offered by some Korean and some other Japanese

Start with human capacity: Outlander can fit up to seven individuals, though a couple of them will be somewhat cramped in the rear – so they should be kids.

Turn to new features for 2017. Outlander now offers several appealing ones available on the highest trim levels, including Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, automatic high-beam headlights and a 360-degree camera. The previously optional 6.1-inch touchscreen now is standard. And Mitsubishi has made



The Mitsubishi Outlander hits a sweet spot with three-row seating.

all-wheel-drive standard on the base trim

Outlander with all-wheel drive earned a top, five-star rating in government tests for overall crash protection, with four stars for side-impact protection. And the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety gave Outlander the best possible rating, Good, in several

important tests. Standard safety features include antilock disc brakes, a rearview camera, traction and stability control, hill-start assist, a driverknee airbag, front-seat side airbags, and side-curtain air bags for the first

and second rows. Outlander is offered with either a 2.4-liter, four-cylinder engine that generates 166 horsepower and 162 pound-feet of torque, paired with a continuously variable automatic transmission, or with a 3.0-liter V6, producing 224 horsepower and 215 pound-feet of torque, with a conventional six-speed automatic transmission.

The model posted 27 mpg combined in EPA fuel-economy testing of the four-cylinder engine, dropping to 23 mpg combined for the V6. These estimates are about average for Outlander's class.



Cargo

cubic feet behind the second row - again is competitive for its class. So is 63.3 cubic feet that open up when second- and thirdrow seats are folded down.

Prices for Outlander are typical for its segment, beginning at \$23,945, ranging up through the low \$30,000s. A plug-in hybrid is available for prices of up to \$40,295.

Meanwhile, Outlander Sport fills out Mitsubishi's vehicle lineup as a five-passenger compact crossover SUV that is basically the little brother to the three-row Outlander.

For 20128, Outlander Sport has Outlander uses taken up updated styling in the quality materials front and rear, minor enhancements and attractive of the interior, and cabin-noise design. And there's improvements. New features this year include a touchscreen display, and Apple CarPlay and Android Auto smartphone integration are included with most trim levels.

Entry-level trims are powered by a 2.0-liter, four-cylinder engine that yields 148 horsepower and 145 pound-feet of torque. A 2.4-liter, four-cylinder powers upper trim versions.

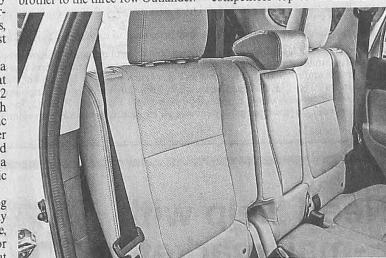
Outlander Sport is comfortable for city driving such as commuting and errands, but yields substantially to its big brother when it comes to longer trips, allowing bumps to be more intrusive, for example.

Sport also offers above-average

cargo room and a long warranty.
Prices start at \$20,395 for the base trim, in the middle of the range for starting prices for its segment, with the range-topping Outlander Sport priced at \$24,495, less than many competitors' top-of-the-line trims.



Outlander Sport is the "little brother", but not in terms of appearance.



Inside, Outlander offers some sumptuous seating trim

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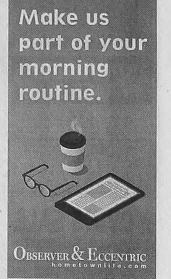
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### PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT. 734 354-3232 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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## NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION TO ESTABLISH A RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THE RECREATIONAL AUTHORITIES ACT, PA 321 OF 2000, MCL 123.1131 ET. SEQ.

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This item will be considered at a Regular Meeting of the City of Plymouth City Commission on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Plymouth Fire House Playground at Spring & Holbrook Streets. In the event of inclement weather the meeting will be moved to the Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE PLYMOUTH AREA RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY

These articles of incorporation for the Plymouth Area Recreational Authority ("PARA") are adopted by the City of Plymouth, a Michigan home rule city whose administrative offices are located at 201 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48179 (the "City"), and the Charter Township of Plymouth, a Michigan charter township whose administrative offices are located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 (the "Township"), to take effect as of , 2018.

#### ARTICLE I **CREATION**

- 1.1 Creation. There is established the Plymouth Area Recreational Authority ("PARA") in accordance with the Recreational Authorities Act, 2000 PA 321, MCL 123.1131, et sec. ("Act 321"), the participating municipalities for which are the City and the Township and which shall be a public body corporate.
- 1.2 Purpose. PARA is established for the following purpose: to acquire, construct, operate, maintain, and improve the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex located at 650 Church Street in the City of Plymouth (the "PARC Property") as an arts and recreation complex serving residents of the City and the Township as authorized under Act 321
- 1.3 Territory. The territory of PARA is the combined jurisdictional limits of the City and the Township.
- 1.4 Board.
  - (a) PARA shall be initially governed by a seven member appointed Board of Directors (Board). The Mayor of the City with the consent of the City Commission shall appoint three (3) Board members. The Township Supervisor with the consent of the Township Board shall also appoint four (4) Board members. The appointed board shall serve until midnight, December 31, 2020. Board members shall be residents of and registered voters in their respective communities.

