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City fire station reopens

By **Matt Jachman**
Staff Writer

Plymouth's fire station is back in business less than two months after a fire there destroyed a fire truck and damaged equipment and the building.

The Northville City Fire Department returned its city operations to the Plymouth station last week after spend-

ing just over seven weeks in temporary quarters since the June 9 fire. A closed Plymouth Township fire station on Wilcox Road had been the city's temporary fire station.

City Manager Paul Sincock said the Plymouth station, which is also called NCFD Station No. 2, is fully operational, although some repair work has yet to be completed.

"It was important we get the

fire trucks back in the building and respond from the city," Sincock told the Plymouth City Commission at its meeting Monday.

Station repairs since the fire included the replacement of some structural steel, a new roof, new bay doors, extensive electrical work and painting, Sincock said. He said the work

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The fire fighting equipment and staff are back at the Plymouth station. Lt. Jim Davison stands next to the new doors. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'Fitz' recalled as loyal leader

Former Salem administrator with district for 40 years

By **Brad Kadrich**
Staff Writer

When Dr. Pat Fitzpatrick was considering a career move from the Willow Run school district to the fledgling Plymouth-Canton Educational Park around 1970, he visited the site of the \$11-million high school Plymouth-Canton officials were building on Joy Road near Canton Center.

After that visit, Fitzpatrick, who would become the new school's first assistant principal, felt like he had something to contribute.

"I just wanted to be part of it," he said 40 years later when health issues forced him to retire in 2010.

And he was. For four decades, Fitzpatrick filled an office at Salem High School where, by his count, he worked some 7,600 days, saw some 15 million kids go through the cafeteria and watched more than 23,000 seniors graduate.

Those people – and all of the people with whom he worked all those years – are mourning the loss of Fitzpatrick, who died early Sunday morning from the heart-related issues that nudged him into retirement three years ago.

"He was such a class act," said Frank Ruggirello, who spent 12

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Former Salem High School Assistant Principal Dr. Patrick Fitzpatrick, who retired in 2010 after 40 years serving students in the Plymouth-Canton schools, died Saturday. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Joe Reeves paints a pot in which to "plant" the Dr. Seuss-inspired tree sculpture he made on a recent afternoon during the Little Artist Studio summer day camp at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. ALL PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Primary colors

Kids' books inspire art at PCAC camp

By **Matt Jachman**
Staff Writer

Like many a sculptor, sketcher and painter before them, artists in the Little Artist Studio were inspired by classic literature.

On a recent Thursday, inspiration came from *There's a Wocket in My Pocket*, the Dr. Seuss story of a boy and the strange creatures in his house. Read aloud by instructor Lisa Howard, *Wocket* began a morning of creating "Seussy" artwork – bendy, wildly colored tree sculptures and off-kilter pots to plant them in – at the Little Artist Studio, a Plymouth Community Arts Council summer day camp.

"You'll have a crazy, funky painted pot and a crazy, funky tree," Howard said in explaining the project to the 20 children in the camp.

"Share with your friends so everybody gets some color," Howard said as she and two assistants passed out colored pipe cleaners, some of them extra fuzzy, that would make up the trunks and branches of the Seuss trees. The pipe cleaners were twisted and adorned with beads and cut-up foam hair curlers.

Unique creations

Camper Joe Reeves, 6, explained what was behind his one-of-a-kind tree sculpture: "I just figure it out," Joe said. "I couldn't do it again."

Howard, who is also the PCAC's program and exhibits director, urged camp-



Bryn Petrosky holds raw materials for her Dr. Seuss tree art project.

ers to note the uniqueness of the various sculptures in the classroom.

"Look around your table. Look how different everybody's trees are," she said.

Mia Hagen, 7, pronounced her tree "zig-zaggy" and "really crazy." It's a truffle tree, she said, like the trees in *The Lorax* that the title character tries to protect.

"I love *The Lorax*," Mia said of the Seuss classic.

One of two PCAC summer arts camps for 5- to 7-year-olds, the five-day Little Artist Studio had kids working in a variety of media and tackling a different theme each day, many inspired by children's books, including *Wocket*, Ezra Jack Keats' *The Snowy Day* and *A Color of His Own*, by Leo Lionni.

Mia said her favorite project, so far, had been using watercolors to paint cha-

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City ends effort to buy church lot

By **Matt Jachman**
Staff Writer

It's back to the drawing board for Plymouth officials as they try to increase the availability of parking near the city's downtown.

Negotiations with Plymouth's First Church of Christ, Scientist, over the purchase of its property on Ann Arbor Trail west of Harvey fell apart recently when the two sides couldn't agree on a price.

A third-party appraiser valued the roughly two acres at no more than \$700,000, while church officials said they couldn't accept less than \$1 million, said Tony Bruscatto, director of the Downtown Development Authority.

Bruscatto said the city is looking at another opportunity for increasing parking, but that it's in a preliminary stage.

"The idea of looking for additional parking hasn't gone away just because that property may have gone away," Bruscatto said.

The city had been discussing a purchase of the Christian Science church property for parking for more than a year.

A deal to buy part of the site for \$775,000, with the church retaining a portion of it for its congregation, fell apart early this year. City officials had hoped to use about 100 spaces there immediately and develop plans for a larger, permanent lot designed for long-term parking for people who visit and work downtown.

Concerns over how the parcels would be configured, and over the practicality of having a church property surrounded by a municipal parking lot, caused city officials to rethink that proposal, however.

The DDA for several years has steered downtown visitors to the church lot for free parking during special events, when the city's on-street parking spaces and parking structure are often filled.

"They were very good with letting us use it many times during busy weekends, such as Art in the Park or Fall Festival, when parking would be challenged downtown," Bruscatto said.

Bruscatto said the church is no longer offering free parking and has begun to sell parking permits.

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years, including Fitzpatrick's last nine, as director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "He gave his whole life to Plymouth-Canton. They don't make them any better than Fitz."

Fitzpatrick spent 46 years as an educator, the first six at Willow Run. That district wanted Fitzpatrick to stay and fill an open principal spot at the high school. But Fitzpatrick, who said his tenure at Willow Run (he started there in 1964) was marked by racial unrest and violence, listened instead to Mike Hoben, who would eventually become superintendent in Plymouth-Canton, and made the career shift.

Hoben told Fitzpatrick about more than 300 acres Plymouth school officials had purchased at Joy and Canton Center, where they would build a new "park" complex that Hoben said would eventually house four high schools and some 8,000 students.

Chosen, he said, from some 60 applicants, Fitzpatrick was installed as an assistant principal at what was then just "Ply-

ARRANGEMENTS MADE

What: Funeral arrangements for Dr. Patrick Fitzpatrick, former assistant principal, Salem High School

When: Visitation 2-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9; lie in state 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, Mass 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10.

Where: Visitation Friday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth; Mass at St. James Catholic Church, 46325 Ten Mile in Novi.

Donations: In lieu of flowers, mourners may make a donation to the Dr. Patrick Fitzpatrick Memorial Fund, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

mouth High School." He would be there when the name was changed to Plymouth Salem High School when the district also opened Plymouth Canton High School. And he was there years later, when the third school — the new Plymouth High School — went up over on Beck Road.

"I knew I had to make a career move," Fitzpatrick said when he retired. "I came out here to see this building and I

thought I had something to contribute."

Former Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Jim Ryan remembers his first graduation ceremony at Eastern Michigan University. Fitzpatrick, who was running the show, told him he had two minutes to make his speech. Ryan, an extrovert who loves a good conversation, was surprised.

"I told him, 'C'mon, Fitz, it takes me two minutes to clear my throat,'" Ryan recalled Monday. "He said, 'You've got two minutes.'"

As he began, Fitzpatrick held up two fingers as a reminder, and Ryan did his speech in one minute, 45 seconds. When he sat down, he looked over and saw Fitzpatrick, who nodded.

"I knew I had done OK," Ryan recalled. "I got the nod from Fitz."

When former Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostoin suffered a stroke some years back, Fitzpatrick came to Ryan and said he wanted to be the interim principal until Ostoin could return. And he wasn't doing it as a suggestion, according to Ryan.

"He wasn't really negotiating with me, he was telling me," Ryan said with a smile.

"He stepped in admirably. As I think of Fitz now, my focus is on his loyalty, his love of Salem High School, his fairness and leadership. All the positives you could say about a man, you could say about Pat Fitzpatrick. I truly admired him, and I learned a lot from Fitz."

When he retired in 2010 he did so, he said, without a single regret, proud of the students he'd shepherded through the massive park, which now houses some 6,200 students. He said his biggest "high" came when struggling students turned themselves around, then returned years after graduation and let him know he made a difference in their lives.

"Kids come from different backgrounds and situations that aren't good," Fitzpatrick said. "A lot of kids come here with a lot on their plate. It makes me proud when a kid comes back and tells me I was a factor."

One of those students was Brandon Bunt, whose last two years of high school were a struggle. Illness kept him out of school much of his junior and senior years, and he was having a hard time making academic progress.

Fitzpatrick, Bunt said, made

him every accommodation — one-on-one time, a room to study — to make sure he could get his work done.

"He impacted me a lot, in a 'mentor' kind of way," Bunt said when Fitzpatrick retired. "He was just there. He takes a very positive approach to things. It's not a punishment thing for him. He gets to the root of the problem in a very positive way."

Ken Jacobs was Plymouth-Canton's assistant superintendent when Fitzpatrick retired, the only person still in the district at the time who was there when Fitzpatrick started. Between them, the pair put more than 90 years into the district.

Jacobs, who retired two years later, said Fitzpatrick went out with dignity.

"We grew up together and were a team then," Jacobs, who started with the district as a special education teacher at Pioneer Middle School in 1968, said when Fitz retired. "He's always been here ... there aren't too many stories like Fitz. He can walk out of here with his head held high."

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CAMP

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meleons like those in the latter book. "They were all different kinds of colors," she said.

Howard's campers also worked last week with folding multicolored paper they made from tissue paper, shaping clay into bird figurines and blowing bubbles in patterns to represent snow.

"You can't mess up," Howard said. "Most of our projects are whatever you choose to do."

"I like the creative part," she continued, "that they can do whatever they dream up."

Art for all

Howard taught two sections of Little Artist Studio this summer and two more of A World of Art, which introduced campers to the art of different cultures.

Slightly older campers took classes like animation and cartooning, jewelry making, printmaking, acrylic painting, vehicle design, pottery and more. There were also camps dedicated to drama, music, yoga, scrapbooking and, for artists who don't mind getting messy, a camp called Slimy Arts and Science.

More than 500 campers have been through the 2013 camps. There are still openings in several of the camps for the

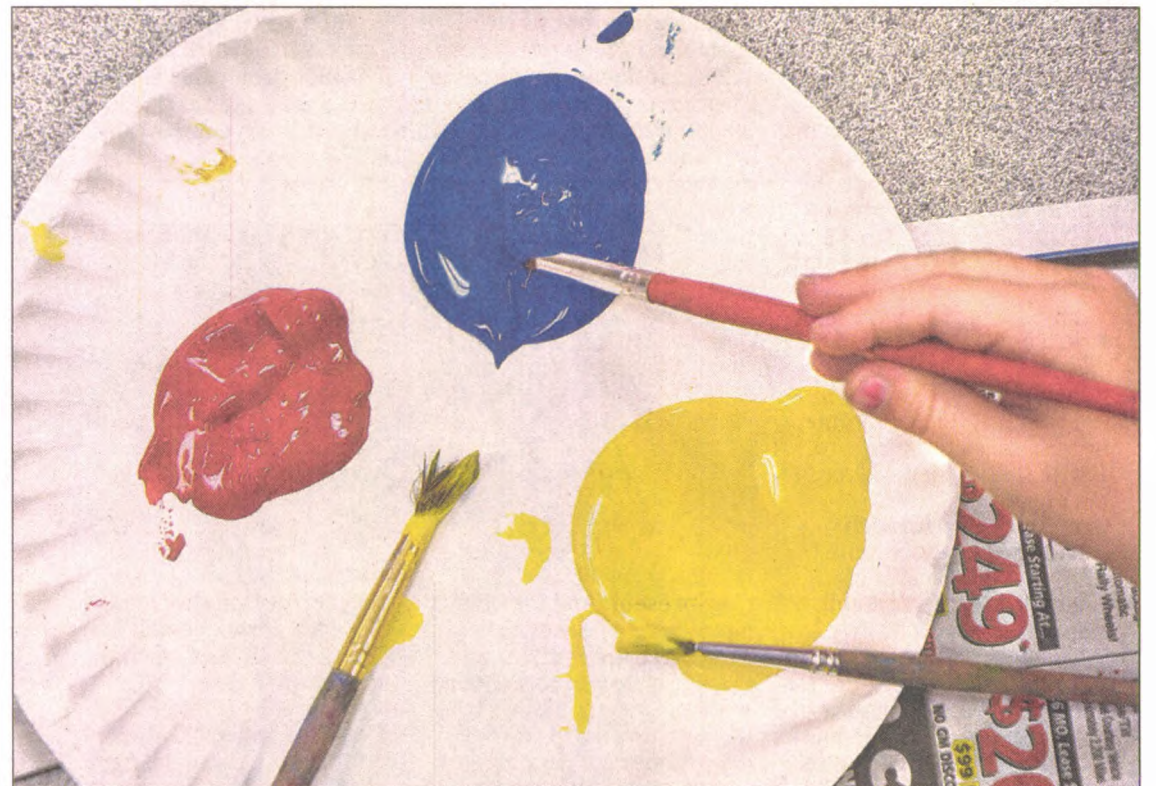
remaining two weeks of the program; visit the PCAC site, www.plymoutharts.com, for more information.

After making their Seuss trees, Joe, Mia and others in the Thursday camp painted tilted pots for them that Howard had prepared by briefly melting plastic foam cups.

Howard put out palettes of the primary colors — red, blue and yellow — plus white, for campers to share and gave a quick lesson in color mixing for those who wanted shades of green or purple.

"There're going to be stripes all the way to the top and all the way around," Joe Reeves said as he painted a pot for his tree.

The PCAC will host a special exhibition Friday, Aug. 30, featuring the works of students in the 2013 summer arts camp program. The event, with refreshments and a performance by guitar instructor Jeff Davis, is 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, in Plymouth.



How many colors can you make with these paints? ALL PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Meredith Swanson works on her Dr. Seuss tree project.



Lisa Howard offers tips on how to make a Dr. Seuss-inspired tree.

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was paid for by the city's insurer; there was a deductible on the building of \$2,500.

The city is also replacing equipment damaged in the fire, which is thought to have started in the engine compartment of the mini pumper truck that was destroyed.

On Monday, the commission accepted bids for about 5,000 feet of new fire hose (\$11,340 was the low bid) and for four radios (\$7,225 was the low bid). Sincoc



The city recently about \$11,000 worth of new fire hose to replace the hose destroyed by the blaze. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

said the insurer has given the city money for equipment replacement.

The damaged radios had been in the mini pumper that was destroyed, while the hoses were on the floor and on drying racks in the station, as they had undergone testing shortly

before the fire.

Still under consideration by officials is a replacement for the mini pumper, which has not yet been ordered. Sincoc said fire officials are still reviewing possible replacement models and deciding what details to include on a new truck. The delivery of a new mini pumper is at least six months away, Sincoc said.

Firefighters have been using a full-sized fire truck, the department's backup, in place of the mini pumper since the fire.

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Kellogg Park concert gets late addition

The Lixx, a Detroit-area band specializing in classic rock, has been added as the opening act for Friday's free Music in the Air concert in Kellogg Park.

The Lixx will take the stage at the park at 5:30 p.m., warming up for guitarist Randy Brock and his band. That show begins at 7 p.m.

Tony Bruscato, director of the Downtown Development Authority, which organizes Music in the Air, said the DDA tries to sign opening acts a couple of times a summer for concerts in the series.

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HUGS AND HELP

Pantry chief done packing bags

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

A former Marine brought boxes of hot dogs and buns to the back door Monday at the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps, a donation to the PSA's food pantry, which Tammy Moyer runs.

When they'd brought in the donation and she'd given him a receipt, Moyer asked the man if she could hug him. He said yes. When the embrace broke, Moyer told the man, "God bless you, and thank you for being a Marine."

It was one of maybe tens of thousands of such hugs Moyer has given – and received – in some 20 years of working in and running the Plymouth Salvation Army's food pantry, a job she's leaving Friday when she joins her husband Ed in retirement.

Moyer might miss the hugs as much as she misses the job.

"That's really important to me," Moyer, the pantry director the last 17 years, said of the hugs. "People need to know they matter."

People have mattered to Moyer since the 1990s, when she started volunteering to help out in the food pantry. The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps services Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, so a lot of people have come through the pantry.

Tons of hugs

Pantry volunteers have already doled out more than 3,700 bags of food this year, after providing nearly 4,400 last year. By that estimate, Moyer figures to have provided maybe 85,000 bags of food during her tenure.



Tammy Moyer is moving north after 20 years at the Salvation Army food pantry. ALL PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

More than the food, that's thousands of hugs, thousands of conversations and millions of words of praise and hope from Moyer, who treats the pantry as more of a mission than a service. The folks who come in for food are often homeless, certainly needy and frequently going through some of the worst times of their lives.

Moyer tries to make them forget about that, if only for a moment.

"I do that to show (clients) they can be trusted here and what they have to say matters," Moyer said. "I tell them it (the food and the love) is not only from me, but from God. I call it my 'back-door ministry.' I pray with them, I let them know whatever they're going through, they aren't alone. God is with them."

The job can be seasonal – donations and requests certainly pick up at Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays – but the need is ever-present. And the clients have changed over the years. Now there are families and there are single mothers and there are grandmothers who are trying to raise their grandchildren. There are senior citizens who are struggling and veterans trying to make ends meet.

The common denominator: They're all living their



Salvation Army officials figure food pantry director Tammy Moyer has put together some 85,000 food packages during her career.

lives under tremendous stress. Moyer worries about that.

Need changes

"I'm seeing a lot less hope," she said. "Hope seems to be dropping. They seem to think it's not going to get any better. I try to give them that hope."

Maj. Keith Bailey has been the corps officer for about a year now. He said Moyer's personality makes her good at the job and helps clients feel better when they walk out the door.

"Tammy has a wonderful Christian spirit," Bailey said. "That's a ministry to her back there. We're really going to miss her."

