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## Colbeck sits out, but Medicaid bill passes

State senator abstains on first vote before compromise leads to OK of expansion

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck is steadfastly against the expansion of Medicaid, so when HB 4714 came up for a vote Tuesday in the Senate, he made sure it couldn't pass - on the first vote.

Colbeck, the Canton Township Republican who has pro-

posed his own alternative to the bill, abstained Tuesday, effectively killing the bill, which died from a 19-18 vote. Since the bill needed 20 votes to pass, Colbeck's action left Lt. Gov. Brian Calley hanging, unable to cast the tiebreaking vote.

"If I had voted, it would have passed, because (Calley) had said he would vote for it," Colbeck said. "Even a 'no' vote

would have been a 'yes' vote, so I didn't vote."

That didn't stop the bill from passing - eventually. The Senate voted to allow reconsideration of the vote before going into recess to try to hammer out a compromise. When senators came out, an amendment that says hospitals can't charge Medicaid patients more than 115 percent of what they charge Medicare patients was offered.

Sen. Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba, switched his vote, giving it a winning 20-18 mar-

gin. The amendment basically says that hospitals can't charge Medicaid patients more than 115 percent of what they charge Medicare patients.

Colbeck, who sponsored an alternative bill that would have basically scrapped Medicaid for a state-subsidized program that included high deductibles for low-income Michiganders, called the expansion "unconscionable."

"Hitching our wagon to this Obamacare train is a high-risk

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State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, abstained from a first vote on Medicaid expansion Tuesday, but HB 4714 passed, with an amendment, in a second vote.



Miller Elementary staffers whoop it up. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Rally helps teachers greet new school year

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

High school cheerleaders at the three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park begin their "official" duties later this week when the prep football teams kick off their fall season.

But cheerleaders were on hand Monday to cheer for a different team as administrators, teachers and other school officials gathered at the varsity football stadium for a kickoff rally designed to get the blood pumping ahead of Tuesday's start of the 2013/14

school year.

"It's really important to re-establish the idea of one team," said Dr. Michael Meissen, the district's new superintendent. "We're all working together for the benefit of our students. This is a wonderful district with great students. To be able to celebrate at the beginning of the year what teachers do, and will do all year, is worthy of a celebration."

The event featured cheerleaders and pom squads, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and speeches. Teachers found the high-energy atmosphere a good way to kick off a new year.

"I loved hearing the cheerleaders cheering for (teachers), because you don't hear that very often," said Bentley Elementary School teacher Cheryl Zuzo. "I love all the staff coming together like this."

In addition to speeches from Meissen, Board of Education President John Barrett and Salem High School senior Archana Sondor, the day also broke some news.

Carole Cody, executive director of the Educational Excellence Foundation,

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## Board hires architect to design new middle school

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

A month after eschewing a recommendation by school administrators to hire TMP Architecture to design a new middle school, the Board of Education Tuesday approved the hiring of TMP Architecture to design its new middle school.

This time, though, it came after a month-long bidding process that saw bids come in from four firms, including TMP and Fanning-Howey, the firm that designed Discovery Middle School. Bids were also received from Wakely Associates, Inc., (which has designed several buildings in the district) and SHW Group. French & Associates (which

built Plymouth High School) and Integrated Design Solutions declined to bid, citing existing workloads.

Administrators had previously suggested hiring TMP without going out for bids, but board members weren't comfortable doing that.

"I think going through the

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The new middle school being built by Plymouth-Canton Schools will be located just west of Canton Center Rd. on Cherry Hill Rd., behind Rose's restaurant.

## Plymouth greets fall with annual festival

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Community Fall Festival, an opportunity for churches, nonprofits, service clubs and community groups to raise few bucks and spread the word about what they do, arrives Friday, Sept. 6.

The 2013 edition of the festival will bring together community groups and businesses along with live entertainment, carnival rides, Plymouth's Taste Fest and popular meal events, such as the Rotary Club of Plymouth's chicken barbecue. The three-day festival is in Kellogg Park and surrounding downtown Plymouth streets, with the Station 885 restaurant in Old Village hosting Taste Fest.

Participating organizations include the Plymouth Canton Civitans, the Living Word Church, the Community Foundation of Plymouth, the Trailwood Garden Club, the Plymouth Lions Club, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, the Plymouth Five and Drum Corps and more.

### Meal times

The Kiwanis Club will host a pancake breakfast 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at The Gathering; the Plymouth A.M. Rotary will sponsor a spaghetti dinner in the tent behind E.G. Nick's 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7; and the chicken barbecue will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, in the park. The Fall Festival originated from an annual Rotary chicken barbecue that dates from the 1950s.

Other major events are the Bingo games, sponsored by the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters, 6-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at The Gathering; The Optimist Club of Plymouth's pet show Saturday; and the antique and classic car show, sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 5238 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695, both Saturday and Sunday.

### Old Village action

Taste Fest, 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept 7, is in the parking lot at

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Kitchen staff and management at The Roc in Plymouth during the official debut Friday of the restaurant's new menu. From left are operating partner Jordan West, Nick Riddel, chef David Selley, chef Tom Spoon, Dave Sanders, partner Steve Stergiou and partner John Mourselas.

**Roc rolls out new menu, concept**

Restaurant seeks to re-emphasize food choices

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

The Roc, a restaurant and bar on Ann Arbor Road on Plymouth's south side, has unveiled a new menu and a new look as it tries for a softer image and re-emphasizes its food.

At a rollout of the new concept Friday, the staff served Louisiana beef tips, crab-stuffed mushrooms and jambalaya, three of the new offerings on a menu designed by

chef David Shelley, who has worked at Fishbone's in Detroit and Karl's Cabin in Salem Township.

"It went extremely well," said Jordan West, one of the partners in The Roc. "We had a lot of city officials out; we had a lot of regulars and families."

The place has been painted and redecorated inside and out, with new wood floors, a wood ceiling and lots of wood trim.

"When it's nice and bright in there, everything shines," West said.

West said The Roc is aiming for a more upscale

feel and a family-friendly atmosphere. The place will keep its television sets for sports fans, but also host events designed to draw more families, such as trivia nights, he said.

"We try to be the best we can for the town," said John Mourselas, another partner. "We have a top-quality restaurant right now."

More about The Roc, including a sample menu, can be found at its website [www.plymouthrocar.com](http://www.plymouthrocar.com).



Ravioli with goat cheese is among the new offerings at The Roc on Ann Arbor Road.

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The curbside pickup of garbage, recyclables and yard waste in Plymouth and Plymouth Township will be delayed by one day next week because of the Labor Day holiday.

Residents in both communities should set their items at the curb one day later than they would during a normal week.

In the township, pickups normally done Friday will be done Saturday, Sept. 7. In the city, in which pickups are normally done Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, those with a normal Wednesday pickup will have pickup Thursday, Sept. 5.

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venture," he said. "If this goes into effect, 30 percent of our population is going to be on Medicaid and then 70 percent is going to be paying for 30 percent."

"The Healthy Michigan plan emphasizes personal responsi-

bility," Gov. Rick Snyder said. "Healthy Michigan will make our state healthier and stronger. It also will save money for the state's taxpayers and job providers, help control medical costs, improve the state's business climate and boost our economy."

The amended bill now goes back to the House for a concurrence vote, scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 3.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, who opposed the original House bill, commended the Senate for "working hard to come up with the best solution possible."

Heise, who believes the amended bill will be supported and opposed in pretty much the same numbers as the original, still plans to oppose it.

"Even though this plan looks attractive in the short term,

I'm very concerned about the long-term financial sustainability of this program," Heise said. "The federal money tied to this expansion at some point is going to be assumed completely by the taxpayers of Michigan."

"I'm very uncomfortable with a plan that looks attractive in the short term, but may be five or six years from now Michigan taxpayers will be on

the hook for that money," he added. "We can't afford that at this time and I don't think we'll be in any better position to afford it five or six years from now."

Gannett News Service contributed to this report.

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Special education resource staffer Lindsay Cieslak and speech pathologist Mary Lou Eastbrook enter the stadium for the back to school rally. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## RALLY

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announced the EEF will distribute some \$25,000 in grants to teachers, to be handed out before the end of 2013.

With stadium-style food on hand - hot dogs, chips and snacks, and bottled water - the day seemed to give teachers and staff momentum headed into a new school year.

"It's a great way to get together and celebrate the great school district we have," Hoben Elementary School teacher Debbie Erickson said. "It adds some excitement and some motivation for what's to come."

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Cheer squads from all three high schools greet the staff entering the stadium. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen gives a pep talk to staff. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The P-CEP Pep Band whips up the crowd. Sam Wilmarth and Mario Galindez play baritone. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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bidding process was worth it," said Board of Education President John Barrett. "It gives everyone confidence we made the right decision."

The selection also settles another issue board members had been kicking around. TMP favors a two-story design similar to prototypes the firm designed in the Walled Lake District. Board members had also been considering the one-story design of Discovery Middle School.

TMP's prototype design, a 140,000-square-foot building expected to cost some \$22 million to build, features a centrally located welcome area, a second-story media center and centralized space for art, life management, STEM labs and music. As currently projected, the new building would not include a pool.

The school will be built on district-owned property at Cherry Hill and Canton Center and will replace Central Middle School, which will be closed. The new school is scheduled to open in September 2015.

Brodie Killian, the district's assistant superintendent for business services and operations, said the bidding process saved the district money over the costs originally being discussed between the district and TMP.

"In the end, the competitive bid process gave us rates that saved us some dollars," Killian said. "The (two-story) design was the preferred design of our committee. We felt overall that (TMP) was the right way to go."

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## FESTIVAL

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Station 885 on Starkweather and sponsored by the restaurant, the Civitans and U.S. Foods. Some 20 restaurants and specialty food shops have signed up to participate and will be offering samples from their menus. There will be live music and beer until 11 p.m.

Entertainment is also planned for festival hours at the Kellogg Stage at Kellogg Park, with performers to be announced.

Advance tickets for most events are available; visit the festival's website, [www.plymouthfallfestival.org](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.org), for specific ticket information.

Festival hours are from noon to 11 p.m. Sept. 6, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sept. 7, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 8.

## PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

### Nostalgia sale

The Plymouth Historical Museum holds its annual Nostalgia Sale during Plymouth's Fall Festival from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 5-7.

The sale takes place at 345 Sunset Street in Plymouth, not at the museum.

Sale items include nostalgic and/or historic artifacts no longer needed at the museum, as well as donated items. The proceeds benefit the Plymouth Historical Museum, which is privately funded and receives no government support.

Persons interested in the yard sale should call the museum at 734-455-8940 or visit the museum website at [www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org) for more information.

### Schools seek help

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education is looking for citizen participants to serve on four new subcommittees which will provide guidance and direction to the board in the following key areas: finance and operations; communication, legislation and partnerships; policy; and student performance and achievement.

Resource guides outlining responsibilities, membership, governance, term and meetings for each subcommittee are posted online at [www.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us). Each subcommittee

will consist of two to three members of the P-CCS Board of Education, representatives of the P-CCS administration and two board-appointed community representatives.

Citizens interested in one or more of the subcommittees should send email to Elizabeth Adams ([Elizabeth.Adams@pccsmail.net](mailto:Elizabeth.Adams@pccsmail.net)) in the superintendent's office by Friday, Sept. 6.

For more information, visit [www.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us).

### Quiet zones

A meeting is planned for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at the Plymouth District Library for citizens of the city of Plymouth interested in learning more about Quiet Zones.

An informal petition is being circulated to encourage the city of Plymouth to consider taking steps to qualify railroad crossings for Federal Railroad Administration "Quiet Zones" status which prohibits trains from sounding horns except in emergencies; is safer than non-"Quiet Zone" railroad crossings; prevents drivers from going around the gates; potentially increases property values; and has been successfully done by more than 500 communities in accordance with federal regulations, which have allowed this since 2006.

The online version of the petition is available at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/plymouthquietzones/>.

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Yappy Hour

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Sept. 7, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** In a tent behind E.G. Nick's on Forest in downtown Plymouth

**Details:** Bark for Life of Canton is planning for a woofin' good time. E.G. Nick's will be serving food during the event, which features many activities including 12 vendors, a 50/50 raffle, guess jars and a magic performance. Most importantly, this is the event where humans and canines gather together to contribute to the American Cancer Society's mission of helping people stay well, get well, find cures and fight back against cancer.

Look for these businesses at the event: Cookie Lee Jewelry, Three Dog Bakery, Three Dogz LLC, Trust & Obey Pawitive Dog Training, Fleece Dog Coats & Beds, Pawitive Pet Massage & Concierge LLC, Miche Purses, Salon Awesome, Gem - Greyhounds of Eastern MI, Jill Andra Young Photography and Tastefully Simple.

### Blood drives

**Dates/Times/Locations:**

» Sunday, Sept. 1, 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Hindu Temple, 44955 Cherry Hill in Canton

» Wednesday, Sept. 4, 1-6:45 p.m., St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center, Canton

» Wednesday, Sept. 9, 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., City Hall, 201 S. Main in Plymouth

» Tuesday, Sept. 10, noon to 4:45 p.m., Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive, Canton

» Sunday, Sept. 15, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Our Lady Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth

» Monday, Sept. 30, 1:30-7:15 p.m., Geneva United Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon in Canton

**Details:** The American Red Cross is sponsoring blood drives at the above times and locations. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

**Contact:** Contact Diane Risko to make an appointment at [Diane.Risko@redcross.org](mailto:Diane.Risko@redcross.org) or call 313-549-7052.

### Wildcats clothing drive

**Date/Time:** Thursday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m.

**Location:** Varsity football

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## CANTON CRIME WATCH

## Handgun incident

Canton police confiscated a handgun and issued a 31-year-old man a citation amid allegations he had the gun and a loaded magazine inside a vehicle where he also had open alcohol, a police report said.

The incident happened about 9:45 p.m. Monday at The Crossings, an apartment complex southeast of Joy Road and I-275.

Police also arrested a woman from the same incident and turned her over to Westland authorities after learning she had warrants for her arrest out of Westland, Detroit and Wayne County for parental neglect, no insurance, contributing to the delinquency of minors and not having a driver's license.

## Freezer theft

A 50-year-old woman notified police after someone stole a Whirlpool freezer she had placed near the curb with a \$150 for sale sign.

She told police the freezer was stolen 5-7 p.m. Sunday in the 44100 block of Parkside, northeast of Warren and Sheldon.

## Gas and go

Police went to the Mobil station on Cherry Hill, east of Lilley, after a man driving a vehicle with an Ontario, Canada, license plate drove off without paying for the fuel he pumped, a police report said.

The incident happened about 2 p.m. Sunday. An employee told police that a white male likely in his mid-60s went to the pump and tried to swipe

a credit card that didn't work.

The suspect then went inside the store and tried to pay with a credit card, but he was told to pump the gas and then pay inside, a police report said.

The man left the store, pumped fuel totaling \$46.80 and drove off.

## Conflicting reports

Police were investigating conflicting reports over whether a man revealed a gun and threatened a woman during an incident at the Academy Pointe mobile home community, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty, a police report said.

Police went to the location around 2:30 p.m. Saturday after reports that the suspect revealed the gun in his waistband while his father was

arguing with the woman. The argument allegedly arose after the woman's daughter and two other girls "jumped" another girl who was a relative of the men.

The father and son denied there was any confrontation other than a verbal one, but the woman insisted that she had been shown the gun. Another witness indicated no gun was seen, the police report said.

The man accused of having the gun was arrested for an unrelated incident after police learned he was wanted for an earlier assault in Canton. The investigation was continuing.

## Attempted break-in

Police went to the home of a 48-year-old man who lives in the 48300 block of Red Run, northwest of Ford and Beck

roads, after an alarm was set off while he was out of town.

The incident happened shortly after 3 a.m. Friday. Police found an open window on the back of the home that had a pry mark. Officers made entry, but nothing appeared to have been disturbed inside the house.

The owner had been in Florida at the time. He told police one of his children had posted information on Facebook about the out-of-town vacation. He also said workers had recently been in his house to perform work such as cleaning the carpet.

Police learned one of the workers had been arrested in 2009 for larcenies. The investigation was continuing.

Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

## Canton police investigating two-car crash

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A 78-year-old Romulus woman was in critical condition after her car was struck broadside by a pickup truck Monday afternoon at Michigan Avenue and Hannan Road, on Canton's southeast side, police said.

The woman was believed to have been placed on life support after she was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Canton police Sgt. Jim Harrison said.

Police Officer Mike Wells said the woman, accompanied by her grandson, was traveling south on Hannan when her 2003 Mercury Grand Marquis was struck on the driver's side.

Wells said the woman's car was hit by a 1999 Chevrolet pickup truck being driven westbound on Michigan Avenue by a Taylor man.

The accident happened about 1:30 p.m. Monday.

The cause of the two-car crash remained under investigation by the Canton Police Department's Accident Investigation Team, Wells said.

"Alcohol was not a factor," he said.

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## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

## Fraud report

A Plymouth Township man recently found that a loan for \$11,500 had been fraudulently applied for in his name, police report.

The would-be lender had contacted the complainant, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report, and told him his name, date of birth and Social Security number had been used on a loan application with a Detroit address. The loan was denied and the man had his accounts flagged for possible fraudulent activity, police said.

Police said an investigation determined the loan application had been filled out online and the applicant had used an email address that originated in Russia.

## Tools stolen

Power tools valued at \$1,350 were reported stolen recently from Granite and Remodeling Plus, on Ann Arbor Road near General Drive.

There were no signs of

forced entry and the complaint told police the theft had likely occurred during business hours, a police report said.

## Larcenies from vehicles

» All four tires and rims were stolen early Aug. 19 from a new Ford Explorer parked outside a house on Waverly Drive in the township.

Police found the Explorer sitting on paving blocks in the driveway, a police report said. The victim told police the theft had occurred between about 1:30 a.m. and 5 a.m.

» The license plate was reported stolen recently from a company car that was parked outside Sano Technology Group, on Keel Street south of Five Mile. The theft occurred Aug. 18 or Aug. 19, a police report said.

» A laptop computer was reported stolen Friday from a Fiat 500 that was parked in the driveway of a house on Dogwood Drive. The theft occurred between 8 p.m.

Aug. 22 and 7 a.m. the next day, a report said; the complainant told police the car may have been unlocked.

» A \$995 truck bed cover was reported stolen recently from a 2013 GMC Sierra pickup belonging to a township man. The truck was parked in the driveway of a house on Driftwood Court when the complainant noticed the top missing, but he was not completely certain where the truck was when the top was stolen, a police report said.

## Fire runs

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between Aug. 21-27:

» Tuesday, Aug. 27 - Rescue runs at Sheldon and M-14, on Five Mile, on Wilson, on Galleon, on Northville Road, on Filmore and at Haggerty and Newporte.

» Monday, Aug. 26 - Rescue runs on Beck, on Five Mile, on Plymouth Oaks, on Portsmouth Crossing, on Schoolcraft,

on Lilley, on General Drive, on Franklin, on westbound M-14 and on Newporte.

» Sunday, Aug. 25 - Rescue runs on Hines at Riverside, on Haggerty, on Risman, at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail, on Plymouth Lake and on southbound I-275 south of Joy.

» Saturday, Aug. 24 - Rescue runs on Sheldon, on Wilson, on Northville Road, on Weston, on Hunters Creek, on Ridge and on Plymouth.

» Friday, Aug. 23 - Rescue runs on Northville Road, on Ann Arbor Road, on Five Mile, on Newporte, on Beck, on Pine and on Chestnut.

» Thursday, Aug. 22 - Rescue runs on Willowbrook, on Ann Arbor Road, on Nector and on Ann Arbor Road at Massey.

» Wednesday, Aug. 21 - Rescue runs on northbound I-275, on Ann Arbor Trail, on Ann Arbor Road, on Hammill, on Northville Road, on Wilson and on Plymouth Road.

- By Matt Jachman

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People lined Hines Park from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive to watch the cars at the third annual Cruisin' Hines. TOM BEAUDOIN



Bob Metzger of Canton was at the cruise with his beautiful 1936 Chevy Coupe. TOM BEAUDOIN

National Lampoon's "Vacation" movie inspired this cruiser to keep Aunt Edna and the luggage on the roof of his car at this year's Cruisin' Hines. TOM BEAUDOIN



Sandra Zahrfield and her husband Tom Mullin of Redford cruise up and down Hines Drive in their 1916 Touring Model T. TOM BEAUDOIN



Frank Raymore Jr. of Westland touches up his 2011 Dodge Challenger SRTA that's meant for speed at the race track. TOM BEAUDOIN

# Out for a DRIVE

60,000 classics, hot rods enjoy annual Hines Drive cruise

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

All Rich Schlampp can say about Sunday's Hines Drive cruises is "wow" with two exclamation points. Schlampp was among fans who lined Hines Drive to watch classic cars and hot rods cruise the parkway from Ann Arbor Trail in Westland to Outer Drive in Dearborn Heights. "I was parked at the bottom of the Merriman Road entrance, so I got to watch everyone coming in all day long," Schlampp wrote in a posting on Cruisin' Hines Facebook page Monday. "All I can say is wow. ... The cruise in general, best in the world!" Comments like Schlampp's are music to the ears of organizer Don Nicholson, who has watched the event grow by leaps and bounds since it started three years ago. "It was phenomenal," Nicholson said. "The first year, we hoped from 4,000-5,000 cars and got 25,000. Last year, it was 40,000. And this year, we estimate it was close to 60,000. Who knows how many to expect, but what I do know is that I expect people to have a good time. Most of the people did."

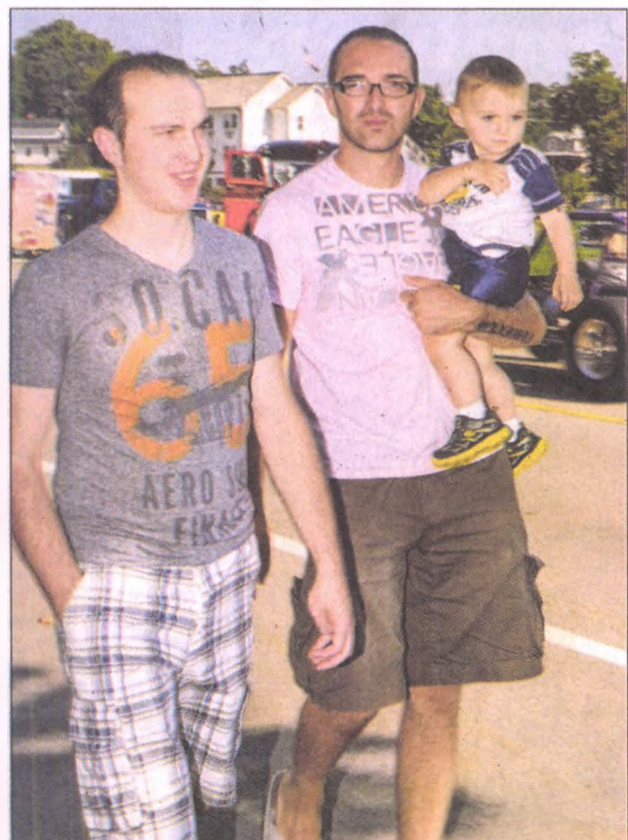
## Lining up to cruise

This is the third year Nicholson has joined Wayne County Parks on putting on the one-day cruise. Its popularity had cruisers lined up from the entrance at Ann Arbor Trail to Plymouth Road and along Merriman past Warren Road. Nicholson estimates that some 100 cars a minute were admitted to the parkway, but there were a few vehicles that overheated while waiting to get into the park. Cruisers like Debra McDonald posted that "getting in was not fun, but once we were in it was fabulous." Susan Smith Gronowicz said "getting in was a nightmare, but we did get in. It was great." And Gerry Silka described Cruisin' Hines as the "best cruise in Michigan." Setting up for the cruise started at 3 a.m., with vendors entering the area between 6-8 a.m. Once they were in place, the gates were opened to cruisers, who this year began lining up at 6 a.m. Cars came from seven states and two Canadian provinces, Nicholson said. "There were a lot of cars down there this year. Our goal was to keep them moving," he said. "There were a lot of people sitting along the road, shoulder to shoulder. Merriman Hollow was full by 9:30 a.m., the lot at Perrinville School was full. Telegraph Road is our biggest area where we can hold 5,000 cars and that was 50 percent full. That's a lot of cars."

## Watching the cars

Nicholson added that at the Warrendale area of the park, people were sitting on the hill with their umbrellas and tents to watch. Nicholson recruited volunteers to help with the event and said they were phenomenal. Among them was a woman in her 80s whose husband worked at the Model T plant in Highland Park. Another volunteer, Ken Smith, was there at 3 a.m. and didn't leave until 7 p.m., Nicholson said. The Hines Drive cruise is the only cruise in southeast Michigan in which the road is restricted to only classics and hot rods. With the response to the event almost doubling each year, Nicholson, Wayne County Parks and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department are sitting down this week to go over the event and begin planning for next year. One of the things they'll be looking at is entrances and the possibility of having two for next year's cruise. Nicholson also is considering a \$5 charge next year, with half of the amount going to Wayne County Parks. "We've had a lot of responses to the cruise. A lot of people are saying great things," he added.

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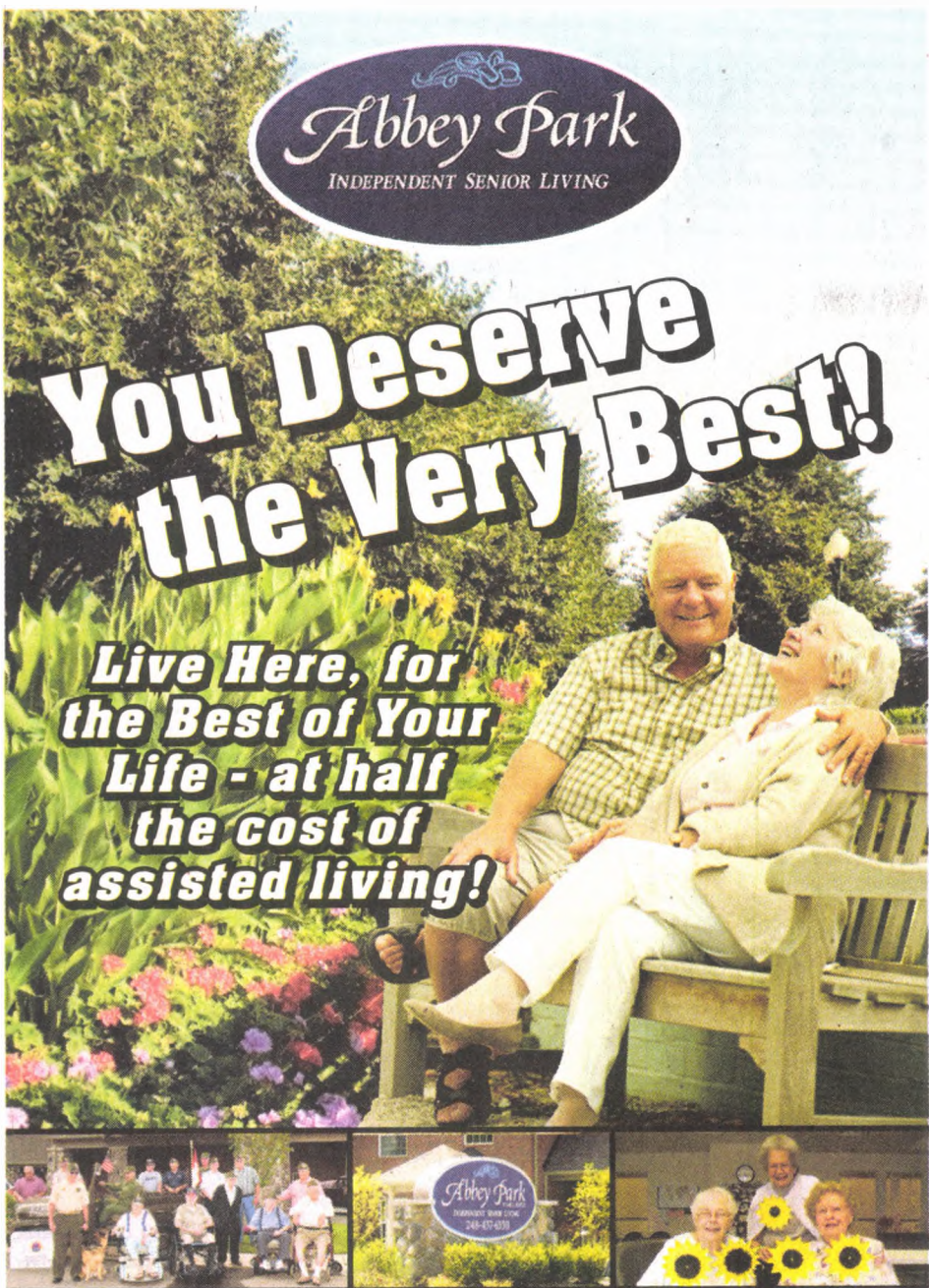
Juli Bima, with his cousin Nasiel of Westland and his son Maximus, enjoys the cars at the Cruisin' Hines. TOM BEAUDOIN



Sue and Mike Berardi of Canton own a fully functional 1973 Good Humor truck. They help charities from the sale of ice cream. TOM BEAUDOIN



Rick and Judy Miller of Garden City enjoy the day with their granddaughter Madison and their 1967 Ford Fairlane. TOM BEAUDOIN



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## Spotlight Players reach out to special-needs audience

With irresistibly upbeat 1960s-style songs and dances, over-the-top costumes and a theme that encompasses acceptance, big dreams and overcoming injustice, Spotlight Players' upcoming production of the Tony Award-winning musical *Hairspray* is bound to be a hit with audiences.

For a variety of reasons, this kind of show is usually not available to the special-needs community – and that's something the Canton-based community theater group is determined to change.

A matinee performance of *Hairspray* on Saturday, Sept. 14, will be available only to special-needs people and their family members. It is an invitation-only event, not open to the general public. Tickets for the 2 p.m.

show will be \$12.

"We are limiting the amount of tickets being sold to enable folks to have more room and, since it is general admission, they may sit where they like," said Spotlight Players' Vice President Denise Staffeld, who is coordinating the event.

"We want the families to be comfortable to get up in the middle of a performance if they need to."

Staffeld, who has worked with several special-needs groups, said the goal is to bring the experience of the performing arts at the Village Theatre to the special-needs community. The event is funded in part by a grant from the

Partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

"We want to provide a full experience for them," she said. "They'll get to meet a few cast members prior to the show so that they can 'look for their character' on stage. We'll also give a spotlight T shirt and knapsack to our guests. Then we'll have a meet-and-greet reception after the show, along with a back stage tour."

Tickets for the matinee for special-needs people and their families can be purchased via the box office by calling 734-394-5300. For questions about that performance, email Staffeld at [denisestafeld@gmail.com](mailto:denisestafeld@gmail.com).



**Briana Bradley plays Tracy Turnblad in Spotlight Players' upcoming production of "Hairspray."**

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

**Bangkok Flavor 2:** After years of working with our family business, I wanted to, as well.

**Observer:** Why did you choose Canton?

**Bangkok Flavor 2:** It's still a growing community, with so much potential. I want to be part of that history.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

**Bangkok Flavor 2:** I'm always creating new dishes and updating my menu.

**Observer:** How has it changed since you opened?

**Bangkok Flavor 2:** I've learned to adjust to Canton residents, so my business continues to evolve.

**Observer:** How has the recent economy affected your business?

**Bangkok Flavor 2:** It's made us adjust our budget costs and adapt to surrounding businesses.

**Observer:** Any advice for other small-business owners?

**Bangkok Flavor 2:** I'm still a newcomer in the business world, so the best I can say is, "Observe the trends and follow."

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

**Bangkok Flavor 2:** I'm setting up for beer and wine, as well as delivery services and perhaps online ordering.



Bangkok Flavor 2 owner Chiening Hang prepares a lunch portion of Pad Thai beef.



Bangkok Flavor 2 opened its doors Aug. at 42840 Cherry Hill, near Lilley, in Canton.