    (1) A vacancy prior to the expiration of a term shall occur upon any of the
    - following: (i) the death of the incumbent; (ii) the incumbent's resignation; (iii) the incumbent's removal from office; (iv) the incumbent's ceasing to reside within the jurisdictional limits of the appointing entity (v) the incumbent's conviction of any infamous crime or the incumbent's offense involving a violation of the incumbent's oath of office; (vi) the decision of a court or other competent tribunal, declaring void the incumbent's appointment; or (vii) the incumbent's refusal or neglect to take the oath of office, or to give or renew any official bond, or to deposit such oath or bond, in the manner and within the time prescribed by law.
    - (2) An appointed board member may be removed by the appointing body for good cause shown after a public hearing.
    - (3) A vacancy on the board shall be filled in the same manner and by the same persons and body as the original appointment. Those appointed to fill a vacancy created prior to the expiration of a term shall serve until the completion of the unexpired term.
  - (b) At its first meeting, the board shall elect a chairperson, secretary, treasurer, and any other officers it considers necessary. Officers shall be elected by the board annually at the first meeting following January 1 of each year.
    - (1) The chairperson shall have all privileges and duties of a board member, including the right to vote on all matters. The chairperson shall be elected by a majority of the board, annually, from the board's membership.
    - The secretary shall keep or cause to be made all reports, records, and minutes required by these articles of incorporation or applicable law.
    - The treasurer shall keep or cause to be made all appropriate financial records and reports required by these articles of incorporation or applicable
  - (c) Members of the board shall serve without compensation.
    - Three (3) Board members shall be elected by City voters, and four (4) elected by Township voters at the November 2020 municipal election. Those members elected shall have their terms commence on January 1, 2021. Those members elected shall serve for a period of four (4) years. A vacancy on the elected board shall be filled by the City Commission or Township Board, upon recommendation of the Mayor and Supervisor, respectively, depending on where the vacancy occurred. Those appointed to fill a vacancy created prior to the expiration of a term shall serve until the completion of the unexpired term.
- - (a) The board shall meet at least quarterly and shall annually establish a meeting schedule which shall be posted at the offices of PARA and the Township in the and time provided by law.
  - (b) All business of the board shall be conducted at public meetings held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, and all records of PARA shall be made available in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, 1976 PA 442, as
  - Special board meetings may be called by the chairperson or any two board members. All members shall be notified in writing at least 18 hours prior to a special meeting.
- Voting.
  - (a) A majority of board members shall constitute a quorum. (b) Official action may be taken upon the vote of a majority of a quorum of the board members present, unless the board adopts bylaws requiring a larger number.
- - (a) Minutes of all board meetings shall be prepared and approved as required by law,
  - including the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267.
  - Minutes and other public records shall be kept and made available from either the Offices of PARA or the Township in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act,
- 1.8 <u>Bylaws.</u> The board shall adopt procedural bylaws for the conduct of its meetings. **ARTICLE II**

#### OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS 2.1 Powers. PARA may do one or more of the following:

- (a) Acquire and hold, by purchase, lease with or without option to purchase, grant, gift, devise, land contract, installment purchase contract, bequest, or other legal means, the PARC Property and any other real and personal property to be used in or beneficial to the operation of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex. The property may include franchises, easements, or rights of way on, under, or above any property. PARA may pay for the property, or pledge for the payment of the property, from revenue of
- (b) Apply for and accept grants or contributions from individuals, the federal government or any of its agencies, the State of Michigan, a municipality, or other public or private agencies to be used for any of the purposes of PARA.
- Hire full-time and/or part-time employees and retain professional services (d) Provide for the maintenance of all of the real and personal property of PARA.
- Assess and collect fees for services provided by and expenses incurred by PARA
- Receive revenue as appropriated by the legislature of this state, the City, the Township, or any subsequent participating municipality. Enter into contracts incidental to or necessary for the accomplishment of the purposes
- of PARA (h) Exercise such other powers as may from time to time be authorized by Act 321.
- Function. PARA shall operate, maintain, repair, replace, and improve property and facilities under its control, and plan, implement, oversee, and control recreational programs and recreational services in accordance with the direction of the board and within its budget. PARA may accomplish these functions by entering into a renewable concession agreement not to exceed 20 years with Plymouth P.A.R.C., Inc., a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation doing business as Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex

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- ("Plymouth PARC"), as concessionaire, pursuant to which Plymouth PARC shall operate, maintain, repair, replace, and improve property and facilities for the PARC Property and any other property ancillary and related thereto acquired by PARA, and plan, implement, oversee, and control recreational programs and recreational services, subject to the terms and conditions to be set forth in such concession agreement.
- Termination. In the event PARC does not fulfill its obligations as specified in the concession agreement, the Board reserves the right to terminate PARC's concession agreement and seek a replacement concession agreement with an alternative vendor consistent with the objectives of Section 2.2.
- <u>Preferences.</u> PARA may offer discounts and other preferences to residents of the City and Township, as provided in Section 12 of Act 321.