Laurie Aren has worked with Moyer for several years. One of her earliest

experiences with Moyer, she said, was watching her teach a young mom how to make a baby bottle and get the air out so the baby wouldn't get colicky. The young mother, who had little support, was struggling.

She's a repeat client and each time, Aren said, Moyer takes that same "motherly approach" with her.

"We have dubbed her the 'silent saint' because she does what she does quietly and with tremendous compassion," said Aren, the PSA's director of family and community ministries. "A lot of (clients) have troubled lives and they need to leave here feeling good about themselves, at least for a little while. Tammy does that for them."

So why give it up? For the last few years, Moyer's husband Ed, who retired after being injured on the job a couple of years ago, has lived in the couple's East Tawas home and Moyer has driven up every weekend. She's been willing to make the drive because "I've always felt there's more to do" on the job, she said.

No anxiety

But recently, she was looking out at her East Tawas back yard and thinking, "This is beautiful." So she told God to "let me know when it's time."

"Suddenly, I was filled with a beautiful peace," Moyer said. "I argued with God a little and told Him, 'If I feel anxious, I'll know (retiring) is my will and not yours.'"

The anxiety never came and the following morning her letter of resignation was on her boss' desk. While Bailey and Aren were both stunned at the sudden news, Moyer knows it is – finally – the right thing to do.

"I'm still not anxious about it at all," Moyer said. "God just said, 'It's time to stop.' I haven't even thought about it since. I'm at peace with it."

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Salvation Army hosts school supply drive

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, in partnership with the Plymouth-Canton and Van Buren school districts as well as many local churches, service clubs and private donors, will launch a school supply drive Aug. 19-25 and ending with a "back to school" blitz Aug. 23-24.

The drive seeks to collect school supplies and back packs for students K-12 for the upcoming school year.

Volunteers will be on hand at the Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main in Plymouth, to accept donations 1-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24. The supplies will then be sorted and packed into backpacks for distribution to families Tuesday, Aug. 27.

Needed supplies include backpacks (particularly for older students), binders, supply cases/bags, colored pencils, markers, wide ruled paper and one-subject note books, highlighters, pens (red, black and blue), rounded-tip scissors, No. 2 pencils, rulers, glue bottles, glue sticks, composition books and folders.

In addition to school supplies, The Army will be accepting donations of new socks and underwear that will be distributed through the Plymouth-Canton Community Clothing Bank, a partner of The Salvation Army throughout the year. Monetary gifts will be used to purchase Payless gift cards that will be distributed to each child so they can purchase new school shoes.

"We are seeing and hearing of clients returning to work, albeit at a much lower rate or at reduced hours," said Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries at the Plymouth Salvation Army. "We also know that many continue to struggle as unemployment benefits run out or as folks accept pay cuts to maintain their jobs. Preparing kids to go back to school can be very expensive, so this is a practical way to support our families and students as they return to school."

Aren urged families experiencing financial hardship to call the Salvation Army at 734-453-5464.

"This is such a generous community and there is no need for any child to go back to school without a backpack and new school supplies," she said.

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Passenger dies after SUV crashes into factory

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A 72-year-old man injured in a one-vehicle crash in Plymouth Township last month died Sunday at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Maroun Arnaout of Belleville was hospitalized after the July 24 crash at the Automotive Components Holdings Plant on Sheldon Road at M-14, said Lt. Bob Antal of the Plymouth Township Police Department's traffic bureau. Arnaout had been a front-seat passenger in a 2013 Jeep Liberty that crashed into a wall at the plant and had suffered injuries that included a broken arm, but was conscious at the crash scene. His death was unexpected, Antal said.

A police investigation continues. Arnaout died of blunt-force abdominal and chest trauma and complications and his death was ruled accidental, according to the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office.

The crash, Antal said, occurred just before 5 p.m. July 24, when a man drove the Liberty on the westbound M-14 exit ramp into a driveway at ACH, over grass and into the building.

"He didn't try to steer around anything. He just went straight ahead," Antal said. Neither drugs nor alcohol were thought to be a factor in the crash. Both the driver and a second passenger, Arnaout's wife, were injured and were also transported to Botsford.

Antal said the Liberty went over two curbs and traveled an estimated 300 feet over grass before striking the building. No other vehicles were involved and the Liberty didn't strike any trees, pedestrians or parked vehicles, Antal said.

Antal estimated the Liberty's speed, based on crash damage, at 40 to 45 mph, but said there were no witnesses to its speed.

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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Laptop stolen

A laptop computer and its case were reported stolen in Plymouth Township by a Dallas, Texas, woman Saturday, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

The woman said the computer was taken from a rented Chevrolet Suburban late Friday or early Saturday while the vehicle was parked in a lot at the Comfort Inn, on Ann Arbor Road near I-275.

The victim told police she was uncertain whether she had locked the Suburban.

Scrapper strikes

The catalytic converter was stolen Aug. 1 from a Chevrolet Trailblazer as the vehicle sat in the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation's park-and-ride lot on Ann Arbor Road at Tavistock Circle.

The victim told police she left the Trailblazer at about 9 a.m.

and returned around 4 p.m. to find it was extremely loud upon starting, a police report said. She looked underneath, she said, to find the catalytic converter had been cut out.

Catalytic converters, part of vehicle exhaust systems, are valued by scrappers for the precious metals inside.

Wallet raided

A woman reported the theft of cash and an insurance card from her wallet at the Kroger supermarket on Ann Arbor Road Saturday afternoon.

The woman told police she left the wallet on a shelf in an aisle at Kroger while she reached for an item, then forgot it, a police report said. She returned a short time later, she said, to find the wallet open and the cash and insurance card missing.

- By Matt Jachman

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Wrong way driver

Canton police arrested a Decatur, Ala., woman after she was seen driving the wrong way in a westbound lane of Michigan Avenue near I-275 around 1:10 a.m. July 31, a police report said.

A police patrol car was traveling on Michigan Avenue when the officer noticed the 43-year-old woman driving the wrong way in a black Mazda. The woman stopped her car facing the patrol car, the report said.

The woman, who had her daughter and another child in the vehicle, told police she had turned the wrong way because she was following the directions on her GPS unit. She told police she was driving from Detroit to Belleville during a visit from Alabama.

The woman admitted having two shots of vodka 45 minutes earlier, but she refused to allow police to test her blood-alcohol level, the report said. She was arrested for operating while impaired and child endangerment and police turned the vehicle and the girls over to a relative.

Police also got a court order to take the woman to Oakwood Hospital to have her blood drawn for testing.

Walmart 'huffer'

Police cited a 20-year-old Belleville man who was caught "huffing" – or inhaling – from an aerosol computer-cleaning can inside a bathroom stall of the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road, a police report said.

Police went to the store Sunday morning after an assistant manager reported the incident. Police found the man inside the stall and the report indicated he became upset and started yelling.

The suspect was described in a police report as "extremely intoxicated" after inhaling the contents of the can. He refused medical treatment, was issued a ticket at the scene and released.

Golf course vandals

Canton police have linked damage at the Fellows Creek Golf Course to two juveniles who have been advised not to return to the site.

The latest incident occurred between 10 p.m. Saturday and 5 a.m. Sunday, when it was learned that intruders, ages 11 and 14, had gone onto the property, broken three rakes and one sprinkler and tipped over two portable toilets, a police report said.

The report indicated the golf course has been struck by vandals on several occasions since April 23, leading to the replacement of 15 rakes, four tee sprinklers, portable toilets and other equipment.

An investigation led police to two parents whose sons admitted to causing the damage, the report said. One boy reportedly made a comment that he was bored.

Fleeing driver

Police arrested a 22-year-old man following allegations he led police on a pursuit in the area of Sheldon and Proctor around 8:30 p.m. July 30.

A woman waved down police to report she had seen a silver Taurus speeding dangerously through a subdivision, a police report said. She had last seen the vehicle on Fredericksburg.

Another resident flagged down police to report a similar incident and pointed police to another street, Yorktown, the report said. Police then spotted the car as it nearly struck a curb and tried to initiate a traffic stop, but the driver kept going.

The suspect drove onto Proctor, disobeying a yield sign while driving 30-38 mph in a 25 mph zone, the report said. The driver then ran a flashing red light at Proctor and Sheldon and almost struck another vehicle, which was driven by an undercover officer, police said.

Police pursued the driver to Cherbourg and Antietam, where he stopped. Police

drew a handgun and ordered the driver out of the car, where he was placed under arrest for fleeing and eluding.

During a subsequent investigation, his father reported he had been sitting in the vehicle drinking before the incident began.

The driver was arrested for operating under the influence.

Home incident

A 35-year-old man notified police after someone tried to break into his home on Heathmore Court, southeast of Ford and Haggerty roads, a police report said.

The man said the incident happened prior to 12:45 p.m. Friday. He returned from work and found the screen door at his home was slightly open. He also noticed the door knob appeared to be stuck in a half-open position.

It appeared no one gained entry. The resident told police he had seen a shadow on his deck a couple of nights earlier. A neighbor reported a similar incident.

Hit and run

A Canton teen was cited for leaving the scene of a property damage accident following accusations she hit another car and left the scene at the Kroger parking lot southwest of Ford and Canton Center roads.

The incident was reported shortly before 7 p.m. Monday.

The woman whose car was struck told police she was leaving the store when a store employee approached her after seeing a blue Dodge Caravan back into her car, damage it and leave the scene.

The employee got a license plate number, allowing police to track down the 17-year-old driver, who told authorities she didn't believe the accident had done enough damage to warrant calling the police.

Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.



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Demolition of the Scott Correctional Facility was completed ahead of schedule on a \$1 contract between the Adamo group and Northville Township. From left are Northville Township Manager Chip Snider, Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, John Adamo Jr. and Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix.

Demolition of former prison facility creates possibilities

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The demolition of the former Scott Correctional Facility has been completed ahead of schedule and now Northville Township is looking forward to establishing a vision for the future gateway into the community.

The old prison buildings and barbed wire fence that were at the corner of Five Mile and Beck roads are gone and all that's left is some brick and masonry work. The demolition work was done by the Adamo Group, Inc., which agreed to pay Northville Township \$1 for the demolition work in exchange for salvage value of the former prison buildings. The contract agreement stated Adamo had until winter to complete the work.

The agreement with Adamo saved the township a lot of money in demolition costs, according to Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix.

"John Adamo and his construction crew are to

be complimented for their completion of the project substantially ahead of time," Nix said.

The property is 40 acres and is considered to be a prime piece of land that could provide an even better and attractive gateway into the community. This has been a group effort between Northville Township, the state and Adamo.

Nix said this couldn't have been done without the help of state Rep. Kurt Heise, who sponsored Public Act 85 of 2012 that facilitated the site's sale to Northville Township last year. As for Heise, he said this is what can happen when government works efficiently and together.

"The demolition of Scott Correctional Facility is a positive step forward for Northville Township and the surrounding communities," Heise said. "That is why I sponsored the bill a few years back that facilitated Northville's purchase of the property from the state. This is a prime piece of property in Northville Township and they are the best entity

to control what happens next."

The property is situated in the Five Mile corridor and the plan is to develop even more with research, technology and business uses that will help build regional development and an increase in tax base.

"This project represents a tremendous opportunity for the township and I look forward to working with the board of trustees to develop the appropriate uses for the property," Nix said.

The vision and planning process for its future will begin this fall.

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Golf outing will benefit Wounded Warrior Project

What organizers dub the "World's Largest Golf Outing" benefiting Wounded Warrior Project takes place 8 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at more than 110 golf courses nationwide.

Locally the event is being played at Fellows Creek Golf Club, located at 2936 S. Lotz, in Canton.

Wounded Warrior Project works to raise awareness for the needs of wounded service members and helps meet the needs of these service members through direct programs and services.

This event, organized by Billy Casper Golf, helped raise more than \$400,000 for WWP in 2012 by hosting more than 7,800 golfers nationwide. This year, the event has expanded to include more golf courses and has already raised more than \$290,000.

Golfers of any skill level can register for this event by following the link on the FellowsCreekGolf.com home page. The event is \$50, which includes golf, cart, lunch and a chance at

prizes; \$5 of each registration fee is donated directly to WWP. Other donations can be made through the website or at the golf course during the event.

Teams that raise more than \$500 for WWP through this event will receive thank you prizes based on their total team donation that range from water bottles to golf bags. Once registered, teams will be able to collect donations through the event page. Sponsors are also welcome for this event and 100 percent of sponsor donations go directly to WWP.

This outing is a four-person golf scramble with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Anyone over the age of 13 can register to play and all registered

golfers will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a trip for four to the Nike campus in Beaverton, Ore. This trip includes airfare and accommodations, plus all four will get fitted for Nike Custom Fit irons and receive a hat and shirt package. Other prizes will be awarded for teams with the top score.

Billy Casper Golf began managing Fellows Creek Golf Club in March. Billy Casper Golf manages more than 150 golf courses and country clubs throughout the U.S.. Fellows Creek is a 27-hole golf course that also features a banquet room, restaurant, and pro shop.

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Highland Games draw thousands to Greenmead Historical Park

An estimated 12,000 spectators Saturday attended the 164th annual Highland Games at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia, up by about 1,000 from previous years.

Chair Cathy Hasse credits the weather, which she described as beautiful: "We had the best weather we've had in 15 years at Greenmead; I think the weather really did help us (with attendance)."

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit puts on the event.

It's a proud tradition featuring annual favorites like the massed bands at opening ceremonies, competitions in heavy athletics like the caber toss and hammer throw, Wee Bairns children's activities, Scotch tasting and tug o' war.

Livonia firefighters competed in the tug o' war, won by a new group this year called the Highlanders. They took home the Loving Cup, a trophy donated by the Wayne County sheriff in 1931.

Hasse said the event rarely changes from year to year. "I think Scots and people that come to this event enjoy the traditions we always have," she said.

The Highland Games are a fundraiser for charity, raising as much as \$50,000 per year. This year's bills are still coming in, so Hasse doesn't know yet how much was raised. The benefiting charities, here and in Scotland, include the Salvation Army and scholarships for students studying the Scottish arts.

— By Karen Smith



Ed Nettle of Plymouth plays with the Cabar Feidh band in the massed bands march.



Greg Pilling of Saline attempts to toss the hammer over a bar placed about 10 feet above his head.



Jeremy Gillingham, of New Haven, Ind., warms up before competing in the stone throw, similar to the shot put.

Tom Bailey and his mustache represent the Irish at the Highland Games. He's from Detroit.



Mitzi VanderHarst, of Troy, warms up before the massed pipe bands march. She plays with the Cabar Feidh Pipe Band, based in Royal Oak. Behind her are band members Ed Nettle of Plymouth and Paul McLeod of Royal Oak.

United Way distributes emergency food

The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 15.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned, non-perishable and perishable items.

All recipients must preregister at Plymouth Community United Way,

960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth.

This is a supplemental food program that may be used in addition to other assistance programs. Bridge Card holders automatically qualify, but need to preregister. Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC and general) must provide documentation, including proof of in-

come and residency, before receiving food on distribution days.

Distributions continue 9:30-11 a.m. the third Thursday of each month at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, on Haggerty just north of Schoolcraft, in Plymouth Township.

For information and to register, call 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or send email to randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Be comfortable but smart with investments

I heard a story the other day of an individual who is in his early 60s, works part time and has all his investments in CDs and money market accounts. He is single, has no dependents, feels very comfortable keeping his money in cash and believes he has more than enough to last him his entire life.

The person who told me the story asked if I thought there was anything wrong and what would I recommend. It may surprise readers, but my initial reaction was there's nothing wrong. After all, the man felt comfortable with his investments and had more than enough to take care of himself for the rest of his life.

It may not be the best financial move that he could make, however, not everything that we do in life is based upon what is good for our pocketbook.

If I had an opportunity to sit down with this man, I would discuss the inherent risk in his current strategy.

Most people sit on cash because they think it is the safe way to invest. After all, if you keep your money in the bank, you can't lose it. That is true, however, you do lose something else and that is purchasing power.

Consider risk

Just like carbon monoxide is an invisible gas



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

that can kill you, purchasing power risk is a type of risk that you also do not see until it is too late. It is that risk that I would tell this man that he needs to plan for.

After all, if you leave your money in the bank and get less than a 1-percent return, we both know that the cost of living is going up more than that on a year-by-year basis. Therefore, to choose to leave an entire portfolio in cash, an investor must make sure that he or she does have enough money to last the rest of his or her life.

I always tell people that if you're retiring in your 60s, you must plan for retirement of at least 30 years.

One mistake investors make is they get involved with investments that they are not comfortable with. As a result, when those investments take a downturn, which inevitably happens with every investment, they tend to panic and sell. Of course, they sell near the low, which never makes sense.

One ingredient for successful investing is to make sure you understand your investments and feel comfortable with them. If you don't,

it's a sure sign that you ought to avoid it.

Cash no longer king

Keeping large amounts of money in cash in this environment is not good economically. However, for certain people it may help them sleep at night. I have never met an investment that is worth staying up overnight and worrying about. If you have such an investment in your portfolio, it's a sure sign that you ought to sell it.

It used to be that cash was king; that is no longer the case. With interest rates at record lows, it is impossible to make money on CDs and cash. However, if that is the only type of investment that you are comfortable with, that is the type of investment you should invest in.

However, be smart with those investments and look for opportunities to receive better returns by shopping CD rates around the country.

You would be surprised how much rates differ and, as long as it's a federally insured institution, you're protected.

Good luck.

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



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Canton shop features DIY yogurt

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

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Our product line boasts gluten-free, vegan, low-carb, no-sugar-added and no high fructose corn syrup options and we strive to use natural flavors including real cake, cookies, spices, fruits and nuts. Our entire line of frozen yogurt is certified Kosher and is awarded the Live & Active Culture seal by the National Yogurt Association.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Menchie's: In 2010, on a family vacation to California, we visited a yogurt shop and fell in love with the self-serve concept and thought our friends and community back



Joyce and Mike Barszcz opened Menchie's Frozen Yogurt in Canton in November.

home would love it, too. We researched different chains and learned of Menchie's. With a strong business model, terrific branding and values in line with those of our family (health, quality, family, fun, community, education, leadership, long-term relationships), Menchie's was the brand for us.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Menchie's: We've been Canton residents for 15 years and wanted to bring this delicious yogurt and fun experience to our friends and community that we love.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Menchie's: We're in the business of making people smile. We do that by offering a fun, family-friendly experience, top-notch guest service and delicious frozen yogurt.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Menchie's: When we opened nine months ago, very few people knew what Menchie's was. We took on the challenge of introducing the community to just how delicious, unique and fun Menchie's is and it's really caught on. We have now become a destination spot for

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guests from many miles away. Some guests visit us almost daily and they've become good friends.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Menchie's: has become a place for friends and families to gather in celebration. One guest got creative and asked his girlfriend to prom here on our chalkboard. Many sports teams, dance troupes and Scout troops come to Menchie's after games, per-

formances and club events. Trips to the dentist, good report cards and chores well done often are followed with a treat at Menchie's. Several guests have made Menchie's their last stop before flying out of town and their very first stop on arrival back home.

