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No GREATER GIFT

Ready for surgery, Tom Stevenson (front) and brother Dan give each other an "air fist bump" July 8 at Johns Hopkins Hospital before being taken to separate operating rooms.

Brothers thankful after successful kidney transplant

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Tom Stevenson doesn't claim any special bravery, but the decision to give a kidney to an ailing brother, he says, was one of the easiest he's ever made.

The long-awaited transplant surgeries took place July 8 at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore and, five weeks later, Tom and younger brother Dan are gaining strength and enjoying the support of family and friends while marveling at a life-changing event that has drawn them and their close-knit family even closer.

"It was just an incredible experience," Tom Stevenson, 52, said Monday in the kitchen of his Plymouth Township home. "It was an amazing time."

"The whole process is an 'up,'" Dan said in a phone interview, before adding his recovery has "peaks and valleys" and that it's taking

time to get his stamina back.

But, Dan said, he noticed immediate results with his new kidney.

"I felt better the day after surgery than I had felt for months, if not years, before surgery," he said. "You don't realize how bad you felt before."

'Instant decision'

Dan Stevenson, 39, of Salisbury, Md., was diagnosed with kidney failure about a decade ago and, as family members were tested for a possible kidney donation, he and Tom, long close despite their age difference, proved to have compatible blood and tissue types. "It was really an instant decision," Tom said.

The transplant, however, was delayed until Dan's kidney function fell below 20 percent; just prior to surgery, he said, it was at 14 per-

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Plymouth-Canton board supports common core

Trustees express support for statewide standards

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

A state legislative committee studying whether Michigan should abandon the common core curriculum it adopted for public schools three years ago is scheduled to make a recommendation sometime in September.

But Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials aren't waiting to let legislators know what they think.

The P-CCS Board of Education expressed support Tuesday for the common core standards, adopted by the state in 2010 and for which school Superintendent Michael Meissen said the district has already paid some \$500,000. Meissen had a resolution prepared, but the board took no action on it.

"I think common core is a good thing," said Meissen, who began his tenure July 1. "We as an educational system have to have clear and coher-

ent standards of learning. Having an alignment of curriculum instruction and assessments to these rigorous international bench-marked standards is helpful in establishing the direction for a school district."

Michigan's Board of Education adopted common core in 2010. Pushed by a bipartisan group of governors and educators led by Georgia Republican Sonny Perdue, common core spells out the math and language skills K-12 students need to succeed in college and the globally competitive workplace that awaits them after graduation.

More rigor

The common core's language arts standards, for example, assert that, by the end of eighth grade, students should be able to write an essay that includes "a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented."

The math standards sug-

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Churchgoers join insurance petition drive

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Churchgoers in Canton Township and the Plymouths are joining a statewide petition drive aimed at separating insurance coverage for elective abortions from tax dollars and premiums paid under the Affordable Care Act, and two of the area's three state legislators have offered support.

The effort, by No Taxes for Abortion Insurance, launched by Michigan Right to Life, needs just over 258,000 signatures by late this year in order to put a proposal before the Michigan Legislature that would make abortion coverage an optional

rider, paid for separately by the premiums of those who choose it, for insurance policies offered in the state under the ACA.

If enough signatures are certified, said Pamela Sherstad, Michigan Right to Life's public information director, the Legislature would have 40 days in which to act on the legislation, which, if passed, would become law without Gov. Rick Snyder's signature.

Sherstad said she is confident about the bill's chances, as the same regulation was passed last year but vetoed by Snyder. The governor said he was concerned about coverage for pregnant victims of

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Old Village eateries prepare for Restaurant Crawl

Six restaurants, one brewery participating this year

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Dessert is the last dinner course for most people, but that goes out the window during the annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl.

"Last year we had people who started with us, because they didn't want to miss out if they came late," said JoAnne McGinn, the owner of

JoJo's Treats 'n Sweets, a candy and baked goods shop on Mill Street.

JoJo's will be participating Monday in its third Old Village Crawl and McGinn expects the shop to be crowded and lively during the event.

"We enjoy it. It's a lot of fun. You get some people that have been here before, (plus) new people," McGinn said.

"It reminds me of an old-fashioned get-together - with people you don't even know," as crawlers

pull up chairs, sip coffee with their treats and talk to each other, she added.

McGinn served cupcakes for the 2011 Crawl and cinnamon rolls last year, but hasn't completed this year's menu.

"I don't know what we're going to surprise them with this time," she said. She will, however, offer the shop's trademark rolled caramels.

The 2013 Crawl, sponsored by

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Lori and Vince Toia's Plymouth Fish & Seafood is a popular stop on the Crawl. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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Psych exam ordered for bank suspect

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

The suspect in last month's holdup of a bank in Plymouth Township was ordered Friday to undergo a psychological evaluation in order to determine if he is competent to stand trial.



Michael J. Stachowski

Plymouth Township police officers just hours after the holdup. Police were aided by tips from the public after information about the holdup - including a photograph of the robber at a teller's window, taken from a bank security camera - was publicized by local media.

In the holdup, a man gave a Bank of America teller a note that demanded cash and her wallet and said no dye packs should be included.

The teller handed over an undetermined amount of cash, but not her wallet, and the robber left on foot, heading in a westerly direction outside the bank, police said. No getaway vehicle was seen.

Stachowski, who has a bond of \$100,000, was still being held Wednesday in the Wayne County Jail.

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Michael J. Stachowski, 33, of Canton Township, is charged with bank robbery in the holdup of the Bank of America branch at Five Mile and Beck, which occurred about 1:30 p.m. July 26.

He appeared Friday in 35th District Court, where Judge Mike Gerou ordered the forensic examination. Stachowski is due back in district court for a hearing Friday, Nov. 22, by which time results of the examination are expected from the state's Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti.

Stachowski was arrested in Canton by

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the participating establishments and the Plymouth Community Chamber of commerce, is 5:30-8:30 p.m. at six Old Village restaurants, shops and a microbrewery.

In addition to JoJo's, participants include Station 885, Jeff Zak Catering, Plymouth Fish & Seafood, Hermann's Olde Town Grille and Liberty Street Brewing Co. All the action will be on three streets: Starkweather, Liberty and Mill.

"The Old Village Restaurant Crawl gives us the opportunity to show off a part of our town that has a great

atmosphere and with a unique vibe," chamber president Wes Graff said. "With six stops, everyone ends up full, but loves the Crawl because they get to every stop."

This year's crawl will benefit the Plymouth Historical Museum, Graff said; ticket buyers who wish to do so can request a portion of their purchase price go to the museum.

Crawl tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under. They can be purchased at any of the participating locations or at the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, during business hours.

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Tom Stevenson of Plymouth Township is surrounded by family at Johns Hopkins Hospital after a July operation in which he gave a kidney to his brother Dan. From left are son Dillon, wife Jeanne, daughter Carly (on iPad), daughter Sophie and daughter Emilie.

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cent. It was already at 60 percent the day after the transplant.

His new kidney should greatly improve his quality of life and keep him from having to undergo dialysis.

"The people on the (hospital) floor were actually calling me the poster boy for kidney transplant recovery at Hopkins," said Dan, who left the hospital July 12, two days after his brother.

Tom Stevenson said it wasn't like him to not be worried about the surgery - he has a strong dislike for a simple blood draw - but that his main concern was that doctors would decide for medical reasons that he shouldn't go through with it.

His faith - fellow churchgoers at Our Lady of Good Counsel were praying for a successful operation - gave him a sense of trust, he said.

"You're in a dark room, but God's there and he's going to lead us," Tom's wife Jeanne said.

"You don't get the grace until you need it. I understand that now," Tom said later.

"There is no greater love than for a man to lay down his life for his friend," Jeanne said, quoting John 15:13 from the Bible, "and that's what Tom did."

Tom and Jeanne Stevenson and

their youngest children, Emilie and Dillon, stayed at Tom's sister Kathy Marshall's house in Ocean City for a few days both before surgery and during Tom's initial recovery. Oldest daughter Sophie, a nurse, joined them for a while; middle daughter Carly was traveling in Europe, but visited via the Internet.

Tom should be able to return to most of his normal activities, though, he notes with a smile, with just one kidney, his kickboxing career is over.

"A year from now, I won't know the difference. My body won't know the difference," he said.

'Overwhelming' support

Tom sister's friends helped them out with meals and chores. Once, post-surgery, while Kathy was traveling for a family wedding in Michigan, Tom called her to ask where they could buy a heating pad and a stranger showed up a half-hour later with a new heating pad and a gallon of milk.

"We didn't know any of these people," Tom said. "I was really amazed by that." Neighbors in Plymouth Township have also been helpful, he said.

Dan has had similar experiences during his recovery, with family and friends alike babysitting, chauffeuring his children, providing meals and cutting the lawn. The brothers have also had support and encouragement from their two

other sisters, Mary French of Plymouth and Jenny Palmer of Salisbury, Md.; brother Mike, of Canton Township; and parents Tom and Esther, also of Salisbury.

"The support is really kind of overwhelming," Dan said. He and wife Jill have four children: Grace, Lilly, Tommy and Alex.

Neither man is back at his workplace, but Tom, who works in finance at McKesson Corp. in Livonia, started working from home Monday and plans to return to the office next week.

Dan, facilities manager at The Salisbury School, hopes to work at least part time by the end of the month; he's already popped in a couple of times, with someone else driving him there, to look at the installation of a new gymnasium floor. Both said their employers have been understanding and supportive.

Neither man can say enough about Johns Hopkins; they described the hospital staff as efficient, thorough and extremely caring. Both are being monitored very closely.

"Hopkins is just fantastic about everything," said Dan, whose insurer is covering the costs. "They're so on top of everything, it's amazing."

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PETITION

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rape or incest, for which the bill would not make exceptions.

Insurance exchange

"It's something they passed in 2012 with good majorities," Sherstad said. "You only need a simple majority for this to become law."

The ACA, nicknamed Obamacare after President Barack Obama, leaves abortion coverage opt-outs to individual states and more than 20 states so far have taken that step, Sherstad said. Insurance exchanges under the ACA are scheduled to begin offering plans in 2014.

Mary Beth Hausman of Plymouth Township is involved in the petition drive through her Catholic parish, Resurrection Church in Canton, where people attending Mass

last weekend had the chance to sign the petition.

"I really would not want my tax dollars paying for what I consider a heinous act," Hausman said. "I know that it is legal, but that doesn't mean I have to agree."

The petition will be circulated again at Resurrection during Masses on Saturday, Sept. 14, and Sunday, Sept. 15.

Parishioners at other churches, including Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township, have also joined the effort. At St. Kenneth, also in Plymouth Township, the petition is expected to be available in the near future, said John Dankert, chairman of the church's Christian Service Commission.

Backing the measure

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, and Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, have said they

would back the measure if the petition drive is successful.

"I am in full support of the petition drive and will vote in the affirmative once the necessary signatures have been obtained and the bill is on the floor of the Senate," Colbeck said through spokeswoman Jennifer Murray. "I'm looking forward to casting my yes vote on behalf of the most vulnerable lives in our society."

"Historically Michigan voters have not supported taxpayer-funded abortions and neither do I," Heise wrote via email. "I would likely vote yes on the petition measure if it is brought before the full House for a vote."

Heise noted the ACA abortion coverage opt-out measure last year was part of a bill that would have reformed Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan, the state's big public insurer; Sherstad

said the legislation called for in the petition drive is exactly the same.

The measure would provide abortion coverage exceptions in certain cases in which the health of the woman is at risk.

Democratic House member Dian Slavens, of Canton, said the absence of an abortion coverage exception in cases of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest concerns her and that she would "more than likely" vote against the legislation if the petition drive succeeds.

"There are times when women have to make that choice and I'm sure it's a tough choice," said Slavens, who formerly worked in medicine as a respiratory therapist. "Nobody plans on getting pregnant and then terminating it."

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Marybeth Levine hopes to get a record-shattering total of 250,000 diapers donated to the Detroit Area Diaper Bank, which the Canton woman runs, by Thanksgiving.

Diaper drive aims to shatter old donation mark

Woman hoping to collect 250,000

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

With a lack of diapers playing a role in keeping poor children out of day care, mothers off the job trail and lonely seniors shut in their homes, Marybeth Levine understands the economic and emotional toll.

That's why Levine, a Canton mother of three and founder of the non-profit Detroit Area Diaper Bank, hopes to collect a record-shattering 250,000 disposable diapers by Thanksgiving to help more than 50 partner agencies across metro Detroit.

Levine and her helpers collected just over 200,000 disposable diapers last fall, but she set a higher goal for her fifth campaign as she fills a need not covered by government food-assistance programs and Medicare.

"We felt like 250,000 diapers would be a good challenge," Levine said. "That will help us get a little further into the winter."

Carol Smith, a volunteer at the Wayne-based St. Mary's Community Outreach Center, said it has received thousands of diapers for children and adults across western Wayne County who come to the agency for food, clothing and household goods.

Help appreciated

"We would not be able to provide diapers without the help," Smith said. "We have families with children and adults who need incontinence products. What Marybeth does is just unbelievable."

It's out of the goodness of her heart and it takes a lot of her time."

A new study published in the journal *Pediatrics* found that one in three mothers reported a need for disposable diapers for their children. Nearly 10 percent admitted they had left a wet diaper on a child as they tried to make their supply last longer, raising concerns about hygiene and health.

Studies have indicated diapers, costly even when they're on sale, have become a major source of stress for parents. The report in *Pediatrics* found that "an adequate supply of diapers may prove a tangible way of reducing parenting stress, a critical factor influencing child health and development."

Levine has drawn criticism from some who say parents should use cloth diapers. Yet she said many people don't have laundry facilities at home or they are worried they can't pay water and other utility bills — if they even have detergent.

"Can a mom who works two or three jobs just to make ends meet get on a bus and go to a laundromat that might not let them wash dirty diapers for health and sanitation reasons?" Levine said.

Need is strong

Levine has compiled some revealing statistics:

» An average infant can use up to 12 diapers per day, a toddler up to eight. But in low-income homes, a baby may be in a single diaper all day or longer, increasing the risk of health problems and abuse.

» The number of Michigan residents living on food-stamp programs rose 60 percent between

2007 and 2009 — but those programs don't pay for diapers.

» Most day care centers require parents to bring disposable diapers with their children, meaning parents who can't afford them often can't go to work or school — a scenario Levine said continues the cycle of poverty.

» A healthy change of diapers at many retail prices can cost \$100 or more a month.

Anyone who wants to donate diapers or money can visit www.detroitarea-diaperbank.org to find drop-off locations and other information. The site also includes contact information for businesses and other organizations that want to start a diaper drive.

"We have bins we can give them to collect the diapers," Levine said. "We have fliers we can give them."

One of the diaper bank's biggest supporters has been the Canton Public Library, which is hosting another Stuff the Truck campaign from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 20-21. The truck is loaned by a local company, Fat Chef in a Little Coat.

Last year, Stuff the Truck brought in 38,000 diapers. "We're going to try to beat that," Levine said.

It's an effort Smith said helps places like St. Mary's Community Outreach Center. Smith commended Levine for volunteering to help those in need.

"She has always been there to help us whenever we have a problem," Smith said. "She's a great woman."

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gest that students preparing to enter fifth grade should know how to use addition, subtraction, multiplication and division "to solve word problems involving distances, intervals of time, liquid volumes, masses of objects and money."

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education President Dr. John Barrett, a former principal in the Farmington district, said the board supports the common core standards and not just because "we've invested a lot of money into developing curriculum to support common core."

"(Common core) is going to increase the standards and the expectations of our students," Barrett said. "I think it's going to make a difference in the success rate of Plymouth-Canton students and it'll have an impact on teaching and learning across the state."

Budget battle

But the standards, considered by supporters as more rigorous than those currently in place in many Michigan public schools, are under the gun this summer as a subcommittee continues hearings designed to help develop a recommendation to the state Legislature on whether to halt common core here or continue to move forward.

That group was formed after state Rep. Tom McMillin, R-Rochester Hills, successfully added language to a budget bill barring the Michigan Department of Education from spending money to implement common core standards.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, whose district covers both Plymouth-Canton and Northville schools, said the state has to do something legislatively to either fund common core (Northville's Board of Education was scheduled to consider a resolution supporting common core Tuesday night) or "chart a new course."

Heise, noting both Plymouth-Canton and Northville schools have spent some half-million dollars each on implementation, said he supports the goals of common core, but will withhold his final decision until the special committee renders its report in September.

One standard

"I want to make sure when doors

open in September, teachers know what they're supposed to teach," he said. "I want one national standard so I can see how Michigan students are doing compared to other states."

But state Sen. Pat Colbeck, R-Canton, isn't so sure. He said he hasn't seen anything "other than marketing material" that convinces him common core implements higher standards. He said the movement to fully adopt common core is "just another attempt to set up a new slate of materials people are going to have to pay for."

"I think we need to be taking a look under the hood at common core," Colbeck said.

"We've got a standard in there right now and we've got to continue with that until we find something better. I'm not sure common core is it. If they truly are higher standards, I would love higher standards for our

kids. If folks can prove it, let's do it. But there's nothing right now that demonstrates that to me."

Plymouth-Canton school board Trustee Mark Horvath said he'd support the resolution if the board voted on it (it didn't), but felt it was an unnecessary move to provide politicians with cover.

Falling behind

"All (Heise) has to do to see where we stand is read the minutes of our meetings," Horvath said. "I'll support it if you think it's necessary, but we speak out on this issue every day."

Common core supporters point to statistics that indicate only 18 percent of Michigan's high school juniors are deemed college-ready, based on ACT criteria. And Michigan continues to slide behind other states on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, a national exam given to a representative sample of students in each state.

"We don't want to sentence any young person to poor preparation for life and work," said John Austin, president of the state Board of Education. "If we walk away ... that's what we would be doing."

McMillin said Michigan's exit would be the "right thing to do."

"I'm very confident that if we have honest debates over these next couple of months and we hear from the grass roots and the people that are affected, the Legislature will decide ... to stop the funding permanently," McMillin said.

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Police seek ID on suspect in indecent exposure cases

Canton Police are investigating a pair of recent incidents in which an unidentified male approached female pedestrians and exposed himself to them.

According to police, both incidents occurred during the evening. Police believe it was the same male in both incidents.

The first took place July 15, in the area of Cherry Hill and Sheldon, while the second took place six days later, July 21, in the area of Hanford and Marshall.

The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 5 feet, 10 inches, between 18 and 25 years old, with brown hair and an unshaven appearance. In both instances the suspect was wearing black shorts.

Police this week released a composite sketch and are asking anyone who may recognize this person to contact the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400. Callers may remain anonymous if desired.



Canton Police are looking for help identifying this suspect in a pair of indecent exposure incidents in the last several weeks.

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

SUVs burglarized

Wedding guests were the victims Saturday in two vehicle break-ins at Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, on Ann Arbor Road west of Haggerty, in Plymouth Township.

A Chevrolet Trailblazer and a Chevrolet Equinox in the lodge's parking lot were broken into within about a 15-minute span after 6 p.m. Saturday, as a wedding reception was taking place inside, according to Plymouth Township Police Department reports. A window on each vehicle had been broken and a purse was reported stolen from each, police said.

A purse with debit and credit cards, medicine and identification in it was reported stolen from the Equinox, police said, while a purse with medicine and identification in it was reported stolen from the Trailblazer.

Truck theft

A Ford F-150 pickup was reported stolen last week from a parking lot at AVL North America, an automobile power train engineering and testing company on Halyard west of Beck.

The owner told police he parked

the truck when he arrived for work at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 8 and noticed it was missing shortly after 8 p.m. the same day. Police said there was broken glass in the lot where the truck had been parked.

Wheels stolen

The wheels and tires were stolen last week from a 2013 Dodge Charger as it sat in the driveway of a house on Farmbrook Drive, south of Five Mile and west of Haggerty.

The complainant told police the theft occurred between 9 p.m. Aug. 7 and 7 a.m. the next day. A police report said the Charger was left sitting on paving blocks set under the rocker panels and on its front brakes. The lug nuts from the Charger's wheels were found scattered around the yard.

Car 'keyed'

A 2009 Lexus was vandalized Friday as it sat in a parking lot at Robert Bosch LLC, on Haggerty south of Five Mile.

The owner told police he found two long scratches to the car's right rear fender shortly after noon.

- By Matt Jachman

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Heroin possession

Canton police officers going to talk to a man about the theft of a charity jar from a Speedway gas station arrested him not only for the theft, but found him in possession of an undisclosed amount of heroin and arrested him for that, too.

The man, who according to police reports has a history of contact with the Canton Police Department, had also recently stolen a charity jar from another gas station.

When police arrived to talk to the man, they found him sitting on the porch of his Pocatello home, smoking. When asked about the theft of the charity jar from the Speedway, he without hesitation, according to the police report, admitted he'd used the money from the jar (some \$30) to pay his cell phone bill.

The suspect, who had three current Canton warrants, was placed into custody. During the arrest, officers searched the suspect and found a cylinder in his pocket they suspected contained heroin (tests later confirmed it).