### BANGKOK FLAVOR 2

**Business name and address:** Bangkok Flavor 2, 42480 Cherry Hill (near Lilley) in Canton.

**Your name and title:** Chiening Hang, owner

**Your hometown:** Canton

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**Your business specialty:** Thai cuisine

**Business phone/website:** 734-844-6504; www.bangkokflavor2.com

## O&E publisher to head Livingston County Daily Press & Argus

Susan Rosiek, a veteran Detroit-area community journalist and publisher, has been named to head the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus and Livingstondaily.com, Gannett Michigan President Joyce Jene-reaux announced.

Rosiek, publisher and executive editor of *Observer & Eccentric Media*, will also continue to oversee the 13 O&E suburban Detroit properties, which include the *Farmington Observer*, *Livonia Observer* and the *Birmingham Eccentric*, and *Hometownlife.com*. O&E and Livingston are both owned by Gannett Co., Inc., one of the nation's leading media and marketing solutions companies, with holdings in digital, mobile, broadcast and print media.

The appointment is effective Sept. 4, the date upon which Livingston General Manager and Executive Editor Rich Perlberg has announced he will retire.

"Sue will bring outstanding experience in community journalism to her new Livingston responsibilities and is well-qualified to carry on the tradition of excellence at the *Press & Argus* that Rich Perlberg built," Jene-reaux said.

Rosiek has spent more than 25 years in journalism, primarily at the *Observer & Eccentric*, in a variety of reporting and editing roles. She has served as publisher and executive editor of *Observer & Eccentric Media* since September 2009.

She is a metro Detroit native and a graduate of Michigan State University. She serves on the boards of St. Joseph Mercy Health System and the Livonia Community Foundation. She is also a member of the Women's Giving Circle of the Canton Community Foundation.

Rosiek lives in Plymouth Township with her husband Steve Barnaby. They have a son, Ian Barnaby.



Rosiek

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### New Victory Lane

Victory Lane Quick Oil Change announced its new location in at 903 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township. Legacy Group Holdings, Inc., purchased the store in July and plans to upgrade the service and product offerings to better serve the Plymouth area, including a store re-opening and customer appreciation day soon to be announced.

Customers can continue to look for dedication to the convenience, quality and value Victory Lane is known for as the oldest quick lube brand in Michigan. "Our customers are what motivate us - we strive to offer an environment where all our customers trust our staff to make their vehicles perform better while saving time and money," owner Justin Cialella said.

Legacy Group Holdings, Inc., along with its sister company LMC Holdings, Inc., owns and operates nine other Victory Lane franchise locations around southeast Michigan.

#### Chamber lunch

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its September lunch at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 4 at Antonio's Cucina Italiana.

Guest speaker for the event is Katie Franks of Zingerman's in Ann Arbor, talking about "Building a Culture of Great Service." The event is sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union.

Antonio's is located at 2220 N. Canton Center in Canton. Cost is \$25 for members.

For more information, call 734-453-4040.

#### First Friday Club

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's First Friday Club meets at 8:15 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford.

The event, sponsored



#### Newest member

A ribbon cutting was held Wednesday, Aug. 21, by Crystal Creek Assisted Living to celebrate its open house and its joining the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Crystal Creek Assisted Living is located at 8121 Lilley. Family members, employees, chamber members and residents were all among the attendees.

by Showroom of Elegance, is an opportunity for one-on-one networking in a small group setting. This networking event is limited to 10 separate businesses, plus a sponsor. Participants should bring business cards, fliers, etc., to share with the group. Participation in this networking event is limited to once per quarter.

There is no cost for chamber members. The third member to register will be asked to bring bagels or doughnuts. To make a reservation, reply to this email or call 734-453-4040.

#### Random happiness

Mowing the lawn for a friend who has been ill, helping prepare a meal at a homeless shelter or driving a neighbor to an appointment are just a few examples of good deeds that occur daily in metro Detroit. Often, the recipients of these good deeds would like to acknowledge these individuals, but don't know how. Local residents have the perfect opportunity as Edible Arrangements Metro Detroit Group stores kick off, for the third straight year, Random Acts of Happiness, running through Monday, Sept. 16.

People are invited to visit any of the 15 Edible Arrangements area retail

stores, including the one in Plymouth, to complete a nomination form to recognize a local resident for their selfless good deeds.

They also can download a copy of the nomination form from the Edible Arrangements Metro Detroit Group Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/EdibleArrangementsMetroDetroitGroup](http://www.facebook.com/EdibleArrangementsMetroDetroitGroup) and drop it off at any of the participating stores, or email the nomination form to [eaofmetrodetroit@gmail.com](mailto:eaofmetrodetroit@gmail.com).

Nominations will be reviewed by the Edible Arrangements@ Metro Detroit Group retail stores. The 15 nominees chosen (one from each store) and each will be awarded a fresh fruit arrangement the week of Sept. 23.

#### JetBlue medical adviser

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## Preparing your child to head to college

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If you have a child going to college, there are some things to do to make sure he or she is protected. I say child, but the reality is they are adults. Because of that, there are some issues to resolve.

The first is to obtain some power of attorneys for your child.

As a legal adult, you have no rights when it comes to your children. If there was a medical emergency with your child, you would not necessarily be contacted nor would you have any rights. Because of that, it is important to obtain a medical durable power of attorney for your child. In case of an emergency, you (the parents) should be contacted and you shouldn't have to go to court to be involved. Your child needs to do a medical durable power of attorney, naming you in that power.

In addition, you may also wish to obtain a durable power of attorney. A durable power of attorney would allow you to handle issues above and beyond medical if something happens to your child.

The nice thing about medical durable powers of attorney and durable powers of attorney is there are many fill-in-the-blank forms that you can use so you avoid legal fees. Visit my website for some fill-in-the-blank forms that you can use.

Health insurance is another issue to address. Make sure that your



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child is properly covered, either under your plan or one that you are purchasing for them.

Another insurance need to explore is whether their personal items that they bring to college (such as a laptop) are insured. Typically, your homeowners coverage covers your children when they're away at school. However, it is important to confirm that with your agent. If your child is not covered under your homeowners policy, then make a determination whether you should obtain coverage.

Remember, whether you insure personal property is no different than any other type of coverage. The question is if a loss occurs, is it going to be a financial hardship? If yes, consider insurance.

Good luck to all those who are headed back to college or who are starting college for the first time. This is an exciting time in your life and going to college and receiving a quality education is the best investment you will ever make.

I believe that the future is much brighter for those with a college education.

*Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).*

## Heaven on wheels: Church car show supports Angela Hospice

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

This was the 12th year the Livonia Church of Christ put on a charity car show for Angela Hospice and Henry Clemens of Westland has been in just about all of them.

"It's a nice show," said Clemens, who brought his 1956 DeSoto Firefly as well as his red 1966 Chrysler 300 convertible. The DeSoto, which he's had since 1971, is blue and white.

"I bought that when I was 21," said Clemens, an auto body repairman and painter. "That's got every option in the book."

Clemens has worked on cars about 35 years and has the skills to maintain them.

"I enjoy it," he said. "People ask, 'What is it? What year is it? Who made it?'"

"The younger people don't know what a DeSoto is," he added.

Clemens was in the *Observer* earlier for the stagecoach he built in his yard.

### Boosting awareness

Rick Kaczmarek of Whitmore Lake is a Livonia Church of Christ member who chairs the car show committee. He had his 1934 Ford Tudor in the show, which supports work of Angela Hospice, operating at Schoolcraft and Newburgh roads in Livonia and run by the Felician Sisters.

Preparation for the benefit show starts in



This 1937 Ford Club Cabriolet, owned by William Anders of Canton, took Best of Show. CURTIS BURTON

May, Kaczmarek said, and the self-supporting show, held Aug. 24 this year, draws many church volunteers. Organizers get a lot of donations, including the disc jockey who played oldies.

"It's a wonderful cause," Kaczmarek said. "So many people who are here are here because of Angela Hospice." It helps that the show includes old and newer cars, street rods, motorcycles and trucks. "Very few shows welcome everybody," the chairman said.

He's only had the street rod a short time. "Most of my hobby cars have been more modern," said Kaczmarek, who started working on cars around age 14 and has 35 years of auto industry experience, including with Ford Motor and Chrysler.

"I'm a gearhead," he said with a smile. Cars were pouring into the church parking lot Saturday morning, helped by the day's picture perfect weather. Elder Mike Bennett of Novi joked about prayers for good weather.

"In fact, we asked our members to do that," Bennett said, adding shows have been rained on in the past.

"Elder and car nut," Bennett said of his role, which includes past chairman for the benefit. "That red Thunderbird right through there is mine. Mine's a '97." Bennett said the ben-

efit began with church members volunteering at Angela Hospice, as well as having family members in care. "Beyond that, we find it resonates with people. It's a charity people are willing to support," he said. "They do a great job there."

This year, in addition to fliers and visits to other car shows and cruise nights, organizers relied on social media to get the word out. Bennett said visitors have come to church after the show, but he didn't know of any who joined. "We live in hope," he said.

### 'God's gift'

Sandy Burton of Livonia is a church member who volunteers at Angela Hospice. "I am the soup lady," said Burton, who makes soup at home for those at the hospice. "I've been doing that 14 years."

Burton was handing out pens, refrigerator magnets and other items for Angela Hospice, along with brochures. She said her volunteer work comes from "God's gift. It comforts their loved ones if they'll take a little broth."

Her chicken noodle soup helps patients eat.

Burton was volunteering Saturday at the show with daughter Janice Sims of Northville. "My husband and I have a car in the show," church member Sims said of the 2012 Camaro ZL1.

Her husband Rick

Sims was told when in college by his parents he couldn't have a car. Rick Sims saved for 40 years and bought the Camaro last year.

"Now he has his dream car," Janice Sims said. "He's always telling me it's half mine. My name is also on the title."

Car people feel some letdown after the Woodward Dream Cruise, she said: "This gives them something else to look forward to."

"This effort introduces people to the Lord," her mom added.

Warren Godlew of Livonia was reading a book while seated by his 1962 Studebaker. It was his first year in this show.

"It's very nice. A lot of cars," said Godlew, who's had the Studebaker three years. "They like the styling, the color. A lot of them are surprised it's a Studebaker."

Godlew added, "Collision shops call it (the color) celery. It's a greenish silver. It attracted me when I was looking for another car. Plus it's easy to work on. No computer. You can get all the parts."

The show with 80 cars raised, more than \$2,000, Kaczmarek said, helped by good weather. Concession sales helped, too.

The Rev. Larry Stephens, a Livonia resident, is in his 14th year as pastor at the church. "It's more a labor of love," Stephens said of the show. "We don't raise big bucks for Angela. We ought to do pretty well today."

The church has many Ford employees, he said. Those folks said, "Let's do what we love." Many visitors like the smaller show, the pastor added.

"I just enjoy hearing people's stories about the cars," said Stephens, not really a car guy. "I would never own a classic. I just don't have the passion for excellence so many of these people have."

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### 1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth  
Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road paving project in the Woodlore South Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

We, the undersigned, representing the record owners of more than fifty one (51%) percent of the frontage and more than fifty one (51%) of the units within the proposed district, hereby petition the board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to construct the hereinafter described project in accordance with the provisions of Public Acts of the State of Michigan, Act 188 of 1954, as amended, and Act 246 of 1931, as amended. It is understood that this is primarily a road improvement project and therefore any drainage problems existing prior to the project will not be corrected except where said modification is necessary to protect the life of the road pavement. Existing water problems, such as standing water, etc., outside of the roadway will not be resolved by this program. It is further understood that this improvement, if permitted by the County of Wayne, could be subject to special conditions dependent upon the findings of the soils investigation report, existing subsurface conditions, etc. The proposed improvements to the existing two-lane concrete roadway shall consist of complete and/or partial concrete pavement replacement, subbase and subgrade preparation, and miscellaneous driveway and drainage work, which may be needed to facilitate the replacement of the concrete road pavement. The project commences at the east right-of-way line of Timberwood Drive and proceeds eastward on Timberwood Drive approximately 985 to its point of termination at Marisa Court, proceeds eastward on Marisa Court approximately 250 feet where it turns into Woodlore South Drive, proceeds southward and westward along Woodlore South Drive approximately 1,240 feet, and southward on Woodlore South Drive approximately 240 feet to the north right-of-way line of Joy Road. The project also includes Marisa Court commencing at the intersection with Timberwood Drive and proceeding westward approximately 750 feet to its point of termination, Corey Court commencing at the intersection with Timberwood Drive and proceeding eastward approximately 190 feet to its point of termination, Rockledge Drive commencing at the intersection with Marisa Court and Woodlore South Drive and proceeding eastward approximately 275 feet, and Tania Court commencing at the intersection with Woodlore South Drive and proceeding westward approximately 525 feet to its point of termination.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage along Timberwood Dr., Corey Ct., Marisa Ct., Rockledge Dr., Woodlore South Dr., and Tania Ct. consists of Lots 1 through 63 of Woodlore South Subdivision, located in the Southwest ¼ of Section 33, T.1S, R.8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on **Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170**, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$314,000.00.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

## Healthy Michigan: Snyder visits Novi to promote plan

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Gov. Rick Snyder brought his message of a Healthy Michigan to Novi on Aug. 21 and said the whole state will be better off if more people have better access to health care coverage.

The governor made a visit to Fox Run to participate in a roundtable discussion and answer questions from residents of the senior living community. Emphasizing the benefits of expanding the Medicaid program, Snyder said ultimately this will save everyone money and is the right thing to do.

"I ask you to not think about the Affordable Care Act or 'Obamacare,' I ask you to think about here's a case of us being one big family and we have a chance to help 470,000 family members," he told a packed house.

### Benefits of a healthier Michigan

If enacted, the Healthy Michigan Plan would help 477,000 individuals, which is about 46 percent of the currently uninsured population. Snyder said most of these individuals have jobs and make around \$15,000 per year or less.

He said helping people who are hard working and low income get health care is the smart choice. Under the plan, those uninsured, working individuals will be able to turn to less-expensive primary care doctors



Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder speaks in front of a gathering at Novi's Fox Run retirement community Aug. 21. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

when they are sick, rather than the emergency room.

And, he added, "It could save all the rest of us money."

According to Snyder, treating those without insurance places an \$880 million burden for uncompensated care on Michigan's hospital industry each year. As a result, individuals with insurance and the businesses that provide coverage pay higher premiums to cover the cost of uncompensated care.

Snyder's position was supported by everyone on the panel, including Oakland County family physician Dr. Chris Novak. He said he provides primary care to a variety of people and thinks this common-sense approach is needed.

Novak said the benefits are substantial if more patients can have access to immunizations at a young age or if adults can speak with physicians that can give them direction on how to deal with things like diabetes.

"I think we have a clinical imperative as a physician to provide this care and clearly the governor has made the case for a business case, to

save us in the state ... save us in terms of expenses," he said. "And I think there is a moral imperative to really reach out to provide care to literally hundreds of thousands of fellow Michigan residents."

### Crowd reaction

The crowd was receptive to the talk and welcomed all of the guests. For some, it was a refreshing display of a shared mission. One panelist, Lynn Lindsey, told her story of Medicaid coverage helping her through a bout of breast cancer.

"I thought it was a wonderful talk," Fox Run resident Beverly Schwartz said. "I'm a Democrat from Pennsylvania and I was really impressed with the governor's tone. I just wish the rest of them could adopt more of a stance like his."

As for Snyder, he said he will keep promoting his message to the rest of the state and Legislature.

"It's our opportunity to step up and really help people," he said.

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# Author's tough tale of foster care has a happy ending

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

In 2011, Bonnie Virag of Novi self-published her life story in *The Stovepipe*. She was born in 1936 in Simcoe, Ontario, to a mother who had a total of 18 children.

Virag was taken at age 4 with four siblings, including twin Betty, by the Children's Aid Society and put in foster care in rural Canada.

"We never saw our family again," the author said in a recent interview. She's now married to Anthony and has two sons and three grandsons.

Virag and her siblings went through years of abuse and neglect, as detailed in her book. The title comes from the stovepipe the siblings would gather around for warmth and eavesdropping.

After her book was published, she met five younger siblings she didn't know about. "It was great," she said. "Someone threw a little party where we all got together. I loved all of them. They were all so personable and nice." Her regret is not having known them sooner.