## FINANCING AND INSURANCE

- 3.1 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of PARA shall be from January 1 to December 31.
- 3.2 Annual Budget
  - (a) The board shall prepare an annual budget for PARA operations in accordance with sections 14-19 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, 1968 PA 2, MCL 141.434 to 141.439 (the "UBAA"). The proposed budget shall be submitted to the City, the Township, and any subsequent municipal members for review. The City, the Township, and any subsequent municipal member may recommend adjustments to their own designated board representative(s), but shall not amend, reject, or approve the submitted budget. PARA board's approval of the budget shall require the approval of a simple majority of a quorum of the Board.
  - The board shall not expend funds in excess of its approved budget or in excess of any PARA funds on hand. No funds of the City, the Township, or any subsequent municipal member (except for contributions made to PARA by any of those entities) shall be committed or expended, except as appropriated by its governing body.
  - PARA funds may be invested as provided by section 1 of 1943 PA 20, MCL 129.91. The board shall obtain an annual audit of PARA in the manner provided by sections 6 to 13 of the UBAA, MCL 141.426 to 141.433, and Section 27 of Act 321.
- 3.3. Authority to Tax
  - (a) PARA shall have the authority to levy a tax of not more than .75 mills for not more than 20 years, renewable after 20 years, on all of the taxable property within the territory of PARA for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving the PARC Property. PARA may levy the tax only upon the approval of a majority of the electors in each of the participating municipalities of PARA voting on the tax at the November 6, 2018 general election. The proposal for a tax shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the City and Township by resolution of the PARA
  - (b) A ballot proposal for a tax shall state the amount and duration of the millage and the purposes for which the millage may be used. A proposal for a tax shall not be placed on the ballot unless the proposal is adopted by a resolution of the board and certified by the board not later than 60 days before the election or such longer period as may be required by state law to the Wayne County clerk for inclusion on the November 6, 2018 ballot.
  - (c) If a majority of the electors in each of the participating municipalities of the authority voting on the question of a tax approve the proposal as provided under subsection (a), the tax levy is authorized.
  - The proceeds of a tax levied pursuant to this section 3.3 shall only be used by PARA for the purposes described in this section and shall not be used by PARA for any purpose prohibited by under Section 11(4) of Act 321.
- 3.4 Annual Budget Funding Obligations. Funding for PARA shall be through the following: (a) Such funds as are appropriated by the City and the Township in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement; and
  - Such other funds as may be available to the board, including gifts and grants from
  - public or private entities or individuals, or activity and program fees. (c) A tax levy as provided in Act 321 and these articles of incorporation.
- 3.5 Insurance.
  - (a) The board shall secure and maintain insurance with such terms, coverages, and amounts as are in the discretion of the board needed to cover PARA's property, the operations of PARA, the staff employed by PARA, PARA's indemnification obligations, and such other items as may, in the board's discretion be important to insure; provided that the board may require Plymouth PARC to secure and maintain insurance to cover the PARC Property in lieu of obtaining such insurance.
  - (b) The cost of such insurance shall be paid by PARA as part of its annual budget.

#### ARTICLE IV AMENDMENT, DISSOLUTION

- 4.1 Amendment. These articles of incorporation may be amended by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members serving on the governing bodies of the City and Township.
- 4.2 <u>Dissolution</u>.
  - Provided there is no outstanding debt or contractual obligations of PARA, it may be dissolved by approval of dissolving resolutions adopted by the governing bodies of the City and Township. If there is outstanding debt or contractual obligations, dissolution can occur only upon meeting the terms and conditions of such debt or contracts.
  - Upon the dissolution, property held or used by PARA shall be allocated and distributed in accordance with the following:
    - (1) All property, of any nature, which is titled to or otherwise owned by the City, the Township, or any other party, shall remain the property of that person or
    - All monies and funds, from whatever source, which are the property of PARA shall be distributed between the City and the Township in accordance with the most recent contribution percentages, after deducting any expenses associated with the dissolution of the board and PARA.
    - All property, other than that otherwise provided for in subsections 4.2(b)(1) and (2) above, shall be divided by agreement between the City and the Township in accordance with the formula described in subsection (2). If the parties do not agree on the value attributed to the items of property, the property may be divided by a legally recognized form of arbitration, as assigned by the Board. If the parties do not choose arbitration, and cannot agree on how to distribute the property between them, then the property shall be disposed of by the Board at public auction. All revenues received as a result of any auction shall be distributed in accordance with the formula set forth in subsection (2) above, except that administrative expenses associated with the auction shall also be deducted prior to any distribution.
  - (c) Should the November 6, 2018 millage election referenced in Section 3.3 be rejected by the voters of either the City or Township as provided in Section 3.3, this agreement is immediately null and void upon final certification of the election results by both the City and Township, and the Board as outlined in Section 1.4 is immediately disbanded without recourse by the PARA Board and/or PARC.

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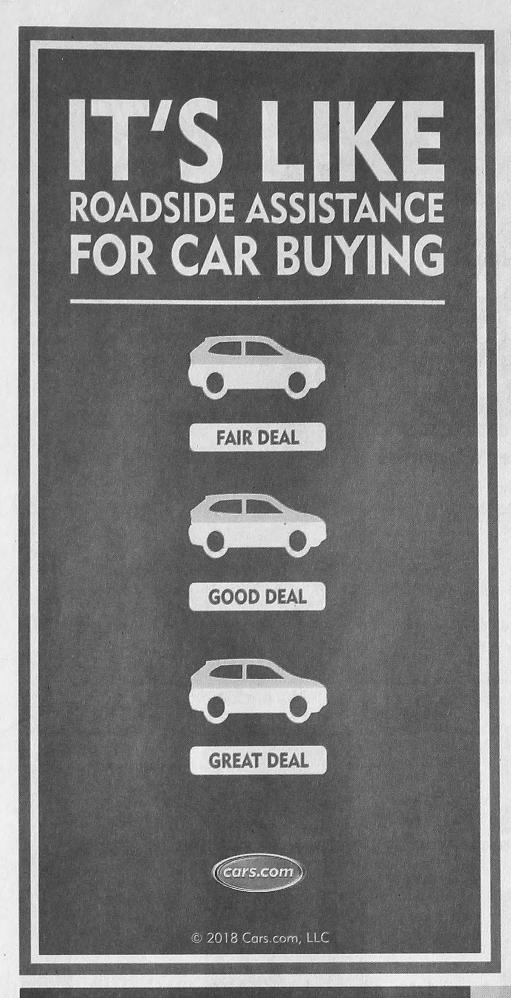
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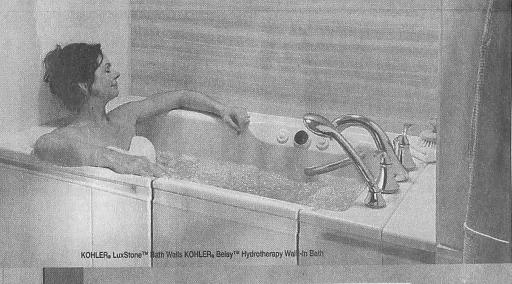
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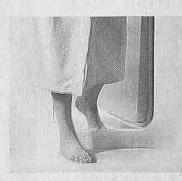
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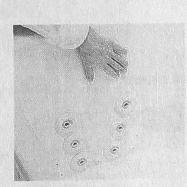
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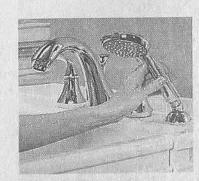
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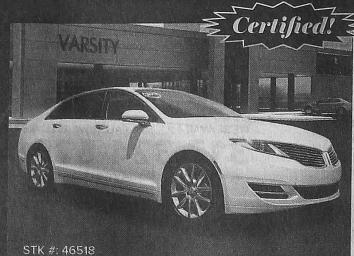
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# BE SURE TO THANK A VOLUNTEER AT SPREE 68