The suspect became upset, according to reports, at the idea of going to prison for the heroin. He later developed chest pains and had to be taken to a local hospital. He was diagnosed as having suffered a panic attack, treated and returned to custody.

Hit and run

Police responded to a hit-and-run complaint after a woman claimed another driver hit her vehicle and then kept on going.

The woman said she

was headed to the Willow Run Air Show, driving westbound on Geddes, when she came to a stop at the stop sign at Denton. She said a white male driving a silver Ford Fusion pulled past the stop sign on northbound Denton and made a right turn directly at her stopped vehicle.

She said the Fusion clipped the front of her car (police found damage to the driver's side quarter panel), but the driver didn't stop or exchange information. She was able to get the car's license plate number and police traced the car to its owner.

According to the police report, the officers' first attempt to contact the suspect failed because he wasn't home. When they went back two hours later, the man said he wasn't driving the car, that it must have been his daughter. When confronted with the victim's statement it was a white male driving, the man admitted he'd been behind the wheel, but that the woman had pulled out in front of him.

Police, who noticed the smell of intoxicants on the man's breath, told him the evidence didn't support that version of the story. The man finally admitted he hit the vehicle and was ticketed for the hit and run. As to the smell of intoxicants, the man told police he hadn't been drinking at the time of the accident, but that the stress caused by the accident and led to him drinking part of a 40-ounce alcoholic beverage when he got home.

Lozenge larceny

Canton Police officers were dispatched to the Ford Road Walmart,

where loss prevention officers had a suspect in custody for retail fraud.

The loss-prevention officer told police he'd observed the suspect select a box of anti-smoking lozenges, worth some \$34, from the pharmacy department.

The LPO then followed the suspect to the grocery department, where the suspect placed the box of lozenges on a shelf and removed the individual lozenges from the box and put them in his pocket. The suspect then proceeded past all points of purchase.

The loss-prevention officer apprehended the suspect, who returned the merchandise.

Off-store drilling

Canton Police responded to the Home Depot on Michigan Avenue, where loss-prevention officers had a man in custody for allegedly stealing some drills.

The LPO told police he saw the suspect select four drills from the hardware section of the store and put them in his cart. The suspect then moved to the garden department, where he placed the drills on a flatbed cart and covered them with six bags of mulch.

After the man had trouble balancing the mulch on top of all four drills, the LPO said he left two drills beneath the mulch and put the other two on top. Proceeding to a checkout counter, he handed one drill to a sales associate, then paid for one drill and the six bags of mulch, but not the two drills concealed beneath the mulch.

The loss-prevention officer stopped the man and placed him in custody before calling Canton Police.

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Taste Fest

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 6, 6-8 p.m.
Location: Station 885, 885 Stark-weather in Plymouth's Old Village
Details: The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club and Station 885 sponsor Taste Fest, which will offer great food and wine tasting. Participants include Bahama Breeze, Bennigan's, Brann's Sports Grille, Canton Buffalo Wild Wings, Claddaugh Pub, Cupcake Station, Elite Catering, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizza & Ribs, LaBistecca Italian Grille, Max & Erma's-Plymouth, Mitchell's Fish Market, Noodles & Co., Rocky's of Northville, Rusty Bucket, Scrambler's Marie's, Station 885, U.P. Pasties, Vintner's Canton Winery, Zin Wine Bar and Zoup Soup Salad & Sandwiches. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 10.
Contact: Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Station 885 and at U.P. Pasties on Main Street. There will be a cash bar available.



Chili time

The 18th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Motorcycle Show takes place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6. The Chili Cook-off is sanctioned by the International Chili Society and features a traditional Red Chili, a Green Chili and a Salsa competition. People's Choice Chili samples will be available. The GLR Chili Bike Show is a ride-in show with 17 bike categories, including Harley and non-Harley classes. Interested competitors can contact Annette Horn at 734-776-9669.

Lacrosse camp

Date/Time: Aug. 19-21, 9 a.m. to noon
Location: Northville Community Park
Details: Northville Parks and Recreation is offering a summer lacrosse camp for boys and girls in grades 5-8. Cost is \$125. Camps are offered for boys and girls. Players have a chance to learn from coaches Jake Kenney, Princeton national championship team member, who will lead the boys camp, and Stacey Tardich, an All-America player and Northville High School varsity coach, who will lead the girls camp. Camp includes daily drills, instruction and scrimmages.
Contact: Registration is through Northville Parks and Recreation at www.northvilleparksandrec.org or email kkoupal@ci.northville.mi.us for more information.

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Contact: Call 734-981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html

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.

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Blood drives

Dates/Times/Locations:
 » 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., VFW 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.

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 Copenhaver at bgcopenhaver@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 OLGCC website at www.olgcparish.net. Register for the dinner online at

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.

Calling all crafters

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth Township
Details: Crafters wanted for Delta Kappa Gamma's 29th annual Craft Show. Proceeds from the show will be used to support college scholarships for local students focusing on careers in education.
Contact: Call or email Judy at 734-347-1001 or jbstone716@comcast.net or Alice at 248-348-9610 or dachrenko@hotmail.com.

Summit open house

Date/Time: Wednesday, Aug. 21, 5-8 p.m.
Location: Summit on the Park, Canton
Details: Heralding in new books, backpacks and beginnings, the Summit on the Park community and fitness center will host a back-to-school open house. During the open house, guests will be welcome to discounted Summit memberships, free swimming (7-9 p.m.), prize drawings, performances by Dancin' Feet Studio, American Okinawan Karate Academy and magician Magic Joe and face-painting courtesy of D&M Art Studio. Crusin' Custom Cones will also be on site serving hot dogs with chili.
Contact: For more information, call 734-394-5460.

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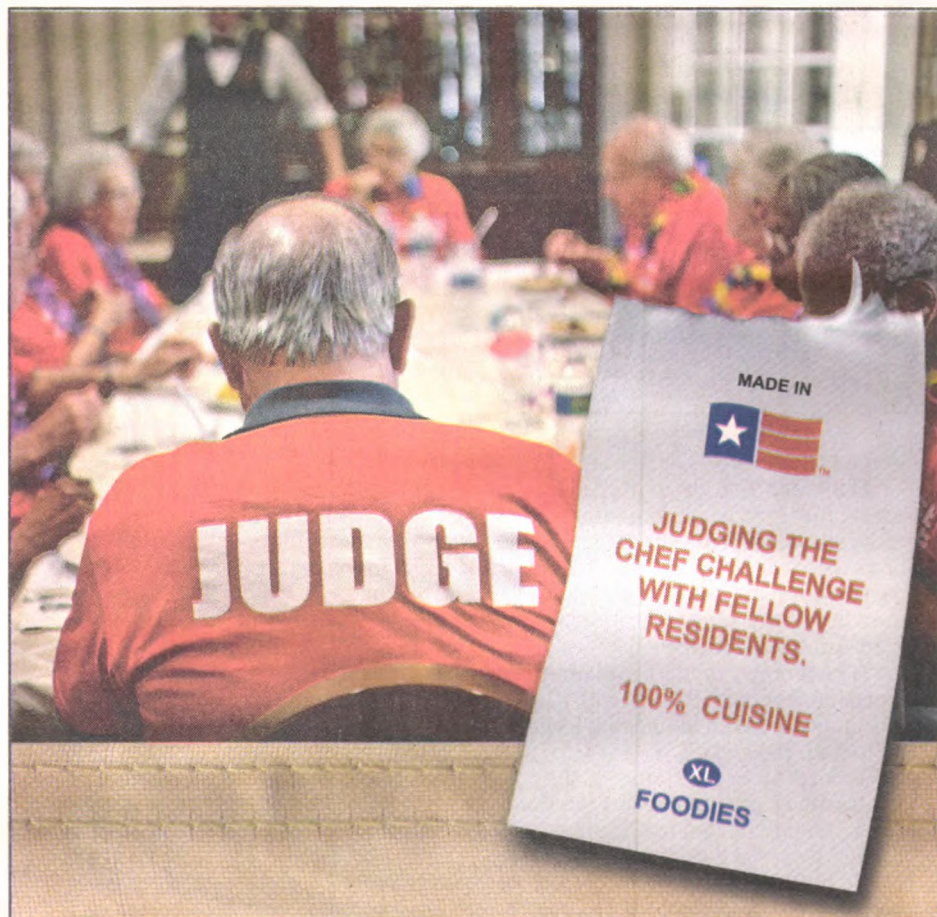
Date/Time: Sept. 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Suite 250, Canton
Details: United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified

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.

Perennial exchange

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 7, 9-11 a.m.
Location: East end of Kellogg Park



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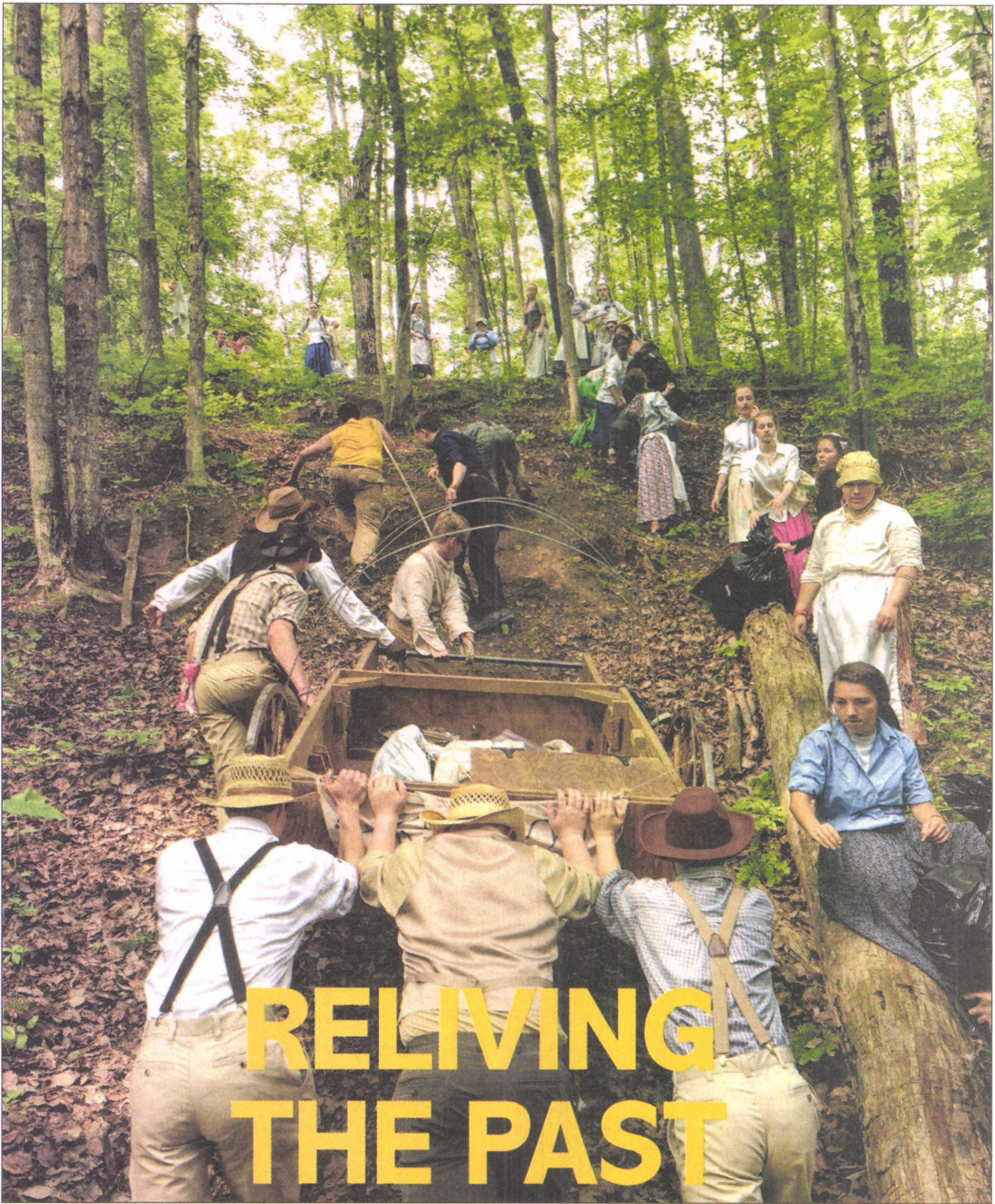
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RELIVING THE PAST

The teens formed a line to pass the contents of the cart up the hill before family members pushed it to the top.

Teens experience modern-day Mormon handcart journey

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

More than 100 teens from western Wayne County gave up the comforts of home to spend three days walking through the Boy Scouts' Cole Canoe Base in Alger, Mich., on a scaled-down version of a pioneer trek.

The teens wore pioneer garb and pulled handcarts filled with clothes and food to commemorate the 1,300-mile Mormon handcart trek in which members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints journeyed from Iowa City to Salt Lake City in 1847.

"I call it a media detox - no junk food, no electronics," said Dan Hill of Novi, who accompanied the teens. "They had to experience what it was like for the pioneers."



Hill

Once every four years, a three-day re-enactment - a Pioneer Trek - is conducted for teens ages 14-18 in the Westland Stake. The Stake, which includes wards, or congregations, extends from South Lyon on the west side, Livonia and Dearborn through the Downriver communities, Monroe, Romulus, Canton, Plymouth, Garden City and Westland.

The trek was held in late June and involved 110 teens and 30-40 adult leaders. The teens were organized into 11 families, each with a "Ma and Pa." They were dressed in pioneer clothes and packed their clothing and food into 3- by 4-foot wagons that they pulled or pushed on their journey.

The handcarts were replicas of

those used by pioneers. They were constructed by local church members, using wheels ordered from the Amish. The carts weighed an estimated 200 pounds; when loaded with the clothing and food for one of the families, the weight was closer to 500 pounds.

Remembrance

The trek is held every four years so that teens age 14-18 get to experience it at least once. According to Susan Mendenhall, of the Detroit Michigan Region Public Affairs for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, it is more a tradition of remembrance than an actual historically detailed enactment. It's intended to build faith, rather than merely be camping in pioneer clothes.

"The handcart pioneers and other pioneers who helped establish Salt Lake City have since become a defining part of Mormon history, providing examples of faith, effort and vision for those who came later," she said.

The trek was a series of interconnecting loops laid out in a more remote area of the Cole base. The "pioneers" spent their days pushing and pulling their carts and their nights sleeping under the stars.

"It was pretty rustic - no electricity, no TV, no phones," said Doug Baus of Novi, who with his wife Kathryn were a Ma and Pa. "My daughter Madeleine said it was actually refreshing."

"We found a lot of other things to do," Madeleine said. "We did a lot of singing."

According to Alyssa Gerard of Dearborn Heights, the pioneer stories shared by her Ma and Pa helped drive home the point about the trek.

"This trek made us depend on each other and rely on each other," she said. "And we started to depend on the Lord. Our ancestors relied on their faith to get through their pain. It was very spiritual."

Symbols of trek

At certain points along the trail, there were markers that were symbolic of the 1847 trek. Crossing the ravine symbolized the pioneers leaving civilization and



Zach Bryan, (from left), 14, Ashley Bryan, 16, and Rachel Lorenc, 15, all of Novi, became modern-day pioneers for the trek.

going into the wilds, Hill said.

The teens also encountered a makeshift grave, symbolizing the pioneers lost during the trek. The boys were also pulled away from the carts, representing the battalion of men the Army sought for the Mexican-American War.

"The pioneer women and children were left behind," Baus said. "That was hard to watch because we wanted to help the girls."

According to the Bausses, the adults never put their hands on the carts. The teens had to organize themselves and figure out who would push and who would pull. Faced with traversing the ravine, they were left to figure out how to get their carts down and up the other side.

"Everyone had their own opinion and one of the family members said, 'How about we pray?'" Madeleine said. "We bowed our heads and prayed and sure enough we came up with an idea and sure enough it worked."

"We took everything out of the carts and the girls passed the stuff up and down the ravine," said Egypt Byrd of Canton. "The guys brought the cart up and down the ravine, using ropes. It took over two hours."

'Layer of grit'

They also encountered drinking water that was yellow in color and reminded one teen of Gatorade. One referred to it as "bloody nose water," while another recalled having "a layer of grit" on her teeth the first time she drank it.

They ate lunch meat and cold sandwiches for lunch and chili and stew for dinner. The oatmeal for breakfast was "interesting," according to Byrd.

"It was oats and well water and a sprinkle of brown sugar," she said.

The third day was more of a reflection time for the teens. There was a solo area where they were

given letters from their parents and 45 minutes to themselves.

"They kind of miss their parents by then and what the parents say sinks in more there than at home," Hill said.

Looking back on the three days, Nate Byrd of Canton described it as the "best experience" of his life.

"My friends said why do it, three days with no phone," he said. "They said I was crazy, but I say they said that because they didn't go on it."

"I wasn't excited to go at first, but my mom urged me to go," added Jonny Dalton of Canton. "I'm glad I did."

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Family members Jacob Christensen of Canton (from left), Drew Thompson of South Lyon, Ben Yates of Livonia, Spencer Dyal of Canton, Sean Cartwright of Farmington Hills, Suzanne Barfuss of Plymouth and Ken Barfuss of Plymouth participated in the trek, held in late June.



Megan Wilkerson, 16, of Plymouth (left) and Jessica Farrell, 18, of Canton pull a cart used on the Pioneer Trek.

Youth symphony to hold open auditions

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Young musicians – from first-graders just beginning to play through the more-experienced high schoolers – are invited to try out for the 2013-14 season of the Detroit Metropolitan Youth Symphony, billed as one of the premier youth orchestras in Michigan.

Open auditions will be held Aug. 24 at Orchard United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills, where students will meet with a conductor from the Detroit MYS' four orchestras and play their instrument. The audition fee is \$30.

Practices are Saturday mornings, September through May. Most are held at NFHS. The 2013-14 season offers public performances at Clarkston High School, Ford Community



Open auditions for Detroit Metropolitan Youth Symphony are Aug. 24 in Farmington Hills.

and Performing Arts Center and Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

Detroit MYS, a nonprofit, volunteer-run organization, is in its 32nd year.

Judy Darby, who handles auditions and was formerly in charge of promotion and recruitment, said Detroit MYS draws students from through-

out the metropolitan area. Some 250 young musicians make up the four orchestras, which include Junior String, String, Concert and Symphony. Darby's daughter, Rebecca, is beginning her third season with the orchestra as a clarinetist.

Darby said Rebecca heard about MYS from a former

member who has since moved on to college. "We checked it out and, fortunately, she got in," Darby said. "And what really attracted me was how very well-run it is. I was just so impressed – it's very professional."

The organization, she explained, is to supplement rather than replace orchestras or

bands students are involved with at school. "The whole idea is love of music. If a student wants to play music that might be more challenging, look our way," Darby said.

Detroit MYS conductors are John Robertson, Geoffrey Benes, Victoria Halton and Kathleen Grimes. Each makes students feel "very comfortable and are very friendly," so youngsters needn't be intimidated or afraid of auditioning, Darby added.

Students accepted for MYS pay tuition ranging from \$230 to \$280.

Audition packets and more information are available at www.detroitmys.org. Darby also welcomes calls at (248) 684-6058.

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Watkins to lead county's mental health agency

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Northville resident and former state schools Superintendent Tom Watkins has been named president, CEO and executive director of the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency, the public mental health system serving the county and its largest city. The agency currently provides services for about 72,000 people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, serious emotional disturbance and substance-abuse disorders.

Watkins, who is currently the president of his own education consulting business, TDW and Associates, brings much experience to the job, having served as deputy director of administration, chief deputy and director of the state Department of Mental Health under Gov. Jim Blanchard. He also served as state superintendent of education under Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Watkins is looking forward to the job because he will be able to advocate for people who need a helping hand.

"This role captures my professional career, providing a voice for people who are often voiceless in our society," he said. "It puts me in the middle of the state's and nation's health care reform and taps my administrative, leadership and health care background and political skills in a way that can help people with mental illness, substance abuse and developmental disabilities. I cannot think of a higher calling in life."

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency is currently a Wayne County agency. However, it will be converted Oct. 1 into an authority similar to the Wayne County Airport Authority. The

authority will be run by a 12-member board. Six members will be appointed by the mayor of Detroit (or state-appointed emergency manager) and six will be appointed by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

Watkins said salary negotiations are still taking place. WCCMHA officials say Watkins was chosen because of his administrative experience and political background, but especially his reputation for helping people in need.

"I am looking forward to working with Mr. Watkins and the passion he brings for helping people overcome the obstacles they may face in life," WCCMHA Board Chairman George Gaines said in a news release.

James K. Haveman, director of the Michigan Department of Community Health, also praised the decision to hire Watkins.

"We are very pleased with the selection of Tom Watkins to lead this new

authority in Wayne County given his extensive background in health care," he said. "The wealth of knowledge and experience that Tom brings will be valuable as he works to bring better services to residents in Wayne County and to ensure they are receiving the best quality of care possible."