One sweet story is about a gentleman who came in to get yogurt for his wife, who was waiting in the car. She was recovering from outpatient surgery, hadn't eaten for 18 hours and wanted Menchie's for her very first post-surgery meal.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Menchie's: suits families on a tight budget; our self-serve concept allows you to decide exactly how much to spend. You make your own mix. So you can fill your bowl a little or a lot.

Observer: Any advice for other (would be) business owners?

Menchie's: Don't be afraid to take a chance and follow your dreams.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Menchie's: We are planning some fun events for the upcoming months. "Like" our Facebook page (Menchie's Canton Center) for more details.

Gearing up with the latest in fitness technology

Are all of your friends and co-workers sporting new bracelets? They may actually be activity trackers that allow users to better understand their health.

In July I joined the fitness tech craze after Verizon loaned me a JawBone Up™. The Jawbone Up is much more than a pedometer that

sits comfortably on your wrist. It tracks sleep patterns, activity trends and syncs with the Jawbone Mobile App so owners can plug in other details such as caloric intakes.

It took very little effort to integrate the Jawbone Up™ into my life. I downloaded the app, charged the device using the USB port on my com-

puter. That's all it took to start, and syncing daily activities with the phone was even easier. The JawBone Up has a RCA adapter that plugs into your smartphone's headphone jack.

By pairing the devices through the headphone jack about twice a day, the JawBone can download your steps and sleep patterns right to your

phone. From there owners can trend their patterns over days, months or weeks.

So how does a small, hypoallergenic rubber band with a computer chip understand your sleep patterns and step workouts? With what JawBone calls cutting-edge movement tracking technology. This technology understands when your body is at rest and when it is at motion. The result is big data that can help owners understand and adjust their lifestyles to be more healthy.

The JawBone Up is available in small, medium and large and in a multitude of colors including black for those who don't want to have a bright bracelet on. It retails for a \$129 at Verizon Wireless.

Although pedometers have been around for ages, they aren't exactly in competition with the JawBone. JawBone is an advanced fitness gadget for a connected person on-the-go. Devices such as the JawBone Up have become increasingly popular over the years thanks in part to Fit Bit



Jon Gunnells
TECH SAVVY

which has been leading the personal fitness tracking industry.

Arguably, FitBit's best device is the FitBit Flex, another wristband that tracks activity and sleep. It is \$99 and also has LED lights to show your daily progress in terms of activity. It even has a silent alarm to wake you up in the morning – so no more showing up late to work because of the AM/PM thing or having your phone turned to silent.

FitBit also sells a wireless step tracker for \$99 and a Wireless Activity Tracker for \$59. However, if you are serious about becoming more healthy, or staying with a routine, the best bet is the Fit Bit Flex (or the JawBone Up).

Another very solid fitness tracking device is the Nike FuelBand. The FuelBand tracks daily activities from your wrist and syncs with the Nike+ FuelBand app.

Nike's app also has social media functions built in so you can track fitness goals and share with friends who are also in the program.

At \$149, the FuelBand is the most expensive of the bunch but it also has some more advanced technology like extra LED lights and a built in watch. It comes in black and white.

For more serious adventures, Nike also offers the Nike+ SportsWatch and GPS for \$169. It tracks your runs and remembers you best times which is beneficial for coaches and athletes.

Lastly, Nike has sports bands, digital flexible wrist watches that sell for \$59. They don't track sleep but can measure heart rate, pace, calories burned and they are water resistant. The sport bands are essentially everything you can track on your tread mill, in a mobile format.

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BRIEFS

Golf for school

The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth announced a promotion to support school supply collection efforts of the Plymouth Community United Way. Aug. 12-15, when patrons play a round of golf and donate a new backpack with at least four school supply items inside, they will receive a voucher for free golf to be used at a later date. Backpacks with supplies can be brought to the St. John's Pro Shop at tee-time check in.

"This is our second year doing a backpack and school supply promotion with the United Way," general manager Paul Wegert said.

"Last year, our golf patrons really came through to help the kids in our area start school prepared to learn. I know they will once again."

According to the United Way, local service agencies say the number of people seeking assistance is increasing each year. Many requests are from people who were previous donors and now find themselves in tough situations.

Design specialist

Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design named interior designer Tina Rossi of Canton as a Certified Aging In Place specialist. Rossi is based in the company's Southfield showroom.

Aging in Place, a program run by the National Association of Home Builders, focuses on universal design, which is geared toward Baby Boomers who wish to enhance and improve their homes so they may stay in them as they age.

"As Americans live longer and more active lives, there is a growing need in this segment of the market," Rossi said. "Overall, this design element can be virtually invisible as many solutions exist to make the home beautiful while also safe for those living in it."

Rossi received her degree in interior design from Henry Ford Community College. Affiliated with the American Society of Interior Designers, Rossi has volunteered with the organization to design 13 resident rooms for Turning Point, a domestic abuse shelter in Mt. Clemens.

Accountant promotions

The Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, Michigan office has promoted five employees, including Kevin Welch of Canton, to senior accountant.

Welch has a bachelor's degree in business administration from University of Michigan-Dearborn, and has his CPA certification in the state of Michigan.

He is a member of the Detroit Economic Club, Beta Alpha Psi and a board member of Kappa Sigma Chapter. He has been a practicing accountant for 2½ years.

"Each of these individuals has not only demonstrated strong technical expertise, but has also focused on building external and internal relationships," Whitman said. "They have helped build and strengthen recruiting efforts and have demonstrated a commitment to the firm."



Rossi

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CORN ROAST

Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Cady/Boyer Barn, Ridge just north of Cherry Hill in Canton

Details: The Canton Lions Club hosts its annual corn roast. For a donation of \$5, visitors get corn roasted to perfection, hot dogs, baked beans, ice cream, snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy and watermelon. The club is also selling raffle tickets for \$5 each, which will give the buyer a chance to win \$500 cash first prize. The second-prize winner will receive \$200 cash, with the third-prize winner receiving a gift certificate from N.A. Mans Lumber for \$100. The Lions Club has invited the Michigan Eye Bank, which will advise members about the Gift of Sight and organ donation. The Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind will be available to reveal how it assists the blind and removes barriers that are impediments to their daily living.

Contact: For more information or to get involved with the Canton Lions, contact Lion Bill Van Winkle at 734-254-9404 or email govbill1@wowway.com.

SUMMER KIDS DAY

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 13

Location: Catholic Vantage Credit Union, Plymouth/Canton branch, 8817 Sheldon in Plymouth.

Details: There is still seating available for Catholic Vantage Credit Union's Summer Kids Day Camp event. The fun takes place at the Plymouth branch and is available for children ages 5-10 for a storybook reading, snack and credit union tour.

Contact: RSVP by calling 734-432-0212, ext. 203, or email JGalatis@mycvf.org.

HALLELUJAH GIRLS

Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 10, 8 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 11, 2 p.m.

Location: Barefoot Productions Theater, 240 N. Main in Plymouth

Details: Barefoot Productions' summer comedy hit, *The Hallelujah Girls*, shows for one final weekend. There are still tickets left for this weekend. Tickets are \$15 each for all seats.

Cost: To reserve tickets or for more information, call the box office at 734-560-1493 or visit Barefoot's website at www.justgobarefoot.com.

PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 7, 9-11 a.m.

Location: East end of Kellogg Park

Details: The Trailwood Garden Club, member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, is sponsoring a perennial exchange during the Plymouth Fall Festival. Bring perennials to exchange or just stop by and see what is available. Garden club members will be there to answer any questions.

Contact: For more information, contact Darlene at 734-459-7499.

PRICE HOURS

Date/Time: Monday, Aug. 12, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center



Free time

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors "Free Day" at the Plymouth Historical Museum 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. The museum, located at 155 S. Main, in Plymouth, will be open free to the public to see its B4TV exhibit and the entire museum. The admission fee to the museum is normally \$5 person, but on this day visitors get to experience what organizers called "one of the community's true gems" as they literally walk through the history of the community. For more information, visit www.plymouthhistory.org

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Details: Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price will be conducting district office hours. The session will allow constituents the opportunity to sit down with Price and discuss matters of concern within the community. "I thoroughly look forward to and enjoy the opportunity to meet with my constituents and listen to their concerns," Price said. "We have many critical issues facing us today in Wayne County and I welcome input from everyone in my district. Participation from my constituents is always greatly appreciated."

Contact: For more information, call Price aide Mike Mitchell at 313-224-0882.

CROP WALK RECRUITERS MEETING

Date/Time: Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m.

Location: Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon in Canton

Details: All area churches, temples and mosques in Canton and Plymouth are invited to send a representative to this meeting regarding the CROP walk, to be held Sunday, Oct. 13, in Plymouth. CROP hunger walks bring the whole community together in a common mission: helping hungry people at home and around the world.

Contact: For more information, contact Gary or Becky Copenhagen at bgcopenhagen@yahoo.com or 734-981-6023.

'COME AND SEE' DINNER

Date/Time: Sept. 7, 5-7 p.m.; Sept. 8, 1-3 p.m.; Sept. 14, 5-7 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township.

Details: Catholics and non-Catholics within the parish boundaries are invited to a free "Come and See" dinner introducing the parish's new Alpha Course starting this fall. Alpha is a 10-week program aimed at answering the call to the New Evangelization. Child care is available on site for dinner participants free of charge.

Contact: The parish at 734-453-0326 or visit the OLG website at www.olgparish.net. Register for the dinner online at <https://olgcparish.wufoo.com/forms/q7x1k9/>

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates/Times/Locations:

» Sunday, Aug. 11, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., BAPS Temple, 3175 S. Canton Center, Canton.

» Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2-7:45 p.m., Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, Canton.

» Friday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Canton Library, 1200 N. Canton Center, Canton.

» Monday, Aug. 26, 1:30-7:15 p.m., VFV Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth.

» Thursday, Aug. 29 1-6:45 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main,

Plymouth.

Details: The American Red Cross sponsors several blood drives in the area. Tickets to Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio, will be raffled off at these drives.

Contact: To make an appointment, contact Diane Risko at 313-549-7052.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Date/Time: Sept. 6-8, during Fall Festival hours

Location: Plymouth

Details: Organizers say it's not too early to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. There are only a few spaces left in the show. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com.

Contact: For more information, contact Colleen Brown, craftshow@plymouth-fallfestival.com or 734-455-1614.

VENDORS WANTED

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 9.

Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville.

Details: Organizers of the sixth annual Bizarre Bazaar are looking for crafters, vendors and entrepreneurs. Indoor spaces available. It's an opportunity to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Grow business and help women in Third World countries start a business with a

micro-loan from a Village Bank.

Contact: For details and to reserve your space, go to <http://fumcnorthville.org/#/missions-and-service>, email: fumc-bazaar@gmail.com or find it on Facebook.

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Date/Time: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6-7:30 p.m.

Location: Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608, Plymouth.

Details: The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group.

Contact: Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

DIABETES SUPPORT

Date/Time: Second Thursday of each month, 2-3:30 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies.

Contact: Call Fern Vining at 734-454-0859.

SUPPORT GROUP

Date/Time: Second Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts, who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences.

Contact: For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or by email at prettymonarch@comcast.net.

HOSPICE SUPPORT

Date/Time: Third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

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OUR VIEWS

Protecting our water resources begins at home

Anyone taking a drive past Newburgh Lake in Wayne County's Edward Hines Park this summer has probably noticed much of the lake's surface is covered by a green mat of algae.

The algae makes it tough to maneuver canoes and kayaks, is an obstacle to fishing, sucks the oxygen out of the water and probably isn't what Wayne County officials had envisioned when they invested nearly \$12 million on a restoration project back in 1998 to clean up the lake.

The reality is the lake, which is located in Livonia along Hines Drive, is actually doing pretty good despite the algae. Fish populations are relatively healthy (and much healthier than they were prior to the restoration project) and it remains a great place to see birds and other wildlife that thrive along its banks.

Yet it stands as an example of the impact people can have on a watershed, especially urban watersheds like the Rouge River, which has been impounded to create Newburgh Lake and other small lakes in the area.

The algae in Newburgh Lake is due to non-point source pollution — essentially soil erosion and the fertilizer that runs off lawns in upstream areas like Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Westland and even as far away as Novi and Salem Township. It may be hard to believe that somebody applying too much fertilizer on a lawn in Novi could have a negative impact on a lake in southern Livonia, but water (and everything it carries with it) moves downstream through rivers and streams and ultimately collects in impoundments like Newburgh Lake.

Also, excessive storm water runoff, especially after heavy rains, causes soil erosion. This sediment, which in Michigan contains phosphorus that causes algae blooms, also collects in impoundments and lakes.

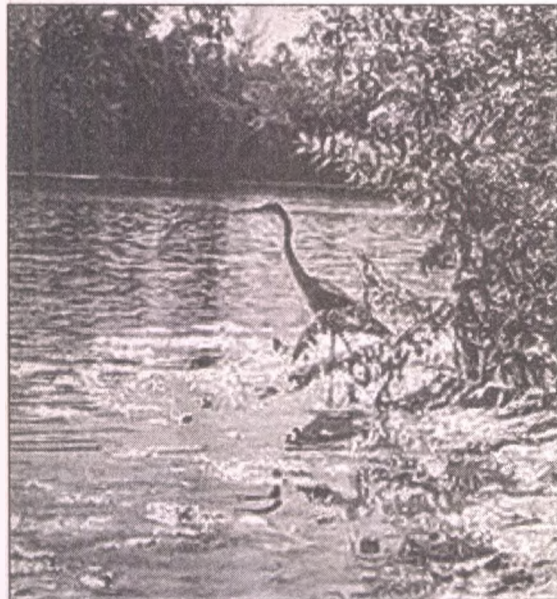
And you don't have to live along a river or stream to contribute to the problem. In fact, the storm drains that dot most suburban streets are really the headwaters of a watershed. Everything that gets swept into or flushed down a storm drain eventually makes its way into local waterways.

That's why it is important for homeowners and other property owners to take certain steps that can have a huge impact on keeping waterways healthy. Here are just a few of the precautions people can take to help:

- » Make sure you or your lawn service provider use only phosphorus-free lawn fertilizers.
- » When applying fertilizers, keep them on the lawn and off paved surfaces, where they will be swept into storm drains. If you do get fertilizer on paved surfaces, sweep it up.
- » Use native Michigan plants when possible; they soak up more storm water than turf lawns and help control erosion.
- » Build rain gardens with native plants or install rain barrels to help keep storm water on your property, rather than have it go directly into storm drains. This helps prevent stream bank erosion.
- » Keep pet wastes, leaves and debris out of street gutters and storm drains.
- » If you are still on a septic system, have it inspected and pumped at least every three to five years.
- » Purchase household detergents and cleaners that are low in phosphorus to reduce the amount of nutrients discharged into our lakes, streams and coastal waters.
- » Clean vehicles at a car wash rather than in the driveway or street, where soaps and cleaners will be make their way into storm drains.

All of this non-point source pollution has a negative impact on drinking water supplies, recreation, fisheries and wildlife.

Everyone, whether they realize it or not, has an impact on the health of local waterways. Everyone lives upstream to some body of water. We live in a state that in many ways is defined by its magnificent water resources. As such, we have an obligation to protect and preserve them for future generations. And it starts at home.



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COMMUNITY VOICE

When was the last time you sent or received a personal letter?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service station on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



"A personal letter. That was for my birthday. They wrote notes, (sent) pictures. ... But most of the time we just get junk mail."

Renate Mirsky
Plymouth



"Probably forever ago. I don't think I've ever received a personal, handwritten letter. I've received many a text message."

Adam Scroggins
Plymouth



"I sent my friend Lauren a card last year. I wrote a letter."

Stephanie Kenney
Plymouth



"Last week. Sent it. I still like to do that."

Stephanie Kirsch
Brighton

LETTERS

Wasteful spending

I was furious last week when the Plymouth Township board voted 4-3 to borrow \$2 million to spend on "recreation" projects without any input from the voters.

This was done in secrecy by burying it in a special meeting April 23 where the public only knew it was coming if they checked the website all day, every day. What they did, borrowing for many unnecessary and wasteful projects, was bad enough. The way they did it was shameful.

The April 23 meeting was called at the last possible minute. Some of the trustees had no idea what was coming and had no time to read the board packet or get feedback from the voters. The cameras were conveniently turned off at both the April 23 and July 23 meetings. Voters at home were unable to see the way the board acted and the public outcry against the projects. Numerous calls to the township asking why the videos were not posted go to voice mail and are never returned.

Many of my friends and I campaigned hard to help elect this board, including the four that voted for the loan — Kay Arnold, Nancy Conzelman, Ron Edwards and Richard Reaume — on the promise they would prac-

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tice conservative Republican principles. We supported them because we did not think we would have to watch over them like little children.

Instead, the board is divided on every issue with the four voting set to vote together regardless of what the public or the other three might have to say when things don't add up.

Last year, the voters supported the board when they told us deep cuts to fire and ambulance services were needed because we couldn't afford things the way they were, yet a year later there seems to be an endless

supply of other people's borrowed money and an open checkbook with which to spend it.

They justified themselves by hiding behind the 2010 recreation plan and then conveniently ignored the part where the plan set the pavilion price at \$100,000 and then ballooned to \$625,000 in less than three years. Since there was no public objection to \$100,000 then I guess that means any amount is OK.

They are going to sink another \$350,000 into a golf course that has been losing money for years because they claim thousands of new golfers will pack the place if they just move the entrance so golfers won't get their cars dirty when it rains.

I attend most board meetings and am embarrassed for our township by the lack of respect these people show the voters who dare to disagree. Many voters are there for the first time and most never come back as the reward they get for holding their "public servants" accountable is to be argued with or to be met with eye rolling, sneers and comments under the breath that the new microphones clearly pick up. And all of them are dismissed as crackpots and crazies, which is what I am sure they will do to me.