She recalled an email from a then-stranger who is her niece and introduced Virag to her dad, her younger brother.

Her four sisters who were in foster care with her are alive, as are the five younger siblings, with the family mostly in and around Ontario. Virag and her husband came here in 1964 for his work as a mechanical engineer. She trained in dressmaking and later had a successful business for window treatments.

Surgery on her right hand wasn't done right and she couldn't continue her business. She opted to dig up her Children's Aid Society records and tell her family's story.

"A lot of people have done articles. The books have flown off the shelves in Ontario," she said. She met with a Chil-



Bonnie Virag of Novi and her sisters were taken as children in the early 1940s and put in foster care in rural Canada. She details those years of abuse and neglect in her book *The Stovepipe*.

dren's Aid representative in Guelph, Ontario, who wanted a number of copies.

"I do have a spiritual aspect in my life," said Virag, who viewed her surgery and changed path as a divine intervention. She's been pleased with book reviews, as well as reader reaction.

Virag had wondered as a girl why the three older brothers didn't help them more, but discovered they were serving in World War II. Her book is a serious one, although she can joke a bit about her large family: "I always say that was before birth control and TV. The winters were long and cold in Canada."

She's now an American citizen, but retains a dual status in Canada, helpful when approaching book sellers. Her book is on Amazon and Barnes & Noble, as well as the major Canadian book seller. It is also an ebook.

"It's been a thrilling journey for me," said Virag, 77. It took about five years to write.

She approached a handful of big publishers, but went the self-publishing route; some sisters were ailing and she wanted the book in their hands quickly.

"When I gave them a copy of the book, they were so thrilled." The sisters cried when they

read it.

Virag isn't an expert on foster care, but remains concerned about its quality in the U.S., Canada and elsewhere. In the U.S., of the 25,000 teens who age out of foster care in a year, eight of 10 end up in prison, on the streets or dead, she said. She's also concerned about children who die of abuse.

She'd like longer-term foster care. "Where do they go from there? There's no safety net for them," Virag said of 18-year-olds.

She likes to see children remain with parents when possible. "I think they have to work within the family."

Virag also cited the concept of a home-like place with one parent for five kids, living in a unit like a condo. "It just needs a whole new overhaul of the foster care system," she said.

Many, in tough times especially, will take foster children for money "like they did in our case" rather than out of compassion, she said.

She and Betty saw their birth mom again at age 9 when visiting a tobacco farm where she worked. "She jumped in the back of the car and hugged and kissed us." Years later, when Virag was married, she saw her mother near the end of her life.

"I had this buried so deep inside me," Virag said of the story. It was difficult to write, but once done she agreed it was therapeutic: "I think it was very therapeutic to my sisters, too."

The five sisters turned out well in adulthood, some having difficulties, but not of a deep nature. "They all came through it pretty good," Virag said.

She's proud of it being chosen by Kirkus Reviews (Indie) as among the top 100 nonfiction titles for 2012. More on the book can be found online at [www.bonnievirag.com](http://www.bonnievirag.com).

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# Three Cedars enjoys new life in autumn

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

With the summer winding down, Three Cedars Farm is preparing for the throngs of people who will come as sure as the changing of the seasons.

The pumpkin patch is growing and the tractor is being geared up for the many hay rides that will highlight the fun days families will be having at the farm on Six Mile Road in Salem Township.

"We are a great place to spend an early fall day," Three Cedars owner Gary Whitaker said. "Three Cedars is a family-oriented farm with a variety of things kids and parents can enjoy." Where to start is the question for most visitors.

There are the U-pick pumpkins, with pricing based on size, or there is the corn maze, which is a challenge the whole family enjoys and has been expanded to 10 acres this year. Each year, it's a different maze.

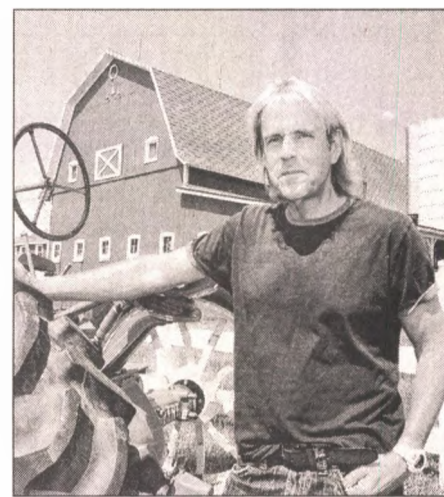
The Barn Yard Playland is one of the centerpieces at the farm. Whitaker said it's like visiting a storybook farm featuring live animals. There are the three little pigs, little red hen; Mary had a little lamb; and Billy goat gruff. Among its different features, kids can also ride on the John Deere race track or play on the wooden train.

## Taking root

This is the 12th season for Three Cedars. Whitaker originally fixed up the farm and more than 100-year-old barn for a wedding and then decided to devote himself to being a farmer full time by opening it up to the public. He said right away the crowds flocked in.

Over the years, he added the Cider and Donut Hut for refreshments, as well as the Country Store featuring collectibles and decorating ideas like hay bales and mums.

"I'm originally from Detroit, so I didn't know much at first. However,



Gary Whitaker and his family will be opening up Salem Township's Three Cedars farm Sept. 6 for its 12th season. The farm at 7897 Six Mile will feature a corn maze, petting zoo, farm market and lots of delicious foods to sample. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

I've learned and I had a lot of help," Whitaker said, looking back to when he first started out.

"It's about fun, so it makes the work worthwhile."

A good way to see the farm is on a hayride. The cost is \$5 per family for hayrides that take riders around the property back to the corn maze and pumpkin patch.

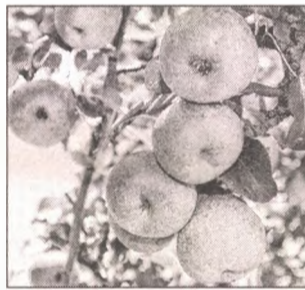
And the best way to end a crisp fall day is by a bonfire. Visitors can rent one of 10 private bonfire sites.

Three Cedars opens Sept. 6 and remains open until early November, but re-opens after Thanksgiving for the Christmas season. It's located at 7897 Six Mile Road and is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

To learn more about the farm, go to [threecedarsfarm.org](http://threecedarsfarm.org).

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Pears growing on the property of Three Cedars farm. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



## THREE CEDARS FARM

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# State fair opens Friday in Novi

The Michigan State Fair has found a new home at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. The Labor Day weekend event kicks off Friday.

Now produced by a private entity and with Fifth Third Bank as presenting sponsor, the fair continues to honor all of the great traditions and legacy of the treasured state fair, but now with a 21st century twist.

The fair features the famous agriculture, tourism and products of the state of Michigan in the clean, modern environs of the Suburban Collection Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue, between Novi and Beck roads; 248.348.5600; [www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com](http://www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com)).

## Featured attractions

The Detroit Shrine Circus, presented by Bright House Networks, returns for 2013 with the world's largest circus tent. The most famous family in circus history, the Wallendas, will bring an all-new troupe of performers to metro Detroit. Rick Wallenda, eldest grandson of founders Karl and Helen, will present his troupe of daredevils in a rare local performance. The circus will also bareback horse acrobats, an animal extravaganza, clowns and more.

Fair goers will also enjoy an expanded Arnold Amusements Midway of rides, presented by Walmart. The midway will feature a pair of Ferris wheels, the Tilt-a-Whirl and Shock Drop, giant slides, bumper cars and more.

The time-honored Michigan State Fair agricultural and livestock



Visit the Cow Milking Exhibit and learn how to milk a cow and then get a coupon for Endless Chocolate Milk.

exhibits return, including the Beginning of Life, with baby farm animals, the Butter Cow and many horse and pony breed demonstrations. Returning this year is Endless Chocolate Milk by Guernsey Dairy, where fair goers get to try their hand at milking Darla the virtual cow and receive a half pint, which can be replaced as many times as they wish during their time at the fair.

Live family entertainment features fun and lively music from a variety of genres, all sharing Michigan roots. Headliners include Marshall Crenshaw (Saturday), George Bedard with The Kingpins (Sunday) and Stewart Francke (Friday), along with a large roster of bands from all corners of the state.

A complete entertainment schedule is available at [www.michiganstatefairllc.com](http://www.michiganstatefairllc.com)

The 2013 State Fair Beer Garden will feature Michigan breweries Griffin Claw of Birmingham; Vander Mill Cider of Spring Lake; Kuhn-henn Brewing Co. and Dragon Mead from Warren; and North Peak Brewing Co. of Traverse City. Miller Lite and Mike's Hard Lemonade will also be served; all beers are provided by Powers Distributing.

No fair would be com-

plete without good old-fashioned contests and competitions. Visit [www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com/contest\\_central](http://www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com/contest_central) for complete information about the Diaper Derby baby crawl races, hot dog, corn-on-the-cob and pie-eating contests, King Arthur Pie Bake-Off, Longest Pony Tail, Twins and Triplets, husband and wife calling and more hilarious fun for all.

**Scout Day-Friday** - Any Girl or Boy Scout who attends the fair Friday, Aug. 30, dressed in their Scout uniform and is accompanied by an adult with an Ultimate Wristband will be admitted at no charge to the fair.

**Senior Day-Friday** - Free "Fair Only" admission to seniors 62 and over. No ride or circus admissions are included. A discounted pass will be available for \$20 for those who wish to attend the circus and ride the rides.

**Michigan Vietnam Veteran Traveling Memorial** - A tribute to men and women from Michigan who lost their lives in the Vietnam War. It's a traveling remembrance making the statement that "We Will Not Forget" those who did not come home from southeast Asia and are listed as a prisoner of war or missing in action.

# Summer ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

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## OUR VIEWS

# Township board should get on the same page

### Bickering leaves bad impression with residents

Plymouth Township board members might do well to remember this two-part adage: Politics is perception and perception is reality.

And right now, the board is fighting the perception it's fractured into two factions.

Most of the angst among critics right now is being caused by the township's seemingly mercurial passing of a motion to borrow some \$1.9 million to be largely used for parks and recreation improvements, including fixes at Lake Pointe Soccer Park, Hilltop Golf Course and in Plymouth Township Park.

Among the improvements at the park are a third pavilion, which might get quite a bit of use, and an amphitheater, which might not. You could argue the improvements at Hilltop are just throwing good money after bad; the parking lot could really use improvement, but critics say the course doesn't get enough play to justify it.

The problem isn't necessarily with the money the board is borrowing; it isn't going to cost taxpayers anything and officials apparently think they can afford it.

The problem, as it often is with this board, is with the way it's going about it. The April 23 meeting at which the bond was approved was called hastily, with little notice. The borrowing was approved with very little, if any, public notice or comment. The residents who did speak at that April 23 meeting were largely against the spending.

Compounding the perception of secrecy was the malfunctioning, at that meeting and a July 23 meeting, of the cameras filming for television; conspiracy theorists, of course, say the cameras were "conveniently turned off." There's no way to prove or disprove the notion, but given the acrimony of recent meetings, it isn't a difficult leap to make.

And, of course, the decision to spend \$1.9 million on recreation projects enraged the "we can do this, but we can't fund a fire department" faction. One thing has nothing to do with the other, but you can see why the argument is made.

Then last week came the argument over raises to three non-represented employees, including the deputy clerk, who hasn't even been on the job for a year. When Trustee Bob Doroshewitz objected to burying approval of the raises in a budget amendment, rather than addressing them openly as separate items, Clerk Nancy Conzelman accused him of making it a gender issue, since all three employees are women.

That's a silly distraction; a better question might be why someone who's been on the job less than a year, as is the case with the deputy clerk, is getting a raise. Treasurer Ron Edwards shrugged it off by saying, essentially, "That's how we've always done it." He also agreed to change the process and make such pay issues separate agenda items in the future.

One township official describes the board as "dysfunctional," saying there is a "solid four votes" and those four — Edwards, Conzelman, Supervisor Richard Reaume and Trustee Kay Arnold — don't seek consensus or compromise.

We stop short of agreeing with that; we like to think all seven board members are voting in what they believe is the best interest of the township. But for trustees who think residents don't pay attention to the near-constant bickering, we would point no further back than the 2011 Plymouth-Canton Board of Education election.

That election came after nearly two years of fracture and fighting between two factions and two of the three incumbent board members paid the price (the third didn't seek re-election). We know the next township election is still more than two years away, but voters can have long memories.

Their re-election chances aside, there's a better reason for board members to get on the same page: The good of the township. No one thinks every vote needs to be 7-0 or that board members need to like each other. But this board is showing signs of splitting wide open.

And that's not good for anyone.



Improvements at Lake Pointe Soccer Park are part of the \$1.9 million bond plan Plymouth Township officials are pushing.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

# How do you think the Detroit Lions will do this season?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"I've only seen the one game and they were OK. I'm not a big fan. ... I'd love to have the Super Bowl."

**Edythe Gaberson**  
Plymouth Township



"I think they're going to do a lot better this year. ... They're working hard this year. ... I'm excited to watch football this season, actually."

**Lisa Toner**  
Plymouth Township



"About the same as her (Lisa). I watch it at her mom's house. I'm more of a basketball fan."

**Jacob Kelly**  
Plymouth Township



"I'm hoping they'll do good."

**Nick Miller**  
Canton Township

## OUR VIEWS

# Government access must be affordable to all citizens

Government accountability doesn't only mean public officials must conduct their business in the open. That requirement is important, of course, and laws such as Michigan's Open Meetings Act prevent our elected representatives from trying to pull a fast one behind closed doors.

But our government must meet another obligation. When members of the public ask for documents, the government must provide them.

That only stands to reason. It's not enough to watch government in action. The public deserves to see the government's information.

The Michigan Freedom of Information Act is the state Open Meetings Act's companion. It requires public institutions — state and local government, public universities and public school districts — to provide information such as employees' salaries, po-

lice reports and other documents.

There are exceptions. Officials could reject FOIA requests only if the information sought might undermine ongoing law enforcement proceedings, violate attorney-client privilege, or cause the illegal release of medical or student records.

That sounds good in principle. But it doesn't always work out so well in practice.

Public institutions have as many as five days to respond to a request or declare an extension of as many as 10 business days is needed to furnish the information. Fees also can be charged. Although they are supposed to be limited to the costs of mailing, duplication or publication, the fees aren't always reasonable.

State Rep. Mike Shirkey, R-Clark Lake, wants to do something about that. The legislation he introduced caps copying fees for FOIA-request documents at 10

cents a page.

This is the second time Shirkey has proposed the reform, and he deserves credit for defending the public's right to know.

"Costs associated with FOIA had grown to the point they had become a barrier to information the public was otherwise supposed to ordinarily have," Shirkey said in a statement. "If you can't afford to get it, you obviously can't read it."

His legislation, House Bill 4001, also applies a 20 percent fee reduction for each day the requested information is late.

It's not enough to give citizens a way to obtain documents from their government. Acquiring the information ought to be easy, not cost-prohibitive.

Freedom of information isn't an imposition. It's a right. Shirkey's bill deserves the Legislature's support.

## OUR VIEWS

# Join the discussion about labor's future

What was once a holiday for "workingmen and their families" has been transformed over the years into what has now become a time to focus on the economic status of workers, as well as the civic rights and responsibilities for those workers.

Nowhere is that more true than here in the metropolitan Detroit area, where emergency managers are tearing up contracts in Detroit and Pontiac and where such issues as right-to-work and minimum wage are topics for nearly daily discussion.

That is the reality of the modern workers' movement that was originally fomented in the 18th century, burnished in the 19th and that achieved prominence and power in the 20th. It was on the cusp of the latter two that Labor Day, being celebrated this year Sept. 2, was officially enacted by Congress on June 28, 1894.

Now, 119 years later, workers find their movement shaken to its very core, while productivity demands have increased. Economists are often quoted as saying that an uncertain economy — and the looming implications of "Obamacare" — are keeping employers from hiring more workers, keeping jobless rates high, at least in Michigan.

There are always lots of statistics to go with any piece on work and labor, but our purpose here is not to focus so much on the numbers as on the reality — and on what it means to all the teenagers who are heading into high school the very day after Labor Day.

This is for them.