Watkins is a member of the Michigan's Economic Development

Corp. International board of advisers, the University of Michigan Confucius Institute board and has been recognized by the Chinese Association of Greater Detroit and the Detroit Chinese Business Association, among others, for his efforts to help build bridges with China. He is also a prolific freelance writer and has been a regular columnist in this newspaper.

Watkins said he is

excited to get started and work with the new authority board to help people who are mentally ill and developmentally disabled.

"It does not matter what ZIP code you live in – mental illness and developmental disabilities impact all families, directly or indirectly," he said.

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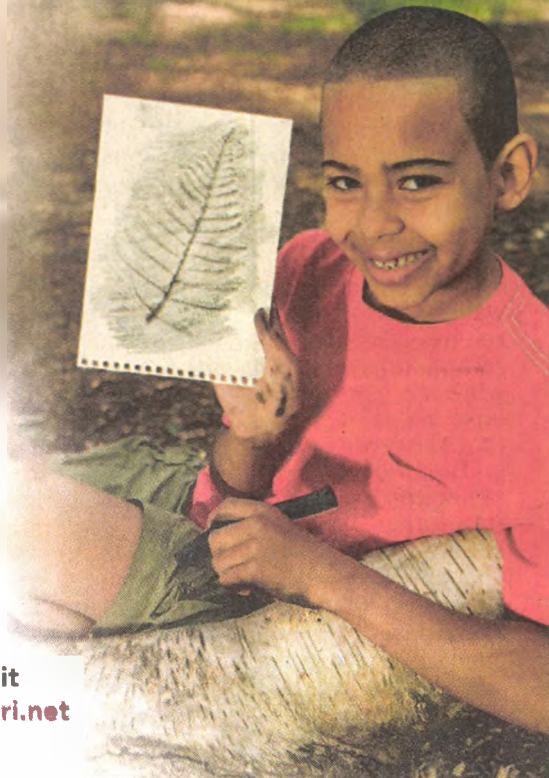
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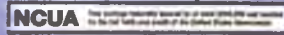
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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



A ribbon-cutting was held Saturday by Phenix Salon Suites to celebrate its grand opening. Family members, employees, chamber members and residents were all among the attendees.

Salon sets up shop in business-friendly Canton

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

Phenix Salon: We are a full-service, high-end beauty salon where our salon professionals are their own bosses.

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

Phenix Salon: After we closed our food confectionery business in Westland during the 2008 economic downturn, we were looking for the right opportunity to invest in Canton. The beauty industry seemed to make the most sense.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Phenix Salon: Canton is not only a highly progressive, fast-growing, business-friendly community, it is also our hometown.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Phenix Salon: Our clients get undivided attention and care in complete privacy.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Phenix Salon: We are seeing steady growth.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Phenix Salon: We are tracking with the economy.

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

Phenix Salon: Do your due diligence, pick something that makes sense to you and put your heart and mind into it.

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

Phenix Salon: Expansion.

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CHAMBER CHAT

After-Hours Mixer

Bailey's Pub & Grille hosts the next Canton Chamber of Commerce After-Hours Mixer 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15. Bailey's is located at 1777 N. Canton Center. The event is sponsored by Huntington Bank. RSVP by calling 734-453-4040.

Joint After-Hours Mixer

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a joint After-Hours Mixer with the Livonia Chamber of Commerce 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth.

Organizers said the event is an evening of "making valuable business contacts from both communities and gearing up for the fall." These joint events usually draw 80-100 people.

To RSVP, call 734-453-1540 or email teri@plymouthmich.org.

Golf outing deadline

The registration deadline is nearing for the Canton Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing, set for Thursday, Sept. 19, at Pheasant Run Golf Course, followed by an awards dinner.

Deadline to register is Friday, Aug. 16.

The chamber is offering the opportunity to promote local businesses by sponsoring this event. Again this year, golfers will participate in a Ryder Cup-style format (16-20 players per team) where golfers will have the opportunity to show off their skills. Chamber officials hail

the event as a "great way to reward employees or invite clients to network with fellow businesses and community leaders."

Find registration forms on the chamber website or call 734-453-4040 to sign up or for more information.

Development workshop

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its business development workshop, "Prospecting: How to build a plan to hit your goal," 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, in the chamber meeting room at the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in downtown Plymouth.

Organizers said prospecting is "one of those skills everyone needs to expand their client base, but one of the hardest to do." This workshop will show attendees how to build a cookbook approach to prospecting, unlike a typical salesperson. In the end, the steps and tactics presented at this workshop are designed to make prospecting more productive and therefore more enjoyable.

The presenter is Rich Austin, partner at Sandler Training Ann Arbor, who helps business owners change their culture from a passive, reactive model to an active sales model, where salespeople become assertive and comfortable not only prospecting, but learning low-pressure selling skills and building trusted adviser relationships.

RSVP by Aug. 23 to teri@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540.



New business

Michael Burkey, a professional dog trainer and dog behaviorist, has opened Michigan Dog Trainer at 1031 Cherry in Plymouth. Call 734-634-4152 to learn more about their training and class schedule.

Redford jeweler moves store to Plymouth area

Redford Jewelry & Coin, a fixture on Six Mile in Redford Township for nearly 30 years, has moved to a new, larger location within the Haggerty-Five Gateway Shopping Center at the northeast corner of Five Mile and Haggerty.

The new store measures more than 3,600 square feet and features Redford Jewelry & Coin's signature offerings, including diamonds, engagement rings, bracelets, earrings and watches, coupled with investment-grade coins and precious metals.

"We are just ecstatic about our move to the Plymouth-Northville area and are so excited

to be part of this growing community," Redford Jewelry & Coin owner Cathy Sciabassi said. "We had many wonderful years in Redford Township and established a well-known reputation for our customer service, quality products and expertise in jewelry and coins. We are looking forward to establishing a long-lasting relationship with the Plymouth-Northville community."

Redford Jewelry & Coin features an expert staff, including a master jeweler with more than 30 years experience in design and repair, and numismatists specializing in coins, precious metals and paper money. Redford Jewelry &

Coin, opened in 1984 in Redford Township, began with a dedication to its community and a commitment to providing the highest quality jewelry and expertise in coins and paper money. Staff members belong to the American Numismatic Association and are life members of the Michigan State Numismatic Society and the Retail Jewelers Organization.

For more information, visit the store at 15386 N. Haggerty Road, (northeast corner of Haggerty and Five Mile) in Plymouth, online at www.redfordjewelryandcoin.com or call 866-341-8617 or locally 734-667-1204.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Plymouth headquarters

Metro Consulting Associates, LLC, a full-service land surveying and civil engineering consultant, has relocated its headquarters from Belleville to Plymouth to accommodate the firm's growth.

The new office, located at 45345 Five Mile, will house approximately 50 employees, as well as a new Ecological Services division. MCA also announced the opening of a northern Michigan office, located at 830 E. Front Street in Traverse City.

According to MCA CEO Jeff Evans, "When we opened our doors in 2009, we were a much smaller workforce dealing with a recession. After several amazing growth years, we felt the time was right to expand our headquarters and open our third Michigan office in Traverse City."

Last year, MCA opened offices in Fort Wayne, Ind., and Westerville, Ohio. For more information, call 800-525-6016 or visit www.metroca.net

Business mixer

The August Business 2 Business Mixer, sponsored by Ribar Floral of Plymouth, takes place at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at the Showroom of Elegance, 6018 N. Canton Center, in Canton.

The mixers are designed as informal, non-structured, non-membership get-togethers of business owners in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia and surrounding areas. Owners meet monthly over snacks and beverages for informal networking and general socializing.

There are no fees and no groups to join. Attendees should bring business cards for exchanging with fellow business owners.

For more information, call 734-455-8722.

Coldwell hire

Kellie Smith and Cheryl Johnson are among new sales associates announced recently by Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel. Smith and Johnson will work in the firm's Plymouth office.

"We are pleased that these exceptional people have chosen Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel," said John North, CBWM COO. "We are always excited to welcome associates who share our core values of integrity, a passion for service, a positive attitude and a drive for results."

Founded in 1950, Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel is a Troy-based real estate brokerage with 15 offices and more than 400 real estate sales associates. For more information, visit www.cbwm.com.

Sara is 36 years old. She's at the top of her game at work and enjoys a little retail therapy on the weekends.



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MPSC: 'External forces' played part in Franks explosion

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Wayne city officials will most likely express to state lawmakers their disagreement with a Michigan Public Service Commission report that "external forces" played a part in a December 2010 natural gas explosion which leveled the W.C. Franks Furniture Store in Wayne, killing two employees and severely injuring the owner.

"I think the report is one-sided; there's a lot of unanswered questions," Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said.

"I'm not impressed with the report and I don't agree with it, but that doesn't make any difference in what happened. We can't bring those lives back."

The explosion occurred shortly after 9 a.m. Dec. 29, 2010.

The blast killed employees James Zell, 64, and Leslie Machniak, 54, both of Westland, and severely injured store owner Paul Franks of Plymouth Township, then 64.

In its report, the MPSC determined that the explosion occurred after natural gas found its way into the building through a sanitary sewer line and got into the building through a non-watertight sewer trap.



A Michigan Public Service Commission investigation has found that natural gas that caused the explosion Dec. 29, 2010, at the W.C. Franks Furniture store was able to get in through a sewer line. FILE PHOTO

Outside forces

MPSC investigators also concluded that outside forces did damage to the two-inch steel main located in the alleyway behind 35018 Chestnut St. and identified several contributing factors:

» The city of Wayne had installed an eight-inch sanitary sewer line parallel to and after construction of the affected gas main. Because of the close proximity, the construction most likely exposed the gas main, according to the report.

» A residential chain-link fence was installed after the construction of the affected gas main in multiple locations and exerted downward forces on the main.

» The footings for a poured concrete wall built by the city encased the gas main. No sleeve or conduit was used, causing the concrete

footing to prevent free movement of the pipe in the soil during the freeze and thaw cycle, according to the report.

Haidous bristled at the inference that the city did something wrong, pointing out that city records show the sewer is 70-75 years old and the wall was built 25 years ago to close off an alley. The gas line was installed in the 1940s, he said.



Franks

"If the pipe was damaged when the wall was put it, why did it take 25 years to show?" he said. "If that was the case, it would have shown up sooner."

The MPSC also found that Consumers Energy failed to follow regulations in its response before the explosion. If a "complete and thorough investigation" had been conducted by a Consumers employee responding to the first of two citizen calls about gas odors in the area, "immediate actions may have been taken to identify the source and extent of the leak and evacuate the area until conditions were made safe," the report stated.

Will pay fine

Consumers Energy has agreed to pay \$90,000 in fines in regard to the Franks explosion, as well as a \$340,000 fine levied by the MPSC related to an explosion in Royal Oak in February that killed Daniel Malczynski, 58, and damaged 30 homes.

The utility also reached an agreement to use \$1 million to create a Natural Gas Incident Response Fund to help victims of natural gas disasters and to fund improved training and safety practices for utility workers and first

responders in Michigan. State Attorney General Bill Schuette pursued the settlement following the Royal Oak explosion.

"It's not good enough to just respond to victims after the fact. We must do all we can to ensure mistakes of the past are not repeated," Schuette said.

Consumers Energy officials, in a statement, said the utility "fully accepted" the MPSC's findings and the fines announced by both the regulator and Schuette.

"As we've said previously, these incidents failed to meet our standards or the standards expected by our customers across Michigan," the statement read.

The furniture store, founded by William and Betty Franks in 1963, operated out of its warehouse in Wayne after the explosion for almost two years before closing for good in December 2012. In 2011, Franks and the families of Zell and Machniak reached a confidential settlement after suing Consumers Energy.

"The loss of life, in my opinion, was a big loss and \$90,000 or \$9 million can't replace that," Haidous said.

"The commission should be more sensitive to everybody and be more professional and careful about how they affect people and the city."

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Missing Canton man died of natural causes

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Matthew Morris, a 36-year-old Canton man whose body was found April 1 in a marshy area on Westland's far west side, died of natural causes, a Wayne County Medical Examiner's report concluded.

"There was absolutely no sign of any foul play or trauma to the body,"

Mary Mazur, a Wayne County spokeswoman, said Tuesday.

Morris, who was missing for nearly three months after he disappeared from his Village Square apartment near Ford and Lotz roads, died from heart failure.

"He died of heart disease, specifically from sudden death syndrome," Mazur said. "He had a vascular condition



Morris

due to clogged arteries. He died of natural causes."

Friends of Morris, hoping he

would be found alive, had circulated fliers with his picture after he had gone missing Jan. 13. His car had been found in the Emagine Theater park-

ing lot in Canton, raising initial concerns he might have become a victim of foul play.

Westland police notified Canton authorities April 1 after a group of surveyors found Morris' body in a marshy area near an industrial building on the north side of Ford Road, east of the Walmart store, Canton police Lt. Dave Schreiner has said.

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OUR VIEW

50 years later, we have yet to fulfill King's dream

Later this month, the nation marks the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s *I Have a Dream* speech, a speech that is often credited with pressuring Congress into passing the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

On Aug. 28, 1963, Dr. King stood at a podium in front of the Lincoln Memorial and spoke about his dream.

The speech came at the end of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. More than 250,000 people stood before King and listened to his assessment of the status of blacks in America from the Emancipation Proclamation, issued in January 1863, to the push for civil rights 100 years later.

For King, the Emancipation Proclamation broke the shackles of slavery for millions of Negroes, but the freedom that decree supposedly brought had not materialized. One hundred years later, blacks still did not have their freedom. They remained "crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination."

His speech became known as the *I Have a Dream* speech and in the 50 years since he delivered it, it has become one of the most quoted and most read speeches of modern times. King eloquently painted a verbal picture of a life where color was absent, where all people were equal, and everyone shared in the American dream.

The civil rights movement of the 1960s succeeded in getting the federal government to do more to fight poverty and create opportunities for African Americans to get a college education. The racial equality that it brought to America was short-lived, and 50 years later, the gap between blacks and whites remains.

In his speech, King said that 100 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, "the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land."

Add on another 50 years.

As much as we would like to think that some of King's dream has come true, sadly, the color line remains. It may not be as obvious as in 1863 or even 1963, but it is still here. In a report in *Business Insider* in April 2013, two professors, John Logan and Brian Stults, identified the 21 most segregated cities in the country using 2010 U.S. Census data. The two men determined that "the average black person lives in a neighborhood that is 45 percent black. Without segregation, his neighborhood would be 13 percent black."

Of the 21 cities identified, more than half were north of the Missouri Compromise Line that divided the country prior to the Civil War. In the top 10, according to Logan and Stults, are the northern cities of Boston, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Newark and Milwaukee. The No. 1 spot went to Detroit, where they described the inner city as "almost exclusively black."

King's dream 50 years ago was aimed at African Americans who, 100 years after being freed from slavery, were fighting for those unalienable rights spoken about in the Constitution. It is a dream we all need to embrace. The color of a person's skin should not determine whether they are a have or a have not. Nor should it limit their ability to live in a nice neighborhood, have a good education and a decent job.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan told Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to tear down the Berlin Wall. It happened two years later. In 2013, we need to commit to tearing down the color barrier that impedes our progress as a people and as a nation. We, too, need to tear down the wall that continues to divide us. We need to walk the walk and talk the talk to secure equal rights for every American. Only then can we preach equality to the world.

Now is the time that we all need to get that mountain top. "Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood." Securing equal rights is a challenge we must face now not later. We truly can't wait another 50 years.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to deliver his famous speech.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your favorite form of exercise?

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



"Swimming with the little one. I kind of put a little routine together myself."

Amber Druc
Zephyr Hills, Fla.



"Probably walking the dog. Twice a day, I try, at least."

Pete Byle
Canton Township



"Swimming. I swim at Lifetime Fitness in Canton."

Clare Rogers
Plymouth Township



"I like to run."

Tyler Zonca
Livonia

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DIA Detroit centerpiece

A drive down Woodward will give you an interesting picture of what Detroiters value. The tranquil redeveloped riverfront, with its gardens, fountains and public artwork, begins the thoroughfare of the financial district's skyscrapers and trendy office space.

The serene Campus Martius, the cafes, Comerica Park and the historic theaters eventually trail off into the blighted neighborhoods, empty factories and neglected lots we're all accustomed to seeing on the news.

Yet just further north, the cityscape transforms: the cultural spirit of Detroit, the museums, cathedrals, galleries and music halls form the supporting roles of Michigan's greatest cultural treasure for more than a century: the Detroit Institute of Arts.

I remember taking three city buses downtown to take an art class at the DIA on Saturday mornings. At the same time came the decreased support from Lansing, the white flight, Mayor Young's infamous statement "It's our turn now" and riots that led us down the path of de facto segregation, economic inequality, political disintegration and now bankruptcy.

Yet despite all these years and hardships, the DIA has remained the truly unbreakable link between Detroiters and residents of surrounding suburbs. The threats facing the DIA should be our wake-up call.

We tend to look at the city of Detroit's Chapter 9 bankruptcy as another external financial

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crisis, one in which the arts are yet again the forefront of the sacrifice needed to be made for stability. This is not one of those cases. Our culture is not a bargaining tool for greedy Wall Street creditors that failed to see the risk in Detroit's junk bonds.

We all have an incentive for the economic prosperity of the city of Detroit and the DIA is a major focal point for these shared interests. Thriving urban centers not only support world-class culture and museums, those institutions give life to their communities as well. For well over a century, the DIA has served this purpose, to exist as the cultural beacon of the state of Michigan and linking everyone together - black and white, rich and poor - through art.

From 2001-12, Michigan decreased funding for the arts

from \$21 million to \$2.1 million, which led the nation. We have a shared interest in every Michigan citizen's artistic expression in the rich culture Michigan has to share with the world.

We cannot turn away from Detroit because we live in the suburbs. The division between the city and suburbs has gone on for too long. We all have an incentive for the economic prosperity of the city of Detroit and the DIA is the centerpiece for our shared interests.

Natalie Mosher
Canton

Bleating and blustering

I read Mr. Smith's recent letter with amusement and not a small amount of confusion. Is he attacking a Plymouthite for expressing his First Amendment rights or hoisting the liberal banner of praise for President Obama? I have no problem with Mr. Smith expressing his political beliefs, but I take great issue with his description of a local businessman as lazy, gullible or dishonest. These kinds of ad hominem attacks and mudslinging are pathetic.

Mr. Smith has cherry-picked numerous statistics to bolster his argument supporting the president. He has ignored many others. GDP growth in this country hovers around 2 percent, with no signs of improvement.

Buddy, you can support the president all you wish and I applaud you for it. The rest of us should be similarly allowed to express our beliefs and opinions.

John Rosengren
Commerce

STAFF COLUMN

What I've learned from reality TV

A few weeks ago, PBS made a startling announcement: unlike the major networks, it posted an increase in viewers among the elusive 18-49 age group. That's right, the network most clearly associated with the excellent British drama series *Downton Abbey* is gaining viewers, while the likes of ABC, CBS and NBC are wondering where they've gone.

One report linked the resurgence in interest in PBS to its highly touted, Emmy-winning *Abbey* and Mitt Romney's call to end funding for Public TV, which rallied support among the *Sesame Street* generation. The observation was that PBS has attracted viewers without "dumbing down" its programming. It is sticking to its tried-and-true formula of offering viewers quality programs, a novel idea, considering what's out there in TV land.

In 1961, Newton Minow, then chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and the man who coined the phrase, "vast wasteland," described TV as "... a procession of game shows, violence, audience participation shows, formula comedies about totally unbelievable families, blood and thunder, mayhem, violence, sadism, murder, western bad men, western good men, private eyes, gangsters, more violence and cartoons."

Minow described the commercials as "screaming, cajoling and offending," and said "you will see a few things you will enjoy. But they will be very, very few."

Today's reality

Hmm, sounds like TV today, but instead on a few channels, there's hundreds and quantity doesn't necessarily translate into quality. We still have some formula comedies, totally unbelievable families and an assortment



Sue Mason

the good guy-bad guy shows, but the biggest glut is in reality TV.

Back when Minow was around, reality TV was the nightly news. There was no 24/7 news and not nearly as many talk shows.

Weather was part of the news, not a channel unto itself, and sports was what was happening in your town, although Jim McKay did introduce us to the "thrill of victory and the agony of defeat" with the *Wide World of Sports*.

But ever since CBS dropped the gauntlet with *Survivor*, its glorified do-anything-and-everything to win the \$1 million prize show, the networks have been in overdrive coming up with their own new - and not so improved - shows.

Just about every cable channel has reality TV shows to assault your senses. You can go from the heat of the kitchen to the murky swamps of Louisiana, hang out with a group of out-of-control teens who need a major timeout or be reassured that rooms filled with books don't make you a hoarder.

Even newscasts are getting caught up in reality TV. Granted, the major networks have held fast to reporting the news, but some of the local reporters have resorted to theatrics and concocting their own news to entertain viewers. They no longer report the news, they make the news.

Lesson learned

I will admit I have watched some reality TV and have decided to compile a short list of things I have learned from my

channel-surfing, like:

» There is a no good reason whatsoever to go into the wilds stark naked. Put on a fig leaf, for God's sake.