Duane Zantop
Plymouth Township

STAFF COLUMN

Fitz the perfect example of an educator who cared

One former Plymouth-Canton Community Schools employee remembered Dr. Patrick Fitzpatrick, the former assistant and interim principal at Salem High School who died over the weekend, as a tough-but-gentle administrator who demanded perfection from staffers.

And nearly everyone — staff, students, colleagues and friends — remembered him as someone who dedicated his life to the education of his students.

Fitzpatrick stayed on the job longer than doctors wanted him to while he waited for a heart transplant, but not as long as he would have, given his druthers. I'm not sure he wouldn't still have been in that little office at Salem, the one he occupied for 40 years. They didn't actually construct the building around him; he became such an institution there, it just felt that way.

You can read in our front-page story the tale former Superintendent Jim Ryan, Fitz's last boss, told about Fitzpatrick giving him no more than two minutes to make his speech at the first graduation Ryan attended as the superintendent. To this day, Ryan laughs at the thought of constraining any conversation in which he's involved to two minutes, but he did it that day under the watchful eye of Fitzpatrick.

But the story we only alluded to might be a better one, a tale perhaps more indicative both of what the school and the district meant to Fitzpatrick and what Fitzpatrick meant to it.

When former Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostoin suffered a stroke, Fitz came to Ryan and told him he wanted to



Patrick Fitzpatrick, who passed away over the weekend, started an education career that spanned five decades at Willow Run High School in 1964. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Brad Kadrich

fill in until Ostoin was ready to come back. There was no wavering on the idea Ostoin would make it back; just a desire to hold Ostoin's spot until he was ready to

reclaim it.

Of course, Ostoin wound up retiring, never having reclaimed the seat, and Fitzpatrick filled in until his retirement. Ostoin and Fitzpatrick were a team in every sense of the word and solid teammates to the rest of the staff.

"You know, Salem is the Rocks (the school's athletic nickname)," Ryan said the other day. "But Fitz and Jerry were really the rocks in that building."

I only met Fitz a few times and each time was instructive. I sat with him just before his retirement and he talked about his early career, in the 1960s in the Willow Run district. They wanted him to stick around and take an open principal position at its high school, but Fitz felt com-

pelled to make a career change.

Mike Hoben, who would go on to become superintendent and have an elementary school named after him, talked Fitz into coming to Plymouth-Canton, which had just bought 300 acres at Canton Center and Joy. Hoben envisioned a complex that would be home to four high schools and Fitz said he was intrigued.

"I just felt like I had something to contribute," he told me.

The former students I talked to when Fitz retired all told me the same thing: Fitz was about ways to make them better. He'd find a quiet room for a kid who needed one, do whatever he could to make the learning easier. His old friend Ken Jacobs, the former assistant superintendent who started as a special education teacher around the same time Fitz was starting at Salem, said his friend earned the right to walk into retirement with his head held high.

I've thought about Fitz and teachers and administrators like him over the years as I've heard people gripe about the quality and, especially, the dedication of teachers. The profession, not to mention the Plymouth-Canton district, is replete with teachers who bust a gut creating a solid learning environment for kids.

Fitz did it for 46 years, the last 40 of it right there from his little room at Salem High School. And while his reign was confined mostly to the walls of Salem, his reach extended to the lives of those he touched.

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Algae, weeds are fouling Newburgh Lake

Despite challenges, officials call lake 'a success story'

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

It's been about 15 years since Wayne County completed a nearly \$12 million restoration of Newburgh Lake, which for decades was one of the crown jewels of the Wayne County Parks system. The project, paid for through a federal grant and completed in 1998, was an attempt to resurrect the once popular destination for fishing and boating.

Yet, today, the lake is not safe to swim in and probably never will be. Canoeists and kayakers use the lake but have a difficult time plying its waters due to excessive amounts of algae growth and invasive Eurasian watermilfoil, which found its way into the lake about 10 years ago and has now spread throughout most of the western portion of the lake. As a result, there is a large green mat covering a lot of the lake's surface, which harms the aesthetic value of the park.

County officials know what is causing the problems, but are trying to figure out what they can do to mitigate them. The algae growth is largely a result of storm water runoff after rain events that carries sediment loads and lawn fertilizers from upstream areas into the lake. The Eurasian watermilfoil is a separate issue and certainly not unique to Newburgh Lake. Once in a lake, it is very difficult to control.

Still, despite these challenges, county officials say the lake is still safe for fishing and boating, and remains a great recreational resource for those who live and work in Wayne County.



Friends of the Rouge member Mike Darga (right) takes a group of interested neighbors on a tour of Newburgh Lake on July 25. Darga is looking to improve conditions on the lake - which lies along Hines Drive and is part of the Rouge River system - as the lake is filling with weeds and algae growth, making its enjoyment difficult. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"Newburgh Lake is a wonderful amenity for our Wayne County residents," said Kelly Cave, director of Water Quality Management Division for the Wayne County Department of Public Services. "We have many, many species of fish. And the lake is home to many birds, salamanders, right down to the bugs and aquatic insects. It is a success story."

The clean up

At the time of the restoration project, the 145-acre lake was basically on life support. As population and industry began moving into the western suburbs, Newburgh Lake, created in the 1930s by damming up the Rouge River, became plagued by pollution fed to it by the river upstream. The lake bottom was contaminated by large amounts of toxic PCBs, creating a dangerous public nuisance. Fish surveys in the late 1980s indicated high concentrations of these PCBs in the lake's fish.

Many of the issues that once plagued the river - industrial run-off

and sanitary overflows - have been eliminated and are no longer the issue, according to Mike Darga, who serves as president of Friends of the Rouge, an organization that has spearheaded efforts to clean up the Rouge River for decades.

About two weeks ago, Darga guided a tour around Newburgh Lake that was attended by about a dozen people. He talked about the lake's storied history, which includes figures like Henry Ford, who built a dam on the lake for his village industries. Of course, the industrialization ultimately had a negative impact on the lake and the Rouge River as a whole.

Measured improvements

Kelly Cave first came to Michigan in 1993 when she was with a consulting firm working on the Rouge River restoration plan. Soon thereafter she hired on with the county and has seen firsthand the improvements to the Rouge River, along with Newburgh Lake.

"Just like the rest of

the Rouge River system, we have seen great improvements in Newburgh Lake. In terms of having the lake and Rouge River as recreational resources, we have seen some staggering numbers as far as improvements to water quality go," Cave said.

The improvements have been so great that Alan Heavner, who has rented out canoes on the Huron River for 60 years, approached the county last year about operating a livery on the lake. For the second year in a row, Heavner is doing just that. The company has 25 canoes and two kayaks for rent Fridays through Sundays.

"Everyone we talk to is just thrilled about us being here," said Jeff Vallender, a Heavner employee who coordinates the rentals at Newburgh Lake.

Still, Vallender admits

the unsightly algae and excessive weed growth are a problem. He said it scares away a lot of potential canoeists.

"It isn't attractive. The concern I have is the number of people who don't come up and talk to us. They see the green out there and they don't want to get into a canoe. The impression it leaves is it is polluted. People don't realize it's a natural issue," said Vallender, a Farmington resident.

Residents must help

Darga said the big challenge that groups like Friends of the Rouge and the county have is to convince people to be more aware of the impact they having on water quality. Stormwater runoff from lawns as far away as Salem Township, Novi and Northville Township ultimately finds its way to Newburgh Lake.

"Today, it's more of the man-made issues - the fertilizers, the oils off of our cars. These are things Wayne County can't really control," Darga said.

The county lists things people can do at home on its website. Visit www.waynecounty.com/doe_wqm_res_pp.htm for some tips.

As for the Eurasian watermilfoil, Cave said there a couple courses of action the county could take, but it is important to find the right one. For example, she said the county could take a harvester out on the lake, but she said that would only be short-term and could make the problem worse if the chopped up weeds make their way downstream. Other solutions could be a herbicide or the use of small weevils that target the plant.

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Jacobs earns fourth O&E golf title

Accomplished amateur also won 2004-2006 events

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The newest *Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Tournament* champ is back from her sabbatical.

And don't consider Janina Jacobs just a blast from the past as she earned her fourth championship flight title with a one-shot victory over Livonian Deb Horning under ideal playing conditions Saturday at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

The 57-year-old Jacobs, who captured three consecutive O&E crowns from 2004-2006, shot 40 on the front nine and added 41 on the back side to finish with 81.

Horning carded 39-43-82 to finish second, while Madonna

University sophomore and Livonia Churchill High grad Jordyn Shepler placed third with 39-44-83.

"I hate to admit this, but I had 38 putts, so to shoot 81, I guess, I was hitting it OK and I did," said Jacobs, who lives in St. Clair.

Despite the unusually high number of putts, Jacobs would not be denied as she picked up the first-place trophy and a \$100 golf gift certificate.

"It hit the lip, sit right in the lips, spin out, do 180s," Jacobs said of her efforts on the greens. "I'm really proud of myself for not getting discouraged about that, because that can happen and I've played long enough to know that you can have those kind of days. But what you need to do is remember that you're really close. So the difference between shooting 81 and 73 was that much. I was putting at bird-



Janina Jacobs (left) of St. Clair won the championship flight and Cynthia Pinkard of Southfield took the first flight in Saturday's O&E Women's Golf Tournament, held at Whispering Willows. BRAD EMONS

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O&E men's golf signup

The O&E men's golf tournament, a 36-hole, two-day medal play event, will be Sunday, Sept. 1, at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 W. Seven Mile Road, and Monday, Sept. 2, at Whispering Willows Golf Course, 20500 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Tea times start at 8 a.m. both days. The cost is \$95 for two days (power cart extra) with four different flights offered, including championship, first, senior (55-and-over) and junior (17-and-under).

You must have a current USGA Index to participate (maximum handicap of 20).

There will be \$2,500 in guaranteed prizes, including both low gross and net winners.

Entries, open to the first 120, will close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24.

To download a registration form, visit www.golf.livonia.com.

For pairings and starting times, call 248-476-4493 (Whispering Willows) or 248-471-3400 (Fox Creek).



The Unplugged crew poses for a photo before sailing in the Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island race.

Power-sailing

Farmington Hills' Clayson skippers Unplugged to runner-up finish in Port Huron-to-Mackinac race

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

With clear skies and plenty of wind available, the conditions were close to ideal for this year's Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island sailboat race.

But that made the July 20-22 event no less challenging for skipper Tim Clayson of Farmington Hills and his crew of Unplugged.

The boat, a 36½-foot, 9,300-pound J111 participating in its third Mackinac race, moved faster in the higher winds, but that didn't necessarily make for easy sailing. It was still hard work.

"We were sitting (on the rails) for pretty much 16 hours to keep it as level as possible," Clayson said. "After that many hours, it can get pretty tiring."

"During that time, everybody is on deck because it's too rough to go below and try to get any rest. You're tossed around too much. Pretty much everybody stays on deck at that point in time."

Unplugged and its six-man crew weathered the storm, so



Unplugged, with its spinnaker unfurled, passes the Round Island lighthouse near Mackinac Island.

to speak, and had yet another successful race, finishing second among 11 boats in the Cove Island Course PHRF C Class.

To finish in the medal round and earn one of the cherished flags, a boat must finish in the top three. It's the eighth time in 14 Mackinac races Clayson and crew have done that. Unplugged has four victories and one other runner-up finish.

"Whenever we can get on the podium for a flag, it's been a successful race," Clayson said, adding this year's post-race party took place on the

lawn in front of the Grand Hotel.

This is the third year Unplugged has sailed the longer Cove Island Course, having been fourth a year ago and third in 2011. Previously, the older Catalina boat competed in the Shore Course Cruising D Class.

The 2014 race started at noon Saturday in light winds, but they increased to knots in the upper teens and low 20s as the boat neared Harbor Beach and the tip of the Thumb.

"Most of the night was rough," Clayson said. "We had one individual who got seasick and we heard a lot of stories of people on other boats who did. So it was quite a rough ride up to Cove Island. But it was fast, too."

"You're pointing into the wind as much as you can. You're pounding into the waves and that's what makes it rough. You're also taking a lot of spray over the boat, so you're wearing foul-weather gear."

"It's something we've dealt with in the past, but it's not often we have a beat of that duration and wind strength."

Better sailing

Things got a little easier after Unplugged rounded Cove Island farther up Lake Huron

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MU spikers singing 'O Canada'

Abraham adds pair of middle hitters from Ontario

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Based on need, Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham spent the off-season going through customs to find two of his latest recruits.

And for the first time in his 27-year career, Abraham used his passport wisely and was able to land front-row help north of the border.

After going 35-9 overall, capturing the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and earning his 12th trip to the NAIA national tournament, Abraham has already fortified a strong returning lineup by adding two freshmen middle hitters from Ontario in 6-foot-1 Hannah Poole and 6-2 Katie Breault.

"That was one of our preferences," said Abraham, the NAIA's all-time winningest coach (1,005 victories). "We lost Taylor (Dziewit) and an All-American middle hitter Nastija (Baranovska). The entire recruiting season was to bring in four attackers and we did that. And fortunately we had two nice-sized, very gifted athletes in Hannah (Poole) and Katie (Breault). Both have the ability to come in and compete for starting spots immediately."

Poole, who hails from Kitchener's Forest Heights Collegiate Institute, and Breault, who played at Amherstburg General Amherst, are joined by a pair of 5-10 incoming freshmen, Maya Davis (Romulus) and Payton Maxheimer (Fenton).

"We wanted to bring in four players and we did," Abraham said. "We were specific in our recruiting needs. I think the team has good balance and has good depth. We have an excellent group of experienced players coming back. We sprinkle in these two really quality middle hitters, an outside hitter and a right-side hitter, so it kind of makes for a good, quality group."

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Bowl to help pet rescue

The eighth annual Bowl-4-Animal-Rescue will take place Saturday, Aug. 10, at Country Lanes, 30250 W. Nine Mile Rd., Farmington Hills.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Dearborn Animal Shelter and Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

The event includes food, music, raffles and a silent auction. Non-bowlers can purchase a meal ticket for \$10.

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Rams finish 2-2 in NABF World Series

Though it wasn't the ending they wanted, the Michigan Rams had a positive finish Saturday in the NABF College World Series in Toledo, Ohio.

The Rams won their final game, 7-0, over Shrub Oak (N.Y.) and concluded their stay in the 22-and-under tournament with a 2-2 record in pool play.

Despite being back on the field just 12 hours after playing 25 innings the previous day, the Rams mustered 16 hits for an impressive finale, offensively.

Matt Avromov led the attack with a 4-for-6 game that included a

double. Tyler Baker was 3-for-4 with a pair of two-base hits, while Griffin Harms was 3-for-6 with a double.

Avromov, Baker, Harms, J.P. Maracani (2-for-5) and Dylan Yanney had one RBI and scored one run each. Trent Drumheller also doubled; he and Mike Kanitra drove in one run apiece.

The Rams used four pitchers with starter Chris McDonald getting the win. He, Kyle Burkholder and Kanitra worked two innings and Jeremy Hardesty three.

In a closing performance, Kanitra allowed neither a hit nor a walk

while striking out three. New York (1-3) had six hits.

In Game 3 Friday, the Rams played 15½ innings and suffered a 2-1 loss to undefeated Peppino's Pizza of Grand Rapids (Mich.) in a game that lasted 4½ hours at Ousky Field in Oregon, Ohio.

Peppino's Jake Morton (2-or-4) had the game-winning hit that scored Brendan Bender with two out in the bottom of the 16th inning. The run was unearned.

Steven Schulling pitched the last nine innings for Peppino's to get the win, allowing six hits but no walks and striking out one.

Jake Balicki took the loss after working 4½ innings in relief for the Rams. He gave up three hits, walked three and hit one batter.

The Rams outhit Peppino's, 10-6. Each team left 11 runners on base and committed one error.

Drumheller, Maracani, Harms and Sherman had two hits apiece for the Rams. Avromov had the lone RBI, scoring Drumheller.

Drew Farmer drove in the first run for Peppino's.

The loss overshadowed an outstanding pitching effort by Rams starter Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson, Ma-

donna), who was subsequently named to the all-tournament team. Piechota worked 11 innings and was relieved after throwing 137 pitches. He had a no-hitter through 6½ innings and eventually allowed three hits. Piechota, who was 26-of-39 on throwing first-pitch strikes, struck out nine and walked three.

RAMS 15, P&W PAINTING 4: The Rams began tournament play Aug. 1 with an abbreviated, four-inning victory over P&W Painting of Ohio at Sylvania Southview High School.

The Rams scored 11 runs in the top of the fourth inning to break a 4-4 tie and win decisively. The game was not decided by the mercy rule, however.

At the start of the fifth inning, a sudden storm blew through the area, stopping play and flooding the field within 15 minutes. With other games scheduled to be played afterward and an estimated two hours

needed to make the field playable again, P&W conceded the victory.

Donnie Eaton pitched all four innings for the Rams, allowing three hits and four walks. The Rams had a dozen hits off losing pitcher Ryan Adams.

Matt Priebe went 4-for-4 at the plate with three doubles to lead the Michiganers. He knocked in one run and scored three.

Griffin Harms was 2-for-3 with three RBIs; J.P. Maracani was 2-for-4, scored twice and had one RBI.

Trent Drumheller and Brett Ramirez drove in two runs each, Tyler Baker and Justin Sherman one apiece. Drumheller also scored three runs, Ramirez and Baker two each.

DODGERS 4, RAMS 0: In the second game Friday, the Rams were limited to two hits by St. Louis (Mo.) Dodgers pitcher Dustin Dalton, who threw a complete, nine-inning game.

Dalton struck out six and didn't walk anybody. Rams starter Spencer Goebel went six innings and allowed four runs (two earned) on four hits. He fanned nine and walked five.

The Dodgers scored all of their runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Five players had one hit each for the winners.

Forest Brown and Matt Dunavant had the lone hits in the sixth inning, driving in one run each. Sherman and Harms were the only Rams players with a hit.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Rec soccer openings

The Michigan Hawks under-11 girls recreational soccer team needs a couple of players to complete its roster for the upcoming fall season.

The team plays in the WSSL and practices Monday nights (starting after Labor Day) at Jaycee Park in Livonia. The cost to play is \$75. Players should contact Doug Landefeld at either 660-473-6604 or dbradley1515@sbcglobal.net.