By now, you all have your class schedule, have compared it with friends and made frantic calls to the school to get the wrong courses listed changed. Those schedules have been carefully chosen to comply with state education mandates, but they also have been chosen with your future careers in mind.

Do you find yourself in a drama class or in calculus? The difference will have an impact on what you do — meaning what you work at — in the future.

There are some among you who will never enter the work force, whether because of marriage or parenthood or misfortune, but most of you will. You know you are supposed to work, because that is what people do — but why?

Each of you will find your own answers to that one and, fortunately, there is an endless variety of options. The important thing for you to remember is that whatever you and your classmates choose to do, all work, as long as it is honest, is honorable.

Consider the bumblebee. The so-called "queen" is the only one to winter over. She builds the nest in the spring, lays eggs and generally gets things on a production schedule. Definitely a matriarchal society. The queen is the "boss," so to speak. But there are also the foragers who go out into the world to gather the necessary ingredients for the colony's end product and then, of course, there are the honey bees themselves.

Each is important, each has a role to play, from the queen to the

worker bee. Without either, there would be no colony.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2010 there were more people working as teachers — 3.073 million — than any other profession. The next job ranking was the janitorial field, with 1.445 million workers.

Where would you be without either one? Who would tell you how to breathe into that band instrument and who would clean up after a band concert?

Whatever role you choose in the world of work, know that you will be part of the larger picture. Take a good look at it now, because that may have an impact on what you choose for your future.

For instance, if you want to flip burgers, fine. But at a minimum wage of \$7.40 an hour, your future options outside of work will be limited. Is the \$10 an hour minimum wage right for Michigan? Be a part of the discussion; it's your future, too.

Should government employees be forced to take pay cuts? No? What is your solution to balancing budgets and providing services like garbage pickup?

Finding those answers is work, too. Here's the best part: Work hard and you'll find the answers, but work smart. No matter what you and your classmates decide to pursue in the future, it's all good.

Take a moment this Labor Day, no matter where you are, to talk with your parents about their work lives. And remember, at the drive-through or at the lifeguard stand, to say thanks for working this Labor Day.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Beautiful system

Ah, the beauty of our political system.

In Washington, D.C., the Republican Tea Party uselessly voted, for the umpteenth time, to overturn the Affordable Care Act. Next, you have Kerry Bentiolo, who dreams of impeaching our president. Not dreaming of stopping the decline of the mid-

dle class, not making sure our neediest folks are taken care of or punishing corporations that move out of the U.S. so they don't have to pay our workers a livable wage. No, that's not a dream, that would be a nightmare to his Tea Party backers.

At the state level, you have Patrick Colbeck and his minions touting a nonsensical bill in the Senate that would circumvent

the Affordable Care Act. Despite the fact the majority of health care providers urge the Senate to adopt the bill passed by the state House of Representatives, Colbeck and the other Tea Party backers are not about to approve anything endorsed by President Obama.

**James Huddleston**  
Canton

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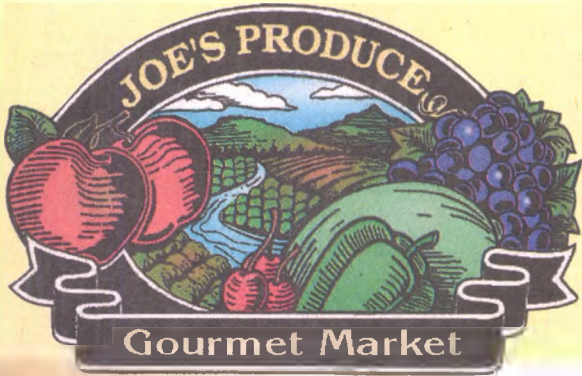
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BOYS SOCCER  
PREVIEW - PART 2

## Chiefs again look strong

New head coach Zemanski to guide KLAA contender

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Mark Zemanski is no stranger to Canton's varsity boys soccer program, having served as an assistant coach to George Tomasso during an unprecedented run of success.

That included the 2011 Division 1 state championship, not to mention last year's 10-0-0 mark to win the KLAA South Division.

Now, Zemanski is the top guy, following Tomasso's decision to step down for family reasons.

All signs point to the Chiefs once again fielding a definite KLAA contender. Whether there's a long postseason run in the cards remains to be seen.

Things got off to a winning start for Canton, with Saturday's championship at the Gary Balconi Invitational.

"Our overall team speed and outstanding depth will put a lot of pressure on other teams defensively," said Zemanski, who will be assisted by Alex Walton. "We are looking forward to an exciting season playing in one of the most competitive conferences in the state."

A strong nucleus of standout returnees undoubtedly could have the Chiefs on the winning side of the ledger more often than not.

At the top of that list are senior co-captains Griffin Parks and Cody Widlak at forward and midfield, respectively.

"Both of these players have great speed and ball skills and will be the focal point of our attack," Zemanski said.

Also key are returning senior

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Canton senior goalkeeper Brandon Pickert during the Balconi Invite.  
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SPECIAL NIGHT HONORS SALEM GRAD



Salem's Nicole Jablonski (No. 4) sets the ball to Audrey Boike during Friday night's game. At right for Plymouth is Jenny Gunther (No. 9). JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## 'Max' effort for Merget

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The knock-down, drag-out volleyball battle Friday night between campus rivals Salem and Plymouth was befitting a night honoring Max Merget.

Before the regular season opener at Salem, members of the Merget family were on hand for a special ceremony involving all three Park teams (Canton also participated despite not being on the court Friday night).

Game programs featured a photo of Max, a 2013 Salem graduate who is battling brain cancer yet still spearheading yeoman's efforts to raise funds and awareness about the disease through his MaxYourBrain website.

On the cover was the theme for the night: Let's Play To The Max! All players and coaches for both teams wore game T-shirts with that very inscription.

That was the case in the four-game match, which Plymouth won 3-1 (25-19, 18-25, 25-13, 25-22).

Every game featured sprawl-



Nina and Bob Merget pose during Friday's special event in support of their son Max. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

ing, diving and endless "maximum" effort by both teams.

"Tonight for Max, it was awesome," Salem head coach Amanda Nies said. "We envisioned this a couple months ago and the booster club parents did an amazing job putting everything together, from the donations to the raffles to the T-shirts to bringing the three schools together.

"You know, the Merget fam-

ily is important to the Salem volleyball program because Nicole was with us for four years and what Max is doing is just an outstanding thing. I felt like we should be doing something in order to help."

Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody echoed those sentiments.

"I loved that we had this opportunity to support each other," Marody said. "On the court we're rivals, but in the classroom, outside the classroom, they're friends.

"I liked that all three schools could come together for this special event."

Proceeds from a silent auction, T-shirt sales, raffles and concessions — not to mention money from the sale of advertisements included in the game program — will go to MaxYourBrain.

Max Merget, a varsity hockey and baseball player during his Salem career, is attending Grand Valley State University and was unable to attend Friday's event.

All of the Salem players

See MERGET, Page B3

## Whalers hold open scrimmages

The Plymouth Whalers are in the midst of the OHL team's annual training camp at Compuware Arena.

And after several days of off-ice testing, getting fitted for equipment and finalizing schedules at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Whalers hit the ice in scrimmages 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. today and tomorrow.

Scrimmages are open to the public and media.

Plymouth plays its first preseason game at 7 p.m. Saturday, at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena in Livonia against Windsor in a game for charity. All proceeds will benefit the Livonia Fallen Heroes Memorial at the Larry Nehasil Park in Livonia.

Eddie Edgar Arena is at 33841 Lyndon in Livonia. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and can be purchased at Livonia Police Department (734-466-2470), Compuware Arena (734-453-8400), Eddie Edgar Ice Arena (734-427-1280), Livonia Chamber of Commerce (734-427-2122) and the Livonia Community Recreation Center (734-466-2900).

## Preseason golf tourney

Plymouth finished second (346 total) and Canton third (351) at Tuesday's preseason KLAA girls golf tournament at Whispering Willows in Livonia.

South Lyon finished first with a low score of 335, while individual medalist was Plymouth's Sydney Murphy, with a 73. Also having solid rounds for the 'Cats were Kayla Whatley (83) and Katie Chipman (88).

Leading Canton with an 80 was Kelsey McDougall, with Chloe Luyet tallying an 86.

## O&E men's golf signup

The O&E men's golf tournament, a 36-hole, two-day medal play event, will be Sunday, at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 W. Seven Mile Road, and Monday, 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 20).

BOYS TENNIS PREVIEW - PART 1

## Young Wildcats bring potential to the court

Plymouth netters get started with Monroe Noland tourney win

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Youth will be served as far as Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team is concerned.

At least, Wildcats head coach Tom Kimball sees it that way — rolling out a lineup heavy in freshmen and sophomores as the team looks to repeat as KLAA South Division champion and be a contender in numerous tournaments.

Plymouth finished 7-1 overall last season, including 5-0 in the

division.

"We have six freshmen in our starting varsity lineup," Kimball said. "Although we are a young team, this is definitely the most talented freshman class I have seen ever.

"Each of the freshmen comes to the team with extensive tennis skill and experience, including our new No. 2 singles player Matt Decker, who holds a respectable USTA ranking."

At No. 1 singles will be a rela-

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Plymouth's rookie No. 2 singles player, Matt Decker, holds a respectable USTA ranking.



Plymouth No. 1 singles player Jordan Lu is returns a shot during Saturday's Monroe Noland Classic.

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W.L. Northern (8-3) at Churchill (10-1)	Churchill	WL Northern	Churchill	Churchill
Stevenson (6-4) at Franklin (2-7)	Franklin	Stevenson	Stevenson	Franklin
Farmington (6-4) at John Glenn (3-6)	John Glenn	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Waterford Mott (2-7) at Wayne (0-9)	Mott	Mott	Mott	Mott
Avondale (9-2) at Redford Union (3-6)	Avondale	Avondale	Avondale	Avondale
Thurston (5-4) at Berkley (5-4)	Thurston	Thurston	Berkley	Thurston
Det. Renaissance (4-5) at Farm. Harrison (6-4), 6 p.m.	Harrison	Harrison	Renaissance	Harrison
Bay City John Glenn (2-7) at N. Farmington (3-6)	BC John Glenn	North Farmington	BC John Glenn	BC John Glenn
Salem (5-4) at Plymouth (0-12*)	Salem	Plymouth	Plymouth	Salem
West Ottawa (8-3) at Canton (6-4)	W. Ottawa	Canton	Canton	Canton
<b>Friday, Aug. 30</b>				
Clarenceville (6-4) at Ferndale (3-6)	Ferndale	Ferndale	C'ville	C'ville
<b>Saturday, Aug. 31</b>				
Garden City (5-4) at Det. Mumford (2-7)	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City

\*Plymouth forfeited nine victories



Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior varsity defensive end James Hanson (52) chases down the Redford Rangers quarterback Saturday afternoon. JON VESPAZIANI

### YOUTH FOOTBALL OPENERS

# P-C Steelers sweep Rangers

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers opened their 2013 Western League schedule Saturday by sweeping visiting Redford in a trio of contests.

The varsity Steelers prevailed, 43-29, after bolting to an early 22-0 lead. A.J. Neal sparked the onslaught as he scored on a pass from Ryan Young on the first play from scrimmage. Neal then intercepted a Rangers pass on their first play of the game and ran it into the red zone.

Lou Baechler scored three touchdowns, including a 35-yard reception from Young. Nick Polydoros excelled on both sides of the ball, scoring a touchdown and picking off a Rangers pass.

Nick Prevo (fumble recovery) and Chase Cunningham played key roles in the winners' stingy defensive effort.

#### JV rolls

The junior varsity Steelers rolled to a 32-6 victory behind stellar offensive line play from Zack Kubacki, Liam Radomski, James Hanson, Tyler Overaitis, Nick Downs, Luke Fisher and Ben Bennett.

Steelers running backs Carson Miller and Ben Wright both scored a pair of TDs, while Bennett also found paydirt.

Defensively, the Steel Curtain was paced by Gage Wheatley, Jeremiah Penick, Zack Sweet, Logan Walkley, Aidan Garbarino, Drew Poet, Connor Meadows and Adam Janack, who registered a diving interception.

#### Freshmen shine

Strong running from Luke Janack and Nate Cain powered the freshmen Steelers to a 31-19 triumph over the Rangers. Janack and Cain benefitted from strong blocking up front by Garrett Bair, John Delaney, Ryan Fisher, Mikey Wolter, Spencer Koski, Acelino Villarini and Brendan Church.

Aidan Iaquaniello added an 8-yard TD run before Aidan Tafelski tacked on the extra point.

Tafelski set the second-half tone when he recovered a fumble. Following a drive that included a 27-yard run by Janack, Iaquaniello scored on a 1-yard keeper.

Brendan Jankowski forced a fumble that was recovered by Andrew Uhlian.

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### GARY BALCONI SOCCER INVITE

## Chiefs prevail in PKs, 5-4

Once again, two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams battled it out for the championship of the annual Gary Balconi Soccer Invitational.

Canton earned the trophy Saturday at P-CEP's varsity soccer stadium with a 5-4 win over Salem on penalty kicks, following a regulation tilt that ended 1-1.

The Balconi Invite featured eight teams which each played three games. Other participants included Plymouth, University of Detroit-Jesuit, Dearborn Heights Crestwood and three teams from Walled Lake Schools.

The title game was a matchup featuring teams with new head coaches, with Canton's Mark Zemanski and Salem's Scott Duhl on the sidelines.

The Chiefs forced the tiebreaking round of PKs when Griffin Parks scored on a penalty kick



Canton's Cody Widlak (No. 6) tries to maneuver past Salem defender Brady Cole. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

during regulation.

Parks also scored in the extra PK session, as did Canton teammates Josh Posuniak, Sam DeLoey, Mathew Causley and (with the winner) Jason Ren.

"In the championship game against an always tough and well-coached Salem team, we prevailed in great end-to-end action," Zemanski said.

Canton showed moxie with a 2-1 come-from-behind win over U-D in the Chiefs' tourney opener. Ale Rej and Parks (on a header) scored to provide the margin of vic-

tory. Next came a 3-1 win over Crestwood, with Parks netting two goals and Causley chipping in with the other — dribbling through three players to beat the Chargers goalie.

Strong goalkeeping by Brian Pickert (games 1 and 3) and Andrew Loehnis (second game) sparked Canton, as did solid defense turned in all day long by Jack Zemanski, Sam Belcher, Zach Homco, Andrew Newton, Andrew Murphy, Chris Dooley, Dominick Murphy and Nick Wendel.

## SOCCER

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defender Zach Homco and junior midfielder Jack Zemanski.

Other solid varsity returners include senior goalkeeper Brandon Pickert, senior defender Andrew Newton, junior forward/midfielder Aidan Shennan, senior midfielder Alex Rej, senior defender Dominick Murphy and senior midfielder Zach Murphy.

"Even though we have a lot of returning players, we also have a lot of youthful energy with nine new juniors and five new sophomores," Zemanski said.

Promising juniors include Carter Schenk (midfield/forward), defenders Sam Belcher, Andrew Murphy, Chris Dooley and Nick Wendel, midfielders Ammar Chishti, Kyle Mettlich and Bailey Reigal and goalies Andrew Loehnis and Jay Krebs.

A "dynamic" group of sophomores who could really make an impact include center-midfielder Jason Ren and midfielders Hunter Olson and Josh Posuniak.

Forwards Sam DeLoey and Mathew Causley "will help our team offensively with their speed, skill and determination," Zemanski said.

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## TENNIS

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tive "veteran" in sophomore Jordan Lu.

Junior Charlie Hou and senior Jon Conn are slated to compete at Nos. 3 and 4 singles, respectively.

In the doubles lineup, senior Jared Hopf and sophomore Kevin Hou will fill the No. 1 spot, followed by freshman Yogesh Mohanraj and senior Tyler Smith at No. 2.

Rounding out the doubles pairings will be freshmen Ramana Ra-

manathan and Matt McDonald (No. 3), freshmen Justin Kapke and Devin Patel (No. 4) and senior Charlie Anderson and sophomore Parth Patel (No. 5).

That lineup got off to quite a start, capturing Saturday's Monroe Noland Classic 6-Team Invitational.