» The f-word really can be used as an adjective in talking about cooking.

» Les Gold needs to fire Seth and Ashley Gold or get them into therapy. They're giving sibling rivalry a bad name.

» Shipping containers and storage lockers are not the best place to shop, especially with a guy who says "Yup!"

» You don't need a family intervention because you have a glass of wine at dinner.

» Having a case of toilet paper and 10 boxes of pasta in the pantry doesn't constitute being a prepper.

» Serial killers are really good guys whose hobby just happens to be murder and mayhem.

The sad part of all this is that we watch these shows. We get emotionally involved in people who, if we met them on the street, we'd ignore. And the more we watch these shows, the more the TV folks produce. We have bought into bad TV programming and, until we change our ways, we'll continue to get it.

Network types should heed Minow's words. Television is a vast wasteland and will continue to be one until these shows have run their course. Unfortunately, reality TV will be replaced by another inane idea.

It took more than 10 years to get to this reality; I hope it doesn't take another 10 years to escape it. Until then, I'm sticking with PBS ... and some of Sheldon Cooper's (*The Big Bang Theory*) "Bazinga."

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90-year-old dances through busy life

Livonia resident helps at airport

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

Great Scot! She's a busy woman – and she's just turned 90 years old. Flora Murray, a native of Dundee, Scotland, and a resident of Livonia, keeps busier than many people half her age.

And a big part of what she does is volunteer to help others, including more than 15 years working at Detroit's Metro Airport in Romulus as an Airport Ambassador. As an ambassador, she helps stranded, lost and confused passengers, among many other duties.

"I love it," she said of her job. "I love the idea of helping people."

"She's a people person," said Fran Wood, customer service coordinator for the Wayne County Airport Authority. "Here at the airport, you meet people from all over the world." Wood said Murray has been honored three years in a row with the President's Volunteer Services Award. Also, the Livonia City Council will be presenting a proclamation to Murray in honor of her 90th birthday at 7 p.m. Sept. 9 at a city council meeting, according to Wood.

Murray works four or five hours one day a week in the North Terminal at Metro at a job that can often be hectic. "I like it when it's busy," she said. She began working for the Airport Ambassadors in April 1998.

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Answer lady

Some of the questions she answers are how to find luggage, where the ticket office is, how to get to the McNamara Terminal. On some occasions, she has even had to



Flora Murray of Livonia helps travelers as an Airport Ambassador at the North Terminal at Detroit's Metro Airport. FRAN WOOD

help people who arrive at Metro and actually have nowhere to go. In some cases, passengers arrive with no transportation, hotel reservations or money.

Murray goes to work trying to find some way to help them. She finds them hotels. Sometimes, she reconnects families who can't find each other in the airport.

She tells the story of a couple she helped who had a lot of luggage and the wife was in a wheelchair. The husband was very agitated and worried they would miss their flight. Murray eventually left her station and took the wife up the elevator to the gate herself, while the husband went on ahead. Then, wouldn't you know it, they came back from their trip on a day she was working, she said with a laugh.

Murray has lots of laughs when she relates the experiences of her life. Like the time when she was in her 80s, when



Flora Murray of Livonia enjoys some fun at Cinco De Mayo at Detroit Metro Airport.

she was asked to come up and dance on stage while vacationing in Cancun. "She likes to have fun," Wood said. In fact, she still takes a trip every year to Cancun with her daughter.

She can dance

Murray says she has always liked to dance and she ended up meeting her first husband at a dance club in Scotland. She became a war bride at the age of 21 after meeting a U.S. merchant marine who was in Scotland as part of his tour of

duty. After they married, he brought her to his home state of Pennsylvania, where they had a son. Eventually, things didn't work out and she ended up divorcing him.

She went back to Scotland with her young son, but decided to make a return trip to the U.S. about three years later. As luck would have it, before leaving Scotland, a friend asked her to take a letter to a friend who had been injured and was recovering in a New York hospital.

She thought about mailing it or just dropping it off at the hospital reception desk, but the nurse on duty urged her to visit William Murray, also a native of Scotland, who was hospitalized with extensive injuries after an elevator accident.

"That's how we met," Murray says of her second husband. After they met, her phone rang every day and cards came every day, she said. They ended up being married for 39 years; they lived in New York and had a daughter together. "It was meant to be," she said. "He was such a wonderful, wonderful person." He died in 1986.

Moves to Michigan

After his death, she moved to Plymouth in 1988 to be near her son, who lives in Canton. Later she moved to Livonia, where she enjoys a busy, active life.

From the Senior Olympics, where she has won eight gold medals in bocce ball and hopes to compete in this week, to line dancing to being a member of Singles Over Sixty at the Livonia Senior Center, she hasn't let her age slow her down. She exercises at the senior center, walks in the mall every day and drinks eight glasses of water a day.

Murray also stays active with volunteer work. She volunteers at the senior center and the Livonia Police and Fire departments. "I am also a volunteer with the Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia and an

election inspector for the city of Livonia," she said.

She said she loves helping others, like when she sees an older person struggling along at the airport and she tries to help. "It might happen to me someday," she said.

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Ready to challenge the world

Local baseball players set for international event

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The term "travel baseball" will take on a whole new meaning for a handful of top-notch Observerland-area athletes beginning this week – with an emphasis on travel.

Beginning Thursday, four Garden City teenagers and one each from Canton and Bloomfield Hills will forge their baseball talents with six other players on the Detroit entry in the International Children's Games, which will be hosted by Windsor-Essex, Ontario.

Also represented in the four-

day sports festival will be baseball teams from Japan, Canada, Pakistan and Merion, Ind.

Rich in tradition, the first International Children's Games took place in Celje, Slovenia, in 1968. The ICG were founded by Yugoslavian professor Metod Klemenc, whose goal was to create an event that fostered a better understanding among children of different cultural backgrounds.

The Games, which are officially recognized by the International Olympics Committee, have attracted more than 35,200 participants representing 74 countries since their inception 45 years ago. They are believed to be the largest gathering of

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Observerland-area travel baseball players (from left) Troy Saruna, Alex Centofanti, Dakota Mahkimetass, Ryan Radwan and Tyler Kelly will be representing Detroit in this week's International Children's Games. ED WRIGHT

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.

Tee 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).

Heroes on Hines races

Wayne County Parks will sponsor its first Heroes on Hines half-marathon and 5-kilometer races Saturday, Oct. 5 with proceeds going toward the creation and maintenance of the First Responders Memorial to be erected at Hines Drive and Haggerty.

The half-marathon starts at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K at 8:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by Running Fit and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The cost is \$49 (half-marathon) and \$29 (5K) if registered by Sept. 5. The cost is \$34 (5K) and \$59 (half) if registering Sept. 6 through Oct. 3.

For more information, visit www.heroesonhines.com.

Wrestling at VFW post

The Midwest Pro Wrestling Alliance will be taping four episodes of its Collision card for WMYD-TV (Channel 20) beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, at the VFW Post No. 6896, 28945 Joy Road, Westland.

Doors open at 2 p.m. and the event is free.

The card is scheduled to air Sunday, Oct. 6.

For more information, visit MPWA.wrestling.com.

Sox's Haeger is armed for the long haul

CC grad bounces back from Tommy John elbow surgery

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Charlie Haeger feels he has a lot of baseball left – even with his recent surgically repaired right arm.

And being a knuckleball pitcher, the shelf life is perhaps greater than a guy throwing 90 mph-plus with the less wear and tear on the arm.

Coming off Tommy John surgery performed in 2012 by famed sports surgeon Dr. James Andrews, the 29-year-old former Detroit Catholic Central High ace has moved back up the ladder to the Boston Red Sox Triple-A affiliate in Pawtucket after a Double-A stint in Portland, Maine.

Tommy John is known in medical practice as ulnar collateral ligament reconstruction. It's a surgical graft procedure in which the ulnar collateral ligament in the medial elbow is replaced with a tendon from elsewhere in the body.

"The surgery was easy and the rehab was really easy," said the 29-year-old Haeger, who sat out the 2012 season. "Surprisingly, I never had any kind of setback, or any kind of soreness really during the rehab process. I was amazed and I was surprised. I thought I was going to get some sort of soreness. So when I started throwing, it just kind of came the way I've always thrown. It was no different arm slot or speed. I was throwing full bullpens after 9½ months."

The 6-foot-1, 210-pound Haeger, who was a 13th-round pick

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Catholic Central grad Charlie Haeger, a knuckleballer, remains in the Red Sox farm system with Triple-A Pawtucket. BRITA MEN OUTZEN | BOSTON RED SOX



Vortices, owned by Chris Saxton of Plymouth, had the highest combined point total for the three races on lakes Michigan, Huron and Superior.

Summer of fun

Plymouth's Saxton wins Barthel Trophy as best at the Tri-Lakes Challenge

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

It's been a very busy, but fun, summer for Chris Saxton of Plymouth, whose hobby is competitive sailboat racing. Winning helped make it so.

Saxton and his boat, Vortices, recently captured the Barthel Trophy as the overall points winner in the Tri-Lakes Challenge, involving the three major races on the Great Lakes.

Their victory in the Trans Superior Sailboat Race Aug. 3-7 clinched first place for Saxton and the 10-man crew of the J145 Vortices.

The race is the longest on the Great Lakes, covering 330 nautical miles from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, to the western end of Lake Superior at Duluth, Minn.

"It was our first time in that race, on that lake," Saxton said, adding a lot of people don't enter the race. "It's colder sailing. It certainly can be rougher. A lot of people just don't want to be out on Lake Superior."

"It was cold. We probably looked like a cross between sailors and snowmobilers. We had hats on on and layers of clothing. You have to try to stay warm, because you spend the majority of time out in the



Members of the Vortices crew are (front row, from left) Jim Thompson, Chris Balliet and Marc Russell; (middle row, from left) Rob Linden, Scott Schaupter, Todd Riley, David Skupien and Matt Dennis and (back row, from left) Chris Saxton and John Hayes. All are from the Grosse Pointes, with the exception of Balliet (Holland), Russell (Northville) Linden (Columbus, Ohio) Saxton (Plymouth) and Hayes (San Rafael, Calif.).

elements. We take it pretty seriously."

Vortices also finished second in its class (Shore Course, PHRF D Class) in the July 20-22 Port Huron to Mackinac Island race, and it was previously fourth in class in the Chicago to Mackinac race.

"We did both Macks and the Trans Superior and we had a nice finish in every race," Saxton said. "It was a really nice season for us. It was a good year on the water."

"After you've done two or three of those races, sooner or later, you do have to go to

work."

Saxton, who owns his own business, estimates the boat traveled 2,100 miles for the three events, nearly half of which involved moving the boat into position for the races.

He and Todd Riley, a member of the Vortices crew who is more like a co-captain, according to Saxton, won a double-handed race from Port Huron to Rogers City, while Vortices also placed second this summer in a race on Lake Erie.

"It's a great thing to have

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

KLAA Soccer Classic

High school football isn't the only sport gearing up for another season.

Boys soccer will take center stage all day Saturday at Independence Park in Canton for a KLAA Soccer Clinic featuring varsity and junior varsity teams from six schools.

All of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams are competing, along with those from Brighton, Okemos and Grand Blanc. But according to the event schedule, Canton, Plymouth and Salem are not squaring off for any of the 50-minute, running-time scrimmages.

Games are slated for fields 3, 5 and 8, from 9 a.m. until the final contests begin at 2 p.m.

Salem teams (JV and varsity) will compete on Field 3 against Brighton (9 a.m., 10 a.m.), Okemos (11 a.m., noon) and Grand

Blanc (1 p.m., 2 p.m.). On Field 5 will be Canton JV and varsity teams, facing Grand Blanc (9 a.m., 10 a.m.), Brighton (11 a.m., noon) and Okemos (1 p.m., 2 p.m.). Plymouth will go to work on Field 8 against Okemos (9 a.m., 10 a.m.), Grand Blanc (11 a.m., noon) and Brighton (1 p.m., 2 p.m.).

Independence Park is located off Denton Road, south of Cherry Hill Road.

Need tennis coach

Wayne Memorial High School needs a boys varsity tennis coach for the 2013 fall season. Interested candidates should contact Greg Ambrose at 734-419-2214 or email ambroseg@wwcs.k12.mi.us.

Franklin girls tennis

Girls interested in playing high school tennis for Livonia Franklin during the 2013-14 school year are asked to contact coach Rick Clack at 734-

945-5762 or email him at clack@comcast.net.

Potential players are asked to leave their name and contact number in a voice message. There is off-season conditioning and off-season play during the summer and school year before the season.

Learn To Skate

Livonia Parks and Recreation will offer a seven-week Learn To Skate (Session I) on Mondays, Sept. 9 through Oct. 21, at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile, just west of Farmington Road).

Monday's class schedule includes: 5-5:25 p.m. (new, Snowplow Sam 1, 2 or 3; Basic 1 and intro to synchronized skating); 5:25-5:50 p.m. (Basic 1-8); 6-6:25 p.m. (new, Snowplow Sam 1, 2 or 3; Basic 1-3); 6:25-6:50 p.m. (hockey skills with no sticks or pucks used).

The fee is \$66 (Livonia residents) or \$69 (nonresidents). All classes and time slots are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Free skate rental is available.

The registration deadline and early enrollment for last year's skaters is Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Livonia Community Rec-

reation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48154. (There will be a \$10 late fee beginning Aug. 22.) You can also fax to 734-466-2679.

Registration for new students or missed mail-in will be from 6:30-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the LCRC.

Other learn to skate classes offered include Session 2, Oct. 28 to Dec. 16 (pre-registration deadline Oct. 16); and Session 3, Jan. 1 to March 3, 2014 (pre-registration deadline Jan. 1).

Ice show rehearsal will be held March 9-29 with show dates March 28-29. For more information, call 734-266-2412.

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

The St. Edith athletic program is accepting registrations for its CYO fall soccer teams. Boys and girls entering grades 4-8 are eligible.

The program is open to those who attend St. Edith, St. Colette, St. Aidan and St. Kenneth parishes. For more 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.

Train with Tami golf

PGA professional Tami Bealert will offer a series of new summer and fall classes including Get Golf Ready, Get Golf Ready 2, ladies clinics and golf lessons at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The ladies clinics will be 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 15 and 22. (Invite a friend, sister, mother or daughter and receive a \$10 Golfsmith coupon.) The cost is \$25 for each one-hour class.

Returning 2013 customers will receive a \$5 Train With Tami coupon for more lessons.

Course management, private one-on-one or small group lessons are also available by appointment. Private one-hour family lessons are also offered. For an appointment and pricing, call 734-731-0238.

Juniors (16-and-under) can also play golf for free with a paying adult or guardian after 6 p.m. Monday through Friday or after 5 p.m. Saturdays or Sundays. (You must present certificate from www.HickoryCreekGolf.com to receive discount.)

Also, Try Tami's Tri is a 5-kilometer run-walk, 20k bike and golf scramble beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, at Hickory Creek.

For more information, visit www.TrainWithTami.com.

10U Blue Knights

The 10U Blue Knights will have tryouts for the 2014 summer baseball season at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays, Aug. 17 and 24, at Bedford Woods Park, 29500 Lathrup Boulevard, Southfield.

Eligible players must be 10 years of age prior to May 1, 2014.

Indoor training will begin in January and run through March. Outdoor practice will begin in April. Once the roster is set, there will be approximately four fall practices and possibly some scrimmages.

Contact coach Dennis Paryaski at dennisparryaski@gmail.com for more information or to confirm your attendance.

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COLLEGE SOCCER PREVIEW

Larson likes what he sees so far in Ocelots

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Nine training sessions in, Schoolcraft College men's soccer coach Rick Larson has already gotten a pretty good gauge on his 2013 team.

"Solid level, excellent depth inside our roster and inside of our positions," said Larson, who has guided the Ocelots to seven straight Michigan Community College Athletic Association titles. "We have really good leadership in the right positions. We just don't have as talented of players as a Chris Long, Ardit

(Dushkaj), guys like that. But who knows what a year and some games is going to do for these guys in terms of their effectiveness inside the game?"

Key losses off last year's 15-3-1 NJCAA Region 12 runner-up team, which posted a No. 13 final national ranking, included Dushkaj (seven goals, 11 assists), a Livonia Clarenceville product who was named second-team NJCAA All-American; Long, a Livonia Stevenson grad now playing at Western Michigan; and goalkeeper Tom Durette, who is redshirt-

ing at the University of Indianapolis.

Dushkaj was eligible to return for a second season, but did not meet NJCAA academic requirements, according to the eighth-year coach.

Among the returning starters entering their sophomore season for the Ocelots include defenders Tom Ashmore (Farmington High) and Mustafa Reychnouni (Dearborn Heights/Keystone National, Pa.) and forward Romario Georgis (Warren Cousino).

Other sophomore returnees include midfielder Mike Bojovic

(Northville); midfielder Derek Boatright (Redford/University of Detroit Jesuit); midfielder Anthony Abraham (White Lake Lakeland); forward Rob Ramirez (Caracas, Venezuela); and goalkeeper Ryan Tikey (Livonia Franklin).

Sean Simney (Novi), who played for the Ocelots in 2007, returns after a six-year hiatus to challenge Tikey for the starting keeper spot.

"We also have a transfer kid that we're not sure if he will become eligible or not," Larson said of his goalie situation. "So there's a couple

... you know how it goes in junior college sometimes."

Among the promising are three players from Canton High, including Daniel Ovesea, a freshman forward; Nathan Bergeson, a redshirt freshman forward; and Tyler Wittingham, a freshman defender.

Also in the mix, according to Larson, is sophomore midfielder Vincente Jaramillo-Preciado (Detroit Southwestern), a transfer from the University of Detroit Mercy, and Leandro Dedndreaj (Sterling Heights), a freshman

forward who will return later this week after a stint this summer with the Albanian Under-19 National Team.

Larson remains optimistic as the Ocelots open their season Friday, Aug. 23 at Muskegon Community College followed by a Saturday, Aug. 25, match at Lake Michigan CC.

"I think this team is more willing to do the things we ask them to do," Larson said. "And that's not slighting last year's team at all. I just really think there's a really good group guys that are here."

SAILING

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these Great Lakes and it's a real privilege to be able to sail up them and enjoy what Michigan has to offer that you don't get anywhere else," Saxton said. "It's just beautiful.

"It was unusually cold on Lake Superior. The water temperature was 45 to 51, maybe a little warmer. You can have a pretty warm day on land and, if you're out on the water in the middle of the lake, it's not going to be much warmer than the water temperature."

To win the three-lake, overall title, it used to be boats had to sail the long course around Cove Island in the Port Huron to Mackinac race, Saxton said.

After much discussion about that in the sailing community, it was changed. Many other boats opted for the Shore Course this year, so Saxton and his team decided that was where they needed to be, too.

"The combined score on the three races is awarded against the overall," he said. "We felt we needed to do the Shore Course to be in the running for the best

score in all three."

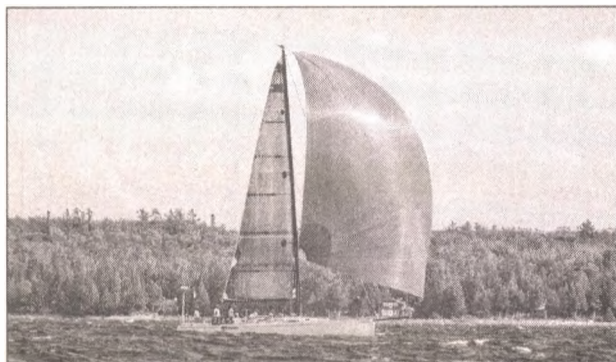
Vortices was the first to finish in the Performance Handicap Racing Factor D Class at 5:05 p.m. July 21 after nearly 27 hours, 16 minutes on Lake Huron, but it was overtaken based on corrected time by Karma Police, which finished at 6:18 p.m.

"We led them until the last 15 miles," Saxton said. "That boat on point of sail is extremely fast and we just couldn't hold them off. That's an example where we were in their air and they were able to trump us there.

"In the first part of the race, we were faster and had more water line. We were upwind and it was rougher, so we put a fair amount of time on them. But they had their conditions from Alpena in.

"We were still in first for probably half that distance, but they were eating away at that pretty fast. They averaged two to three knots faster for that whole stretch. That's a smaller boat, but very fast off the wind."

In sailboat racing, especially on the Great Lakes where the winds might shift direction and speed frequently, a lot can change in a hurry, according to Saxton. Furthermore, the handi-



Vortices, with its spinnaker catching the wind, nears the finish line in the Port Huron to Mackinac Island race July 21.

cap system is the great equalizer, he added.

Saxton's boats have caught up and overtaken others, just as Karma Police did. That was the case on Lake Superior, when Vortices passed several bigger boats in the right wind conditions.

"It's not one race; it's multiple races," he said. "All of a sudden, the air fills in behind you and everybody comes up to you. The fleet can get compressed in sailboat racing.

"It's part luck and part skill because, in the end, Mother Nature can trump all that. That's just the reality of it."