CYO soccer sign-up

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information, contact Ron Wollenweber at stedithsoccer@gmail.com or visit www.stedithcyo.com.

Soccer officials

The United Federation of Officials is offering a soccer referee training class Monday, Aug. 19, at Cabrini High School, 15305 Wick, Allen Park.

The target audience for the class is high school juniors and seniors, who will then be part of the MHSAA's Officials Legacy Mentoring Program. It is also open for interested adults.

Class fee includes MHSAA registration fees. Those completing the course will be eligible for officiating high school, junior high and CYO games in the fall 2013 season.

For more information, contact Byron Beattie at 734-775-4134.

GOLF

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ies most of the day today."

Jacobs, who said she is a three or four handicap, but has been as low as a scratch, has been playing since she was 8 when she got started in the *Detroit Free Press* junior golf school program. She had the distinction of being the state's first female member on an all-boys squad while attending Detroit Pershing High School and later played at Wayne State.

A blogger for the Pure Michigan campaign, along with being a freelance golf and outdoors writer, Jacobs has been a fixture in state amateur women's events for years.

But she recently attended a three-day ladies golf school at Treetops Resort to tweak a few things and get back to the basics.

"I've learned the classic golf swing," Jacobs said. "I said, 'What I want to do is morph my swing, the more modern, the more compact, core movement. More power, more zap to it.' The pro I worked with gave me three little things to work on. He said what you need to do was get a little more lateral movement into your lower body. You need to take it back because I tend to yank the club inside and I would generally hook the ball and he said, 'I need you to swing more upright and outside,' which will really put you on plane.

"So today when I was out there, I was thinking my takeaway from the ball, shorter swing, an earlier cock of the wrist and then a bump of the left hip to get the downswing started. When I do it right, it's wonderful. When I forget and quit, then I have my issues. But I never made more than a five today so. ... Anyway, I'm in transition and believe it or not, for having so many putts, I putted well. I had lip-out, lip-out. Forty-footers, 10-footers, five-footers."

A left wrist injury after returning from a Ryder Cup trip to Wales prevented Jacobs from

going for her fourth consecutive O&E title in 2007. And entering her first O&E tournament in five years, she had to overcome a recent injury to her right wrist.

"We were in the Gulf stream (off Florida) fishing for mahi mahi and yellowtail," Jacobs said. "And we were into the yellowtail and the movement of snatching those things caused the same problem in my right wrist that I had in my left wrist back in 2007. Hoping to learn from my experience, I went right to the doctor and said, 'Shoot me.' He gave me a little cortisone injection and that took care of it."

Jacobs, who was coming off a fifth-place finish in a recent Golf Association of Michigan Four-Ball women's senior event, must balance her golf schedule around, and in-between, her freelance writing, as well as being a restaurant owner and music director at a Catholic parish church (St. Basil's) on Detroit's east side.

"You have to juggle all those balls, which leaves no time to practice," Jacobs said.

"So I'm really tickled with winning today. I'm happy to be out playing

and not injured."

Pinkard wins playoff

Southfield's Cynthia Pinkard took the first flight title with 94 after defeating Detroit's Suzanne Madej in a one-hole playoff.

Livonia's Arlene Shields placed third with 95.

"I don't win very many," said Pinkard, who retired from her I.T. job after 30 years.

"This is a fun event because I know a lot of the ladies. We play together in the Michigan Women's Golf Association, so several of our members are here."


The Detroit native won the one-hole playoff despite a three-putt. For her efforts, Pinkard received an \$80 gift certificate.

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC WOMEN'S GOLF RESULTS

Aug. 3 at Whispering Willows Championship flight: 1. Janina Jacobs, 81; 2. Deb Horning, 83; 3. Jordyn Shepler, 83; 4. Lauri Ponikiewski, 84; 5. Cindy Hill, 87; 6. Kathy Stella, 88; 7. Deb Gorski, 90; 8. Michelle Sroka, 96; 9. Ellen Howell, 100. **Low net:** Stella; **closest-to-the-pin:** Howell.

First flight: 1. Cynthia Pinkard, 94 (won playoff); 2. Suzanne Madej, 94; 3. Arlene Shields, 95; 4. Arzell Brown, 97; 5. Anne Mikel, 98; 6. Theresa McPherson, 99; 7. Lu Stockton, 101; 8. Donna Haapala, 103; 9. (tie) Susan Merrick and Barbara Coury, 105 each; 11. (tie) Pat Shelton and Kathy Brennan, 106 each; 13. Gail Cooper, 108; 14. Monica Oliver, 117; 14. Harriett Formiss, 124. **Low net:** 1. Mikel; 2. Shields; 3. Shelton; **closest-to-the-pin:** Merrick; longest putt: Shields.

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PC Cruisers swim team lapping up national success

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Talk about a springboard. The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers won the recent Amateur Athletics Union Junior Olympics in Ann Arbor and haven't slowed down since.

This week (through Friday), the team is competing at the USA Swimming Junior Nationals in Irvine, Calif. — which is one of the highest 18-and-Under championships.

At the USA Juniors, college coaches come to recruit athletes. Participating from the Cruisers are Miranda Tucker, Jack Walsh and Sascha Meyers.

Tucker, more of a veteran to high-caliber meets, has her sights set on scoring top 16 in her main events (100, 200 breast) with her other events including the 100 fly and 200 individual medley.

Walsh will be trying to score big in the 100 and 200 back-stroke events, while Meyers will compete in the 100 and 200 free.

A big confidence boost for the Cruisers was the team's first championship, July 26-29 at the AAU Junior Olympics at University of Michigan's Canham Natatorium.



Representing the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers this week at the USA Swimming Junior Nationals in Irvine, Calif., are (from left) Miranda Tucker, co-coach Josh Morgan, Jack Walsh and Sascha Meyers.

The Cruisers had 107 athletes qualify, ages 7-18, and won by nearly 3,000 points over Team Arkansas.

"The most memorable part of the meet was the atmosphere," co-coach Alexandra "Z" Platusich Morgan wrote in an email to the *Observer*. "Most of our championships meets here in Michigan are separated by age, so this is the first meet where we could bring swimmers of all ages and they could support the youngest members and the younger end could cheer for our high school-aged swimmers."

"It was very unique, it was a

great light pressure atmosphere and a great pool, that came together for some very fast swimming."

Junior Olympic results

That was an understatement, with the Cruisers breaking numerous records for open events and relays.

Individual marks were set by: Meghan Mans (girls 13-14), 200 free, 400 free; Amelia Armstrong-Grant (girls 15-18) 50 free, 100 free; Patricia Freitag (girls 13-14), 100 back, 200 back; Kylie Goit (girls 9-10), 50 back, 100 fly; Sophia Tuinman (girls 9-10), 200 IM, 100 back.

Setting records in various relays were the following:

- » 13-14 Girls: 400 medley (Meghan Mans, Katie Xu, Emma Noonan, Kendall Goit);
- » 15-18 Girls: 400 medley (Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang, Jacque Shrader-Goetz, Amelia Armstrong-Grant);
- » 15-18 Girls: 400 free (Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang, Clare Sutka, Amelia Armstrong-Grant);
- » 15-18 Boys: 400 free (Max Cornblath, Jimmy Xue, Jim Morgan, Chris Vela);
- » 11-12 Girls: 400 free (Annette Dombkowski, Jenna Chen, Lindsey Case, Emily

- Lock);
- » 13-14 Girls: 200 free (Kendall Goit, Nicki Pumper, Meghan Mans, Patricia Freitag);
- » 15-18 Girls: 200 free (Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang, Amelia Armstrong-Grant, Rachel Barszcz);
- » 15-18 Girls: 200 medley (Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang, Amelia Armstrong-Grant, Rachel Barszcz).

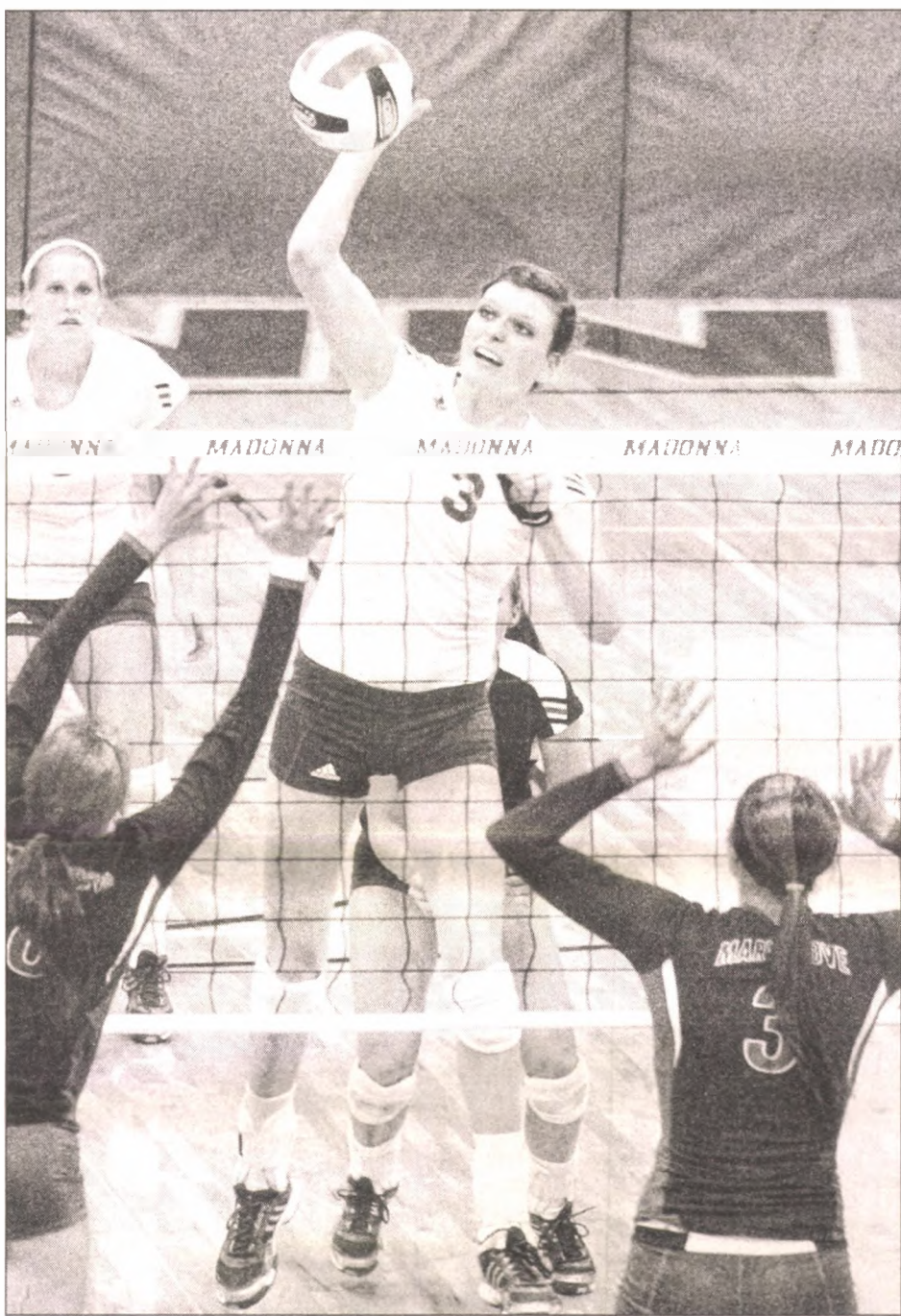
Good showing

Meanwhile, the Cruisers had previous success on a regional scale at last month's Central Zone Sections.

The team took 14 athletes ages 14-17 to the USA championship meet. Leading the Cruisers was Miranda Tucker, who captured the 100 breast, 100 fly and 200 IM, while finishing second in the 200 breast and 200 fly.

Jack Walsh placed third in the 200 back and fourth in the 100 back, while scoring in the 200 and 400 IMs; Sascha Meyers took fifth place in the 200 free and scored in the 100 and 200 fly.

Others to score (top 32) included Kate Rogers, Nathalie Meyers, Ally Eppinga, Amelia Armstrong-Grant, Meaghan Mans, Claire Green and Max Cornblath.



Madonna University all-conference middle hitter Emilie Freeman (Livonia/Lutheran Westland) returns after averaging 2.52 kills per set. TIM BUSCH | MU SPORTS INFORMATION

SPIKERS

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Breault had originally committed to Youngstown (Ohio) State, but landed at MU.

"One of my coaches was down here for a camp and they were just talking," said Breault, who plans to study nursing. "They needed a right-side (hitter) and I wasn't supposed to start until next year at the other school, but I couldn't pass up the opportunity to start here. I loved it here. I loved the coaching, the facilities and the team atmosphere."

Meanwhile, Poole had interest from several schools, including Ashland (Ohio), Ursuline (Ohio), LaSalle (Pa.) and Montreat (N.C.).

"I visited a lot of schools before here, but when I came here I just knew it was the place for me," Poole said. "The team was so welcoming and I love the campus."

"I'm a very aggressive player, I think. I try to get the ball down. Not very good in the back row, but when I'm in the front row, I try to make an impact."

The Crusaders' top returning player is second-team NAIA All-American Evia Prieditis,

a 5-10 senior from Milford who was the WHAC Player and Setter of the Year after racking up 1,702 assist-to-kills (11.1 per set) to go along with 415 total digs.

"We're led by what I think is one of the best setters in the nation, honestly, in Evia," Abraham said. "It's not only her skill level, but her sense of understanding of the game and the way she runs the team."

"She's in her fifth year and she distributes the ball antenna-to-antenna, runs a fast offense. And with the new kids, that's going to be critical. It's going to help them adjust faster and be better kids."

Livonia's Emilie Freeman, a 6-3 senior middle hitter from Lutheran High Westland, also returns after ranking second in total kills (385) and blocks (141) en route to all-WHAC honors.

She is joined by 5-10 senior outside hitter Stacey Catalano (Utica Eisenhower), who made first-team all-conference as well after tying Baranovska for the team lead in total kills (386) to go along with 437 digs.

"Emilie is an outstanding middle hitter and we expect big things out of Stacey (Catalano), one of the best outside hitters in our conference," Abraham said. "We have a lot

of quality kids at critical positions, I think."

Also returning are the Geile sisters, a pair of outside hitters from Fruitport.

Samantha is a 5-10 junior who was the team co-leader in kills (386) and made honorable mention all-WHAC, while Breanna, a 5-9 junior, was named to the all-conference freshman team.

Meanwhile, returning defensive specialists — all juniors — include 5-6 Amanda Obrycki (Allen Park Cabrini), who had 335 digs; 5-6 Roxy Duzy (Sterling Heights), who added 282 digs; and 5-5 Cassie Castro (Saline).

Also vying for playing time in an already deep lineup are 6-0 senior outside hitter Nastija Seremtjeva (Riga, Latvia) and 5-11 junior middle hitter Kayla Vogel (Hastings).

"We have depth at every position here, both on the defensive side of the ball, outside hitters, middle hitters, right-side hitters," Abraham said.

MU officially opens its season Friday-Saturday, Aug. 23-24, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Early Bird Classic, while the alumna match is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16.

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The Unplugged crew members prepare the boat for sailing.

RACE

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and sailed with the wind at its back.

"It shifted a little to the south, so we were able to run the spinnaker (large sail) all the way into the island," Clayson said. "We were surfing down the waves. The whole run down from Cove Island was quick and fast. That's what a boat likes to do, so we were having a great time. We were glad to have the tough part behind us."

Unplugged was the runner-up to Kashmir, another J11 based in Traverse City. Clayson's boat crossed the finish line at 5:34 a.m. Monday with an elapsed time of just over 41 hours, 54 minutes.

In the handicapped system (PHRF is an acronym for performance handicap racing factor), Unplugged's corrected time was 46:14:32, a little more than two hours behind Kashmir at 43:51:59.

"After a while they moved far enough away that we couldn't identify them versus another boat," Clayson said of Kashmir. "We were the second boat to round Cove Island, and we did see some of the competition behind us. Once we started on the downward winds, we started to pull away."

Unplugged had a closer race based on corrected time with the boats that eventually finished third and fourth.

"One of those was pretty close to us when we rounded Cove Island," Clayson said. "It was a different boat with a slower rating than us, so we had to improve our position and get some distance, which we were able to do. They were fairly close on the first major leg of the race, so we

knew we had to step up our game to beat them on corrected time.

"Once we got close to the island, we could see some of the satellite tracking on the lake and figured out where the boats were. We realized at that time they were far enough behind us we would still get second place."

Bigger challenge

The Cove Island Course is 289 miles long and takes the boats to the Canadian side of the lake in open water. For veteran sailors like Clayson, it offers a wider variety of sailing options and a greater challenge.

"For the boat we have now, we like the Cove Island Course," he said. "It gives us some more tactical advantages on being able to go east or west as opposed to the shore course because you're somewhat limited by the shoreline. You have more options and strategies for dealing with different winds and conditions on the Cove Island Course."

Contrary to what one might think, sailing one of the Great Lakes at night is not as difficult as it might seem, according to Clayson. That was especially true this year with clear skies and a full moon illuminating the lake.

"With the full moon, it's actually quite bright," Clayson said. "You really don't have a problem once your eyes adjust to being able to see things. Otherwise, we rely on instruments and GPS to tell us where we are. Even the star light without the moon gives a lot of light."

"When it's overcast, then it truly is dark. You have to work with additional lighting to see what you're doing. Part of that is constantly trimming the sails and knowing if they're properly trimmed. That's part of the challenge at

night. If it's continually dark, you have to shine a flashlight up on the sails to see if they're correct."

Maintaining focus

Even on a clear, full-moon night, Clayson and his crew, which included his son Brian, Bruce and Brian Leidal, Doug Andrews and Wayne van Hartesvelt, have to keep their attention on the task.

"It's pretty awe-inspiring to see the lake without any light pollution and how bright the sky is," Clayson said. "We're still pretty focused on making the boat go fast, so we don't get too wrapped up in (the scenic aspect). We had the opportunity last year to see the northern lights come through, so that was pretty neat. But we didn't see any of that this year."

Due to the wind and favorable sailing conditions this year, Clayson and his crew abandoned their usual practice of working in shifts and taking time to go below deck to eat.

"We couldn't eat too much in the first part of this race," he said. "We didn't go through much food at all, so we were left with quite a lot at the end. We have a water filter on board and we dip it in the lake, so we don't carry all the water we need for a race."