Kimball now hopes the youngsters will reclaim the coveted and prestigious "Plexter Cup" Thursday against visiting Ann Arbor Skyline starting at 10 a.m.

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### BOYS TENNIS PREVIEW - PART 1

## Returnees are key to Canton hopes

Canton enjoyed a very successful season on the tennis courts in 2012, going 6-2 overall and 4-1 in the KLAA South Division to finish in second place.

Veteran Chiefs head coach Barb Lehmann is hopeful for another winning year from the boys, by and large thanks to having several solid returnees in the lineup.

Canton's returning squad features last year's top two singles players back at Nos. 1 and No. 2, namely Rohan Vishnav and George Zhou.

Rounding out the singles lineup will be returnees Athul Rao and Noah Lindlbauer, who are moving up from doubles where they formed a very solid tandem last fall, Lehmann explained.

"They were a successful varsity doubles team," Lehmann said. "And (they) look to be even stronger this year in singles."

Somewhat still in flux is Canton's doubles pairings.

Lehmann said she will have senior captains Nathan Samoy and Michael Kang, perhaps, for one of the pairs.

Additional returnees include Kirk Wang, Zain Ahmed and Shivang Shah.

"The combinations are starting to look good and be ready for competition," Lehmann said.

She expects to have any lineup questions answered by Sept. 4, when the Chiefs host Plymouth in a KLAA South Division matchup.

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# Stingy defense holds key to Canton's hopes

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Rivals of the Canton Chiefs had best be prepared for some tough battles at the volleyball net this season.

Second-year head coach Steve Johnson said the 2013 varsity squad was built "with defense in mind. We wanted a commanding presence at the net in terms of blocking, as well as a major improvement in serve receive and back-row play."

The loss to graduation of last year's senior co-captains Erica den Boer and Rebecca Middleton leaves big voids in leadership and at their respective positions (outside hitter, libero).

Yet Johnson can take solace that there are a number of players from the 2012 roster that finished 21-8-3 overall and 8-2 in the KLAAs South Division that are back for another go.

Leading the way are returning senior captains Madison



The Canton Chiefs, shown during 2012 volleyball action, will be hoping to have plenty of these kinds of celebrations again this year. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Kielty (defensive specialist) and Sasha Cucuz (right-side hitter).

Other key returnees include seniors Lauren Bedro (middle blocker), Lauren Kahrs (defen-

sive specialist) and setters Chelsea Janice and Rachel Buzenberg.

"We have complemented the seniors by surrounding them with a stellar class of fast,

high-flying juniors," Johnson said.

Those include returnees Lauren Schornack (outside hitter) and Courtney Kurkie (right-side hitter) along with

middle blocker Annie McDougall, outside hitter Sydney Torres, defensive specialist Megan Roy, defensive specialist Taylor Pelland, setter Carleigh Vela, outside hitter Hailey Diedrick and newly named junior co-captain Kayla Buford (middle blocker).

"With many of our players cross-trained at multiple positions," Johnson said, "we feel we have the depth needed to accomplish our goals this season."

Also in the fold to assist Johnson on the sidelines are new assistant coaches Leanne Molnar and Kristen Baker "who are making immediate impacts in terms of in-season conditioning and position training."

Johnson, whose squad hosts Salem at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, is confident "all the pieces are in place" for a strong season.

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## MERGET

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sported gray T-shirts with the Michigan block 'M' and "Play to the M-ax" slogan as a nod to the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, where Merget is receiving his cancer treatments.

At his recent graduation party, he announced he had raised about \$20,000 to help advance brain cancer research efforts.

It looks like those efforts definitely were bolstered by what happened Friday.

According to Nies, the Salem Booster Club (spearheaded by Laura Whalen and Kathy Ganich) helped to raise about \$3,000 with other online donations still being tabulated.

### Taking control

As for the contest itself, the Wildcats took control in the third game — snapping a 13-13 tie with a 12-point service run by sophomore setter/outside hitter Daniella Barile.

That put Plymouth up 2-1 in games entering the fourth game, a lead which the Wildcats



Before Friday's varsity volleyball game, the Canton, Plymouth and Salem teams posed for a group photo with Max Merget's parents, Nina and Bob (front row, center). JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

never relinquished.

"We'd make a lot of defensive plays, but then we just couldn't terminate the ball," Nies said. "We gave them a lot of free balls. When we finally got some offense going, we were pretty successful."

"We were in the lead in the third game, 13-11, and one little error showed our inexperience as a varsity team because they won 25-13."

According to Marody, playing a Park team on an emotional night was as good a way to start

a season as any.

"Might as well jump in," Marody said. "It's a great way to start the season, a great way to get them fired up. Right off the bat, I liked what I saw for the first timeout."

"They (Salem) have some strong servers and they really made our serve-serve work hard."

Spearheading the victory for the Wildcats was junior middle hitter Olivia Beyer, who tallied 21 kills, four aces and seven solo blocks.

Other contributions were made by energetic senior setter/outside hitter Shayla Smalls (five kills), right-side hitter Emily Burkman (13 defensive digs, eight aces, five kills), senior defensive specialist Haylee Weber (12 digs) and Barile (five aces).

For Salem, senior libero Nikki Manser tallied 27 digs and four aces.

"I thought my libero played excellent," Nies said. "She did a great job defensively for us."

Also helping the cause were

sophomore setter/outside hitter Tess Ganich (10 kills, 15 assists, three aces), senior setter Nicole Jablonski (12 assists, two aces), senior middle blocker Kelly Whalen (four aces) and junior middle blocker Madison Fairchild (three blocks).

"We were very inconsistent throughout the night," Nies said. "Our strength tonight was our serving and our weakness was our attack."

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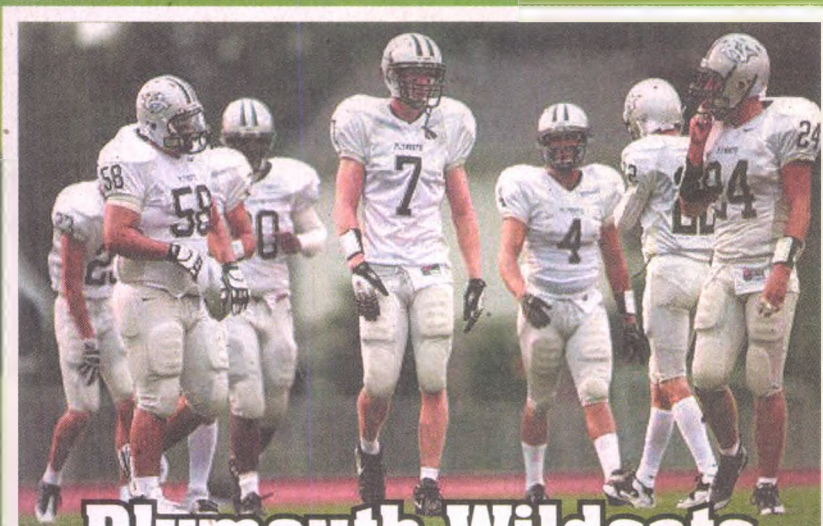
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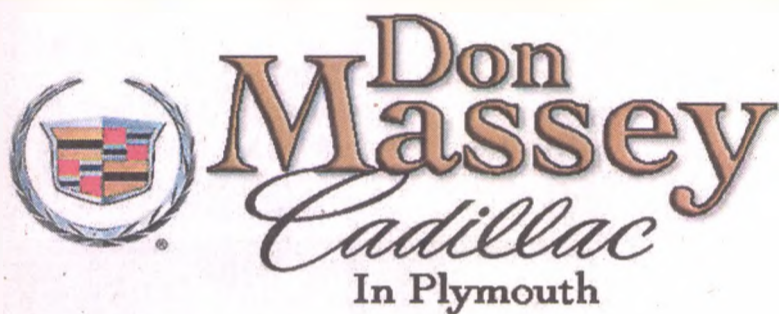
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Remember to bring your cell phone to the Rock the House A Rock-and-Roll Cabaret show next month in Canton.

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"This will probably be one of the few shows you can pull out your cell phone, and if you want to throw the light on your phone and use it as your pretend lighter, feel free," Tremblay said. "For those who really get into the music, they will be encouraged to get on their feet."

Tremblay and Tim Chanko hope the show will have the feel of a live rock concert, with a cabaret twist. They and Linda Pohl are the founders of TLC Productions, the Canton-based theater group that is producing Rock the House. Chanko, Maureen Paraventi of Redford, and Kara Fay Cardella of Ypsilanti will sing rock songs from stage and screen, while members of the band Damage Control — Chanko plays keyboard with the group — accompany them.

TLC Productions has staged original musicals and produces a one-act play festival every other year at the Village Theater.

"We have not done a cabaret. I've been involved with one at Spotlight Players. They usually do cabaret with piano," Chanko noted. "Because I'm in a band, we discussed what about doing a cabaret?"

"There will be some choreography with it, and some costuming. But we wanted to make it minimal. We're trying to focus on the music."



Tim Chanko (left) of Canton, Maureen Paraventi of Redford, and Kara Fay Cardella of Ypsilanti rehearse songs for TLC Productions' rock cabaret at the Village Theater in Canton.



Damage Control is Tim Chanko on keyboard, John Fitzgerald on bass guitar, Terri Stefanka on vocals, Bob Espinoza on drums and Dave Schmidt on lead guitar. Chanko will sing and Fitzgerald, Espinoza and Schmidt will play their instruments at Rock the House\Cabaret.

Joe Cone, who has been involved in other TLC Productions projects, will serve as emcee and will introduce each song with a nugget of trivia.

Shows are at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, in the Biltmore Studio at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$15, available online at [tlcprod.wordpress.com](http://tlcprod.wordpress.com) and [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater).

"What's neat about it is it brings together music from stage and screen and some that have been both," Tremblay said. "The songs we selected are universal and well known. We looked at going from the 1950s to the present time to capitalize on all the music, the rock music through

different decades. It will be interesting because normally when you think of a rock show, you think big scale. This will be great music, but in an intimate setting."

The audience can expect to hear older tunes, such as *Jailhouse Rock*, and more contemporary pieces, including songs from *Rent*, *Mama Mia* and *Rock of Ages*.

"I just want people to come and have a good time," Chanko said.

Look for TLC Productions' next major project, StageLab 24, in January 2014. Writers will gather on a Friday night to pen 10-minute plays. The works will be cast, rehearsed and then staged the following evening. The public may watch the process during the 24-hour period at the Village Theater.

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From sheep shearing to bagpipers, racing pigs to bean displays, the Michigan State Fair will offer something for everyone Friday-Monday, Aug. 30-Sept. 2, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, between Novi and Beck Road.

The fair runs from 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Aug. 30-Sept. 1 and from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2.

Highlights include:  
» Livestock on display, along with horse, poultry, pig, and goat shows, racing pigs and a K-9 show  
» Contests, including

pie eating, watermelon seed spitting, sack racing and more

» Home arts demonstrations and displays  
» Shrine Circus performances and carnival rides

» A farmer's market and agricultural exhibits

» Musical entertainment, including Detroit Soul Men, Gratitude Steel Band and Marshall Crenshaw and the Bottle Rockets

» Vendor exhibits  
A pass to the fair only — excluding all carnival rides and the circus performance — purchased in advance is \$6 for

adults and children, 12 and older, and \$5 for children, 11 and under. Add \$2 more for adults and \$1 more for children if paying at the gate.

A wristband that allows admission to all attractions is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the gate for adults and children, 36 inches or taller. It's \$10 for children, 35 inches or less.

For more information about the Michigan State Fair, visit michiganstatefairllc.com. Call the Suburban Collection Showplace at 248-348-6942.

## All about koi



The Michigan Koi and Pond Club presents its second Koi Show, noon-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 1 at The Pond Place, 3505 W. Highland Road, Milford. Admission is free. Koi breeders and dealers will be on hand with a variety of Japanese koi and fancy goldfish for sale. Other vendors will have pond supplies available, from pumps to nets to koi food and more. A koi judging will take place Saturday, Aug. 31. Judges will go from tank to tank on Sunday, Sept. 1, discussing why the winners were chosen. For more information, see www.mkpcse.com or contact Ray Alexander at 734-846-8588.

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ARTS, CRAFTS DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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

**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit

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

**Exhibits:** Printmaking by Ellsworth Kelly, through Sept. 8

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

### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Dates:** 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.

**Coming up:** Terry Lee Dill's solo exhibition, "Dimorphism"

consists of elaborate drawings in black ink and gold leaf. For the past 20 years, Dill conceptualized fantastical buildings as metaphors of his daily life. His work shows hints of Dr. Seuss, M.C. Escher and Erich Mendelsohn. The exhibit runs Sept. 6-28, with an artist talk at 8 p.m. at the opening reception, Sept. 6

### HISTORICAL PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**Time/Dates:** 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

### FILM COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

**Time/Dates:** 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.

**Contact:** 734-927-3284

### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Dates:** 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 31-Sept. 1

**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

**Details:** Monsters University," admission," \$3

**Coming up:** "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 Muppet Movie," Aug. 29. Movie runs at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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

### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Dates:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 13-14 and 1 p.m. Sept. 15

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

**Details:** "Muisic Man," with Robert Preston and Shirley Jones, \$6. Jones will appear live at all shows. Autographs will be \$20 per item. Fans may select one of the 8-by-10-inch glossies provided or bring their own personal item to be autographed. Photos with Jones will be \$10

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In the world of appetizers, dip is king. From savory to sweet, this simple tailgating party addition can take on flavors that span the globe, or that are as American and as beloved as the gridiron game itself.

» Keep it light. A tailgating scene can seem overwhelming for those who don't want to splurge all their day's calories, so be sure to have lots of fresh, crunchy vegetables on hand. Start with your standard dippers – like sliced carrots, broccoli and cucumbers – or score big with unique vegetable dipper options – like snap peas, asparagus spears

and radishes.

» Serve delightful dippers. Potato and tortilla chips go hand-in-hand with tailgating festivities, but beyond these standards is a whole world of other dipping options. For a Mediterranean touch, go with flatbread, pita bread or pita chips. Instead of plain old butter rounds, opt for more texture with multi-grain crackers or crusty garlic bread. Or, serve up a warm batch of buffalo wings with this smoky and spicy recipe for Hummus Buffalo Wing Dip.

» Along with light dips and vegetables, offer a few substantial appetizers, such as nachos and chicken kebabs.

Incorporate a few of these recipes into your game day strategy and watch as fans huddle up to fill their plates. For more great game day ideas, visit [www.sabra.com](http://www.sabra.com).

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### CHICKEN KEBABS

- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, chopped into chunks (about 1 inch in size)
- 2 tablespoons Sabra Roasted Garlic or Onion Greek Style Veggie Dip divided
- ¼ teaspoon turmeric
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped into chunks (about 1 inch in size)
- 1 small yellow onion, chopped into chunks (about 1 inch in size)

Stir chicken, dip and turmeric together in a small mixing bowl. Refrigerate for at least ½ hour allowing the veggie dip to tenderize and flavor the chicken.

Preheat broiler or grill.

Assemble kebabs, alternating pepper, onion and chicken on the skewers.

Grill on charcoal grill outside or under the broiler indoors.

Cook 10-15 minutes or until juice runs clear from the chicken.

Brush remaining yogurt dip over hot kebabs.



### CUCUMBER CUPS

Yield: 16 servings

- 2 English cucumbers
- 1 container hummus
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 bunch parsley, finely chopped

Peel cucumbers and slice lengthwise into 1 1/4-inch pieces.

Using melon baller, carve out seeds to create a vessel, making sure to leave bottom intact.

Using piping bag or small spoon, fill each with hummus, about 1 teaspoon each.

Sprinkle with paprika and finely chopped parsley.

### HUMMUS BUFFALO WING DIP

- 1 teaspoon red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 cup hummus



Whisk first seven ingredients together (vinegar through paprika). Add hummus and combine thoroughly.



### MEDITERRANEAN NACHOS RECIPE

- 4 cups pita chips
- 2 tablespoons Sabra Roasted Garlic Hummus
- 2 tablespoons Sabra Roasted Red Pepper Hummus
- 8-10 grape tomatoes, cut in half lengthwise
- ¼ cup chopped zucchini (about ¼ inch chunks)
- 2 tablespoons chopped Greek olives
- 2 tablespoons chopped pepperoncinis
- 1 ½ cups shredded mozzarella

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

Place pita chips in a 9- to 10-inch skillet or other oven proof pan or baking dish of a similar size. Top with small spoonfuls of hummus.