By Dennis Wright Mayor, City of Livonia

Are you ready for Livonia's 68th birthday party?

For decades, we have celebrated the birth of Livonia as a city in 1950 with a week of family fun, food and thrills during Spree 68. This year's the festivities will take place June 19-24 at Ford Field.

Free events are all week during Spree. There are free musical performances by Major Woody, 50 Amp Fuse, Steve King and the Dittilies, Killer Flamingos, Cory Dakota and The Rippers, and more. There's also lots of free family entertainment – magicians and clowns, pig and hot dog races, a petting farm, strolling clowns and costumed characters, and the ever-popular

Livonia Anniversary Committee spends

Family Fun Day.

Livonia Anniversary Committee spends

a full year making Spree a success. It

Saving the best of the free events for last, Spree concludes Sunday Night with the always-impressive Livonia Spree Fireworks Extravaganza on Sunday night.

Youngsters of all ages won't want to miss the midway of more than 50 rides, including carnival games rewarding your skills with all sorts of prizes.

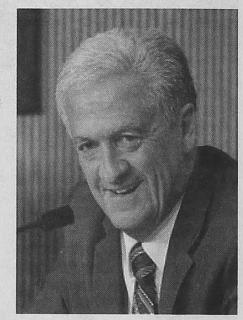
Spree offers a vast selection of food and drink sure to please everyone, with many of the concessions run by and supporting local non-profit and civic organizations. New this year is the Margaritaville Tent, featuring nightly music with music and beverages from Thursday through Saturday.

When it comes to planning, the

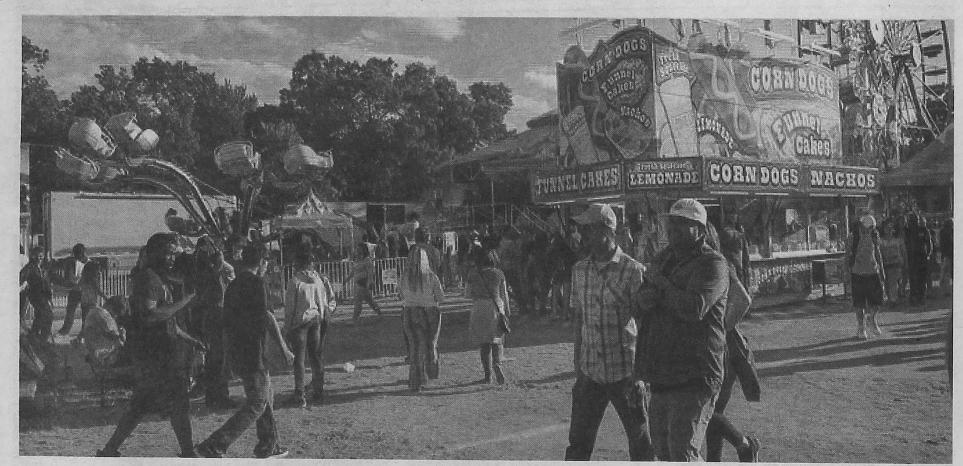
Livonia Anniversary Committee spends a full year making Spree a success. It is a labor of love and their spirit and dedication shows! These volunteers help route traffic, sell beverages and food, run games and events, coordinate the bands and entertainers, and run the Family Pizza Night, Wine, Brews & Tunes, and Taste of Spree.

Their volunteer efforts help fund Spree scholarships, support many nonprofit groups that participate, and make the half-hour fireworks spectacular possible. Be sure to say "Hi" and thank the hard-working volunteers you see at Spree this week.

Birthday parties can be a great time to connect with old friends and meet new ones. I hope to see you at Spree 68.



Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright



Late afternoon on the Spree midway.

## SPREE IS HERE:

# 4 REASONS TO MAKE TIME FOR LIVONIA FESTIVAL

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com

School's out, which means it's almost time for the fun to begin.

Livonia Spree returns June 19-24 to Livonia's own Ford Field at Lyndon and Farmington roads. An annual celebration of Livonia becoming a city in 1950, this year's events will bring many of the favorites Spree-goers have grown to love.

Here are four reasons to check out at this year's Livonia Spree.

#### The music

What would Spree be without the music?

This year, the committee has decided to break out the big hair and head to the 1980s, with Rock Star headlining the festival Saturday night.

Celebrating all things '80s arena rock, the group plays hits from bands and artists such as Poison, Bon Jovi, Motley Crue, Def Leppard and many more. Rock Star's show will take the south main stage beginning at 7 p.m.