"You don't have much appetite (in this year's race conditions). We were pretty much snacking through it. When the boat is going fast, nobody wants to spend much time down below warming up anything to eat or eating a meal."

"It's pretty much the excitement of the race. If the wind is really light, you tend to make a meal and eat more. When the wind is high, you don't eat as much, and the race is over sooner."

Queens of Diamonds Elite 18U team sparkles

The 18-and-Under Queens of Diamonds Elite travel softball team had a solid showing as the only team from Michigan competing in the USSSA Class A World Series at ESPN Wide World of Sports in Florida.

Overall, the Queens — featuring 10 recent graduates who are committed to play college softball next season — went 5-2 to finish fifth out of 26 of the best 18U teams in the country (from 14 states) in a double-elimination format.

College-bound players include pitcher Elaine Gerou (Plymouth/Concordia University), catcher Catherine Porter (Canton/Trine University), outfielder Megan Coliton (Livonia Stevenson/Jackson Community College), shortstop Nicole Salloum (Livonia Churchill/Madonna University) and third baseman Jessica Webster (Canton/University of Michigan-Dearborn).

Also from the Observerland area is outfielder-first baseman Brittney Miller, who will be a junior at Plymouth.

The Queens exploded out of the gate, winning all three pool games decisively: 9-1 over the Pennsylvania X-treme (mercy rule), 6-2 over the Oklahoma Twisters, and 8-0 over the Osceola Overdrive (mercy



Finishing fifth at the USSSA Class A World Series was the 18U Queens of Diamonds Elite travel softball team. Pictured are: (front row, from left) Catherine Porter and Brittney Miller; (middle row, from left) Lauren Oppliger, Nicole Salloum, Ashley Gordon, Jordyn Fryz, Jessica Webster, Megan Coliton, Elaine Gerou and assistant coach Nolan Gerou; and (back row, from left) assistant coach Kevin O'Doherty, Kendall Wolf, head coach Mike Gerou and Tessa O'Doherty.

rule). The Queens then had comeback victories in their first two bracket games. A three-run rally in their final inning proved to be the difference in a 5-4 win over Florida USSSA state champion North Florida Pride.

Next was a 3-2 victory over Georgia Power TPS, by way of another come-from-behind surge.

But the magic ran out after that, coming up short 6-2 to the Orion Hunter Gold team from Virginia which dropped the Queens into the loser's bracket.

The North Florida Pride then exacted some revenge with a 4-0 victory to close out the Queens' tournament action.

Following are highlights from the victories:
QUEENS 9, X-TREME 1 (July 28): Nicky Salloum's two doubles and Jessica Webster's

monster homer to center spearheaded an 11-hit attack. Elaine Gerou went the distance on the mound for the win, allowing just four hits with no walks.

QUEENS 6, TWISTERS 2 (July 28): The first four batters reached base and scored and the Queens never looked back. Pitchers Ashley Gordon and Lauren Oppliger combined to hold the Twisters to just five hits.

QUEENS 8, OVERDRIVE 0 (July 30): Salloum, Catherine Porter and Brittney Miller each had two hits, while Gerou hurled a one-hitter.

QUEENS 5, PRIDE 4 (July 31): A walk-off, two-run single to center by Webster gave the Queens the victory in come-from-behind fashion. Kendall Wolf, Tessa O'Doherty and Gerou singled to load the bases and set up Webster's heroics. Going the distance for the win was Gerou.

QUEENS 3, TPS 2 (Aug. 1): Trailing 2-1 in the fourth inning, Porter's single and Miller's subsequent home run gave the Queens a lead they never relinquished. Stellar defensive work supported the complete-game pitching of Gerou, who won her fourth game of the tourney.

Michigan Pride '99 prevails in 13U World Series

The Michigan Pride '99 (13-and-Under) travel baseball team rolled over the competition last weekend to win the USSSA 13U World Series title in Quakertown, Pa.

For the Pride, based out of the Plymouth and Canton communities, it was the first World Series championship.

During the tournament, the Pride posted an 8-1 record — outscoring their opponents 67-19, including a 14-12 victory over the Pittsburgh-based Lady Roadrunners in the title game.

The championship tilt was anything but a pitcher's duel, as the game went into extra innings tied 11-11. In the top of the eighth, the Pride pushed across three runs to take a 14-11 lead. The Roadrunners countered



Michigan Pride '99 recently won the USSSA 13U World Series baseball title in Quakertown, Pa. In the front row (from left) are Hannah Zajdel, Sydney Dawson, Katie Hiltz, Olivia Grant and Paige Amy. In the back row (from left) are coach Dan Hiltz, Dakota Selmi, Nikki Willard, Nicole Belans, Payton Faber, Whitney Holden and coach John Holden.

with one run in the bottom of the eighth, but that's all they could mus-

ter. It was the team's second victory over the

Lady Roadrunners that day, with a 2-1 triumph earlier.

SUMMER CAMPS/CLINICS

Hawks-Wolves soccer camp

The Michigan Wolves and Hawks will offer a summer soccer camp for boys and girls (ages 5-15) from 10 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, Aug. 12-15, at Jaycee Park, 19800 Mayfield St., Livonia.

The camp staff includes Doug Landefeld, Adil Salmoni, Sam Cheaib and Lars Richters.

The cost of the four-day camp is \$75 (if registered before Aug. 5) or \$95 (after). Included in the cost is camp T-shirt.

For more information, email dbradley1515@sbcglobal.net; or visit michiganwolveshawks.com.

Lego Ninja camp

The City of Plymouth recreation department's Bricks 4 Kidz/Ninjago Camp for youngsters ages 5-10, will be held 1-4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12 through Thursday, Aug. 16.

Each day, campers will be building various models based on the Ninjago theme.

Campers will be playing Lego Ninja games and participating in various challenges.

The recreation office, located at 525 Farmer, is open from noon to 4:30 p.m.

Online registration is available at www.ci-plymouth.mi.us.

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KLAA teams star in fall prep sports action

By Jeff Theisen
Staff Writer

The KLAA is one of the clear-cut power high school conferences in Michigan.

The 24-team league posts unbelievable depth in just about every sport sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

The following is the first of a three-part series focusing on how the KLAA fared not only during the season but also in the state playoffs.

The series will go in order of how the school year goes, starting with the fall season of 2012, followed by winter and finish with the spring season. The series will also be broken up with stories for boys and girls separate, so the stories aren't overbearingly long.

All records are taken from the site www.klaastanding.com, so if something is a little off, please don't shoot the messenger.

Football

Football brings the most fans out to any single event serves as king of the fall sports. While it starts before school is even in session, the nine-game schedule means every game has a ton on the line as teams race to get the six wins needed to secure a playoff spot.

The KLAA boasts an array of different offensive strategies, anywhere from straight-up pound it at you to chuck it all over the place.

Nine teams from the league reached the playoffs, eight in Division 1 and South Lyon East

making its first ever playoff appearance in Division 2.

Six league teams faced off against each other, putting three in the second round, along with Grand Blanc for four teams in the district finals.

Only Plymouth would emerge as a district champion, eventually losing to finalist and runner-up Catholic Central in regional play.

Cross country

The KLAA has runners like none other. It's the premier conference in the state for distance running, and it can't even be argued.

Milford went on to capture the State Title in 2012 with Waterford Mott finishing runner-up. While that alone would be enough to make the point, Pinckney finished seventh, Hartland ninth, Northville 11th, Walled Lake Northern 14th and Grand Blanc 15th. That's seven teams in the top 15 at the State Finals.

Individually, Milford's Brian Kettle took home the title in 15:07.3. Waterford Mott's Nathan Burnand was third overall and second in team scoring with Milford's Cody Snavelly in right after him for fourth and third in team scoring. Also cracking the top 10 was Northville's Dan Sims in eighth overall and Mott's Ryan Robinson in ninth. That's five of the top nine in the state from the KLAA.

Kettle, Sims and Robinson all return this year for another shot at the top 10.

The top 30 earn All-State honors. The KLAA had three

2012 KLAA STANDINGS

FOOTBALL

Division winners:

Central - Northville, Stevenson (4-1)
South - Churchill (5-0, Conference Champ)
West - Hartland (5-0)
North - Walled Lake Northern (5-0, Conference Champ)

CROSS COUNTRY

Central - Northville (5-0)
South - Churchill (5-0)
West - Milford (5-0)
North - Waterford Mott (5-0)

SOCCER

Central - Salem (7-1-2, Conference, Association Champs)
South - Canton (10-0)
West - Brighton (9-0-1, Conference Champ)
North - WL Northern, WL Central (8-0-2)

TENNIS

Central - Novi (4-0, Conference, Association Champs)
South - Plymouth (5-0)
West - Grand Blanc (5-0, Conference Champ)
North - Walled Lake Central (5-0)

more with Pinckney's Tyler Sanders in 24th, Hartland's Jareb Duggan in 26th and Lakeland's Blake McComas in 30th.

Just missing the honor were Milford's Chris Housel in 31st, Pinckney's Wesley Sanders in 32nd and Milford's Matt Graves in 33rd.

It's safe to say, this is the KLAA's most loaded sport of any season for both team and individually.

Soccer

The KLAA Central Division is one of the hardest divisions for any sport or any conference in the state. Novi, Salem,

Stevenson and Northville are all capable of making big runs come state playoff time.

Salem came out as the division, conference and association winner, but Novi made a run to the final four come playoff time.

On the other side of the KLAA, Grand Blanc did one better and made it all the way to the finals, falling 1-0 to East Kentwood. And Grand Blanc finished second in its own division to Brighton.

The depth of the KLAA was apparent again with five teams in the final 16, three in the quarterfinals, two in the final four and one in the finals.

Tennis

Tennis is usually a two-headed race as far as the KLAA is concerned. Novi and Northville are clear from the rest of the pack, and this past season was no different.

Novi finished tied with Brother Rice for second in the state with 27 points. Northville finished tied for fourth with Troy at 17 points.

Other KLAA teams scoring points at the finals were Grand Blanc and Stevenson (tied for 16th with three points) and Churchill with two points to tie for 19th.

Individually, Novi and Northville put a singles player in the finals in all four of the singles brackets.

Northville's Tyler Gardner finished runner-up at No. 1 singles. Teammate Connor Johnson blasted by the No. 1 seed in the finals for a 6-1, 6-2 victory and a State Title at No. 2 singles.

At No. 3 singles, Novi's Koushik Kondapi made a run to the finals before finishing runner-up.

Novi teammate Pavan Rao went undefeated through the No. 4 singles to claim the title.

In doubles play, Novi's Jason Carless and Andrew Ying carried the top seed at No. 1 doubles and blasted into the finals before finishing runner-up.

The same result happened for teammates Nishant Kakar and Michael Chang at No. 2 doubles.

Novi also had a pair of semi-finals runs at three and four doubles.

YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Livonia Rebels

Tryouts for the Livonia Rebels eighth-grade boys AAU basketball team will be from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Aug. 11, in the main gym No. 2 at the Livonia Recreation Center.

Coach Joe Jakacki is looking for young men to play at a high level in the Big Cat Basketball League in South Lyon to prepare them for high

school competition.

Michigan Generals

The Michigan Generals travel softball program is back in business and will be running 12-and-under and 14-and-under teams beginning this fall and heading into the spring and summer of 2014. Coaches affiliated with the organization include Larry Thiede, Al Land, Al White, Tom Hillsey, Dave Brubaker,

Gary Arnold and Jeff Simpson.

Tryouts are 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 7-8, at North Farmington High School.

Interested players are encouraged to arrive early to fill out registration papers.

M.C. Riversharks

The Motor City Riversharks 13-and-under and 14-and-under travel baseball teams will be holding

tryouts in August for the 2014 season.

All tryouts will at Jaycee Park, which is at the corner of Hunter and Wildwood in Westland. It is recommended, but not required, that players attend both tryout dates.

Tryouts for the 13-and-under Riversharks will be held 12:30-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4; and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11.

Tryouts for the 14-and-

under Riversharks will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4; and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10.

For more information, email motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

Michigan Bulldogs

Open tryouts for the Michigan Bulldogs 10-and-under, 11-and-under and 12-and-under travel baseball teams are scheduled from 11 a.m. to

1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 10-11, at Bicentennial Field (fields Nos. 2 and 3), located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads in Livonia.

Interested players should note that the Bulldogs will be looking for players to also fill out a second 11-and-under team.

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Still Got It Players sing, dance and bingo their way through musical

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Still Got It Players will open its new season this month with its biggest show ever.

The senior troupe will be the third theater group to perform *Father Bingo*, a musical comedy that debuted in 2006 at Detroit Music Hall.

"We've done one musical, but it was with pre-recorded music. This is with a full-blown orchestra, seven pieces," said Debbie Lannen, who directed the show in Detroit, Novi and now for the Players at the Village Theater in Canton.

"It's going to be massive, but we're doing it and they are doing well."

The show runs at 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 21-22, 7 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Aug. 23-24, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 24-25. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and youth. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Get tickets at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater. Call 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460 for more information.

Lannen hopes "third time's the charm" for the play, which was written by Bill Nillson, a Dearborn Heights resident. With Nillson's approval, she changed the show's ending and eliminated a song when she staged it in Novi. She revised it again for its upcoming run at the Village Theater.

"The first time around



Michael Burden, as the pastor, aims to save his church with gambling in the upcoming Still Got It Players' production, "Father Bingo." Burden is surrounded by Linda Trygg (left, standing) and Lanna Collins, Robin Hoover (left, seated), Lee Thomas and Karen Curtsinger.

(in Detroit) we did exactly what he wanted and just did arrangements on his songs. The second time, he said if you think things should be changed, go ahead. Because I've been the director from the beginning for this, the writer had trust in me and let me go ahead and do what I thought should be done," Lannen said. "The first show he loved. The second one he liked even better. Maybe he'll love this third one even more.

"I think we're finally at the point that after this production, you could take it to New York and have it workshopped. But I think this is the version that will end up, hopefully, going into (script) catalogues, so that other community theater groups all over the country can use it."

Family-driven

Rick Beyer, Nillson's step-son and the play's original producer, said the musical originated as

"a family development." Although Nillson had no background in scriptwriting, his wife, Mary Jane, loved music and was involved with community theater. They enjoyed attending both musicals and bingo games together. By 1996, Nillson decided to combine their two passions and he began penning songs and writing dialogue.

"When Bill wrote it, it was important from a family perspective. I told

him if he finished it I would help him produce it," Beyer said. "He wrote 15 original songs. We thought we should give it a run. We produced it when he was 77 years old."

The show premiered during Super Bowl weekend in Detroit. Beyer said it drew approximately 4,000 attendees and that 94 percent gave it a positive review.

"We think it has great opportunity for community theater across the

country. It's meant to be played in the community," Beyer noted.

Lannen is grateful for Beyer's offer to pay for the live orchestra in the Canton production. The Still Got It Players also will start the new season with a grant from the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities in Canton. And Lannen's Kickstarter.com fundraising campaign has surpassed the \$200 she requested to help keep the show in the black.

Father Bingo fans who saw the production in Detroit or Novi will see new costumes and set in the Still Got It Players' version.

Lannen said the musical appeals especially to Catholics, bingo players and anyone who grew up in the Detroit area.

"The play is based in Detroit. The original mayor character is supposed to be Coleman Young. He's trying to bring casinos into the city to save it. The priest is trying to save his parish and God tells him to run bingo. Now with the bankruptcy in Detroit ... the city is losing, the parishes are closing, it is so timely once again."

James Abud is music director for the show and Valerie Mould choreographed it. Michael Burden plays Fr. O'Neil, Ray Fraser is the mayor, Becky Copenhaver plays Mary Jane, a parishioner, and Joe Lannen is God.

For more information visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org and click on Still Got It Players.

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GET OUT! CALENDAR

ARTS, CRAFTS DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

Exhibits: Printmaking by Ellsworth Kelly, through Sept. 8

Contact: 313-833-7900, www.dia.org

GALLERY @ VT

Time/Date: Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, during public performances and by appointment. Upcoming exhibit runs through Aug. 28

Location: At the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: The Canton Historical Society shows photos and artifacts

Contact: www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org; 734-394-5300

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Aug. 30

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Collaboration and Continuum: The Carnival Photographs of Bill Rauhauser and Carlos Diaz," curated by Mary McNichols, Ph.D.

Contact: 248-344-0497; <http://www.northvillearts.org>

DANCE

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Aug. 17

Location: American Dance Academy, 3132 Martin Parkway, Commerce

Details: Farmington Hills-based DDC dances auditions professional male and female dancers for its 34th season. Dancers should have extensive modern dance training, strong partnering skills and quality performing experiences. Audition pre-requisite must be submitted by Aug. 14. Visit www.detroitdancecollective.org for details

Contact: 810-444-4553

FILM

COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Gates open at 7:30 p.m., with movies starting around 9:20 p.m., daily, through Sept. 1

Location: 14900 Beck between



Jimmy Buffett tribute band, Parrots of the Caribbean performs Aug. 8 at Stars in the Park, in Farmington Hills.

Five Mile and M-14, Plymouth Township

Details: Cost is \$10 for adults; \$8 for children, 4-12; kids 3 and under are admitted free of charge. Students with proper ID are admitted for \$8 Sunday through Thursday. Patrons listen to the movies on the FM band of their car radio

Contact: 734-927-3284

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 9-10, and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Kings of Summer," admission, \$3

Coming up: "The Unfinished Song," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 16-17 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18; "Man of Steel," 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 24-25; "Monsters University," 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 31-Sept. 1; "The Internship," 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 6-7, and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8

Summer Matinee: "The Sound of Music," Aug. 15; "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," Aug. 22; "The Muppet Movie," Aug. 29. Movies run at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Details: "The Long, Long Trailer," with Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, \$5

Coming up: "Jaws," with Richard Dreyfuss and Roy



Lover Boy rocks the Detroit Riverfront on Friday, Aug. 9.

Scheider, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24

Contact: 313-537-2560

HISTORICAL PLYMOUTH MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The current exhibit, B4TV, highlights leisure activities that families and individuals engaged in before television. The exhibit runs through Nov. 10. Admission \$5 for adults and \$2 for students 6-17

Contact: www.plymouth-history.org; 734-455-8940

MUSIC

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

Time/Date: 7:30-10 p.m. every Monday

Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Open mic for music and poetry

Friday and Saturday featured artist: The Paths, Saturday, Aug. 10; JP And The Tucos, Friday, Aug. 16; Mike Galbraith and Mike Anton, Saturday, Aug.