In the Chicago to Mackinac race, "We were 12 miles ahead of a boat much like us. We sat in (still) air for an hour and

a half and they sailed right up to us. You can park somewhere and everybody catches up. You lose the handicap and are in tough shape."

Saxton, 54, has been part of racing crews from the time he "was a kid," but he got serious about racing his own boat in 2004 and bought Vortices in 2010.

He's also taken the boat out East to compete in the Newport (R.I.) Bermuda Race on the Atlantic Ocean. Vortices was third in its class last year. Saxton plans to go back in 2014 instead of doing the Port Huron to Mackinac.

"Typically, all sailors have it on their bucket lists," he said, adding the ocean systems are more consistent.

"On the Great Lakes, if you're not in a strong system, every piece of real estate, shoreline, daytime and night-time heating and cooling, all provide their own type of circumstance. It's much harder racing when it comes to staying fast and getting up the lake.

"In the ocean, the wind blows a lot more consistently and you can plan around it. Whereas, on the Great Lakes, there's so much influence over the course. Between that and the handicap system, you have boats winning races that are not particularly rocket fast."

Saxton added the weather for all three of the races on the Great Lakes was quite reasonable, however. The winds ranged from five to 20 knots, which constitutes pretty good sailing, he said.

"We had a fair amount of racing upwind, which takes a little longer and is a little rougher, but I can't say any of the conditions were bad," Saxton said. "They were pretty good sailing days and there were no big thunderstorms. Those things can cause some grief.

"Anytime you're sailing in the lakes and you're offshore, it re-

quires you paying attention. I don't think of it as being hazardous, but paying attention, needing the right safety equipment and being out there with the right crew."

Vortices has a good one, led by Riley, who has sailed regularly with Saxton for eight years. The crew has a combined Bayview Mackinac experience of approximately 150 races.

"Typically, watches are three hours off and six hours on," Saxton said. "Some guys have been on other boats that have done extensive ocean racing. We have a very, very experienced crew. They're probably all better at it than me.

"They're great racers. There can be some challenges, having 10 people on a boat for 250 miles, but we just don't have those issues. It was a nice trip up the lake. That's the way I'd put it."

OTHER AREA BOATS: Other Observerland sailors who participated in the Port Huron to Mackinac Island race were (with their boats and results) — Tim Clayton, Farmington Hills, Unplugged, second, PHRF C Class; Jim Weyand, Livonia, Chico 2, fifth, PHRF D Class; Paul Lee, Farmington Hills, Genesis, third, PHRF F Class; Charles Blaty, Farmington Hills, Days End, sixth, PHRF H Class; Darrell Cape, Plymouth, Limerick, third, Cruising B Class; John Gabriel, Farmington Hills, Phoenix, fourth, Cruising B Class; Art Poppert, Farmington Hills, Kismet, sixth, Cruising C Class. All sailed the Shore Course except Clayton, who followed the longer Cover Island Course.

BASEBALL

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young people taking part in sport in the world, according to the ICG's website.

"More than anything, I'm looking forward to playing against teams from other countries," said Dakota Mahkime-tass, a sophomore-to-be at Garden City High School. "I know the other teams will be pretty good, but I think we'll be able to compete with them. Our team is really coming together."

Mahkime-tass will be joined on the roster by fellow GCHS students Alex Centofanti, Tyler Kelly and Kyle Wlady-siak, all of whom were teammates on the Michigan Strategy travel baseball team this past summer.

Canton resident Ryan Radwan, who will be a sophomore at Dearborn Divine Child, and Bloomfield Hills resident Troy Saruna also received special invitations to compete on the team, which will also include players from Southfield, Dearborn Heights and Dearborn.

Wlady-siak will be pulling double duty this week, as he is also a member of the Garden City High School varsity football team.

"The thing I'm looking forward to the most is playing against Japan, because they always have great baseball teams," Radwan said. "Winning is important, but I think the overall experience will be the coolest thing about this tournament."

The Detroit team was assembled and will be coached by Craig Cotter, an assistant baseball coach at Divine Child and

owner of the Batter's Box in Dearborn Heights.

"The International Children's Games are held in an Olympics-type setting — baseball is just one of several sports offered — so it will be a great experience for the boys and the coaches," Cotter said. "With the site being so close this year, it worked out well for us. Another coach whose team trains here is involved in bringing athletic events to Detroit and he asked me if I'd be interested in putting a team together.

"We invited players from the Michigan Strat-

egy travel team and the Michigan Bulls and there are a few who I coached at Divine Child. The nice thing about it is that every player already knew at least three other players, so even though we didn't come together for the first time until Aug. 1, there's already a lot of chemistry. We knew what each kid could do individually, but you never know how they're going to blend as a team. So far, it's been outstanding."

The squad has already proven it should be a tough out once the first pitch is thrown Thursday in Windsor. In a pair of

scrimmages, Cotter's contingent upended a team of older players, 20-5, before tying a high-end 17U team, 6-6.

"It's been really cool to see how well they're meshing so quickly," Cotter said. "Our biggest strengths are going to be our team speed and our chemistry."

The team will play round-robin games Thursday and Friday. The semifinals are set for Saturday, with the medal games slated for Sunday morning.

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HAEGER

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straight out of CC by the Chicago White Sox, has had a taste of the majors, including stints with the White Sox (2006), San Diego (2008) and the L.A. Dodgers (2010).

Haeger has appearing in 34 major league games, including 83 innings pitched in 10 starts while sporting a 2-7 record.

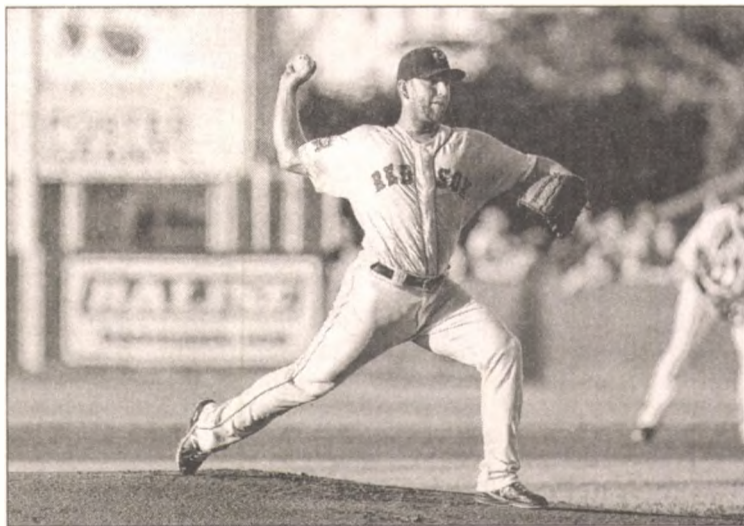
Double move

After being signed in the off-season by the Red Sox, Haeger began 2013 in Pawtucket, but was sent back to Double-A Portland, where he went 4-4 with a 3.99 ERA, including 70 innings pitched with 56 strikeouts and 43 walks.

And in the midst of a four-day All-Star break in early July, Haeger unexpectedly was on the move again.

He was playing golf near Manistee (at Arcadia Bluffs) with his brother Greg, the longtime Madonna University baseball coach, when he was summoned back to Pawtucket to make an emergency start in a game at Lehigh Valley (Pa.).

"We were on hole 15 or something and I got a call saying, 'You're pitching tomorrow,'" Haeger said. "That's just part of the gig. I had to take a 6 a.m. flight and a couple of hour layover in Philadelphia and I didn't get in until 1:30 (a.m.). I had about two hours sleep and had to pitch that night."



Charlie Haeger has bounced back from Tommy John surgery to play for the Triple-A Pawtucket Red Sox. JILLIAN SOUZA

In nine Triple-A starts this season in Pawtucket, Haeger is 3-3 with a 5.29 E.R.A. In 51 innings, he has 40 strikeouts and 31 walks.

But the Plymouth native remains upbeat, despite the ups and downs.

"I've been happy with the way my body has been responding to throwing every five days," Haeger said. "After Tommy John, and with rehab, you really can't lift or work out because the rehab routine is a little different.

"All in all this year, I think it's been OK. It's been a good first year back as far as being physically in shape and not having any problems with my arm. I guess I'm pleased, but obviously, like any pitcher, you want better results no matter

who you are."

Golf a passion

On Monday, Haeger took advantage of a rare off-day to play golf with some of his teammates in Newport, R.I.

"I really enjoy it (golf)," Haeger said. "It takes my mind off baseball. It's a good outlet to get away and still be able to use those competitive juices when I'm out there. It's fun.

"The last couple of off seasons, I've been down in Tampa. It's easier to play golf down there in the winter than it is in Michigan."

After he finishes the 2013 season, Haeger will become an unrestricted free agent. He will weigh his options and is considering playing winter ball in the Dominican League,

which runs from mid-October through the end of December.

"With most of the free agents, they don't try to regulate what they do in the off-season, especially myself," Haeger said.

"They kind of leave it up to me. My agent called me today. You can make decent money. As of right now, I'm going to play. We'll see."

And Haeger said he wouldn't mind remaining property of Boston.

"If they offer me a good contract for next year, I'd like to stay," he said. "It's a good organization. They've done some great things this year. They have some really talented players in their minor leagues and, obviously, the big league team is doing very well. I'd like to stay here if offered."

"It's been good and hopefully I have four or five more starts left, try and have five more good ones and get that earned-run average down a little lower and hopefully get a job next year. We'll see."

Other examples

Haeger, who throws the knuckler 85 percent of the time, hopes he can mirror some of the success enjoyed later in life by another famous Boston knuckler, Tim Wakefield, who recently retired after spending 17 years with the Red Sox while winning 200 games. Wakefield now is a part-time announcer with the club.

"I haven't talked to him

much," Haeger said. "We talked in spring training a little bit. Occasionally I'll get a message from him through someone else, one of our pitching coaches or pitching coordinator. I'd like to play some golf or get together with him."

When he was with the Dodgers, Haeger was able to tap into another famous knuckler in Charlie Hough.

"He helped me out a ton," Haeger said. "He has so much knowledge on the pitch. He's done it 25 years in the big leagues and that's impressive in itself. I've been doing it for a long time now, so at least I feel I have a small portion of it figured out."

Although the fraternity of knucklers is small, Haeger knows he still has a lot of time remaining.

At age 37, the Mets' R.A. Dickey (now with Toronto) started the All-Star Game and captured the coveted 2012 Cy Young Award with a 20-win season.

"I'm hoping I fit that bill," Haeger said. "I'm hoping I can get my big break. I feel like the ball is coming out of my hands pretty well right now. I want to finish this season strong and we'll go from there. Obviously, getting back to the big leagues and being able to stick ... I don't think I would have had the surgery if I didn't think I could still do it."

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COLLEGE SOCCER PREVIEW

Zathey gives MU men's soccer a makeover

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

First-year coach Mark Zathey's outlook on the 2013 Madonna University men's soccer continues to evolve each and every day.

Practice has already begun, but the roster is far from set with the season opener just around the corner on Friday, Aug 23 at home against Cleary College.

"It's been a bit of a storm that way as far as figuring out personnel and where they're going to fit," said Zathey, a Livonia native who was named MU's new coach last March after Eric Scott (22-24-7 three-year record) resigned to take the Albion College women's job.

"We're working on the personnel, going to a shape and figuring out a system where every one is going to play."

If there's one thing that's a for cause of concern, it's that the Crusaders can certainly use some scoring.

According to Zathey, one of the team's leading returning goal scorers, Doug Beason (nine goals, three assists), could not meet eligibility require-



Boudreau



Zathey

ments heading into his senior year.

The Crusaders also lost first-team All-WHAC pick Joe Carver, who tallied nine goals, to graduation, along with honorable mention All-WHAC selection Dan Laird (Farmington Harrison), who added with 27 points (six goals, nine assists).

Also lost to graduation was Cayle Lackten from last year's 7-9-2 squad, which finished 3-5-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Freshman Amadou Cisse (Willow Run), a native of Guinea, may have to pick up the slack immediately at forward.

"He's young, he's only 17, Zathey said. "He's an attacking player, real raw, good pace and good on the ball, but we're just looking for experience in terms of him moving off the ball, composure in front of the goalie, that type of stuff."

Senior midfielder-



Livonia native Brandon Hess, a senior midfielder from Detroit Catholic Central, returns for the Madonna University men's soccer team in 2013. TIM BUSCH | MU SPORTS INFORMATION

forward Brandon Hess, an All-WHAC Academic pick, has been nursing a sore groin in training camp, but could help jump-start the offense.

"We looking at him as an outside back or wide-mid," Zathey said. "He's got great pace, very fit."

Other leading returnees include junior left-back Ryan Williams (Auburn Hills Avondale), who started all 18 games and finished with two goals and three assists; senior left-back Derek Rosiek (Madison Heights

Bishop Foley), who started 16 games; junior defender Nick Peper (Northville), who started 17 games; sophomore midfielder Matteo Barsalona (Stoney Creek, Ontario), who logged all 18 games; and junior center-back Nicholi LaRocca (Clinton Township Chipewa Valley), who appeared in 17 games.

Also in the mix will be sophomore midfielder Colin Wilden (Rochester Stoney Creek); senior midfielder Jake Hodge (Canton/Schoolcraft Col-

lege); sophomore forward Mohammad Alwardi (Dearborn/Al Amal Indian School in Kuwait); and senior forward Gavin Kelly (Schoolcraft College).

Also returning from an injury, which kept him out all last season, is senior red shirt defender Franco Giorgi (Windsor, Ontario).

Meanwhile, the goal-keeping spot is up for grabs between sophomore John Boudreau (Livonia Stevenson), who started 11 games with one

shutout and a 1.25 goals against average, along with Matt Smolinski (Troy), a Vardar Academy member, and 24-year-old German Marcel Schmid.

"He (Boudreau) be in the mix, but Matt and Marcel are very, very good," Zathey said.

Zathey, who will be assisted this season by former Spring Arbor University head coach Eric Rudland, said he hopes to clear a few more players before the start of the season, including one possible addition from Kenya.

"There's a lot of different ways we can play based on depth of the roster right now," said Zathey, who was the MU women's coach (2001-05). "We're just trying to get all this eligibility stuff done until we get a little more of a black-and-white picture as far as who's in and who's not."

"I think our goalkeeping will be sound. We seem pretty strong on the backline. We got a lot of depth in the midfield. And who is going to be coming in scoring goals - essentially - is the question mark. That's where I'm hoping a Kenyan can come in and help us."

Swish! Kids sharpen their skills at basketball camp

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

There's one telltale sign that Dominique Washington looks for to make sure his latest youth basketball camp hit the mark.

"When you come to camp, you come as an individual," Washington said. "By week's end, you start becoming a better teammate. That's when you start to see more passing going on, not as much 'Hey, I'm open stuff that little kids do.'"

There were more than 30 youngsters between ages 7-14 on tap last week at High Velocity Sports in Canton for five mornings of drills and delight.

Instructors included Washington — head boys basketball coach at Plymouth Christian Academy — and former professional players Troy Coleman and Darien Bynum.

All are part of the Triple Threat Training staff, which is based out of High Velocity.

Of course, there has to be some fun-filled moments along with the instruction to make the week worthwhile for campers such as 13-year-old Julia Arapoff of Plymouth.

"I really liked it," Arapoff said. "It was lots of fun and you learned a lot."

Arapoff, who attends and plays girls basketball at West Middle School, sprinted up and down the floor during Friday's late-morning scrimmage trying to get away from the defense of Canton's Davia Smith.

That matchup could be a precursor to the coming season since Smith, also 13, plays at Discovery Middle School.

They were playing in one of three simultaneous cross-court scrimmages going on, loosely divided into age groups.

There were some tweaks to the lineups as coaches got a better bead on who could do what.

In fact, Novi's Allan Watatani was so good in his original group that Washington said he had to "graduate" him.

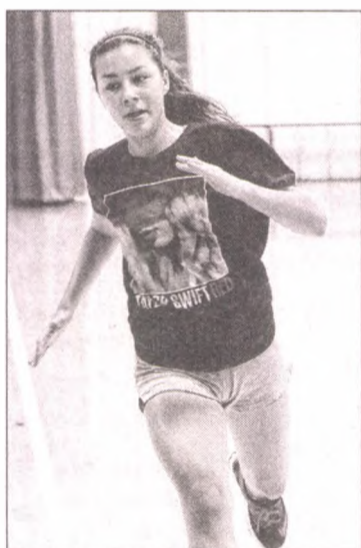
"He moved up (to the older age group) during the week," Washington noted. "He just dominated the kids over there so we moved him up and he's pretty much dominated the kids over here, too."

The basics count

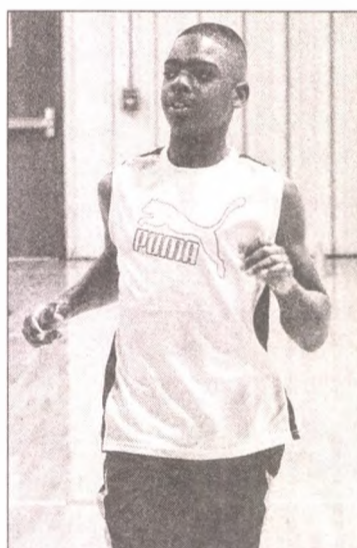
Scrimmages followed all-important daily lessons learned in various stations from defense to layups.



Basketball camp instructors (standing, from left) Troy Coleman and Dominique Washington talk to youngsters about what they learned from that morning's stations at High Velocity Sports in Canton. ALL PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Plymouth's Julia Arapoff, 13, participates in drills during Friday's High Velocity youth basketball camp.



Bryce Henderson, 13, of Canton, puts everything he can into this running drill on the final day of basketball camp.

"We make sure that when they scrimmage they can put it all together," Washington said.

Arapoff said she liked the stations, too. Which was her favorite?

"Probably the dribbling, because everyone needs to know how to dribble well," she said, smiling. "That's how you play basketball."

After the last day of scrimmages, instructors doled out participation certificates and various prizes to those who nailed activities during the week.

"It's teaching the fundamentals to these kids," Washington said. "A lot of these kids are first-time basketball players. So our goal is to get them to like the sport."

"It may not be what I do with my high school team. But again, it's getting the kids' interest by making sure they're having fun, getting on top of learning the fundamentals, things they're going to need to learn if they're going to pursue the game further down the line."

With the camp officially having concluded, 13-year-old Bryce Henderson of Canton walked by and slapped hands with the coach.

It was a non-verbal "Thanks, coach, see you next time."

Yes, Washington's camp is on target indeed.

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True blue: George decides to stay with Madonna baseball

He can't fit Plymouth High School position into busy schedule

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

As much as Mike George enjoyed his brief stint as interim baseball coach at Plymouth High School, it wasn't enough to tug enough at his heartstrings.

In fact, the Livonia resident and business owner — who started Madonna University's baseball program from scratch in the late 1980s — can almost look out his front

window and see MU's pristine Iltich Ballpark.

"I still have a lot of Madonna blue in me," said George Friday, after deciding not to officially apply for the still-vacant Wildcats post. "I really would have been spreading myself too thin."

Friday was the deadline for coaching hopefuls to turn in their applications.

George continues as a "full-time volunteer assistant" on the coaching staff of veteran Madonna head coach Greg Haeger. He left the Crusaders in 1996 to go into the restaurant business and returned to assist Haeger in 2002.

The owner of Coach's Corner and George Murphy's at the Creek thought long and hard all summer about an invitation from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools co-athletic director Tom Wil-

lette to come back for the 2014 season.

Had he taken the Plymouth job, that would have meant either leaving Haeger's staff or not being with the high school team for a good chunk of April and May due to his duties with MU.

"That was it in a nutshell," said George, about not being able to do both coaching jobs. "There's a two-week overlap" when Madonna would have been going to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs, possibly followed by the NAIA regionals.

"It would be really hard to ask kids to buy in (to his program) if I'd up and be gone for two weeks or more. I thought the best thing would be not to do it."

George, however, praised the Plymouth players who welcomed him and another MU assistant coach (Stu Rose) to lead the Wildcats following the resignation of head coach Bryan Boyd.

"It's unfortunate they (players) got caught up in a divorce," George noted. "They were awesome, the way they welcomed us into the dugout. They bought in to what we were trying to do the last couple weeks there."

"It speaks volumes to how good those kids are."

And although he won't be back in the Plymouth dugout next spring, George said he is optimistic the Wildcats will be a team to be reckoned with next season.

"It was a great opportunity," he added. "They have a program that I think has a huge upside to it. But the best thing for those kids is to have a full-time coach."

Miracle League still needs 'buddies' for fall season

Saturday marks the opening of another season of the Miracle League of Plymouth, but the organization is still looking for "buddies" to step up to the plate.

There also is a need for umpires and game day helpers for the seven-weekend MLP fall season, which runs through Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Bilkie Family Field (357 Theodore St., behind Central Middle School).

Buddies are volunteers who are always there for the Miracle League players — children with special needs who have the opportunity to play baseball thanks to the program and those who give their time to it.

According to the MLP

website, each buddy is assigned to a player and helps he or she in every situation pertaining to the game. That entails: accompanying a player around the field and in the dugout; pushing a wheelchair or running along side of a player from base to base; assisting with positioning to play the field safely.