In addition to the headliners, plenty of Spree favorites will make their return, including Major Woody, 50 Amp Fuse, Earth Angels, the Killer Flamingos and Steve King and the Dittilies. A full schedule of music can be found on the Spree's website, livoniaspree. com.

#### The events

Every day of Spree has something new to offer at one of the tents or in Eddie Edgar Arena.

Pig races return several times a day at the park, as well as the petting zoo. Wednesday night in the kid's tent

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Thousands of visitors are expected for Livonia Spree 68.

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Wednesday night in the kid's tent marks the return of the Observer & Eccentric's pie-eating contest, where kids can get a chance to devour a pie without the aid of their hands for prizes.

For the adults, Wine, Brews and Tunes returns Friday night at Eddie Edgar Arena. Tickets are \$15 and include 10 beverage tickets and snacks, plus the first 300 people will receive a sample mug. Spree's Margaritaville will also return Thursday through Saturday, with live music and plenty of margaritas available to buy.

The Rotary 5K Run/Walk returns Sunday morning with both a one-mile fun run and the 5K run taking place after. Registration remains open at ezrunevents. com/spreerun.

After the run, two separate church services will take place. A Catholic service will take place at 8:30 a.m. and a Protestant service will take place at 11 a.m.

A full list of all the events can be found at the Spree's website as well.

#### The rides

Wade Shows will return with its traditional slate of thrill and kiddie rides for all ages. An official ride list hasn't been posted on the Wade Shows event page for the Spree, but plenty of options will be available for kids of all ages to enjoy.

Wristbands for unlimited rides are \$25, though an online pre-sale will take place before the Spree with bands going for \$16. They can also be bought in person at the following locations:

- Livonia Parks & Recreation, 15100 Hubbard
- Livonia treasurer's office, 33000 Civic Center
- Livonia Chamber of Commerce, 33300 Five Mile, Suite 212
- Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark

#### The fireworks

The biggest grand finale of them all, the annual fireworks show, will return Sunday night to wrap up the festivities.

The annual show will light up the sky near Farmington Road. Several roads surrounding the Spree grounds, including Farmington between Schoolcraft and Five Mile, will close several hours before the fireworks show. The show will kick off after 10 p.m.

The shuttle service will take Spree-goers between Ford Field and the civic center parking lot all day and after the fireworks.

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The annual fireworks show closes out Spree 68 on June 24.



Spree rides draw kids of all ages.



Spree rides. The Twister.



The annual 5K is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Sunday

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## LIVONIA SPREE SERVES UP ENTERTAINMENT FOR EVERYONE

By Pamela A. Zinkosky Special to hometownlife.com

Livonia Spree 68, which starts June 19 and runs through June 24, has a diverse lineup of entertainment, including some family fun favorites like the pie eating contest and pig races, plus high-quality free concerts for the 21-and-over crowd, and of course the grand finale fireworks on Sunday night. The festival is located at Ford Field on Farmington and Lyndon Roads.

All-day family entertainment includes amusement park rides, the petting farm, and costume characters and clowns strolling the grounds. Families can also enjoy entertainment at the petting farm, which hosts the pig races on Tuesday, June 19, at 5, 6 and 8 p.m., and Wednesday through Sunday at 1, 3, 5, 7:30 and 9 p.m. Catch the duck races at the petting farm on Tuesday at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Wednesday through Sunday at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 8 p.m.

At the kids' tent, check out the pie eating contest on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday, hit the kids' tent for entertainment starting at 8 p.m. including the musical sounds of 1950s and 60s band Earth Angels, the Maze Family Fun Show and Buffalo Bill the Magician.

The Eddie Edgar Arena on Lyndon Road also hosts a variety of family fun like the family fun pizza night from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, the Taste of Livonia from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, the car show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday and the pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Adults can visit the arena on Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. for Wine, Brews & Tunes, with live entertainment and wine tasting.

The whole family might also enjoy

the Livonia Rotary's 5 kilometer and 1 mile fun run at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. The run starts at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road. Register at www.ezrunevents.com or www. livoniaspree.com.

The fireworks on Sunday night start at about 10:15 p.m. and make for great family entertainment. Go early and stake out a spot along Farmington Road, or simply stay on the grounds after enjoying the day at the festival.

#### **Musical entertainment**

The music of Livonia Spree includes a diverse lineup: Fifty Amp Fuse, the Killer Flamingos, Major Woody, TJ Thomas & Kentucky Strait, Rock Star and more.

On Wednesday night from 7 to 11 p.m. at the main south stage, catch Fifty Amp Fuse, a diverse cover rock 'n roll band. The long-lived band plays hits from the 1960s through present day and can get the crowd moving with everything from Bohemian Rhapsody to Motown hits. You can also check out Second Wind, a classic rock cover band, at the main north stage from 6 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday.

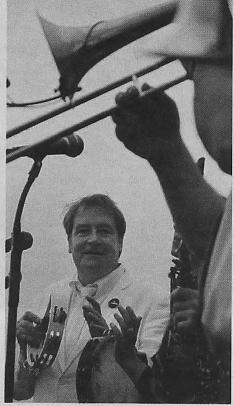
On Thursday, see the Killer Flamingos from 7 to 11 p.m. at main south. The Dearborn-based band covers a wide range of pop and rock tunes. Female lead vocalist Michelle Katitus sings most of the five-person band's signature hits, but drummer Tim Webber takes the lead for some numbers. Thursday's lineup also includes Hidden Agenda, a cover band with strong Motown and smooth jazz influences, at main north from 6 to 10 p.m.