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Classic military aircraft set to 'thunder' over Willow Run

Thunder Over Michigan, the annual air show produced by the nonprofit Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport, will offer several firsts when it takes to the air this weekend.

The show's Heritage Flight, featuring aircraft from different eras in formation flight, will include the F-100 Super Sabre, which appears at few air shows, along with a Korean War-era F-86 Sabre, and the WWII iconic fighter aircraft, the P-51 Mustang. The F-100 is a supersonic jet fighter that served with the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1971 and with the Air National Guard until 1979. It was the first ever U.S.A.F. fighter capable of supersonic speed in level flight.

The show's Legacy Flight also will include aircraft flying together in formation for the first time. The Legacy Flight spotlights Navy aircraft and will combine the Vietnam-era A-4 Skyhawk, with the AD-1 Skyraider, a workhorse during both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, and the celebrated F-4U Corsair that was the Navy's top fighter aircraft during WWII.



The North American Aviation F-100 Super Sabre will bring the speed and sound of a top-of-the-line fighter aircraft to Thunder Over Michigan.

Another first for the show will be appearances by Sean D. Tucker and Michael Goulian. Tucker is one of the most decorated civilian pilots in the world. Goulian, a former Red Bull Air Racer, is known for his precision and skill and has been recognized repeatedly as one of the top air show performers in the world.

One of the most popular performances each year at Thunder Over Michigan is the WWII Battle Reenactment, which uses realistic historical re-enactors and restored vintage aircraft, tanks, half-tracks and other equipment to duplicate the sights and sounds of a WWII battle.



The WW II battle reenactment is a popular performance at Thunder Over Michigan.

This year the show has added a Vietnam battle reenactment that will include six AD-1's in a Skyraider reunion that will provide air support along with the UH-1 Huey Helicopter, the AC-47 "Spooky" gunship and other air assets.

Also scheduled to perform at this year's show is the Screamin' Rebels Formation Team, which will demonstrate

formation flying in five T-6 Texan aircraft and the Misty Blues all-women skydiving team performing the opening ceremony flag jump. The show also will feature a WWII Air Power Parade that will present more than a dozen WWII-era aircraft flying together, including the legendary B-17 Flying Fortress, three B-25 Mitchell bombers.

Visitors to the show

will get a chance to see 50 aircraft on display and interactive exhibits, including the "Rise Above" attraction focusing on the history and accomplishments of the Tuskegee Airmen. The Kidz' Zone play area will feature inflatables, climbing walls, interactive games, and other recreational equipment.

"We couldn't be more pleased about how this year's Thunder lineup

came together," said Kevin Walsh, executive director of the Yankee Air Museum and director of Thunder Over Michigan. "Fast moving, loud jets, rare classic military aircraft, legendary civilian aerobatic pilots, massive battle reenactments, unique ground displays; we've got them all!"

The show will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 10-11. General admission tickets for ages 16 and up are \$30. Kids 15 and under are admitted for free. Online tickets are sold at a discounted price if purchased before noon, Sunday. Fans can receive performer updates on Facebook.com/ThunderOverMichigan and Twitter.com/ThunderOverMI or by signing up online for the behind the scenes e-mail list. Willow Run Airport is located off Michigan Ave. and Ecorse Road, west of Beck.

GET OUT!

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24; Sentimental Value, Saturday, Aug. 31. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.

Contact: 734-454-0178

ROCKIN ON THE RIVERFRONT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9

Location: GM Plaza on the Detroit riverfront

Details: Loverboy performs in this free summer series

Coming up: Night Ranger, Aug. 16

Contact: www.facebook.com/RockinontheRiverfront

STARS IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8

Location: Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Parrots of the Caribbean, a Jimmy Buffett tribute band, performs in this free concert series. Rainout site is the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-473-1848

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Kaivama, Aug. 8; Ryan Dillaha with Katie Grace, Aug. 9; Empty Chair Night, Sept. 8; Singers Sing Seger Songs Tribute with John D. Lamb, Dave Edwards, Al Jacquez, Charlie Springer and Bob Monteleone. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

BOWL 4 ANIMAL RESCUE

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10

Location: Country Lanes, 30250 W. Nine Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Retired professional bowlers, Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen, sponsor this annual bowling fundraiser for the Dearborn Animal Shelter and Michigan Animal Adoption Network. Cost is \$30 for three games of 9-pin "No Tap," and includes shoes and a meal ticket. Bowling positions are limited. Call the pro shop at 248-615-9060 to check availability.

Contact: www.bowl4animalrescue.com

CARNIVAL

Time/Date: 5-11 p.m., Thursday-Friday, Aug. 15-16, noon-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17 and noon-9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18

Location: Founders Park, located on Eight Mile, two miles east of I-275, in Plymouth

Details: Family Fun Fest Carnival will have everything from thrill rides to kiddie rides, mid-way games to food. Admission and parking are free. Ride tickets cost \$1 each or an all-day wristband for unlimited rides is available for \$18. Discount coupons for the wristbands, for \$14 on Thursday or Friday and \$16 on Saturday or Sunday, are available at more than 200 merchants in Farmington Hills or at the Costick Center. Pre-sale discounted carnival tickets are also available at www.elliott-

samusements.com.

Contact: www.fhgove.com or call the carnival hotline at 248-755-0433

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, until 8 p.m. Wednesday during the summer

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15-61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free

Contact: 248-541-5717; www.detroitzoo.org

MARSHMALLOW FLY AND FRY

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 20

Location: Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Families can cook hot dogs and s'mores over the campfire, then watch more than 1,000 marshmallows fall from the sky. Also, enjoy the splash pad, play on the bouncer, check out the fire trucks, and more. Hot dogs, s'mores, and drinks will be available for a nominal fee. After dinner, kids line up and retrieve marshmallows dropped from the Fire Department ladder truck and then exchange them for goodies. Free admission. Sponsored by the City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services, the Fire Department, LOC Federal Credit Union, and Busch's Fresh Food Market

Contact: 248-473-1800

UFO SHOW

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 8

Location: The Mix Studio, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

Details: Emergent Arts presents the stand-up comedy of Marty Smith, songs by Marc Holland and storytelling by Lyn Davidge. Tickets are \$8, available online at www.emergentarts.com

Contact: 734-985-0875

THEATER

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 10; 2 p.m. Aug. 11

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: "The Hallelujah Girls" is a lighthearted comedy that features Anne Morgan as Sugar Lee Tompkins, an ex-beautician who ropes sweet-natured Nita (Betty Berryman), dating-averse Carlene (Marian Busa), curmudgeonly Mavis (Carol Lipski), and loopy Crystal (Barbara Bloom) into opening a day spa in an abandoned church. Their the road to success is blocked by Bunny Sutherland (Betsy Bronson), who seeks to bulldoze the church for personal gain, and Bobby Dwayne Dillahunt (Sean Randolph), an old flame of Sugar Lee's who rolls back into town. Tickets are \$15

Contact: 734-560-1493 or visit www.justgobarefoot.com

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11; registration begins at 12:30 p.m.

Location: The Farmington Players Barn Theater 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Auditions for "Dracula," which will be performed weekends from Oct. 11-Nov. 2. Contact the director for a script or more information

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VEGGIE SEASON(ING)

Flavorful, easy ways to make veggies tempting

Summer fills farmers markets and grocery stores with fresh, colorful vegetables picked at the peak of ripeness. From red tomatoes and yellow sweet corn to dark green kale, the options are endless. To inspire people to make the most of the season — and get the benefits of eating more vegetables — the experts in the McCormick Kitchens are providing great flavor ideas to savor the season's produce.

"The colorful vegetables displayed on farm stands in the summer are a great source of inspiration; I'm constantly thinking about how to pair these fresh vegetables with herbs and spices that allow the produce to really pop on the palate," said McCormick chef Kevan Vetter. "One of my favorite, easy summer recipes combines fresh green beans with thyme, rosemary and balsamic vinegar for a bright, summer side."

There are many ways to enjoy vegetables — fresh cut, steamed, sautéed or grilled — and many more ways to add flavor. Get a little creative and experiment with some favorite herbs and spices or seasoning blends. For example, instead of the typical tossed salad, turn up the flavor and the heat by making a grilled romaine and summer vegetable salad infused with garlic and basil.

"Taking advantage of nutrient-rich summer produce is great for your taste buds and your overall health," said Wendy Bazilian, registered dietitian. "I change up the usual summer squash sautéed and create a zesty Greek salad by slicing fresh summer squash into thin ribbons using a vegetable peeler and mixing it with tomatoes and olives. To ensure it bursts with flavor not sodium or excess fat, I toss it in a simple vinaigrette using basil, garlic and oregano."

Visit www.mccormick.com for recipe ideas. To create mouthwatering dishes with the summer's bounty, try these fresh, flavorful vegetable and salad recipes from the McCormick Kitchens:



GREEK SQUASH RIBBON SALAD

Prep time: 20 minutes

Vinaigrette:

½ cup olive oil
¼ cup fresh lemon juice
¼ cup white wine vinegar
1 teaspoon garlic powder
½ teaspoon basil leaves
½ teaspoon black pepper, coarse ground
½ teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Collection Mint Flakes
½ teaspoon oregano leaves
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup crumbled feta cheese

Salad:

1 large yellow squash
1 large zucchini
1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
½ cup thinly sliced red onion
2 tablespoons quartered pitted Kalamata olives

1. For the vinaigrette, mix oil, lemon juice, vinegar and seasonings in small bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Stir in feta cheese. Set aside.
2. For the salad, trim squash ends. Slice into ribbons with vegetable peeler or mandolin, discarding outside ribbons and core.
3. To serve, place squash ribbons on each salad plate. Top with tomatoes, onion and olives. Serve with vinaigrette on the side.



PENNE PASTA SALAD WITH SPINACH AND TOMATOES

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 10 minutes

8 ounces penne pasta
3 tablespoons olive oil
3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1 teaspoon rosemary leaves, finely crushed
1 teaspoon thyme leaves
½ teaspoon garlic powder
½ teaspoon oregano leaves
½ teaspoon sea salt
1 package (6 ounces) baby spinach leaves
1 pint grape tomatoes, halved
1 cup bite-size mozzarella cheese, balls, halved
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

1. Cook pasta as directed on package. Drain well.
2. Meanwhile, mix oil, vinegar, rosemary, thyme, garlic powder, oregano and sea salt in large bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Add pasta and spinach; toss to coat well. Add tomatoes and cheeses; toss to mix well.
3. Serve warm or at room temperature.

KALE SALAD WITH ASIAN VINAIGRETTE

Prep time: 15 minutes

¼ cup rice vinegar
1 tablespoon orange juice
1 tablespoon packed brown sugar
2 teaspoons sesame oil
½ teaspoon garlic powder
½ teaspoon ginger, ground
¼ teaspoon salt

Kale Salad:

1 pound kale
½ cup diced red bell pepper
1 can (11 ounces) mandarin orange segments, drained
¼ cup sliced almonds
2 tablespoons thinly sliced green onions

1. For the vinaigrette, mix all ingredients in small bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Set aside.
2. Remove and discard stems and center ribs from kale. Coarsely chop kale (6 cups). Rinse kale with cold water. Drain well.
3. Toss kale and bell pepper in large bowl. Top with mandarin oranges, almonds and green onions. Drizzle with vinaigrette. Let stand at room temperature 30 minutes to allow flavors to blend.



GRILLED ROMAINE & VEGETABLE SALAD WITH BALSAMIC HERB VINAIGRETTE

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes

½ cup balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon basil
1 teaspoon garlic powder

Salad:

2 heads Romaine lettuce hearts, halved lengthwise
1 tablespoon olive oil
10 asparagus spears, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 cup grape tomatoes
1 cup mushrooms, halved
1 red bell pepper, cut into ½-inch chunks
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon onion powder

1. For the vinaigrette, mix all ingredients in small bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Set aside.
2. Brush romaine lettuce lightly with some of the oil. Toss vegetables with remaining oil, garlic powder and onion powder in large bowl. Place vegetable mixture in grill basket sprayed with no stick cooking spray.
3. Grill vegetable mixture 10 to 12 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally. Grill romaine lettuce over medium heat 3 to 4 minutes or until lightly browned, turning frequently.
4. Cut romaine lettuce halves lengthwise in half. Place lettuce on individual plates; top with grilled vegetable mixture. Drizzle with vinaigrette.

Pray without leaving your car at Livonia church

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Praying on the go will get easier this weekend during Mt. Hope Congregational Church's "Drive-Thru Prayer" event.

The Livonia church will station its pastor, associate pastor and deacons outdoors along a circular driveway from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 10, 17 and 24, to pray with motorists who drop by.

"It's open to people of all backgrounds," said The Rev. Steve Schafer, pastor. "It's not a denominational thing. No one is excluded. We're not trying to push anything. No



preaching. No counseling. If people want prayer, we're here for that. All prayers are confidential."

No donations will be accepted.

Schafer said he heard a minister reference "drive-thru prayer" several years ago and kept the idea in mind for Mt.

Hope, a church with approximately 170 attendees on Sunday morning.

"They tell us in counseling courses that one out of every three people has a crisis going on in their lives. My guess is this will appeal to many of those people who have a crisis and don't know where to turn for help. Sometimes it's hard for people to ask for prayer," Schafer said. "Expressing what is going on inside yourself, expressing it out loud helps. Having someone pray with you and share your concern with God is encouraging."

Motorists can pray for themselves, others or

simply offer thanks and praise at the drive-thru events. They'll remain in their cars and pray with a Mt. Hope member

through their vehicle's open window.

Mt. Hope Congregational Church is located at 30330 Schoolcraft

Road between Middlebelt and Merriman. For more information, visit mthope.com or call 734-425-7280.

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BIRD, JOHNN DAVID

Age 36, of Westland, Michigan died on Sunday afternoon, August 4, 2013 at Marquette General Hospital from injuries he sustained during a Motocross race on July 20, 2013. He was born on June 16, 1977 in Southfield, Michigan. John worked for Ford Motor Company at the time of his death. John is survived by his parents - Rick and Mille (Smith) Bird of Howell; his fiancée and best friend - Ashley Marie Ketzler; brother - Tom (Sheila) Coniam of Westland; sister - Kristyn (Rick) Pearen of Mt. Pleasant; nieces, nephews and uncles. Visitation will be held at the Bowerman Funeral Home in Munising on Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and also on Saturday from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. John's funeral service will be Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Munising. His obituary and guestbook may be viewed and signed at:
bowermanfuneralhome.net

NOEL, BETHANNE N.

August 3, 2013 Age 46 of Garden City. Beloved Wife of Jay. Dear Mom of Jacob and Mandy. Dear Daughter of the late Robert Rosza and the late NaDene Thompson and Step Daughter of Michael Thompson. Dearest Daughter in Law of Jerry and Pat Noel. Dear Granddaughter of the late Eugene and Irene Bollo. Visitation Tuesday 1-9pm at The Allen Park Chapel - Martenson Family of Funeral Homes, 10915 Allen Rd. (corner of Goddard). Interment Our Lady of Hope Cemetery. Funeral service Wed. 10:00 am at the funeral home. Visit:
www.martenson.com



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RELIGION CALENDAR

AUGUST BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11

Location: Our Lady of Loretto Church Family Center, corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Blood is urgently needed. Walk-ins are welcome or make an appointment

Contact: 313-534-9000 or www.srmwojck@twmi.rr.com

CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24

Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: 12th annual Charity Car Show will benefit Angela Hospice. All makes of cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome. The entry fee to show a vehicle is \$15. No charge to view the entries. Organizers also are seeking sponsors for the show

Contact: 734-427-8743

CHOIR DIRECTOR WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 12

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: The three-day workshop at Holy Cross Lutheran Church is designed for choir directors and music educators, led by Michael Burkhardt

Contact: www.heartshands-voices.org; 734-427-1414 for more information.

C.I.E.A.P. FROG

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, through Aug. 21; program started on Aug. 5

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This learning program in a Christ-centered environment is designed to sharpen a child's skills and give them a 'leap' into the coming school year. C.I.E.A.P. FROG — which is not a VBS program — will offer the basics, including math, reading, music, science and more. This free program is for

children entering grades 1-6. A class for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten also is offered. All children must be pre-registered
Contact: Mary at 248/471-1322 or Melissa at 734/466-8694 to register

CONCERT

Time/Date: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10

Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: Plymouth First United Methodist Church presents a free concert, "Heartbeats 2013. Music with a Message," featuring Impact Band, The Beck and Saltz Band and Chosen. All are Christian bands with musical styles ranging from praise to rock and alternative. This family-friendly event will include face painting and balloon animals for children

Contact: 734-453-5280; www.pfumc.org

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sundays, through Aug. 18

Location: Grounds at Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton
Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church offers a worship service in a casual atmosphere. Attendees should bring their own lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Contact: 734-459-3333

PARENTING PROGRAM

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, through Aug. 21; program started Aug. 5

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The class for adults is based on the book "Have a New Kid by Friday" by Dr. Kevin Leman. It focuses on changing a child's attitude, behavior and character. Cost is \$8, payable upon enrollment. Pre-registration is required

Contact: Mary at 248-471-1322 or Melissa at 734/466-8694

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 12-16

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: The program, aimed at children in kindergarten-sixth grade, will include songs, crafts, skits, games and snacks. An offering will be collected daily to help build wells around the world. A family cook-out is set for 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 17

Contact: www.clarencevillechurch.com; 248-474-3444

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Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 22-23 and 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Aug. 24

Location: Fireside Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: "Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep with God" will include water science, crafts, music and Bible fun

Contact: 734-464-0990

WORSHIP & MUSIC CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 12-15

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: "Hearts, Hands and Voices," is designed to help students in grades two-seven grow spiritually and musically.

Contact: Register at www.heartshandsvoices.org; 734-427-1414

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Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13 and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14

Location: New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, at Puritan, in Redford
Details: Bargains, including dishes, clothing, furniture, toys, seasonal, and miscellaneous. Baked goods will be available for purchase

Contact: 313-255-6330



FITZPATRICK, PATRICK L.