Sprinkle tomatoes, zucchini, olives and pepperoncinis over the chips. Top with shredded mozzarella.

Bake 15-20 minutes or until cheese has melted and edges are beginning to brown.

Serve warm.



### HUMMUS GARLIC BREAD

- 1 loaf French bread (about 12-14 inches long)
- 1 container Sabra Roasted Garlic Hummus
- 1-2 tablespoons chopped garlic
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat Broiler

Slice French bread in half length wise. Set aside

Mix Sabra Roasted Garlic Hummus and garlic together in a small mixing bowl.

Spread hummus mixture on French bread halves. Place bread on a baking sheet. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese

Broil bread on a wire baking rack located in the middle of the oven, not too close to the broiler.

Broil 2-5 minutes or until edges are crispy and the cheese is browning.

Watch the bread closely as broilers vary greatly in their timing.

Cut each half of bread into quarters. Serve warm

# Local church baptizes 500 congregants in one night

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

NorthRidge Church's baptism service may have looked a little like a music festival last week.

Beach balls bounced through the crowd gathered on blankets and lawn chairs in the church amphitheater on Aug. 21. Some snacked on food as they listened to worship music and cheered on more than 500 individuals who took the plunge in one of five baptismal pools at the Plymouth Township church.

"We had a couple thousand friends and family members to help celebrate," said Pamela Heaton, assistant to senior pastor Brad Powell. "It's the first time we've ever done an outdoor baptism."

NorthRidge generally offers baptismal services indoors on a quarterly basis, but its pastoral staff decided to try an outdoor celebration after hundreds of churchgoers came forward to take the "step of obedience."

"We have a lot of new believers saying 'I want to take that step of obedience,'" said Care pastor Wayne Kuretycz. "This was an exciting way for them to take that step. Baptism is an outward expression of inward faith. They are testifying and sharing their stories."

Heaton said the baptized ranged in age from children to senior citizens. All attend services at the main church or at one of NorthRidge's satellite locations in Saline and Howell. Some are members of the church and some are in the process of becoming members. Congregants who are interested in becoming baptized can sign up online and undergo a baptism interview process.

Heaton said the church typically baptizes 80-125 persons every quarter.

According to NorthRidge Church's website, baptism "does not make you a believer — it shows that you already believe... it's the outward symbol of the commitment that you have made in your heart."

In a press release, Powell said a mass baptism isn't a new concept but doesn't happen often. "We are honored that God could use NorthRidge to change so many lives and proclaim his glory," he said.

For more information, visit NorthRidgeChurch.com.

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## BRIDGES, NORWOOD RALL "WOODY"

October 10, 1930 to August 23, 2013. Age 82 longtime resident of Farmington Hills, Norwood died Friday August 23, 2013. He is survived by his beloved wife, Joy Lee Bridges (Tackabury). Joy and Woody were married for 63 years. He is the loving father to Merry Kimberly Fischer (Bridges) and David Rall Bridges (Coreen). He has four adoring grandchildren: Jennifer Lavelle Fischer, Eric David Fischer, Jill Alexis Bridges, and Sarah Kaye Bridges. He has one precious great granddaughter, Addyson Kay Fischer. He is a loving brother to Jane Bella Little of Homer Alaska. Uncle Woody was a favorite with his nieces and nephews as well as his many cousins. As a young man Norwood was an Eagle Scout, graduated from Ferndale High School and a member of Submarine Service with the United States Navy. Norwood retired as a Mechanical/Electrical Engineer for Tishken Products after 18 years. He belonged to the Self Realization Fellowship Church which met at the Detroit Institute of Art. He enjoyed teaching yoga classes. He loved nature and spent his free time horseback riding, hiking, canning and camping in the local, metro parks and recreation areas. A memorial service will be held on Sept. 15 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Farmington Hills Longacre House: 24705 Farmington Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48336, 248-477-8404. Donations, honoring Norwood R. Bridges can be made to the: Department of Special Services Farmington Hills Senex Adult Respite Program (info. For memo line of check) 28600 11 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48336. 248-473-1872



## KINNAMON, BETTY JANE M.

Age 96. August 25, 2013. Betty Jane was born March 3, 1917 in Detroit, MI to Lola Mary and Frederick William Korness. In 1943 she married Van Buren Gilchrist Kinnamon and were together until his passing in 1962. She is also preceded in death by her sister Fern Caroline Korness-Mitchell in 1992, granddaughter Fern Sarah Nelson in 1999, and son-in-law Robert Paul Barber in 2006. Betty Jane is survived by daughters Fern R. Barber of Farmington Hills and Leah Mary Nelson of Howell; grandchildren Julie Anne Barber-Blankenship (Steve), Randall Scott Barber (Melissa) and Jim Andrew Nelson (Suzette); great-grandchildren Korah Marie Nelson, Nicholas Cain, Mason Shane, Nolan Payne; and great-great granddaughter Amayah Sarah. Betty Jane graduated as Valedictorian, Class of 1933, at the age of 16 from Detroit Mackenzie High School. She worked for the City of Detroit and private C.P.A. firms. She was a musician/pianist, landscape artist, English saddle rider, and a great Mom! A private family graveside service will be held on Friday at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. Memorial tributes may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, Detroit Center, 7401 Chrysler Dr., Detroit, MI 48211 or Farmington Community Band, P.O. Box 3091, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-3091  
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## MULLETT, JOSEPH

Age 51, Suddenly August 25, 2013. The love of Deborah Jo. Beloved father of Justine (Chad) Clenney, Joseph & Jacob Mullett & Angela (Matt) Combs. Dear grandfather of Jordan, Lilly, Justine & Nathan. Dear son of Donald C. & the late Justine Mullett. Brother of Donald W. (Wendy), Michele (Wayne) Woodard, Margaret (Charles) Henry, John (Diane), Marilyn (John) Estrada & Justine (Ron) Pummill. Favorite uncle of 41 nieces and nephews. Visitation at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Road, Garden City, Wednesday 1-9pm. In state at First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Town Square, Wayne, Thursday 10am until time of service at 11am. Please share a memory at www.rghfharris.com



## MORELAND, STELLA RUTH

96, of Midland, formerly of Livonia, passed away on August 27 at Stratford Village. She was born August 17, 1917 in Bridgeport, CT to the late Adolf and Pauline (Truniec) Celacks. In 1934 she married the love of her life, Ira L. Moreland. Stella was a very loving wife and mother who devoted all of her time to family and community. Her magnetic personality attracted people where ever she went. She was a lifetime member of the Methodist Church and was very active in church work. She also was very active in the public schools. In her earlier years she taught Sunday School, participated in women's groups, was president of school PTA's, was room mother at the elementary schools, and was a Brownie and Girl Scout helper. She especially enjoyed sewing and cooking, and took great pride in making everything very artistic. Family members could hardly wait to see and sample her wonderful Christmas cookies each year. After her husband died she moved to Livonia. There she joined the Moondusters Club, was active in the volunteer group RSVP, became active at Newburg United Methodist Church and the Sunshine Group there, and belonged to several senior groups in the area. She loved ballroom dancing and traveling. As a member of the Nomad Travel Club, she took the trip of her lifetime in 1982: a trip around the world. In 1995 she was appointed Commissioner by the Mayor of Livonia to the Commission on Aging where she served for eleven years until moving to Midland. She received many honors and awards for her volunteer services. Stella is survived by three daughters: Ethel (Kenneth) Hoenicke of Midland, Ilene (Thomas) Hazen of Belleville, Carol (Alan) Ford of Crossville TN; eight grandchildren: Roger (Terri) Ibach, Dr. Eric (Nicole) Hoenicke, Kim (Steve) DeGregorio, Dr. David (Alana) Hoenicke, Charlotte (Nick) Barkley, Rev. Jeff (Jessica) Ford, Scott (Kathleen) Hoenicke, & Nathan Ford; thirteen great-grandchildren: Steven DeGregorio, Ashlie Ibach, Anthony DeGregorio, Shelbi Ibach, Adam Ibach, Karalena DeGregorio, Jayden Ford, Jocelyn Hoenicke, J. Westley Ford, Stella Barkley, Maisey Barkley, Maddon Barkley, and Lauren Hoenicke; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Stella was preceded in death by her husband Ira; one sister, Anna; three brothers, Benjamin, Joseph, and Lawrence; nephew Bernard Celacks, niece Gloria Celacks; and stepfather, Walter Kowlin. Stella's family will receive friends at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI on August 29th from 6-8 p.m. She will lie in state at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 30th. The Reverend Steve McCoy will officiate. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Newburg United Methodist Church of Livonia or the charity of choice in Stella's memory.



## EVANS, M. ANNETTE (ANNETTE)

80, of Suttons Bay, passed away on Monday, August 19, 2013 at her home. She died from complications following knee replacement surgery. Annette was born on August 15, 1933 in Slayden, TN, the daughter of Eddie and Fannie (Smith) Shelton. On November 14, 1953 in Ferndale, she married Albert A. Evans, who survives. Annette elevated homemaking to a high art. She cared for her husband, Al, and his demanding career as a graphic designer with Skidmore Sahertian. She shared his love of travel, driving the back roads and visiting small towns and touring the great cities. They shared a love and appreciation for art-high and low, folk and craft. They shared a passion for creating a home for their family and friends that was an expression of each of their aesthetic sensitivities. She raised her two children Karen and Kent, with joy and unabashed enthusiasm. She instilled a love of learning in her kids and made lifelong friends from Franklin who shared this passion. Her love was unconditional, for Kent, Karen and her favorite son-in-law Ken. She took pride and delight in her home, a place nurtured with beauty, love and creativity. She entertained with formal dinner parties, backyard picnics with family and friends, an annual Christmas Eve open house with Franklin neighbors, and breakfast for every teenager found sleeping upstairs. She knew farmers at the market, and found joy in the sheer visual beauty of a pear or a pumpkin. She loved to cook. She served chicken curry, kibbe and steak tartar to her kids when they were small, insisting that they try just one bite, and instilling a love of cooking and food in them both. She savored dinners with her husband and children as a time for conversation and sharing. She helped to create a supportive and positive community working at the library, volunteering at the church, participating in her children's school, belonging to the Garden Club, Questers, The Giggie Group, Stitches and PEO. She enjoyed people of all ages and had the ability to turn a casual conversation with a perfect stranger into a meaningful friendship. She delighted in children-her own, their friends, her nieces and nephews. She intuitively understood children and had a way of making each child feel special and perfect, appreciated and loved. She inspired adventures in the woods, ponds, puddles and orchards found around her Franklin home. Annette was a wife, a mother, and a friend. She understood that these roles she chose for her life, were hard work, required commitment, dedication and sacrifice. But, also, that they were infinitely important. And while she sometimes struggled to understand and change, she embraced the life she lived. Her legacy is found in the hearts and memories of all she loved. She will be greatly missed. In addition to her loving husband of 59 years, Annette is survived by her children, Karen Leslie (Ken) Bryan and Kent Garret Evans; a brother, Larry (Lois) Shelton; and a sister, Carol (Chuck) Ammon. A brother, Fred Shelton, preceded her in death. A memorial service will be held at the Leland United Methodist Community Church on Friday, September 6 at 2:00 pm and at a later date at the Franklin Community Church in Franklin Village. Memorials may be directed to Leelanau Christian Neighbors, PO Box 32, Suttons Bay, MI 49682. Arrangements are with the Martinson Funeral Home of Suttons Bay. www.martinsoninfo

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## School quality big factor for parent homebuyers

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Greg Baracy, longtime superintendent of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, is glad to host, with district colleagues, regular luncheons for area Realtors.

"Wayne-Westland's a great place for a young family to move in, raise their family and get a great education," the Wayne resident said. "Wayne-Westland does phenomenally well."

At the Realtor luncheons, district school officials share

"points of pride" such as current offerings, Advanced Placement classes, Talented and Gifted offerings, and athletic and extracurricular opportunities such as band. Wayne-Westland has K-12 World Languages, even Spanish in the elementary schools.



Greg Baracy

"It's a natural for parents moving into the district with young families," he said of Wayne-Westland. "Homes are moderately priced. If you're looking for bang for the buck, Wayne-Westland's the place to be."

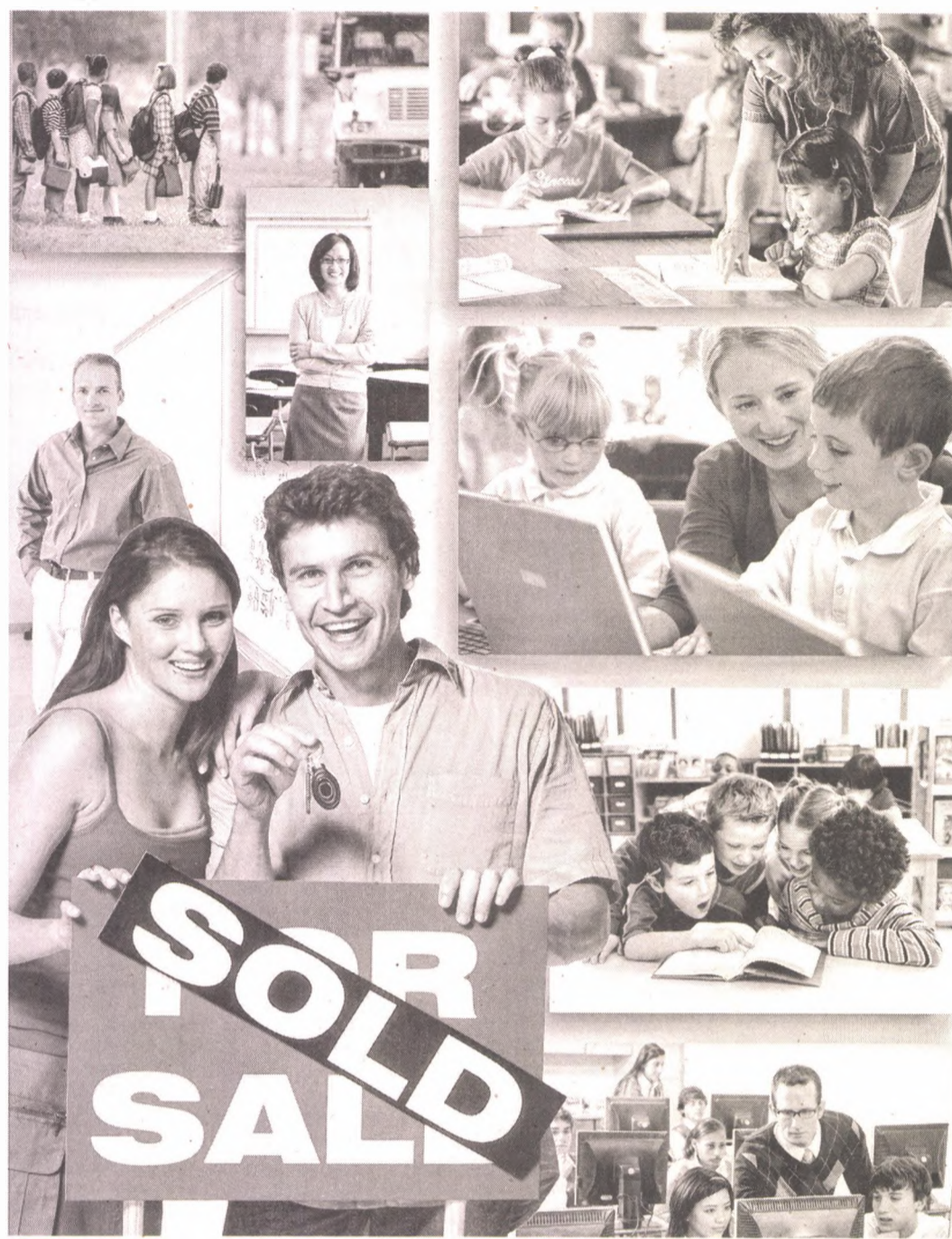
Realtors ask him and colleague educators about curriculum, technology and staff. "We're very proud of our highly qualified staff," said Baracy, adding staffers also care about children and teens.