Most importantly, according to the website: "A buddy is a friend: A buddy makes an effort to get to know their player as an individual and who they are as a person."

For more information on volunteering: send an email to: info@miracleleagueplymouth.org; or contact Debra Madonna at debra@miracleleagueplymouth.org.

YOUTH SPORTS TRYOUTS

9U Bulldogs

Tryouts for the 9-and-under 2014 Michigan Bulldogs will be from 3-5 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 17, and from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (field No. 2), located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

For more information, visit www.michiganbulldogsbaseball.com; or email michiganbulldogsbaseball@gmail.com.

RU boys soccer

Redford Union High School boys soccer tryouts will be

5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 15-16, at MacGowan Elementary School.

Players should bring water, shin guards, cleats and running shoes.

For more information, call coach Jim Gibbs at 313-995-4234.

Livonia church gives backpacks to needy families

By Sharon Dargay

Staff Writer

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia will give away 300 backpacks to the public from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 17. "Our congregation is recognizing the need to reach out to people in our community in Jesus' name and trying to fit where people's basic needs are. We want to be able to help children and we thought this was one of the best ways to do that," said Linda Hollman, outreach director. "Our parameters are if you are needy, you're welcome."

Hollman encourages parents to bring their children to the event to select a backpack in their favorite color. Each backpack is stuffed with school supplies, including scissors, notebooks, pens, pencils, an eraser, a pencil sharpener, folders, a pencil box, and a bookmark.

The congregation also made beaded bracelets for each backpack recipient. The beads represent Christian concepts such as sin, baptism, and eternal life. Hollman said parents and their children should enter the church complex through the gym entrance.

In addition to the 300 backpack giveaway on Saturday, the church also plans to distribute 50 backpacks to Detroit-area congregations and will send 150 backpacks overseas. "We are doing this because of our love for Jesus and we want to let his light shine through us," Hollman said.

For more information, visit christoursavior.org or call 734-522-6830.

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ADAMS, FRANCES JEAN
Age 86 of Plymouth, passed away on August 11, 2013. Loving wife of the late John A. Adams Sr. Beloved mother of Jeff (Colleen Gurczynski) Adams and Pamela (Jim) Mason. Preceded in death by daughter Sandra Adams Bessert and by son John A. Adams Jr. Proud grandmother of 5. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral service Thursday, 10:00am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main St., Plymouth. Visitation Wednesday from 4:00pm-8:00pm. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church 43065 Joy Rd. Canton or the Arthritis Foundation.

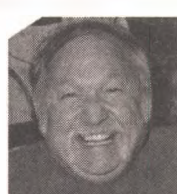


BLACKWELL, DOROTHY LOU
Died from complications due to congestive heart failure on May 3, 2013 at Friendship Village in Kalamazoo. She was born on Feb. 22, 1922 in Burr Oak, Michigan, to Joseph and Eunice (Hanson) Cowles. Surviving are her three children, Susan Ramsey and Judith Myers of Kalamazoo and Robert Blackwell of Greer, SC, her grandchildren Elizabeth (Matt) Bird of Manhattan, Benjamin Ramsey of Chicago, Katharine (Chris) Okula of Los Angeles, Jessie Myers of Sacramento, and Andrea, Catherine, Rachel, Caroline and Samuel Blackwell of Greer, as well as her great-granddaughter Lily Bird of Manhattan, as well as many nieces and nephews of various degrees. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband of twenty-one years Lester Robert, by her parents, sisters Helen and Thelma and brothers Elmer and Paul. One of two girls to graduate from Burr Oak High School in her year, Dorothy went to Detroit to live with her sister Helen and met Bob roller skating. They became engaged while he was in India during WWII, and lived in Detroit during the first years of their marriage, moving to Livonia in 1962. Left a young widow by her husband's death from pancreatic cancer, Dorothy resolutely worked her way from retail positions to working at Stevenson High School to her ultimate position as an aide at Livonia's Sandburg Library, putting three children through college in the process. She moved to California to live with her daughter Judy in 1998, and for years maintained her interest in reading, gardening, knitting and, always, crossword puzzles. When she fell and broke a hip in 2012 she returned to Kalamazoo, where, after various trials, she passed away the morning of May 3. She will be missed by us all. Memorial donations in Dorothy's honor may be made to The Burr Oak Township Library, Burr Oak, Michigan. A memorial service will be held at the Burr Oak United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 24, with the interment following.

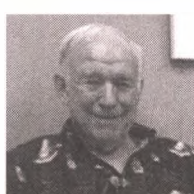
BROWN, EMILY (NEE HALICKI)
Age 105, August 11, 2013. Dear friend of Tom Koikos. Preceded in death by her husband, Robert M.; siblings, Arthur, Evelyn and Leonard Halicki, Esther Barak and Eleanor Goddard. Arrangements by the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home 734-422-6720.



HOFFMEYER, GLENN 'PETE'
87 departed to meet God and his loved ones on August 7th 2013. He was surrounded by his lovely bride Marge of 66 years, and his loving family. An awesome dad to John (Joyce), Ron (Linda), Karin (Randy), Bryan, Pat (Kim) and Mike (Mary). Dearest son of the late Arthur and Ella, loving brother to the late Jerry, Les, Whitey, and survived by his sister Lorraine. He was a wonderful, loving papa to 21 grand children and 24 great grand children. Pete attended Clarenceville Schools, was a WWII Veteran and was retired from Ford Motor Co. Pete loved spending time with his family fishing, golfing and bowling, he also enjoyed spending time up in Escanaba and winters at their Palm Harbor Florida home. He will be remembered as a kind, respectful, caring person and had touched many lives and they are better off for having had the privilege of knowing him.



NICHOLS, DEWEY D
73, of Farmington Hills, died August 12, 2013. Dewey is the beloved father of Chris, Matt and James; loving grandfather of Sam; and brother of Don, Denver, Danny, Neal and Lloyd Nichols and Sharon Sloan. Sadly he was preceded in death by siblings, Monteen Thompson, Charlie and Clyde Nichols. Funeral Service Friday, August 16, 12P.M. at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington 248-474-5200. Visitation Thursday 2-9 pm. Private interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorial gifts suggested to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, jdrf.org. heeney-sundquist.com HEENEY-SUNDQUIST FUNERAL HOME



COLE, ROGER JACK
August 12, 2013; Age 77. Beloved husband of Margaret. Dear father of Nancy (Scott) Arlen, Leslie (Jim) Willoughby and Kelly (Brian) Zahn. Brother of Howard (Linda) Cole, also survived by eight grandchildren. Memorial visitation Saturday at 11 a.m. From the Chapel of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home 42600 Ford Rd. (W. of Lilley) until time of the Memorial Service at 12:30. Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. Share a memorial tribute with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

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HAINLEY, MAGGIE J.
August 9, 2013, age 85 of Westland. Loving mother of Thomas, Joseph (Jennifer) and Kimberly. Proud grandmother of six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Dear sister of Margie Hinkle. Funeral Services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Humane Society. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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LOCAL BAND MIXES POWER POP, COUNTRY TWANG IN NEW CD

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Jeremy Porter has always played an acoustic set for his gigs at the Plymouth Coffee Bean.

But this Friday the hometown singer/songwriter will turn up the juice.

"For the first time we'll do an electric set. We'll tone it back. We won't blow the windows out of the place. We're going to do a restrained version. Usually we're a pretty rowdy, fast band, but it wouldn't be appropriate to do there. It's not that kind of room. We're not going to scare anyone away. It will be at an appropriate volume," Porter said.

The concert starts at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, in downtown Plymouth; (734) 454-0178. Emily Rose opens the show, followed by Jeremy Porter & The Tucos.

"The Coffee Bean is a cool place. It's all ages, it's an earlier show, there's no alcohol and it's an artist-friendly environment. We don't play



Jeremy Porter & The Tucos perform Friday, Aug. 16, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean.

around Detroit often. We haven't played this part of the state since May. It's always been a tough market for us. We do better outside of Detroit, but we still like to play here."

The band's all-acoustic concert at the Plymouth Coffee Bean in May 2012 yielded a CD of five songs recorded in concert, *Live and Acoustic at the Plymouth Coffee Bean*.

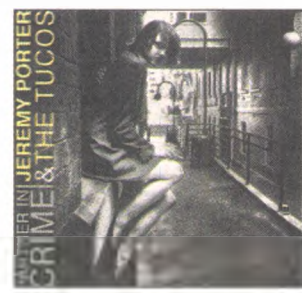
Since releasing their new CD, *Partner in Crime*, earlier this year, Porter, bass player Jason Bowes of Livonia and drummer Gabriel Doman of Dearborn, have performed mostly at bars, nightclubs, as well as at a few theaters and summer festivals in and out of Michigan.

"This band has more of that country feel to it mixed in with the power

pop stuff," Porter described their music. "I've always been a fan of country music, Americana and alternative country."

But it was a Christmas song that brought the trio together in late 2011.

Porter, who has played with local bands such as SlugBug, the Offramps and Fidrych, over the years, went solo in 2010. After releasing the solo



Jeremy Porter & the Tucos released "Partner in Crime" a mix of pop rock and country twang.

acoustic CD, *Party of One*, he toured nationwide, but began to miss the camaraderie of playing with other musicians.

When Suburban Sprawl Music invited him to participate in its annual compilation of Christmas music, he asked Doman and Bowes to record with him.

Road trips

"I knew I wanted to do it with a band. For me, it was an excuse to get down into the studio in the fall and come up with something and it was a great catalyst to get a band together."

The band recorded a holiday tune for Suburban Sprawl's website

and "three weeks later we were playing our first show," Porter said.

"It was clear we were all on the same page musically. We were having fun. We got off to a good start. I knew I wanted to travel more with this band, so we did road trips."

Porter, who is married and works in web development for an automotive supplier, tours on week-ends or takes brief week-day trips.

The band spent most of last year in the studio working on *Partner in Crime*, but has toured extensively since then, promoting the CD.

"We're going to Canada next month and we have shows booked in October and November. I'd love to do something overseas at some point, but we have no concrete plans in place."

Look for a new single, *Plan B*, to be released by the group in September. Like *Partner in Crime*, it will be on the Detroit-based New Fortune Records label.

Visit the band's website at www.thetucos.com for information.

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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. Sun-

days; 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. to 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

STARS OF RUSSIAN BALLET

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17

Location: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit

Details: Dancers from American Ballet Theatre, Berlin Ballet, Het Nationale Ballet, Mariinsky Theatre (Kirov Ballet), National Ballet of Ukraine, San Francisco Ballet and other companies perform classical dances and cutting-edge works. Tickets range from \$58-\$82.

Contact: michiganopera.org; ticketmaster.com

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 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. 16-17, and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Unfinished Song," admission, \$3

Coming up: "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. 23 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24

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

Details: "Jaws," with Richard Dreyfuss and Roy Scheider, \$5

Contact: 313-537-2560



Night Ranger closes out the free music series on the Detroit Riverfront, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16.

HISTORICAL PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL 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

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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: Jeremy Porter & The Tucos, Friday, Aug. 16; Mike Galbraith and Mike Anton, Saturday, Aug. 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. 16

Location: GM Plaza on the Detroit riverfront

Details: Night Ranger wraps up this free concert series

Contact: www.facebook.com/RockinontheRiverfront

STARS IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 15

Location: Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10

Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: FCB Big Band performs jazz and swing standards. Rain-out 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: Empty Chair Night, Sept. 8; Singers Sing Seger Songs Tribute with John D. Lamb, Dave Edwards, Al Jacquez, Charlie Springer and Bob Monteleone, Sept. 13; The Yellow Room Gang featuring Mustard's Retreat, Annie Capps, Matt Watroba and Kitty Donohoe, Sept. 14; Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, Sept. 20; The Boogie Woogie Kid Matthew Ball, Sept. 21. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Sisters Rebecca Timmons and Sarah Faix will appear in a cabaret concert with Rebecca Biber. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5.

Contact: www.canton-mi.org/village-theater; 734-394-5300

SOMETHING DIFFERENT 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 Farmington Hills

Details: Family Fun Fest Carnival will have everything from thrill rides to kiddie rides, midway 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

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Actress from Northville stars in MTV's 'Awkward,' keeps local connections

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Northville native Jillian Rose Reed enjoys playing Tamara in the MTV high school hit *Awkward*.

"I love playing Tamara," the 21-year-old Los Angeles area resident said in a recent phone interview. "She's very different from me and she's also similar. She's been so much fun to play."

Reed is the daughter of Lisa Reed-Tucker and Robert Tucker. She was born in Hollywood, Fla., and moved with her family to Northville.

"I grew up at the Marquis Theatre doing all the plays." She was about 12 when they moved to California and she came back to Northville for the early part of high school at Northville High.

"I wanted to have the experience," said Reed, whose family has a vacation-type home still in Northville.

Her acting began at age 7 with playing Charlotte in *Charlotte's Web*, following dance lessons at a younger age. By 12, Reed had been in some 27 musicals or plays in Michigan.

She also did commercial work, including for the Ford Motor Co. Reed graduated from Options for Youth Charter School in the L.A. area.

Her mom owned Michael's Angel Attic in downtown Northville, selling the business when they relocated.

'No other option'

"As a career, there was really no other option for me," said Reed, who loves TV and film work and didn't want to try New York City. "I chose L.A. to kind of broaden my horizons."

In Michigan, she was

more the big fish in the little pond. "It's so completely different," she said of L.A. "There's a lot to learn and a lot of rejection. I stuck to it and I really applied myself."

Her family is very helpful: "I am so lucky. My family is so supportive." Her mom points out other moms drive kids to soccer and she did that kind of thing in California for acting.

Reed's TV work began with an appearance around age 14 on Nickelodeon's *Zoey 101*.

"They actually cut my lines out," recalled Reed, who'd told many people she knew to watch. "I had to get used to that. Scripts change daily."

Awkward has some risqué moments, and Reed will sometimes tell her parents to watch on their own. "They understand it's TV and we're teenagers," she said of her "fun-loving family."

Awkward is filmed at a real high school and its creator visits her old school each year, talking to students for research. "It was really easy for her to write those scripts," Reed said.

Reed's family includes brothers, Matthew, 29, and Robbie Tucker, 12, with Robbie an actor. Matthew is in Michigan and got married recently.

"And I'm the girl in the middle," she said.

Matthew was diagnosed at age 18 with Type 1 diabetes. His family got a lot of help from the American Diabetes Association and now does charitable work for its Los Angeles chapter.

"It's a really great feeling for me to be able to give back," Jillian Rose Reed said.

Awkward is on many Best of 2011 TV Lists, including *Variety*, *USA Today*, *Huffington Post*,

The New York Times and *Time*. It'll resume its third season in October with 10 episodes and was just renewed for a fourth season.

Reed recently wrapped up production on an MTV film *My Super Psycho Sweet 16: Part 3* as best friend Sienna. She's been on Showtime's *Weeds* as Shane's friend Simone.

She keeps up with Michigan friends through social media: "I feel like social media is so great in that way. Everyone has been really supportive of me."

Local mentor

At the Marquis in downtown Northville, owner Inge Zayti, who recently died, and her daughter were a big help to Reed.

"She lived a very ful-

lled life," Reed said of the late Zayti. "She provided me with a second home and a family." Reed fell in love with acting at the Marquis.

Reed was recently back here for Plymouth's Art in the Park, a family tradition. "We can't really have Christmas without snow," she said of their yuletide visits.

She may be able to get back to Michigan sooner for cider mills, fall leaves, "everything about Michigan that's so wonderful. We'll see, maybe I'll make it back sooner than Christmas."

Leaving friends and school was a challenge when she was younger. "I found that I fell in love with L.A. fast," said Reed, who will stay there to pursue her career.



Jillian Rose Reed, a Northville native, plays Tamara on MTV's *'Awkward.'* VINCENT SANDOVAL PHOTOGRAPHY



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CAR CRUISE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25

Location: Hines Drive from Outer Drive to Ann Arbor Trail

Details: Wayne County Parks Cruisin' Hines draws approximately 40,000 classic cars and hot rods. Hines Drive is closed to regular traffic during the Cruise. Cruisers must enter Hines Drive from Merriman. All spectators can enter at Merriman, Telegraph or the Warrendale picnic area in Dearborn Heights. Food concessions will be available at spectator areas

Contact: Wayne County Parks, 734-261-1990; www.cruisininhines.com or www.waynecounty.com

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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

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Contact: 248-541-5717

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

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8

Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Auditions for "Tarzan The Stage Musical," which will be performed Nov. 15, 17 and 22-24 with two casts performing on different dates. Actors cast in the show pay a registration fee and must attend a mandatory parent meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 23 at the Costick Center. Participants may drop in at any time during the audition hours. Auditions are open to both residents and non-residents. No prior preparation is necessary. Participants should bring a recent school photo with them to the auditions. All other materials will be supplied. Some preliminary materials will be available for review beginning Aug. 23 at WWW.fhgov.com/YouthTheatre.

Contact: The Cultural Arts Division at 248-473-1859

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23-24 and Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 29-31

Location: MacKenzie Fine Arts Auditorium, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn

Details: The college's Humanities and Social Science Division and Theatre Arts Department will present Eric Bogosian's "Drinking in America." Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$12 for faculty, students and seniors. Buy them online at theatre.hfcc.edu

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GATHER AROUND THE GRILL

Nothing brings family and friends together like great food. Take time to gather everyone around the grill, share some fun and make memories this summer.

One person who knows a lot about feeding a crowd is TV personality and celebrity chef Aaron McCargo Jr., a winner of The Next Food Network Star and host of the Food Network's *Big Daddy's House*. Growing up with five siblings and raising three children of his own has taught McCargo about the importance of gathering people together for mealtime.

"Making meals for family and friends is easy, especially when there's a grill involved," McCargo said, "and grilling season is the perfect time to catch up over ketchup."

McCargo has teamed up with grilling staple, Heinz Ketchup, to develop tips and recipes for the ultimate cookout, including:

» Grill summer fruit such as mango, watermelon and pineapple, with a little salt, pepper and oil. Once off the grill, drizzle with fresh citrus juices, such as lemon or blood orange with a little extra virgin olive oil as an untraditional alternative to fruit salad.

» Keep hot and cold dishes temperature regulated and discard dishes sitting out for three hours or more.

» Wait until the last few minutes of grilling to slather on BBQ sauce, or else sugar will burn.

» Use tongs to turn food on the grill. Don't stick a fork in anything but your mouth.

» Soak wooden skewers in water for 30 minutes to prevent scorching; for metal, cover with oil to prevent sticking.

» If you forgot to brush your grill off after the last BBQ event, heat the grill to 450-500 degrees Fahrenheit with the lid closed. Open grill and

brush vigorously with wired grill brush for easy grill cleanup, then season with oil and start grilling.

» Be careful to check the date on your propane tanks before firing up the grill since tanks do expire. You can find the expiration date on the metal collar around the top of the tank. And be sure to always keep a backup when hosting a crowd.

» Place sweet potatoes, corn and onions directly on the coals and turn often for a roasted inside.

» Use apple juice to baste your BBQ. It adds flavor and gives meats a shiny glaze.

» When using wood to smoke, soak chips for three hours so they release the smoky flavor minus bitterness.

For more of Aaron McCargo Jr.'s recipes, tips and tricks for grilling season, visit www.facebook.com/HeinzKetchup.



TASTY EASY BEEF BRISKET

Servings: 1-2

¼ cup ketchup
¼ cup maple syrup
2 tablespoons diced shallots
1 tablespoon kosher salt
1 tablespoon black pepper
2 tablespoons smoked paprika
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 pounds beef brisket

For marinade, put all ingredients, except for beef brisket, in a storage container and shake well until mixed. Reserve ¼ cup of marinade. Pierce brisket with fork on both sides to allow marinade to penetrate meat. Place brisket in a bag with the marinade and make sure meat is well coated. Marinate brisket for 1-3 hours. Preheat grill to 350, or a medium high heat and preheat oven to 350. Grill brisket for 6-8 minutes each side. Wrap brisket in foil and bake in oven for 1 ½ hours. Remove brisket and brush with reserved marinade. Let rest for 3-5 minutes before slicing.



HONEY-GARLIC SCALLOP KABOBS

24 large sea scallops (about 2 pounds)
12 slices bacon
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
½ cup ketchup
½ cup honey
¼ cup soy sauce
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 ½ teaspoon minced garlic
12 skewers

Preheat grill to medium-high and grease lightly. Cook bacon in a frying pan until beginning to crisp. Blot on paper towels. Pat scallops dry and season with salt and pepper. Wrap each scallop with a half slice of bacon; thread 2 scallops onto each skewer. Stir ketchup with honey, soy sauce, lemon juice and garlic. Brush half of the sauce mixture over the scallops. Grill kabobs for 3 to 5 minutes per side or until cooked through. Baste with remaining sauce during cooking.