On Friday's lineup is Major Woody, a seven-person dance party band, from 7 to 11 p.m. at main south, and TJ Thomas & Kentucky Strait playing country tunes from 6 to 10 p.m. at the main north.

Saturday night from 7 to 11 p.m. at main south, hear Rock Star play hits from the 1980s. They'll be having "Nothing But a Good Time" playing hits from Journey, Def Leppard Quiet Riot, Bon Jovi and more.

Sunday night, catch Steve King & the Dittilies, an oldies rock 'n roll variety band, at the ball diamond from 6 to 11 p.m., or Parallel Fifth playing hits from the last four decades at main south from 7 to 11 p.m. You can also catch Corey Dakota & The Rippers playing a variety of rock, country, alternative and pop hits, starting at 6:30 p.m. at main north.

There's also musical entertainment at the Spree's new event this year – Margaritaville, which runs 7 to 10 p.m. at the tent at the end of the food aisle Thursday through Saturday. The event features \$5 alcoholic beverages and music from rock 'n roll guitarist James Kosty on Thursday, One Love Reggae on Friday and Air Margaritaville, a Jimmy Buffet tribute band, on Saturday.



Spree favorites Steve King and the Dittilies will rock the crowd in the Spree finale Sunday, June 24.



50 Amp Fuse kicks off the musical lineup at Livonia Spree on Wednesday, June 20.



Petting zoo at Spree 67.





# LIVONIA SPREE AMPLE PARKING SHUTTLES RUNNING CONTINUOUSLY

**By Pamela A. Zinkosky** Special to hometownlife.com

The Livonia Spree, running June 19 through June 24 this year, offers four parking areas and an estimated 1,400 to 1,500 spaces for vehicles, said Dan Spurling, president of the Livonia Spree Board. Visitors to the annual fair can park at the Spree grounds on Ford Field at Farmington and Lyndon Roads, at City Hall on Five Mile east of Farmington Road, at the Civic Library

or 16th District Court on Five Mile just east of City Hall or at Frost Middle School on Stark Road just south of Ford Field.

"We could always use more parking, but we actually do pretty well with the parking we have," said Spurling.

Ford Field holds some 700 cars and is typically filled quickly, so most visitors will need to park offsite and take the shuttles in. Livonia Spree rents shuttle buses from Avis and Budget, in addition to borrowing community shuttles, and volunteers drive them continuously throughout the event. They start running 30 minutes before Spree opens and run until the last visitors are transported to the lots, Spurling said.

"Ideally, to park at City Hall or the courts is the best because you can get in and out easily," Spurling advised.

"A lot of people park on the streets in the neighborhoods," Spurling said, noting that some of those spaces are blocked off during the Sunday-night fireworks to ensure room for emergency vehicles to get through.

Spurling said some 125,000 people are on Ford Field and in the adjacent neighborhoods for the fireworks, Spree's busiest time.

The Livonia Police Department, the Civil Air Patrol and volunteer shuttle drivers and traffic directors work together to keep parking running smoothly for the Spree.



Spree features rides for kids and adults.



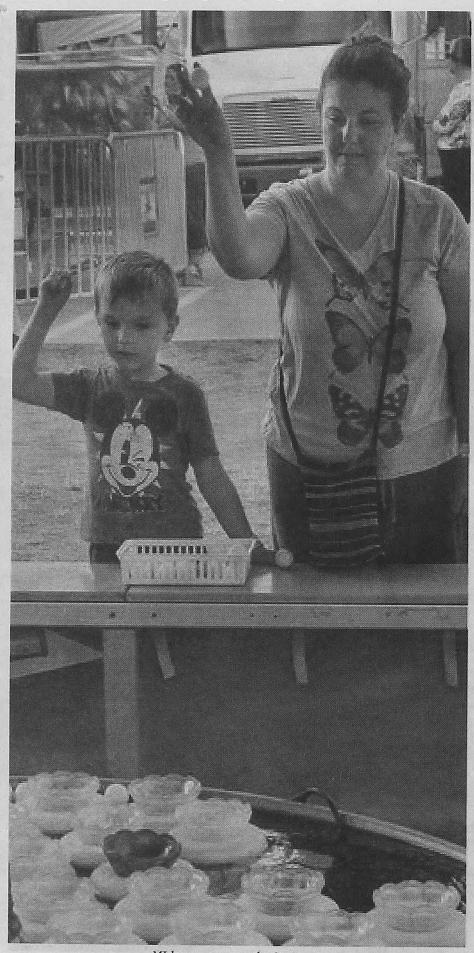
The Spree fireworks, launched near the Livonia Family YMCA, light up the sky.



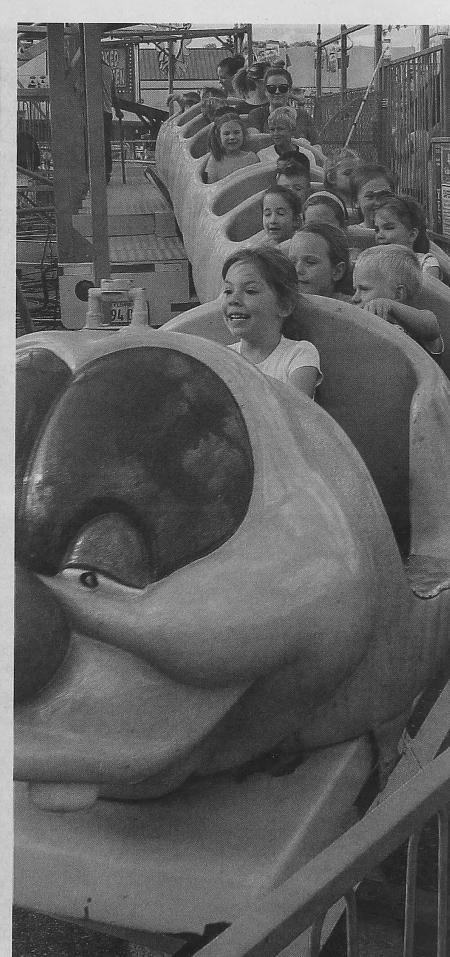
Steve King.