August 4, 2013 age 74 of Novi. Longtime administrator with Plymouth Canton School System. Beloved brother of Peggy (Alan) Gapske, Katie (Robert) Granum, and the late Michael (Jeanette) Fitzpatrick. Dear longtime friend of Maxine MacCormack. Also survived by 9 nieces and nephews, and several cousins. Visitation Friday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In state Saturday 10:00AM until the 10:30AM Funeral Mass at St. James Catholic Church, 46325 Ten Mile Rd., Novi. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery in Alpena, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Dr. Patrick Fitzpatrick Memorial Fund, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI 48170. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



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Survey: Young home buyers becoming more optimistic

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Ryan Banar, 32, of Livonia isn't in the home buying market. "Not at this time," said Banar, who sings professionally, including with the Michigan Opera Theatre and at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. "I'm not willing to take that venture at the moment. Sometime in the future I would like to. You can definitely get over your head quickly with a home." Banar, who also works part time as a barista at Starbucks in downtown Northville, would like central air conditioning and at least two-three bedrooms when he does buy a home. "A basement is always nice," he said. "I have taste above my means, so that's my problem."

Millennials are more confident than any other age group that their recent home purchase was a good financial investment, according to a study released recently. The inaugural 2013 National Association of Realtors Home Buyer and Seller Generational Trends evaluated the generational differences of recent home buyers and sellers and found that while eight out of 10 recent buyers considered their home purchase a good investment, the number was even higher, 85 percent, for younger buyers under the age of 32.

"I would say yes," said Elizabeth Mach, 27, of Novi, in agreeing with that assessment. She married Joe Mach, 28, June 29 in a ceremony at Detroit Catholic Central High School, where he teaches and coaches. She's a teacher at Our Lady of Victory School in Northville.

"It is exciting to think about," she said of owning a home down the road, adding they've looked some online. "We were trying to spread out the stress of house hunting" and wedding plans.

"We're thinking the next year, hopefully," she said of buying. "The most important thing to both of us is location." They'll look at the neighborhood and its future. Both want to be close to work and their parents.

The national survey shows many young adults value owning a home. "Home ownership is an investment in your future, and is how many younger American families begin to accumulate wealth," said Paul Bishop, NAR vice president of research. "The oldest of the Millennial generation are now entering the years in which people typically buy a first home, and despite the recent downturn, home ownership still matters to them. The sheer size of the Millennial generation, the largest in history after baby boomers, is expected to give a powerful boost to long-run housing demand, though in the short-term mortgage accessibility and stu-



Newlyweds Elizabeth and Joe Mach of Novi will look for a home once things have settled down. Both are teachers, he at Catholic Central High School in Novi and she at Our Lady of Victory in Northville.

dent debt repayment remain challenges."

The study found that the largest group of recent buyers was Generation X Americans, those born between 1965 and 1979, who comprised 31 percent of recent purchases, followed closely by Millennials, sometimes called Generation Y, those born between 1980 and 2000, at 28 percent. Percentages of recent home purchases among prior generations was significantly lower, 18 percent were Younger Boomers, those born between 1955 and 1964; 14 percent were Older Boomers, Americans born between 1946 and 1954; and 10 percent were from the Silent Generation, those born between 1925 and 1945.

The median age of Millennial home buyers was 28, their median income was \$66,200 and they typically bought a 1,700-square-foot home costing \$165,000. The typical Gen X buyer was 39 years old, had a median income of \$93,100, and purchased a 2,100-square foot home costing \$235,000.

The previous living arrangement of recent buyers varied greatly across the generations; among Millennials, 65 percent rented an apartment or house and 22 percent lived with their parents, relatives or friends; more than half of all baby boomer and Silent Generation buyers owned their previous residence.

The study found that older generations of home buyers prefer more recently built homes. Millennials typically bought homes built around 1986, nearly a decade older than the homes

typically bought by the Silent Generation.

Younger buyers had a tendency to stay closer to their previous residence, often staying within 10 miles, whereas older buyers moved longer distances, typically more than 20 miles from their previous home.

Younger buyers were more likely to buy in an urban or central city area than older buyers; 21 percent of Millennials bought a home in an urban location compared to only 13 percent of Older Boomer and Silent Generation buyers.

The reason for buying a home also varies across the generations; younger buyers most often cited the desire to own a home of their own whereas older buyers wanted to be closer to family and friends. When it comes to factors influencing neighborhood choice, younger generations cited convenience to jobs, affordability of homes, and quality of the school district. Older generations placed higher importance on convenience to family and friends and healthcare facilities.

When it comes to a home's green features, younger buyers placed higher importance on commuting costs than older generations who placed higher importance on a home's energy efficient features and living in an environmentally friendly community.

Millennials tended to make more compromises with their home purchase than any other generation. Millennials most often conceded on the price and size of the home, lot size, distance from job and style of home; whereas nearly half of Older Boomer and Silent Generation buyers made no compromises on their recent home purchase.

As the age of recent buyers increases so does the rate of owning more than one home; among Millennials, 8 percent own more than one home, which could include either a vacation home or investment property; compared to 21 percent of Gen X-ers, 28 percent of Younger Boomers, and 27 percent of Older Boomers, and 26 percent of the Silent Generation.

Home buyers of all ages often begin the home buying process by looking online for properties for sale; however, the frequency of use of the internet to search for homes decreases as age increases. Ninety percent of Millennials frequently used the Internet to search for homes compared to less than half of Silent Generation buyers. Younger generations of buyers were also more likely to find the home they purchased through the Internet; older buyers most often learned about the home they purchased from their real estate agent.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

Get legal opinion on booze liability

Q: We are thinking about having alcohol served at our clubhouse for a private party by one of the residents. Is there anything we should do?

A: Yes. You should double-check to see whether you or the proprietor of the event has a proper license, if necessary, adequate insurance to cover the situation, and an indemnification agreement

indemnifying the association from any liability caused because of the party.

You should also get a legal opinion from counsel as to whether or not there are any additional requirements to allow the undertaking of the event including a review of the condominium or community association documents.

Q: We are building a house and our builder is giving us a purchase agreement and building contract which requires that we arbitrate. We have gone to a lawyer who says that this is a common practice. What do you think?

A: It all depends upon the builder, but I would not voluntarily agree to arbitrate any dispute you have with the builder because arbitration is not necessarily less expensive and is generally to the benefit of the developer/builder since he does not want to go in front of a jury.

People buying condominiums should also be concerned about signing any purchase agreement where all disputes are to be arbitrated which might have an adverse impact on the condominium association's ability to pursue the developer in court for construction defects.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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A free Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at Keller-Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth.

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Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgage is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m., held at various locations. RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5480.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at 313-277-4168.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 1-5, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

| BINGHAM FARMS | |
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| 24101 W 14 Mile Rd | \$425,000 |
| BIRMINGHAM | |
| 352 Baldwin Rd | \$483,000 |
| 691 Harmon St | \$380,000 |
| 1275 Humphrey Ave | \$169,000 |
| 393 N Old Woodward Ave | \$323,000 |
| 1791 Pine St | \$351,000 |
| BLOOMFIELD HILLS | |
| 3240 E Breckenridge Ln | \$340,000 |
| BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP | |
| 4506 Brightmore Rd | \$650,000 |
| 5068 Echo Rd | \$385,000 |
| 516 Hupp Cross Rd | \$587,000 |
| 1248 Indian Mound Trl | \$675,000 |
| 170 N Berkshire Rd | \$380,000 |

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

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| 2325 Brigantine | \$230,000 |
| 5055 Carinas Way Ct | \$248,000 |
| 5091 Carinas Way Ct | \$334,000 |
| 4161 Heatherwood Dr | \$354,000 |

FARMINGTON

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| 32050 Grand River Ave | \$32,000 |
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FARMINGTON HILLS

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| 29667 Bradmoor Ct | \$376,000 |
| 38862 Country Cir | \$70,000 |
| 20811 Deerfield | \$400,000 |
| 22225 Gill Rd | \$160,000 |
| 29205 Greening St | \$110,000 |
| 34726 Pickford Dr | \$240,000 |
| 22020 River Ridge Trl | \$174,000 |
| 28057 S Harwich Dr | \$205,000 |
| 30560 Springland St | \$265,000 |

FRANKLIN

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| 31130 Sunset Dr | \$250,000 |
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LATHRUP VILLAGE

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| 27645 California Ave W | \$129,000 |
| 27416 Goldengate Dr W | \$53,000 |
| 27416 Goldengate Dr W | \$133,000 |

MILFORD

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| 2476 Shagbark | \$300,000 |
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NORTHVILLE

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| 49450 Deer Run | \$380,000 |
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| 45587 Addington Ln | \$420,000 |
| 22439 Alton Ct | \$296,000 |
| 43328 Ashbury Dr | \$340,000 |
| 24167 Brentwood Ct | \$425,000 |
| 27538 Cromwell Rd | \$262,000 |
| 27602 Cromwell Rd | \$278,000 |
| 27618 Cromwell Rd | \$266,000 |
| 50960 Glades Ct W | \$50,000 |
| 22682 Heatherwoode | \$254,000 |
| 25754 Lochmoor Ln | \$355,000 |
| 51123 Luke Ln | \$257,000 |
| 1127 South Lake Dr Unit 110 | \$38,000 |

26550 Taft Rd

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| 40612 Village Oaks | \$230,000 |
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28218 Wolcott Dr

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| 23546 Bristlecone Ct | \$406,000 |
| 52199 Copperwood Dr S | \$355,000 |

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| 58539 Dolly Rd | \$402,000 |
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54895 Grenelefe Cir W

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| 976 Oak Creek Dr | \$411,000 |
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53503 10 Mile Rd

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| 23601 Winterberry Ct | \$134,000 |
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| 27465 Berkshire Dr | \$565,000 |
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28222 E Larkmoor Dr

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| 28030 Glasgow St | \$422,000 |
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20106 MIDWAY AVE

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| 20270 Midway Ave | \$125,000 |
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15801 Providence Dr

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30276 Southfield Rd

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27680 Spring Arbor Dr

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| 15999 W 11 Mile Rd # | \$57,000 |
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| 17221 W 12 Mile Rd | \$16,000 |
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| 8172 Trenton Dr | \$54,000 |
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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 22-26, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

| CANTON | |
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| 45959 Baywood Blvd | \$235,000 |
| 5987 Beaufort Dr | \$171,000 |
| 50210 Black Horse Ln | \$313,000 |
| 40438 Blytheville Ln | \$121,000 |
| 2083 Briarfield St | \$190,000 |
| 602 Cherry Orchard Rd | \$162,000 |
| 50424 Coolidge St | \$278,000 |
| 1841 Delancy Cir | \$415,000 |
| 7021 Fox Path | \$230,000 |
| 41615 Glade Rd | \$150,000 |
| 51158 Gold Ridge Ln | \$310,000 |
| 43302 Hanford Rd | \$150,000 |
| 1542 Lasalle Rd | \$460,000 |
| 562 Mckinley Cir | \$270,000 |
| 45463 Muirfield Dr | \$340,000 |
| 41341 N Maplewood Dr | \$123,000 |
| 2027 Preserve Cir E | \$162,000 |
| 45234 Prestbury Rd | \$163,000 |
| 7081 Royal Villa Ct | \$383,000 |
| 1948 S Cavalier Dr | \$180,000 |
| 45588 S Stonewood Rd | \$185,000 |

46712 Spinning Wheel

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43568 W Arbor Way Dr

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GARDEN CITY

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| 6611 Burnly St | \$70,000 |
| 29050 Dawson St | \$60,000 |
| 28835 Krauter St | \$23,000 |
| 32610 Maplewood St | \$35,000 |
| 1317 Ralph St | \$75,000 |
| 28614 Sheridan St | \$29,000 |

LIVONIA

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| 36024 Ann Arbor Trl | \$50,000 |
| 14915 Auburndale St | \$119,000 |
| 15255 Blue Skies St | \$155,000 |
| 36540 Bobrich St | \$240,000 |
| 9048 Danzig St | \$121,000 |
| 14572 Fairway St | \$157,000 |
| 16944 Farmington Rd | \$133,000 |
| 31730 Fonville St | \$111,000 |
| 31370 Grandon St | \$129,000 |
| 34177 Grove Dr | \$160,000 |
| 33047 Hampshire Rd | \$235,000 |
| 9996 Hartel Ct | \$30,000 |
| 32848 Hees St | \$136,000 |
| 15021 Heyer St | \$205,000 |
| 14940 Hix St | \$156,000 |
| 28025 Long St | \$90,000 |
| 27617 Lyndon St | \$125,000 |
| 19439 Merriman Rd | \$105,000 |
| 18537 Milburn St | \$79,000 |

37554 N Laurel Park Dr

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MILFORD - Lovejoy estate. 1045 Weaver Rd. 8/8-8/10 9-5pm. Numbers at 8:30. Pictures at estatesale.net

WAYNE ESTATE SALE: Huge! 35423 Michigan Ave. East. Aug. 8-10, 10-5pm. Furniture, tools, antiques, misc. Parking across street.

WESTLAND - Antiques, tools, furniture & misc. Pic collectors dream! 8/8-8/10 9am-6pm. 1045 N Wayne Rd. SW corner of Wayne Rd & Marquette Rd

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Sat. Aug. 10, 11-6pm. Furniture, collectibles, kitchen items, appliances, electronics, tools, camping & much more. Holiday Park Condos, 33916 Fountain Blvd., off Wayne Rd.

Garage/Moving Sales

Beverly Hills: Estate Sale
Aug. 8-10, 9am-4pm. Christmases, Halloween, Glass, home decor. Silk plants, MORE!
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7493 Admiralty Dr. Aug. 8-10, 9-5pm. Franklin Mint dolls, plates, cars, crafts supplies. Cash only!

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CANTON - MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Thurs-Sat 8/8-8/10, 8am-5pm 1500 Manton (and 2-3 Neighbors) in Canton. Kids & Adults: Toys, Books, Clothes, Costumes, Games, Electronics, Sports Equip, Kitchen, Holiday Decor, Furniture, Back-To-Schools Supplies. GREAT DEALS!

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Furniture, household, books, holiday items, clothes, tools, etc. 36028 Middleboro, 1-96 & Levan. 8-10 & 8-11, 9-5.

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3 family sale. Something for everyone. Crafts, Clothes. 1950 S. Hill Rd. Thurs-Sat. 9am-6pm.

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Thursday/Friday, Aug. 8 & 9 24691 Simmons Dr 9am-3pm Simmons Orchard Sub; Fireplace, Kitchen and Dorm items.

PLYMOUTH: 646 Kellogg St. Main St. & Wing St. Small furniture, washer, TV, etc. Aug. 9-10, 9-3pm.

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15 Dallas hoopsters
16 Disappointments
18 Drachma's successor
20 Inches forward
21 Blender button
23 Crash, so to speak
25 Hosp. employee
26 Set the table
28 Springs
32 Business letter abbr.
35 -fi flick
36 Mets' former ballpark
37 Change address
38 Quaker pronoun
40 Diamond loc.
41 "That's —!"
43 Hold dear
46 Out of practice
49 Villain of Venice
50 Intending no harm
53 Bedouin
56 Rx monitor
57 Track event
58 The skinny
59 Runway hazard
60 Fermi split it
61 Bottle part

DOWN
1 Bread spread
2 Ms. Thurman of "Gattaca"
3 Defiant reply
4 Follow
5 Round building
6 Garden tool
7 Old-time slugger Mel —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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9 Vise grips
10 She lived at Green Gables
11 Freshwater catch
17 Promises
19 Aunt or bro.
21 A nanny pushes it
22 Golden Rule word
23 Nouveau —
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27 — spumante
29 Startled cry
30 Lama country
31 Money repository
33 VCR must
34 Groovy
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42 Spandex material
44 Once more
45 Ben on "Bonanza"
46 Jazzy refrain
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Word Search — Horses

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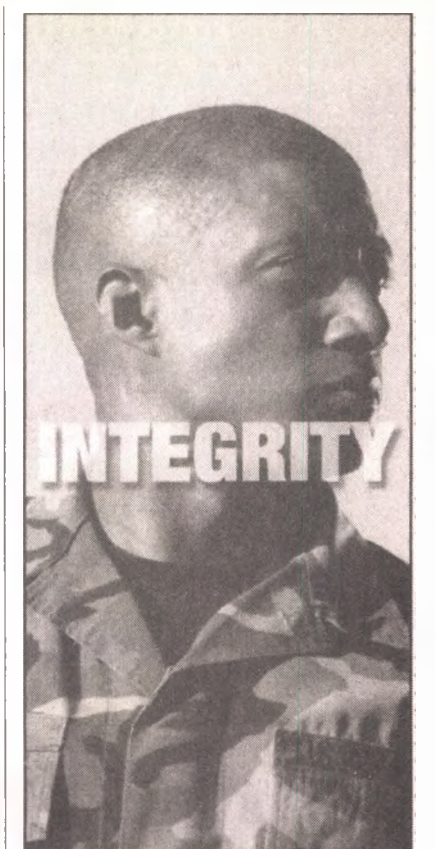
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| HOT | SHADE | WARM |
| HUMIDITY | SUNSHINE | |

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Responsible Me!

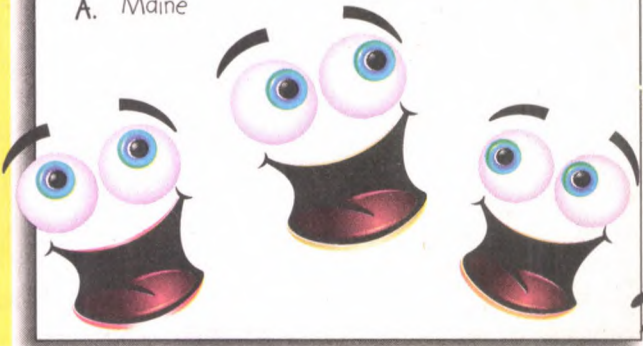
Traditionally the month of August is hot hot hot! Because of this, it is important to do things to take of yourself and your pets. Here are just a few things that you can do to be more responsible.

- Drink plenty of water
- Wear sunscreen lotion to protect your skin
- Be super cool in your sunglasses
- Make sure your pets have a shaded area and water to drink



Riddles & Giggles

- Q. What do you call a dog with a sun burn?
 A. A Hot Dog!
- Q. What is a lion's favorite state to vacation?
 A. Maine



Mark and Olivia Ruehlen took a Wild Summer Day Trip to the Toledo Zoo.



Children of Larry Ruehlen, Redford Observer

Deadline for Submissions:

Mail entry forms and talent submissions to: Scoop the Newshound, 41304 Concept Drive Plymouth, MI 48170
 All items need to be received at the Observer & Eccentric Media by close of the business day on August 30
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