GRILLED PHILLY CHEESESTEAK

2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
1 cup shredded American sharp cheese
1 pound chipped steak meat chopped and cooked
1 cup diced sauteed onions
½ cup ketchup
2 tablespoons chopped dehydrated onions
½ teaspoon dried oregano
½ teaspoon dried basil
½ teaspoon black pepper
4 pieces store-bought naan bread
2 tablespoons canola oil

Mix both cheeses and set aside. Mix meat and onions and set aside. Mix ketchup, dehydrated onions, oregano, basil, and black pepper and set aside. Lightly brush naan bread with oil and grill lightly on one side. Spoon equal amounts of ketchup mixture on crunchy side of naan, then spread equal amounts of cheese mixture then equal amounts of meat mixture. Place pizza oil side down on grill on low heat and cooked with lid closed for 2-4 minutes or until cheese is melted and bottom becomes slightly crispy. Remove, cut in desired pieces and serve.



ON THE GRILL JAVA MINI COCKTAIL FRANKS

14 ounce package mini smoked sausage (or smoked beef sausage cut into ½ pieces)
1 cup ketchup
1 tablespoon instant coffee
1 teaspoon cayenne
1 teaspoon black pepper
½ cup brown sugar
½ teaspoon cinnamon

Mix all ingredients except the franks in a small grill safe dish. Add franks then wrap dish with aluminum foil and cook on grill for 20-30 minutes or until bubbly hot.

Realtors extend market savvy to buyers, sellers

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Mary Vellardita bought her Westland condominium in May 2010, working with Realtor Noel Derr-Johnson of Century 21 Dynamic of Westland.

"I'd never consider buying a home without going through a licensed Realtor," said Vellardita, co-owner of C&M Printing and Imaging in Westland. Derr-Johnson was helpful in pinpointing properties, as well as giving advice on any issues with condo construction.

"It was just very helpful," said Vellardita, who had met her Realtor through Westland Rotary and the Westland Chamber of Commerce, and knew of her professional reputation.

"Find someone you enjoy working with," added Vellardita, noting your Realtor's personality should be a good fit with yours.

Buyers of all ages gain many benefits from working with a real estate professional, according to a recent survey by the National Association of Realtors. Among the age groups, younger buyers are more likely to want an agent's help understanding the home-buying process, presumably because many are buying a home for the first time. Younger buyers were most often referred to their agent by a friend, neighbor or relative whereas older buyers were increasingly likely to work with the same agent they previously used to buy or sell a home.

When it comes to choosing an agent, reputation was important to buyers of all ages; however, younger buyers more often cited an agent's honesty and trustworthiness as the most important factor compared to older buyers who most often cited the agent's knowledge of the neighborhood - perhaps because older buyers tend to move further distances and may have less familiarity with area.

The trends were noted in the recent NAR Home Buyer and Seller Generational Trends evaluation of generational differences of recent homebuyers and sellers.

The median down payment for Millennials was 5 percent, considerably less than older generations of buyers whose down payment ranged from 8 percent for Gen X buyers to 22 percent for Silent Generation (older) buyers. Younger buyers who financed their home purchase most often relied on savings for their down payment whereas older buyers were more likely use proceeds from the sale of a primary residence.

"An interesting finding is that Older Boomers and Silent Generation buyers found the mortgage application and approval process more difficult than expected compared to younger buyers,"



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said Paul Bishop, NAR vice president of research. "This underscores the ongoing challenges that many credit worthy home buyers face with today's tight credit standards."

The largest group of recent home sellers was from Generation X, comprising 30 percent of recent sales, followed by Younger Boomers (21 percent), Older Boomers (21 percent) and the Silent Generation (19 percent). As the age of sellers increased, the share of married and unmarried couples declined and the percentage of single female homebuyers increased, from 4 percent among Millennials to more than 17 percent among Boomer and Silent Generation sellers, perhaps due to death or divorce.

Like buyers, older sellers tend to move greater distances, and are more likely than younger generations to move out of the state or region. While younger buyers typically moved to larger, higher priced homes, the data shows a clear trend of downsizing to smaller, less expensive homes among the Older Boomer and Silent Generations.

Typically the older the seller the longer the tenure in the home, while Millennials had been in their previous home for a median of five years, Gen X-ers stayed eight years, Younger Boomers owned their home for 11 years, Older Boomers stayed for 13 years, and the Silent Generation kept their previous home for 15 years.

The reasons for selling a home also varied among the generations. Younger buyers were more likely to move to accommodate job relocation or desired to upgrade to a larger home. In comparison, older buyers were often looking for a smaller home due to retirement and because upkeep was too difficult due to health or financial limitations, or to be closer to family or friends.

When it comes to negotiating, older sellers are often more willing to reduce their home's asking price but are less

likely to offer buyer incentives such as home warranty policies or assistance with closing costs.

Of sellers working with real estate agents, the study found that older generations of buyers are more likely to use full-service brokerages in which agents provide a broad range of services. While more than two-thirds of Millennials used full-service brokerages, they were more likely than other generations to choose limited service, which includes discount brokerage, or minimal service, such as simply listing the home on a multiple listing service, presumably because they have less equity in their home.

Sellers of all ages typically found a real estate agent through a referral or friend; however, younger sellers were more likely to use the same real estate broker or agent for their home purchase, 59 percent of Millennials used the same agent compared to 42 percent of Older Boomer sellers.

Younger sellers typically want their selling agents help with selling the home within a specific time frame and pricing the home competitively, whereas older buyers are looking for their agent's help with marketing the home and finding a buyer.

NAR mailed an eight-page questionnaire in July 2012 to a national sample of 93,502 home buyers and sellers who purchased their homes between July 2011 and June 2012, according to county records and using the Tailored Survey Design Method. It generated 8,501 usable responses; the adjusted response rate was 9.1 percent. All information is characteristic of the 12-month period ending in June 2012 with the exception of income data, which are for 2011. Because of rounding and omissions for space, percentage distributions for some findings may not add up to 100 percent.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

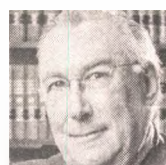
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A: It all depends upon your documents. Presumably, the board can make this modification if the documents so allow and pass the costs onto the individual co-owners. On the other hand, it depends upon whether the documents require a vote of the co-owners and sometimes associations request a vote even if it is not required by the documents which may or may not be a good idea. Get your neighbors together and retain an attorney to check your rights.

Q: I heard Sicily, and in particular, Palermo, is a great place to retire. Is it affordable in terms of residential housing?

A: As with many big cities, living near the center of Palermo with its parks and boulevards can be very costly. However the recession and economic downturn in Europe has also affected pricing in Palermo and its suburbs. Real estate offices abound with the showcasing of homes frequently on the Internet. If you are looking for a home near a gorgeous beach town, look up Chafalu which looks like a French Riviera enclave, and is around 75 miles from Palermo and an hour by train or bus.



Robert Meisner

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real Estate Careers

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. Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee. For information, call Mary Beth Kaljian at 734-459-4700 or mb@marybethk.com.

New associates

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel (CBWM) has recently welcomed a number of new sales associates to the company. They are: Birmingham - Dennis Kozak; Commerce - Dennis Bugeja; Grosse Pointe - Montrece White; Ionia - Fred Hogle; Macomb - Greg Ciesielski, Paula Gruba, Aaron Lappe, Jo Ann Lappe; Northville - Sarah Goodman, Kathy Manley; Plymouth - Kellie Smith, Cheryl Johnson; Rochester - Jeff Hurst, Mary Hoste.

"We are pleased that these exceptional people have chosen Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel," said John North, CBWM COO. "We are always excited to welcome associates who share our core values of integrity, a passion for service, a positive attitude and a drive for results."

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. Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com.

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.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 8-12, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
31115 Pickwick Ln	\$365,000
BIRMINGHAM	
659 Ann St	\$970,000
848 E Lincoln St	\$180,000
1570 Northlawn Blvd	\$478,000
825 Norwich St	\$197,000
1700 Pembroke Rd	\$156,000
1171 Ruffner Ave	\$355,000
1668 S Eton St	\$215,000
1051 Woodlea St	\$314,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
4304 Antique Ln	\$280,000
1411 Kensington Rd	\$485,000
2830 Thedford Rd	\$390,000
1745 Tiverton Rd Unit 24	\$150,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
5916 Blandford Rd	\$202,000
866 Edgemont Run	\$274,000
759 Half Moon Rd	\$740,000
65 Hillsdale Rd	\$325,000
1916 Long Pointe Dr	\$715,000
3810 Mystic Valley Dr	\$561,000
620 S Cranbrook Rd	\$186,000
1629 S Hill Blvd	\$88,000
44808 Ridgfield Rd	\$384,000
6300 Wing Lake Rd	\$2,090,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
1959 Alpha St	\$452,000
2411 Baltimore Ct	\$282,000
4863 Turtlewood Ct	\$245,000
FARMINGTON	
23119 Cass Ave	\$183,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29615 Eastfield St	\$160,000
29759 Fox Grove Rd	\$205,000
28660 Grayfield Dr	\$127,000
26105 La Muera St	\$233,000
21247 Randall St	\$75,000
22012 S Brandon	\$58,000

33427 Shiawassee St	\$50,000
36814 Tanglewood Ln	\$191,000
23158 Tuck Rd	\$55,000
22738 Walsingham Dr	\$295,000
28567 Wintergreen	\$400,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18466 Middlesex Ave	\$157,000
MILFORD	
520 E Huron St	\$265,000
573 Napa Valley Dr	\$2,850,000
1061 Riverstone Cir	\$270,000
NORTHVILLE	
100 Ely Dr S	\$155,000
821 Grace St	\$190,000
NOVI	
43050 12 Oaks Crescent Dr	\$150,000
22282 Edgewater	\$97,000
44575 Ellery Ln	\$180,000
44577 Ellery Ln	\$181,000
44581 Ellery Ln	\$182,000
25626 Gina Ct	\$470,000
40842 Lenox Park Dr	\$275,000
24018 Lynwood Dr	\$145,000

30291 Pennington Ln	\$345,000
45603 South Lake Dr	\$388,000
23519 Stonehenge Blvd	\$61,000
41658 Tera Ln	\$139,000
39842 Village Wood Cir	\$61,000
41295 W 13 Mile Rd	\$192,000
SOUTH LYON	
1370 Drury Ln	\$276,000
714 Kestrel Ct	\$132,000
59233 Peters Barn Dr	\$148,000
24753 Purlin Ct	\$83,000
24755 Purlin Ct	\$83,000
24781 Purlin Ct	\$88,000
26690 York Ct	\$236,000
SOUTHFIELD	
28199 Fontana Dr	\$82,000
25873 Greenfield Rd # 4	\$40,000
19148 Hilton Dr	\$40,000
27451 Pierce St	\$127,000
25540 Saint James	\$77,000
WHITE LAKE	
2419 Gale Island St	\$31,000
595 Red Bank Dr	\$302,000
2615 Tackles Dr	\$175,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 29 through May 3, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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43554 Amber Ct	\$160,000
47125 Ashley Ct	\$310,000
1373 Colonnade Ct	\$425,000
3915 Cornerstone Dr	\$116,000
46490 Creekside Ct	\$228,000
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43603 Emrick Dr	\$129,000
50601 Federal Blvd	\$78,000
50715 Federal Blvd	\$77,000
50829 Federal Blvd	\$77,000
50981 Federal Blvd	\$78,000
51095 Federal Blvd	\$77,000
4350 Forest Bridge Dr	\$200,000
48377 Gyde Rd	\$540,000
7006 Harvard Ln	\$40,000
4464 Hunters Cir E	\$77,000
1069 Kings Ct	\$186,000
354 Kings Way	\$140,000
44890 Lemont Rd	\$221,000
42420 Majestic Ct	\$187,000
249 N Corrine Blvd	\$170,000
3942 Norwich Dr	\$180,000

45484 Oakland Ct	\$315,000
1980 Paddock Ln	\$186,000
7225 Peachtree Ct	\$228,000
43809 Proctor Rd	\$116,000
44808 Ridgfield Rd	\$180,000
44893 Seabrook Dr	\$262,000
47573 Torrington Dr N	\$390,000
1293 W Crystal Cir	\$187,000
2012 Woodmont Ct	\$155,000
GARDEN CITY	
31751 Cambridge St	\$107,000
7006 Helen St	\$63,000
31412 Hennepin St	\$45,000
31763 Hennepin St	\$77,000
6635 Inkster Rd	\$38,000
LIVONIA	
38651 Eight Mile Rd	\$252,000
20118 Angling St	\$35,000
14901 Arcola St	\$147,000
11035 Arden St	\$167,000
11025 Berwick St	\$105,000
13956 Cardwell St	\$98,000
9333 Eastwind Dr	\$143,000
15158 Fairfield St	\$30,000
11126 Garden St	\$120,000
31290 Grandon St	\$150,000
15551 Ingram St	\$199,000
19714 Ingram St	\$127,000
16815 Inkster Rd	\$72,000
35912 Leon St	\$124,000

37930 Margaretta Dr	\$264,000
9037 Melvin St	\$86,000
31625 Myrna St	\$227,000
14919 Paderewski St	\$85,000
34960 Perth St	\$145,000
29172 Pickford St	\$98,000
33134 Scone St	\$180,000
14055 Sunbury St	\$18,000
19632 Sussex Ave	\$237,000
36301 Vargo St	\$136,000
NORTHVILLE	
18999 Bella Vista Ct	\$322,000
17048 Boulder Dr	\$374,000
44415 Broadmoor Blvd	\$385,000
15574 Dorchester Ct	\$577,000
16694 Dover Dr	\$145,000
17201 Lake View Cir	\$300,000
16328 Mulberry Way	\$329,000
39473 Springwater Dr	\$166,000
17940 W Northville Trl	\$400,000
40067 Woodside Dr S	\$418,000
PLYMOUTH	
12937 Andover Dr	\$297,000
41427 Crabtree Ln	\$225,000
41218 Greenbriar Ln	\$190,000
41507 Greenbriar Ln	\$179,000
11511 Hillcrest Dr	\$310,000
44725 Lynn Dr	\$80,000
40669 Newport Dr	\$64,000
51391 Northview	\$265,000

45131 Pinetree Dr	\$238,000
801 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$715,000
REDFORD	
9208 Columbia	\$51,000
25755 Deborah	\$65,000
14216 Fenton	\$45,000
18498 Fox	\$33,000
19560 Olympia	\$49,000
9356 Sarasota	\$70,000
19485 Seminole	\$24,000
11744 Tecumseh	\$78,000
9344 Winston	\$55,000
15962 Winston	\$43,000
20572 Woodworth	\$26,000
12819 Wormer	\$29,000
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230 Carson Dr	\$90,000
7370 Central St	\$15,000
30605 Cooley Blvd	\$114,000
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Large Metro-Detroit Dealership is seeking an individual for a full-time Accounts Payable position. We are seeking an energetic, enthusiastic individual with a great work ethic to join our office team! We are in need of someone who is efficient and accurate and can handle a fast-paced work environment. We offer a great work environment, medical, dental and life insurance, as well as paid vacations and a 401k plan. Anyone who has prior Accounts Payable/Accounting exp. and is self-motivated is encouraged to submit resume to jobs@hinespark.com Dealership and accounting

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Are You Looking For a Rewarding Career In Property Management?
Dart Properties II LLC, a full service property management co. is seeking qualified, customer-service oriented individuals to fill the positions of:
• LEASING CONSULTANT
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Applicants must have and maintain a valid Michigan driver's license with an acceptable driving record.
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Help Wanted - General
LABORER CONSTRUCTION SITE CLEAN-UP
Must have reliable transportation (truck preferred).
Fax resume to: 248-448-8084

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ATTORNEY: TRIAL FIRM (DEFENSE)
Seeking a sharp and reliable associate attorney with at least 4-5 yrs litigation experience. Must be a self starter and well organized with good writing skills. Responsible worker required with ability to handle, manage and maintain complex litigation cases; and meet deadlines in a busy fast paced office environment. Analytical thinker with problem solving skills preferred.
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Experienced in all phases of computerized accounting. Word and excel exp a must! Competitive salary & benefit package. Send resume & salary requirements to: sjl1972@yahoo.com

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CREMATORY OPERATOR
For Crematory in Canton, Pa. Time: Hours vary to include days, nights and weekends. Some heavy lifting involved. Applications can be filled out at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, 48154 between hours 9 am - 4:30 pm.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
For insurance agency located in West Bloomfield. Data entry and word processing. Experience with AFW or AMS360 a plus. Hours are flexible. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume to lucabn@paragonunderwriters.com

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Manufacturer looking to hire a driver/production worker, plus some production workers for light assembly. Drivers must have a valid chauffeur's license with a good driving record. All employees must pass a drug screen. Benefits. Call: 248-478-7788 or apply in person, at: 20775 Chesley, Farmington.

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• Training avail for CDL Lic
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Staff needed for young male, Novi area. Evenings 5-10pm, \$10/hr. 248-471-9168

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MANUFACTURING
For 40 years, L&W Engineering has been a leading Tier 1 supplier in the automotive industry, specializing in Metal Stampings, Welded Assemblies, Tubular Products, and Hot Stampings. Our stability, growth and success is a direct result of the dedication and commitment of all our associates. We are seeking highly qualified individuals to build a career with us.
• Exp'd Production Operator
• Maintenance Machine Repair
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Opportunities avail throughout SE Michigan including our Belleville, Detroit, and Milan locations. Previous automotive stamping and welded assembly experience preferred.
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MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR
Ashford Court Senior Residence in Westland. Seeks a qualified person to oversee all Maintenance, Grounds, and Transportation Services. Candidates must enjoy working with seniors and have exp. with hands-on repair & maintenance, & knowledge of mechanical/HVAC systems. Functioning as part of a team and on-call required. EOE.
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AWTEC (AW Transmission Engineering, Inc.), located in PLYMOUTH, is an award winning industry leading automotive supplier, with a commitment to quality and equipment standards that is unsurpassed in the automotive industry.

We are currently searching for an experienced Maintenance Technician for our facility. Responsibilities include performing start up and preventive maintenance on equipment, troubleshooting & repairing equipment, dismantling machines and replacing parts such as motors and pumps. Replacing fuses, junction boxes and performing basic electrical repairs. Fabricating and welding machine guards, conveyors and other items. Repairing and maintaining pneumatic and hydraulic systems. Repairing and maintaining heating and cooling systems. Assisting with new equipment installation and set-up. General building maintenance as necessary. The selected candidate must have good attendance, work ethic, attention to detail and a willingness to learn is mandatory. Applicants must also be a team player and have reliable transportation.

High school diploma and some prior manufacturing experience are preferred.

We offer competitive compensation and benefits that include:

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Plymouth, MI 48170
Fax: 734-454-1091
E-mail: hrresumes@awtec.com

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

To assist with apt. community turns. Minimum 6 mos. full-time, may lead to long term employment. Must be exp'd. in carpentry, drywall, & paint touch up. Plumbing & Electrical a plus. General labor & groundskeeping may be required. Must have own transportation and tools. A positive, "get the job done" attitude a must. Background check will be performed on qualified applicants.
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Help Wanted - Office Clerical

Administrative Assistant
Immediate Opening
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Northville law firm has a full-time position available for person with excellent administrative, organizational and computer skills. Attention to detail in reviewing medical records for disability claims development & good communication skills a must. Military experience preferred. Knowledge of legal or medical helpful. Please email resume and writing sample to: psugars@tb-firm.com

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Help Wanted - Dental

BILLING/INSURANCE COORDINATOR
Our Canton dental office is seeking a skilled billing and insurance coordinator. Computer proficiency a must. 32 hrs weekly. Ask for Theresa: 734-459-1950

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Local Dental Lab willing to train dental assistant with in office lab experience for a full time Dental Laboratory position. Please fax your resume to: 734-427-8331 or email to: fairlandental@sbccglobal.net

Help Wanted - Medical

EXP. SURGERY SCHEDULER
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Help Wanted - Medical

FRONT DESK RECEPTIONIST
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Ophthalmic Tech with Experience

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18320 Norwch 48152 Btwn 7 Mile and Curtis Dishes, toys, paperbacks, collectibles and more!

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- 6 Radiates
- 11 Heart, slangily
- 12 Cash in coupons
- 14 Wallet stuffers
- 15 Indiana or Casey
- 17 Gold, in chem.
- 18 "— Man Fever"
- 19 Repartee pro
- 20 Dutch carrier
- 21 Mournful cry
- 23 Dark brew
- 24 Appear to be
- 25 Mild, gentle breezes
- 27 Puffin kin
- 28 Puffin kin
- 29 "I've — a Secret"
- 30 Metallic sound
- 33 Sent for
- 37 Come unglued
- 38 Spoil
- 39 Test-drive vehicle

DOWN

- 40 Winning serve
- 41 Yuletide tree choice
- 42 Take an oath
- 43 Dog tag wearer
- 44 High-IQ group
- 46 Plant parasite
- 47 Duelist's attendant
- 49 Bowl or ship
- 51 Lines on a map
- 52 Type of community

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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10:20 a.m.	New Treatments for Neurological and Rheumatic Diseases ~ Tiffany J Braley, M.D., M.S University of Michigan	1:20 p.m.	Nutrition: A Key Element in Fighting Autoimmune Diseases ~ Linda Kaminski, RD
11:10 a.m.	ABC's of Dermatology, Autoimmunity & Skin Diseases ~ Henry Ford Health System	2:10 p.m.	Drawing for Raffles
11:50 p.m.	Sit Down Lunch	2:20 p.m.	Sue Ann M. Ansari ~ Laughter Yoga
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Farm market fresh: Food that tastes good is always good for you, too

By Jill Halpin
Contributing Writer

Foodies, step aside. The farm-to-table movement sweeping the nation means you may find yourself standing elbow-to-elbow at the local farmers market with others in search of fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables.