Dancing to Steve King and the Dittilies at Spree 67.



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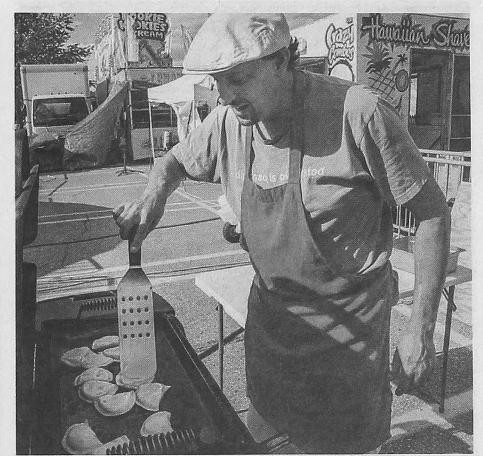


Kiddie rides were added for Spree 23 and continue today.

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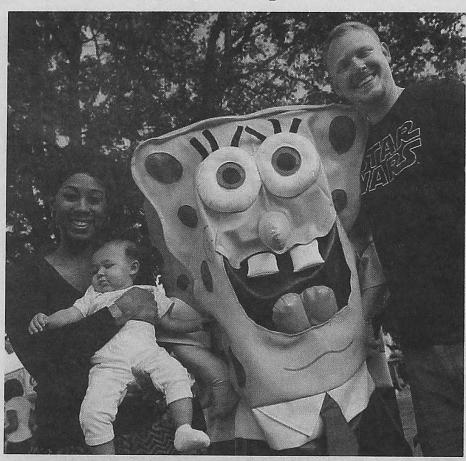
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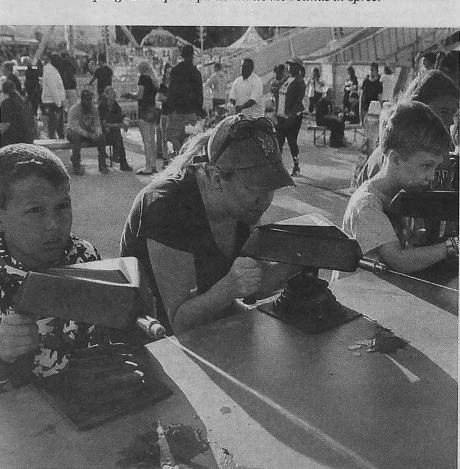
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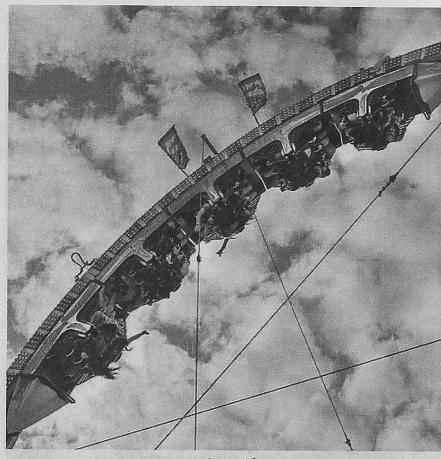
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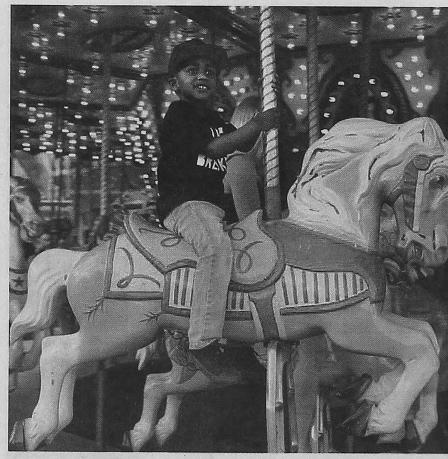
Sponge Bob Square pants makes the rounds at Spree.



Midway games at Spree.



Spree rides.



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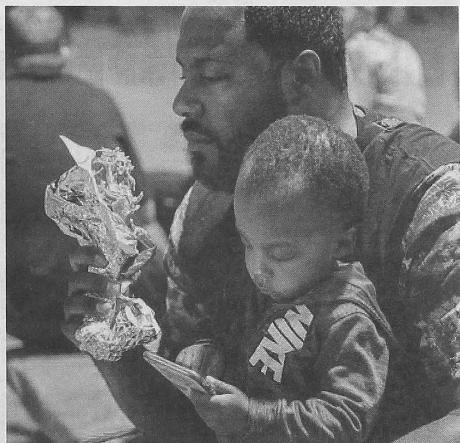
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# 68th SPREE HAS PACKED LINEUP OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Here's the daily schedule for the 68th Livonia Spree, which runs Tuesday, June 19 through Sunday, June 23 (schedule according to the Spree website):

#### Tuesday, June 19:

- Petting farm, 4-9 p.m.
- Pig races, 5, 6 and 8 p.m.
- · Duck races, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, June 20:

- · Petting farm, 2-9 p.m.
- · Strolling entertainment, 3:30-7:30 p.m.
- Pig races, 1, 3, 5, 7:30 and 9 p.m.
- Duck races, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
- Family pizza night, 6-8 p.m., in the arena
- Kids tent, pie-eating contest, 6:30 p.m.
- Main north stage, Second wind, 6-10 p.m.
- Main south stage, 50 Amp Fuse, 7-11 p.m.