He points with pride to the Midland-based Mackinac Center for Public Policy which gives high educational marks to Wayne-Westland.

Realtor Richard Eisiminger, a Canton resident, served five years on the Wayne-Westland school board during what he noted was a relatively quiet time for school districts. Eisiminger has worked 21 years in real estate and owns his RichRealty, based in Plymouth.

"Very much so, because family and children are the top priority in their lives," Eisiminger said of school district quality influencing buyers.

"We're not supposed to recommend one school district over another," Eisiminger said. "Today's buyers are much more informed than they were in the past."



Websites provide extensive information on school districts.

Eisiminger finds prospective buyers look for good schools, which generally mean a safe city with good community makeup. "If there's good schools, then you've got good stuff following," Eisiminger said.

He agreed, "If we've got bad young ones coming up, it's not a good thing," noting young people are future leaders, such as those who'll serve in the Senate and Congress.

Westland resident and Livonia Realtor Meriem Kadi has been in the field almost

20 years, and has been working with National Realty Centers in Livonia about four years. It also has a Birmingham office.

"As a Realtor for many years, I have seen so many different market values and what potential buyers/sellers are looking for when they are thinking about buying and selling," said Kadi, in her fourth year on the Westland City Council. "I believe that a school district (whether public or private) is still an important factor in some buyers' decision in deciding on a location."

Kadi added parents are concerned about bus pickup

and distance, and what drive time, if any, will be related to work schedules. "I still have faith and believe in our public school system or any teaching institute, that our goal would always be to strive for quality when it comes to the education of our children." Kadi's glad to see market values rising as well, following a difficult time in the field.

Many parents opt to visit the local elementary, middle or high school, to meet the staff and learn more about the specific school their child will attend.

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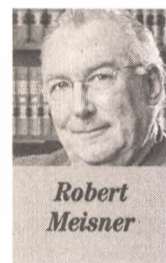
## Venice not a place for housing bargains

Q: I hear that people are literally moving out of Venice. Has that made it less expensive to live there?

A: No. A hundred square meter apartment can cost over a million euros (\$1.3 million), and there is concern among Venetians that the exodus of the population, which is now less than 58,000, will result in the city being nothing more than museums and hotels since many of the residences are being bought to be converted into them. Living in the suburbs, i.e., the mainland, makes it much easier to carry out ones daily activities which is the cause of the migration.

Q: Has Croatia recovered from the war in the 1990's to offer reasonable housing as a vacation destination?

A: Yes. Particularly along the Adriatic, the cities and villages have been relatively undisturbed by the war and have seaside villas surrounded by hills and mountains which can be purchased at reasonable prices. Croatia is joining the European Union as of July 1, 2013, but the utilization of the euro as a national currency will not take place for several years, which may give a U.S. investor a window of opportunity to get a good deal.



**Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 22-26, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**BEVERLY HILLS**

15842 Buckingham Ave \$160,000  
16291 W 14 Mile Rd \$550,000  
21805 W 14 Mile Rd \$65,000

**BIRMINGHAM**

1057 E 14 Mile Rd \$75,000  
1448 Haynes St \$127,000  
759 Hazelwood St \$625,000  
1500 Henrietta St \$360,000  
724 Madison St \$535,000  
1135 N Glenhurst Dr \$675,000  
1363 Smith Ave \$162,000

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**

300 Cranbrook Ct \$1,775,000  
1860 Huntingwood Ln \$484,000  
1351 Knollcrest Cir # M-52 \$205,000  
81 Manor Rd \$589,000  
1110 S Timberview Trl \$230,000

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**

2760 Aldgate Dr \$295,000  
400 Billingsgate Ct \$181,000

2549 Bloomfield Crossing \$565,000  
925 Dursley Rd \$225,000  
264 Eileen Dr \$80,000  
2440 Emerson Ave \$235,000  
2974 Woodcreek Way \$440,000

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325 Anaconda St \$315,000  
3570 Clark Cir \$260,000  
563 Cranbourne St \$70,000  
5287 Lancaster Ln \$285,000  
5968 Majestic Oaks Dr \$360,000  
3856 Sleeth Rd \$315,000  
5880 Turnberry Dr \$459,000

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**FARMINGTON HILLS**

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37026 Aspen Dr \$386,000  
27845 Berrywood Ln Unit 62 \$52,000  
35420 Blue Spruce Dr \$220,000  
31228 Country Blf \$95,000  
35637 Cross Crk N \$270,000  
29143 Glencastle Dr \$190,000  
38313 Golfview Dr \$329,000

35195 Hillside Dr \$137,000  
27864 Kendallwood Dr \$132,000  
28851 Kirkside Ln \$222,000  
29648 Middlebelt Rd \$85,000  
31145 N Park Dr \$225,000  
29614 Pendleton Club Dr \$46,000  
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38187 Connaught Dr \$285,000  
20858 E Glen Haven Cir \$67,000  
37760 W Greenwood Dr \$242,000  
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30145 Brightwood Dr \$277,000  
30146 Brightwood Dr \$287,000  
45727 Bristol Cir \$365,000  
50651 Glades Ct E \$50,000  
50932 Glades Ct W \$50,000  
40658 Lenox Park Dr \$250,000  
25558 Portico Ln \$140,000  
22813 Renford St \$63,000  
24411 Surfside Rd \$171,000  
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**CANTON**

50481 Amberwood Rd \$77,000  
41697 Bedford Dr \$26,000  
50294 Black Horse Ln \$77,000  
8301 Chatham Dr \$560,000  
369 Elmington Ct \$405,000  
51134 Federal Blvd \$77,000  
7089 Foxcreek Dr \$235,000  
2321 Hogan Way \$174,000  
45197 Horseshoe Cir \$137,000  
4621 Pond Run \$210,000  
6265 Porteridge Ln \$150,000

1732 S Pennfield Ln \$77,000  
1803 S Pennfield Ln \$79,000  
1839 S Pennfield Ln \$77,000

**GARDEN CITY**

33240 Alvin St \$60,000  
647 Belton St \$55,000  
31764 Rosslyn Ave \$83,000

**LIVONIA**

19335 Antago St \$44,000  
29454 Bobrich St \$45,000  
29686 Clarita St \$41,000  
34047 La Moyne St \$163,000  
17961 Lathers St \$56,000  
18906 Melvin St \$118,000  
37434 N Laurel Park Dr \$150,000  
15049 Nola St \$135,000  
35900 Orangelawn St \$141,000  
19733 Osmus St \$95,000  
19645 Parker St \$134,000

17367 Pershing St \$117,000  
34617 Pinehurst Ct \$180,000  
20225 Rensellor St \$81,000  
38117 S Vista Dr \$138,000  
31634 Scone St \$138,000  
9633 Stark Rd \$200,000  
14207 Stonehouse Ave \$135,000  
31636 W Chicago St \$125,000  
27861 W Stanmoor Dr \$260,000  
18832 Westmoor Dr \$128,000  
27995 Whitcomb St \$95,000  
15613 Woodside St \$180,000

**NORTHVILLE**

16897 Carriage Way \$150,000  
48913 Freestone Dr \$466,000  
109 N Rogers St \$475,000

**PLYMOUTH**

15251 Maxwell Ave \$228,000  
9254 Northern Ave \$315,000

51040 Northview \$277,000  
40419 Orangelawn Ave \$165,000

**REDFORD**

11429 Arnold \$35,000  
13012 Hemingway \$72,000  
20104 Macarthur \$35,000  
9168 Seminole \$72,000  
26001 Southwestern Hwy \$30,000

**WAYNE**

32025 Carlisle Pkwy \$21,000  
34460 Van Born Rd \$45,000

**WESTLAND**

2065 Alanson St \$12,000  
6823 Deer Run Ct S \$109,000  
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**HIGHLAND:** New clothing & outdoorwear, sport's equip, some household, etc. Sat. only, 10am-4pm 242 Nain Circle in Preswick Village Subdivision

**LIVONIA:** Aug 29-Sept 2, 8:30-4:30pm 29742 Richland, Plymouth/Middlebelt area. Furniture, Clothes, Household, Hummel, Longaberger baskets

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Quality items including furniture, yard tools, toys, and electronics. Aug. 29 & Aug. 31, 9am-2pm; Aug. 30, 5pm-8pm. 14404 Ramblewood

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**NORTHVILLE: Moving Sale!** Small appli, furniture, fans, lamps, bedding, tools & much more! Aug. 29-30, 9-5pm 465 Welch, 8 Mile/Novi Rd

**PLYMOUTH MOVING SALE!**  
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**REDFORD GARAGE SALE ONE DAY ONLY, SAT 8-31, 9-4pm!**  
(Rain date 9-1), 26536 Student, Coffee table, dresser, Longaberger end table/ lamp, wood shelves, king bed frame, ladder, beige carpet remnant, & other odds & ends.

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### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**  
1 Female lobster  
4 Go first  
8 Totally amazes  
12 Want-ad letters  
13 River to the Seine  
14 Astrologers of old  
15 Memory trigger  
17 Archaeologist's find  
18 Traffic cone  
19 Comparable  
21 Summer hrs.  
23 "M\*A\*S\*H" site  
27 Untainted  
30 — meridiem  
33 Yale Bulldogs backer  
34 Baba au —  
35 Each  
36 Raise one's voice  
37 Arabic lute  
38 Yield territory  
39 Shelley selections  
40 Grain bundle  
42 Mole, sometimes  
44 Blueprint  
47 Humble  
51 Brewery supply  
54 Midway attraction  
56 Buffalo's lake  
57 Untidy person  
58 Electric bridge  
59 Sudden urges  
60 Chapeau's place  
61 Reception

**DOWN**  
1 Tough fiber  
2 Counting-rhyme start  
3 Year-end tune  
4 Lake birds  
5 Munich single site  
6 Gobi Desert  
7 Knock flat  
8 Organic acid  
9 Handful of cotton  
10 Narcissus' flaw  
11 — vous plait  
16 Internet hookup  
20 1950s prez  
22 Finish-line marker  
24 Bulrush  
25 High-fashion magazine  
26 Has a fever  
27 Ski instructors  
28 "No way!" (hyph.)  
29 Bad-mannered  
31 — Jarrett of NASCAR  
32 Three, in Toledo  
36 Fluctuates wildly (hyph.)  
38 Calgary Stampeder org.  
41 Basilica parts  
43 Annapolis frosh  
45 Type of prof  
46 Cleopatra's river  
48 Come again?  
49 Folk teachings  
50 Social org.  
51 Yo!  
52 Pay dirt  
53 Sewing kit item  
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**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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Level: Beginner

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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**WORDS**

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AERATION  
APPROACH  
BACK NINE  
BALL  
BAGGIE  
BLIND  
BOGEY  
BUCKET  
BUZZARD  
CARRY  
CART  
CLUBHOUSE  
CUP  
DERBY  
DIMPLES  
DIVOT  
DOWNSWING  
DRIVER  
FAIRWAY  
FESCUE  
GIMME  
GOLF  
GREENS  
HAZARD  
HOLES  
HONORS  
INVITATIONAL  
IRONS  
MULLIGAN  
PUTT  
PUTTER  
SHOT

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

**Sudoku**

8	3	6	1	2	7	4	5	9
2	1	9	5	4	6	3	8	7
7				6		1	4	9
		8	3	1	6	5		
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	6	7		9		8		
1			9	3	8			5
	9	3						1
				7				8

**Word Search**

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L	I	A	N	C	V	I	I	D	B	O	C	L	I	T	C	E	C	C	M	
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U	E	V	L	C	I	N	R	S	T	G	B	T	F	P	D	C	A	U	V	
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T	M	B	P	S	Y	L	A	P	D	P	O	H	T	F	M	R	A	A	H	
E	M	H	O	N	O	R	S	P	U	S	O	N	D	O	H	R	I	Z	U	
R	I	U	B	H	P	Y	U	C	A	H	F	D	A	O	H	Y	L	A	E	
G	G	A	E	R	A	T	I	O	N	P	I	E	H	L	R	S	M	R	A	
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V	O	A	C	A	R	T	T	E	K	C	U	B	I	K	A	M	L	A	I	
K	S	Y	A	E	W	R	I	A	F	C	M	V	N	H	B	L	T	I	S	V
G	A	E	E	C	H	Z	G	O	L	F	B	O	G	E	Y	K	A	D	O	
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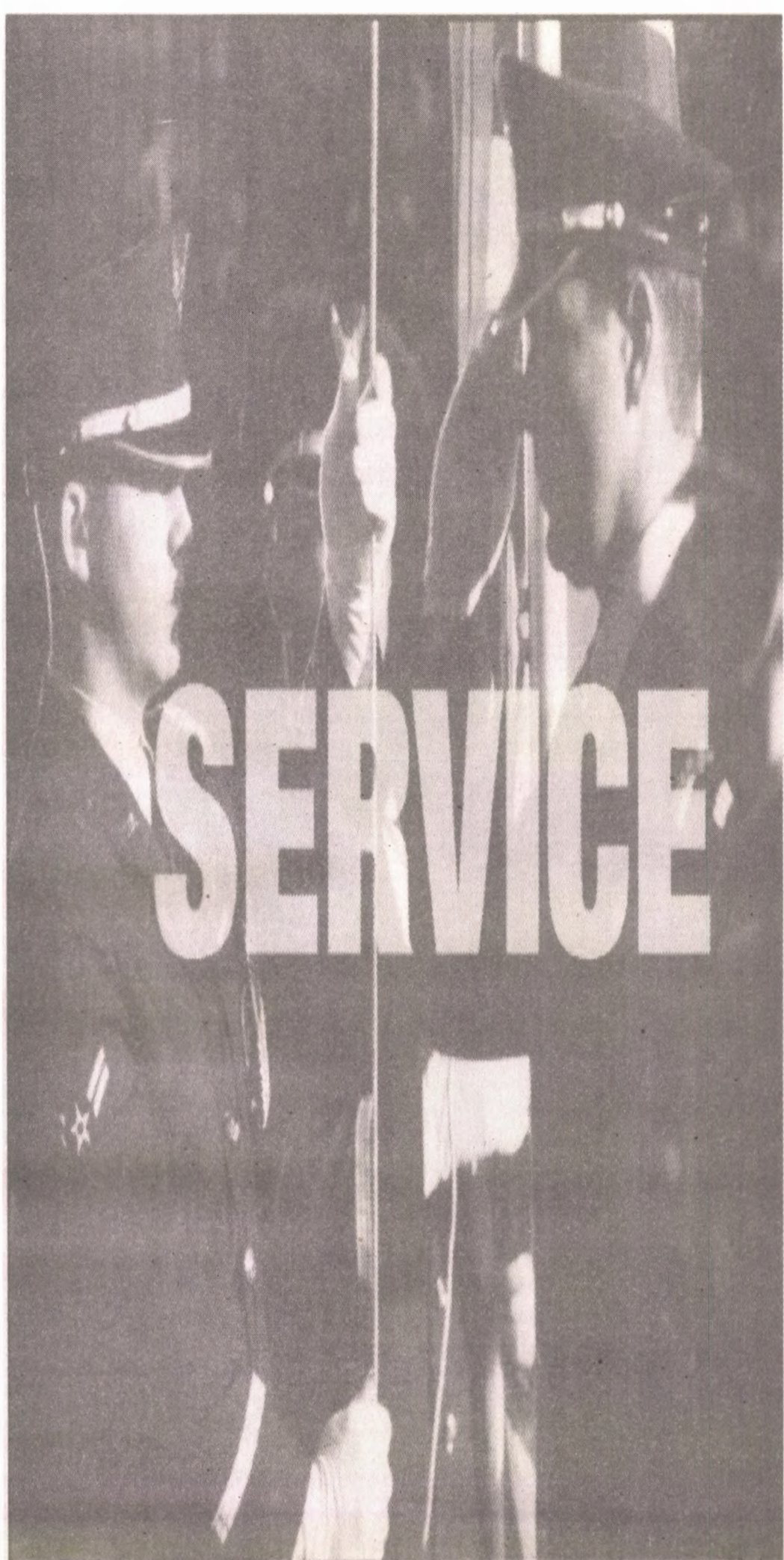
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