No longer just a phrase tossed around by food snobs, the concept of eating “farm-to-table” – typically meaning the food on your plate came direct from a local farm – has grown in popularity in recent years.

In fact, 8,144 farmers markets are now listed in U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Farmers Market Directory, up from about 5,000 in 2008. Michigan, with 331 across the state, ranked fourth on the list of the top 10 states with the most farmers markets, according to the USDA.

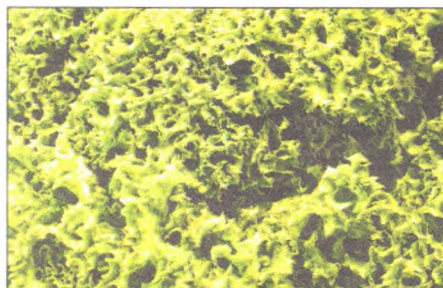
The benefits of “eating fresh” are numerous, said Liz Bailey, a registered dietician and certified diabetes educator at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital.

In addition to supporting local economies, other factors like eating foods with reduced amounts of chemicals and pesticides are among the appeals of eating fresh, she said.

“We all know that the soil used year after year in growing crops on overused fields affects the nutritional value. Locally grown food using less pesticides and less chemicals is superior nutritionally,” Bailey said.

Tastes good

Another big allure of eating fresh “is quite simply, taste,” she said.



Leafy green kale is nutritious. GETTY IMAGES

“When food is brought quickly from farm to table, it has an enhanced flavor,” Bailey said.

“I think people are surprised when they discover the taste of really fresh food,” said Dwight Carpenter of Carpenter’s Organic Produce, a vendor at the Northville Farmers Market.

He said that growing and handling methods can greatly affect the taste of foods, which people learn quickly after tasting fresh foods.

“Usually when it is grown, it is very pure. Issues occur in the way that it is handled. The less handling, the less exposure to contamination,” he said.

Produce tastes best when it is eaten at its ripest, said Carpenter, who has been farming with his father in Allen, Mich., since 1958.

One of the other big draws of farmers markets is the access to some of the rarer fruits and vegetables.

“You can find different produce at farmers markets that you cannot find in typical grocery store,” Bailey said.

Kale and Swiss chard, two of the leafy greens grown by Carpenter, are among the hard-to-find vegetables readily available at farmers markets.

Touted by health experts as “super foods” – those with high nutrients and health-promoting phytochemicals – they are not always available in grocery stores.

“Kale is a nutritional powerhouse. It has just 35 calories per cup with 200 percent of your vitamin A, 100 percent vitamin C and 600 percent vitamin K. It is also a good source of calcium, has copper, potassium and iron – just an excellent source of antioxidants,” Bailey said.

Swiss chard and collard greens, frequent offerings at area farmers markets, are extremely nutritious as well, she said.

Colors for nutrition

With varied colors of produce on your plate, “you are getting a wider range of vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals and antioxidants that protect against cancer,” she said.

According to Bailey, that is really one of the benefits of visiting farmers markets.

“The whole experience of going to farmers markets really exposes people to more fruits and vegetables. People have a tendency to try new things as they learn more about them,” she said. “You can speak directly to the growers and learn about the foods and how to prepare, them as well.”

Carpenter agrees. “You are talking to people who know. They know the food and care about the quality,” he said. “I think people are seeing a difference. My motto is that if you are not satisfied with it, you can always bring it back.”

“I take pride in my food,” he added.

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Savor the flavors of summer at farmers markets

Fresh fruits, vegetables and other local goods are available at these area farmers markets. Enjoy the bounty of Michigan close to home. If you’re traveling, go to michigan.org for a statewide list of markets and farm stands.

Birmingham Farmers Market

Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Sunday through October at Municipal Lot 6 on North Old Woodward, just north of Maple Road. Lots of fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers and handmade crafts at more than 70 booths. Food to eat sold on site. The Birmingham Farmers Market is dedicated to creating a weekly experience for area residents to shop for farm-fresh agricultural products and gather with others in the community.

Canton Farmers Market

Open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday through Oct. 13 in Preservation Park,

500 N. Ridge Road. The market offers seasonal produce, baked goods and a variety of handcrafted goods, all made in Michigan. For more information, visit cantonfun.org or call Tina Lloyd, market manager, at 734-394-5375.

Detroit’s Historic Eastern Market

More than 40,000 folks flock to this landmark, which offers 250 produce and plant vendors. The open-air booths also feature homemade jams, maple syrup and lots of other interesting items. The market is at 2934 Russell Street. It is open from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Sat-

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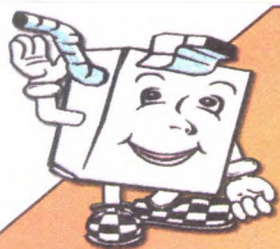
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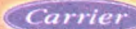
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They do not get clogged with leaves or debris. I do get some leaves in the fins, but because of the unique design it is self-cleaning and it is not a problem.

The Rain Handler™ system costs approximately \$21.90 per five-foot section plus installation, shipping and handling. It is available from the manufacturer by calling toll-free 800-942-3004 or visit www.rainhandler.com to get more information, as well as nearest distributor. I know that Home Depot also carries them.

Q: Our house was built in 2002. It has about 50 tie rod leaks in the basement. What could be the cause of so many leaks?

A: The cause: sloppy workmanship and poor supervision. That being said, they are easy to repair. Wear eye protection and chisel out each rod hole leak using a small chisel and hammer. Go in about three to five inches. Rinse out the hole using a garden pump sprayer and water.

Purchase hydraulic cement at the local home or hardware store. Mix a small portion with water. Mix only what you can use per hole. Wear gloves and quickly knead the cement mixture into a cigar shape and shove it into the rod hole. Now move on to the next hole.

Q: My home is two years old and the sump pump runs every six minutes all the time. I have burned out three sump pumps in two years. Out-

side of a battery backup and siphon ejector, what else can I do to fix my problem?

A: There are numerous contributing factors that can cause your sump pump to run frequently. Let's assume for the time being that the water table is not exceptionally high. Your local building department can probably give you that answer.

I would make sure the terrain around your entire house is sloped away from the house for at least four to six feet, with at least a one inch per foot slope.

Next, make sure your gutters are kept clean and are not overflowing. If you don't have gutters, install them. The downspouts should have extensions that take the roof run-off at least six feet from the house.

All concrete surfaces should also slope away from the house. If they have settled backward, check into concrete leveling.

Finally, where does your sump pump discharge? If it goes right through the wall and discharges on the ground, you're probably turning the same water over and over again. The pipe discharge should terminate into the storm sewer or away from your house.

Q: My 50-year old house has metal-framed, double-pane windows. The window frames have marble sills. The drywall immediately adjacent to almost every window frame has become crumbly at the bottom near the marble sills. Will replacing the marble with wood sills solve the problem?

A: You have marble sills because you have inexpensive metal windows. The metal conducts and cold moisture in your house condenses on the frames and drips down. The existing sills are designed to prevent even more damage.

Replacing them with wood may not solve the problem, since the wood could swell up or rot from the condensation.

Before you go to all the expense of replacing the windows, replace one sill with pressure-treated wood sealed on all sides. See if it makes a difference. If not, start shopping for windows.

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A porch can be an inviting place to spend some quiet time. GETTY IMAGES | COMSTOCK IMAGES

Designers offer tips to spruce up your ENTRYWAY

By Pamela A. Zinkosky
Contributing Writer

Your home's entrance sets the stage for what's inside. Whether it's bright and cheery, sophisticated and sleek or a whimsical celebration of the season, the doorway to your abode makes a statement and it deserves some decorating foresight. Consider not only the color of your door, but decorative accessories, surface treatments for your porch and even furniture.

Area designers recommended these ideas for sprucing up your entryway.

1) Paint it. Adding color is a great way to change the look of your entryway. Shelley Raymond, owner of Baker Blinds & Beyond in Farmington, recommended hiring a professional to help



Are your pots past their prime?

Mealtime can be a daily challenge, no matter the size of your household. Part of that challenge can be having the right cookware. More than simply tools in the kitchen, cookware is a way to enjoy the process of cooking and bring family and friends together. The notion of upgrading your cookware may be far from mind, but having the right pot or pan will keep family and friends coming back for more.

A recent survey concludes that most Americans own a piece of cookware that is approximately 17 years old. This survey also reveals that three out of 10 Americans admit to not knowing how to properly gauge the wear and tear of their cookware. When you know how to properly evaluate your cookware, you'll have confidence in your supplies, making the process of cooking even more rewarding.

Step One: Check Your Cookware

Look at your pots and pans to assess the wear and tear of each. Check for signs of chipping, rusting or warping that may affect the performance. Flip it over and look at the bottom to see if it is burned, which could affect how the pot or pan heats. Also, check the handles and lids to see if they are bent or missing.

Step Two: Test It Out

Once you've checked the condition of your cookware, it's time to test it out. Chipping, rusting and warping can affect the cooking or cleanup performance of your pots and pans. Be sure to test your cookware to ensure these flaws are only cosmetic. If your cookware is nonstick, a good test is to fry an egg - if it sticks to your pan, then it is



More than simply tools in the kitchen, cookware is a way to enjoy the process of cooking. GETTY IMAGES

likely time to buy yourself a replacement.

Step Three: Re-evaluate Your Needs

Once you've reviewed and tested your cookware, you can decide what you should keep, what to reinvest in and what you need to recycle. Start by asking yourself how often you cook, how much do you cook and do you find yourself needing different sizes and shapes of pans while cooking?

A good rule of thumb when looking for new cookware is to look for pots and pans that are branded by manufacturers with a long track record, such as those which carry the DuPont™ Teflon® brand logo.

Finally, it's important to feel the cookware in your own hands. Visit your local retail store and pick them up. Find out if the handles feel comfortable, the weight is good and if you love the color and style. Most of your favorite retail stores have great selections to meet your needs.

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decide on the color.

"Bold colors are great, but it's important to tone it down a bit for outdoors, since outdoor light can make some colors look garish," she said. Raymond also recommended using the same color for the shutters or adding an accessory in the same color to create a unified look.

2) Resurface it. Tile on top of a cement porch can make a big impact, Raymond said, and it's less expensive than replacing the entire porch. Raymond added slate to her own porch surface in Farmington, with a few unique animal footstep stamps. A few rows of slate on the areas that face forward finish off the look.

Michele Hinds, owner of The Vines Flower & Garden Shop in Farmington, said stamping designs on cement porches and walkways is also a way to add visual interest.

3) Get a new door. Raymond, who's been known to use vintage doors in her interior design, recommends making sure your door matches the style of your house. For example, go for a more ornate door if you have an old Victorian, but something cleaner and simpler if your home is a modern ranch.

Glass doors, she says, are more inviting and let more light in. Also, choose your colors carefully. (See "paint it" above.)

4) Dress a door. The Vines carries an assortment of door pouches in different sizes that Hinds said are popular. "A lot of people take these flowers out and change them for the different seasons," she said of the summer-inspired flowers currently on her shop's door.

5) Live it up. "It always looks great when there's something live on the



A glass door and seasonal plants are an attractive combination for this local entryway.

PAMELA A. ZINKOSKY

porch," Raymond said. "I think it adds life to the house." Especially in these warm-weather months, a planter or grouping of planters can add color and interest to your porch. Make a big statement with a large, colored planter filled with your favorite flowers or go for a more neutral look with some foliage.

In winter months, fresh evergreen sprigs dressed up with pine cones and ornaments make great fillers for window boxes, planters and door pouches, Hinds said.

6) Go with the seasons. Laura Lewarne, a Farmington resident and real estate office worker, said she dresses up her entryway according to the seasons. She has holiday door decorations for special occasions like Halloween and Valentine's Day, plus an assortment of seasonal decorating ideas like using fresh evergreen sprigs with ornaments in the window box adjacent to her door for wintertime. "I always use fabric ribbons" to add visual impact, she said.

7) Add furniture. If you have room, outdoor chairs, benches and tables can make your porch inviting. Just be sure not to crowd too much in. "Conceptually, keep it clean and use a few larger things to make a statement, rather than a lot of little things," Raymond said. "That goes for all accessories."

8) Use lighting. "I think lighting is important," Hinds said. You can add lanterns, as Lewarne often does, or a large spotlight showcasing a wreath on your door or other design element. A strand or two of small outdoor lights is also a nice way to dress up a porch. White lights or those chosen to match the season accent your home beautifully.



Shelley Raymond resurfaced her cement porch and added a few unique animal footstep stamps.

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Laura Lewarne dresses up her Farmington home according to the seasons.

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Farmington Farmers & Artisan Market

Open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Nov. 17 at Orchard Street, east off of Farmington Road, behind the Downtown Farmington Center, as construction continues on nearby Grove Street. The market features a wide selection of seasonal fruits and vegetables, specialty products and baked goods. See cooking demonstrations by local restaurants, children's activities, entertainment and more. Go to www.downtownfarmington.org

Lathrup Village Farmers Market

At the Lathrup Municipal Complex, 27400 Southfield Road, just north of I-696. The market is open 2-7 p.m. each Wednesday through Oct. 23. Go to lathrupvillage.org for more information.

Livonia Farmers Market

Runs through Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Wilson Barn, 29350 W. Chicago Road, at Middlebelt. Buy crafts, fruits, vegetables and artisan foods from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local farmers, crafters and bakers offer a variety of fresh produce, plants and handmade goods. Proceeds from the market benefit the Wilson Barn, birthplace of Michigan's milk-hauling business and a state and national historic site. For more information, call 734-427-4311 or visit www.wilsonbarn.us.

Milford Farmers Market

Open 3-8 p.m. each Thursday at 115 E. Liberty Street, next to Fifth Third Bank lot. The market offers foods and creations by Michigan farmers and local residents. Children's activities, cooking demonstrations and special events are also on tap. See milfordfarmersmarket.org.

Northville Farmers Market

Open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Thursday through Oct. 31 in the Northville Downs parking lot, located at Seven Mile and Sheldon. The market includes more than 125 Michigan-made and Michigan-grown products. Lunch food service, cold drinks and shaded picnic tables also are available. The Chefs at the Market series occurs 9-10

a.m. select Thursdays. Weekly events include Master Gardeners from 9 a.m. to noon, new cars on display from Tom Holzer Ford and Varsity Ford and knife, scissor and garden tool sharpening. For more information, visit www.northville.org/Events_Calendar/Content/Farmers_Market.

Novi Farmers Market

Located at Fuerst Park, 10 Mile and Taft roads, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Tuesday through Aug. 27 and 3:30-6 p.m. each Tuesday Sept. 3-24. The market is open to Michigan producers only. The market offers fresh in-season produce from local farmers and specialty products like pastries, sauce, sausages, honey, jam and arts and crafts. Live entertainment is also performed every week.

Oakland County Market

Farmers from 10 nearby counties bring their produce, fruit and flowers direct to the public from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday through Dec. 23. Also from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each Saturday from January through April. The market is at 2350 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford. Call 248-858-5495 for more information.

Plymouth Farmers Market

The market is located in The Gathering across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. The market runs from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 27. It will be closed Saturday, Sept. 7, for the Plymouth Community Fall Festival. For more information, visit www.plymouthmich.org.

Redford Farmers Market

At the Marquee, located at the Town Hall complex on Beech Daly, one block south of Five Mile. The market runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Sunday through Sept. 29 in the heart of downtown Redford. Plants, produce and special events are part of the market.

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Royal Oak Farmers Market

One of southeast Michigan's premium market venues, where farmers are only allowed to sell what they grow. Fruits, vegetables, baked goods, eggs, dairy products, meats, herbs and other goods are available from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday (through December) and each Saturday (year-round). Also from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Sunday (for antiques and collectibles). The market is at 316 E. 11 Mile Road, two blocks east of Main Street. Ample parking is available. For more information, call 248-246-3276.

South Lyon Farmers Market

The market runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the corner of Pontiac Trail and Liberty Street in downtown South Lyon. Produce, plants, baked goods and crafts are available.

Walled Lake Farmers Market

Hours are from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday through October. The market is at 1499 E. W. Maple, next to the fire station.

Wixom Farmers Market

Market is open 3-7 p.m. each Thursday through Sept. 5 at Sibley Square Park, 48900 Pontiac Trail. The market offers the best of Michigan from flowers to fresh produce, special sauces and salsas, honey, breads and more. In addition, you will find unique items such as garden artwork, birdhouses, candles and other items you will want to put in your market bag. In addition, kids crafts, activities and special event days will be offered.

Wayne Farmers Market

Run by the Wayne Chamber of Commerce for the 2013 season, the market is open 3-7 p.m.

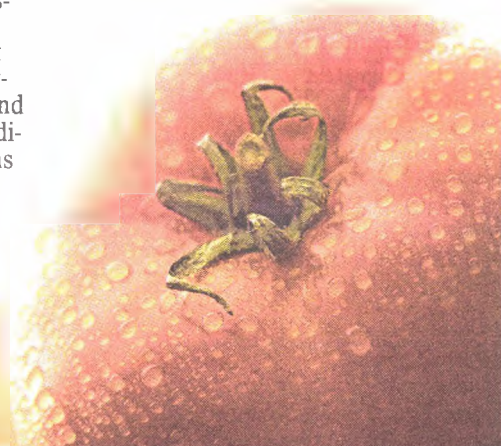
each Wednesday through Oct. 30 at Goudy Park, behind Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road. More than 25 vendors provide Michigan-made and Michigan-grown products, as well as homemade soap, candles, garden art and more. For more information, call the Wayne Chamber of Commerce at 734-721-0100.

Westland Farmers Market

The market is open 3-7 p.m. each Thursday through October in the Westland City Hall parking lot, 36601 Ford Road. Each week at least one vendor offers produce samplings and there is weekly entertainment for the whole family, including face painters and musicians. The market also accepts food assistance programs, such as SNAP, EBT, WIC Project FRESH, Senior Project FRESH and Double Up Food Bucks

White Lake Farmers Market

This market, featuring fruits, vegetables, flowers and crafts runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday at the Lakeland High School campus, 1630 Bogie Lake Road. Call 248-755-1195 or email alaw4196@aol.com for more information.



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Chefs Steve Allen (left) and Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz, co-owners of Steve & Rocky's in Novi, operate under the philosophy of serving simple food made from the freshest ingredients.

Steve & Rocky's menu 'Made in Michigan'

Award-winning chef Steve Allen, co-owner of Steve & Rocky's in Novi, has a secret, one that distinguishes him from other Detroit-area restaurateurs. The fresh produce he uses in his summer dishes? It comes from his own farm.

"I'm a proud Michigander and work hard to use products made or produced in Michigan all year long," Allen said. "This year's summer foods promotion features appetizers, main courses, desserts and beverages that highlight Michigan products. Local dairy, produce, meats, chicken, cheeses, Vernors Ginger Ale, Faygo Red Pop, Rock & Rye and Root Beer along with Black Star Vineyard wines."

Allen, who opened Steve & Rocky's 15 years ago with partner Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz, has always operated under the philosophy of serving simple food made from the freshest ingredients.

It's that dedication to quality that



At his six-acre gentleman's farm, Chef Steve Allen grows a variety of fruits and vegetables, including heirloom tomato varieties - 735 plants' worth for summer 2013.

continues to earn Steve & Rocky's the loyalty of countless regular customers.

Integrating his own produce with his menus comes naturally to Allen, who has been gardening since he was a youngster. He calls his six acres near Hartland a gentleman's farm, chosen at the outset because it was a great place to raise a family.

It didn't take long, though, for him to begin growing the kinds of fruits and vegetables he enjoys: watermelon, cantaloupe, cucumbers, squash and his favorite, a number of heirloom tomato varieties - 735 plants' worth for summer 2013. A believer in organic farming, he eschews pesticides and makes and uses his own compost.

This year's bounty is on display in Steve & Rocky's "Made in Michigan Summer" menu, which it is serving through Sept. 7. Specialty dishes developed by Chefs Allen and Jeff Evans include Allen Farmhouse Heirloom Tomato Salad, Lightly Smoked Breast of Free Range Chicken (with wild rice bread pudding and Michigan sweet corn) and Grilled Bone-in Sirloin with wild mushroom jus, white cheddar mashed potatoes and Michigan vegetables.

To top off any meal are fruit-based desserts such as strawberry rhubarb shortcake with Guernsey Dairy whipped cream and ice cream and apple and Pinconning cheese strudel. Michigan wines, beers and Faygo soft drinks will also be offered.

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