#### Thursday, June 21:

- · Petting farm, 2-9 p.m.
- Pig races, 1, 3, 5, 7:30 and 9 p.m.
- · Strolling entertainment, 3-7 p.m.
- · Duck races, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
- · Taste of Livonia, 6-8 p.m., in the arena
- Margaritaville, James Kosty, 7-10 p.m., in the food aisle
- Main north stage, Hidden Agenda, 6-10 p.m.
- Main south stage, Killer Flamingos, 7-11 p.m.

#### Friday, June 22:

- · Petting farm, 2-9 p.m.
- · Pig races, 1, 3, 5, 7:30 and 9 p.m.
- Duck races, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
- · Strolling entertainment, 3-8 p.m.
- Main north stage, TJ Thomas Country and Kentucky Strait, 6-10 p.m.
- · Main south stage, Major Woody, 7-11 p.m.
- Kids tent (8-10 p.m.) Earth Angels, Maze Family Fun Show
- Saturday, June 23:
- · Family day, noon-3 p.m., on the ball diamond
- Kids tent, Baffling Bill the Magician and the Maze Family Fun Show
- · Strolling entertainment, 3-8 p.m.
- · Costume characters, 7-9 p.m.
- · Petting farm, noon to 9 p.m.

Events schedule continued on page 15



Spree rides.

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- Pig races, 1, 3, 5, 7:30 and 9 p.m.
- Duck races, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
- · Margaritaville, 7-10 p.m., in the food aisle
- Main south stage, Rock Star, 7-11 p.m.

#### Sunday, June 24:

- Petting farm, noon to 6 p.m.
- Strolling entertainment, 9-11 a.m. and 1-7 p.m.
- Pig races, 1, 3, 5, 7:30 and 9 p.m.
- Duck races, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
- Car show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., church services, 8:30/11 a.m.; breakfast, 8:30-11 a.m., in the arena
- Ball diamond, Steve King and the Dittilies,
   6-11 p.m
- · Main south, Parallel Fifth, 7-11 p.m.
- Main north, Corey Dakota & the Rippers
- Fireworks, approximately 10:20 p.m.



The annual fireworks will light up Livonia's sky on Sunday night.



Spree petting zoo.



Midway rides are a Spree favorite.

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## Family expands Italian restaurant empire with Antonio's Piccolo Ristorante in Livonia



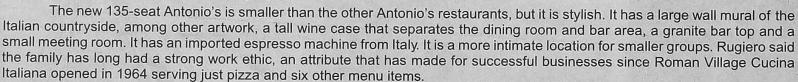
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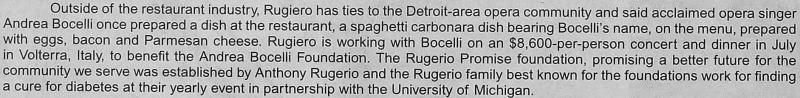
An Italian immigrant, the late Antonio Rugiero Sr. insisted in 1964 that his first restaurant, Roman Village of Dearborn, serve meals deliciously reminiscent of the old country. The legacy he built with his wife Enrica, affectionately known as Mamma Rita, continues 54 years later as the Rugiero family enters the Livonia market with its fifth restaurant, Antonio's Piccolo Ristorante. Their son Anthony Rugiero, who owns the new restaurant with brothers Mark and Robert, is confident the new eatery would meet the high standards of their father and the likes of Frank Sinatra, the late singer/actor whose favorite dishes included linguine and clams. "If Frank Sinatra knew how good our linguini with crab sauce is he would come out of his grave to get some," Rugiero said with a smile. Turns out the new Antonio's — the family's first new restaurant in 11 years — has drawn its share of living customers since it quietly opened April 25 at 31735 Plymouth Road, west of Merriman, after the Rugieros bought out the long-closed, former Italian eatery Giulio's.

Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Dan West said the family's history of success bodes well for the new restaurant. "It has been a much-anticipated opening for a couple of years," he said. "I think it adds to the collection of fine family-run restaurants that are all around Livonia."



Antonio's makes its pasta in-house, using flour imported from Italy. The family imports old-country ingredients such as tomatoes, olives, olive oil and prosciutto, all to make the dishes as authentic as possible. Twelve gelato flavors, ranging from amaretto to strawberry cheesecake, also have imported ingredients. Some menu items have survived the decades, including the Gnocchi Rita Sauce, made of little potato dumplings served with Mamma Rita's special pancetta (bacon) and mushroom blush sauce. It can be topped with handmade meatballs, Italian sausage, grilled chicken, mushrooms or baked cheese. "That's mom's signature dish," Rugiero said. At 75, Mamma Rita still makes the rounds to the family restaurants in Dearborn, Dearborn Heights. Farmington Hills, Canton — and now Livonia — to taste-test the sauces and soups, sometimes pitching in to help in the kitchen. And Rugiero said the polenta — cornmeal topped with Italian sausage and meat sauce — is "definitely old-school." After working with the Rugiero family for 24 years, Angel Ballestero is now executive chef of the new Antonio's and is eager to give his best to some 50 different menu items. "I love it. I couldn't imagine doing anything else," Ballestero said. Just don't ask him which dish he most likes to prepare. "That's like asking a parent who their favorite child is," he said.









Rugiero said the family business has been successful because of smart business decisions and an unwavering commitment to quality food "We have a combination of a corporate business model and a family restaurant image and approach, we run all our locations as one family restaurant with 5 extensions" he said, adding later, "I love what I do."



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