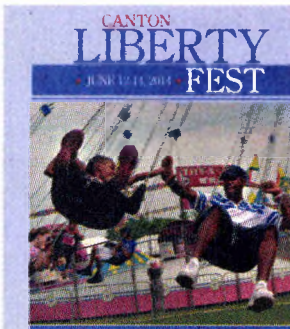


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## Six media center jobs among school cuts

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

With the Plymouth-Canton schools moving to a 1:1 technology learning model next year, teachers are going to be asked to do more as administrators shave the ranks of their media specialists in a cost-cutting move aimed at helping eliminate a \$6.3 million budget deficit.

Administrators are scheduled to present the 2014-15 budget at a public hearing Tuesday night.

Among the budget adjustments being recommended is an elimination of six media specialist positions, and another 6.3 full-time-equivalent interventionists. The media specialist cuts will be felt at all levels.

Jeanne Farina, the district's assistant superintendent for learning, said the move mirrors similar moves being made by other school systems.

"In many districts across the state, media specialists have been cut," Farina said. "It's one of those things you look at and say 'Where do you want the

pain,' because we're trying to balance our budget."

The district currently has 15 media specialists (one at each school) at the elementary level, five middle school specialists and three at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

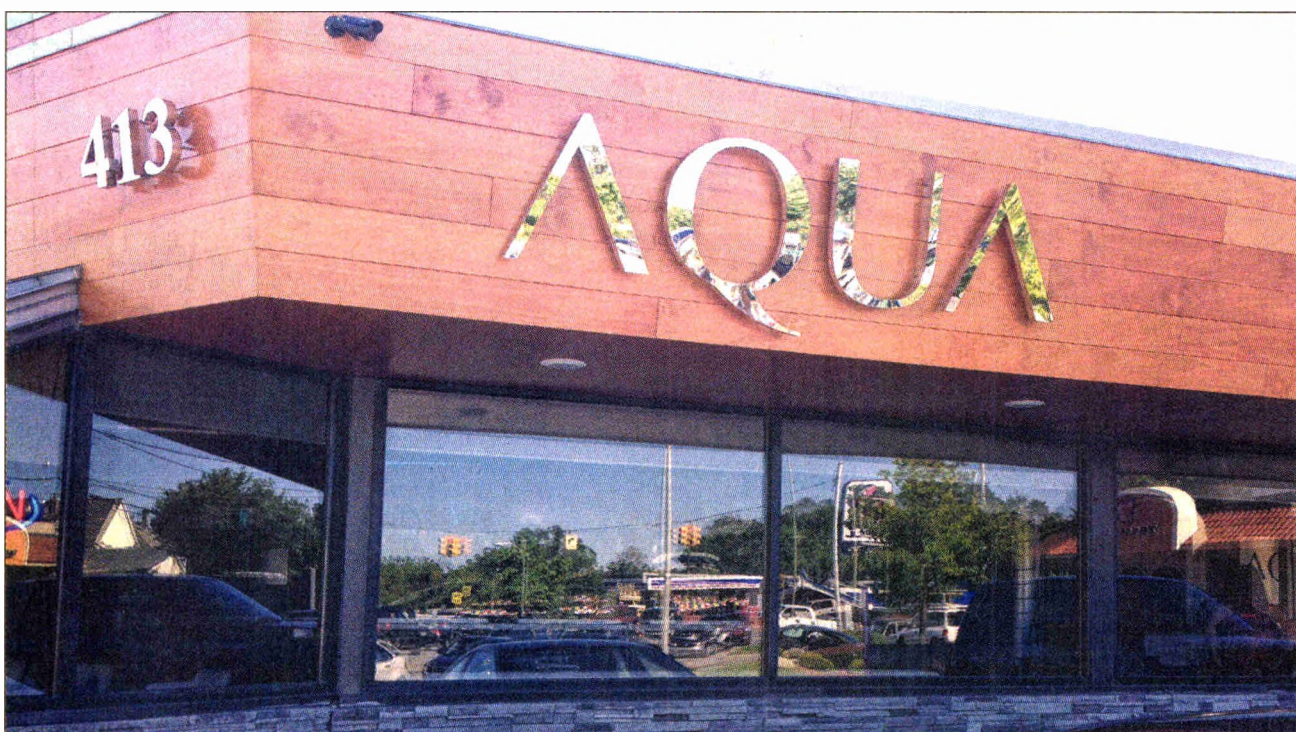
With six fewer positions next year, fewer buildings will be manned on a full-time basis, Farina said. Buildings will be staffed with media specialists who will deliver technology curriculum created a couple of years ago. But it will be taught more as a special class,

much like the district delivers art, music and physical education instruction, she said.

"We have traveling teachers for those subjects," Farina said. "Media specialists will travel, as well."

Schools with more sections are more likely to have full-time specialists. One option being considered at The Park is staffing the media centers with paraprofessionals and putting traveling media specialists in classrooms.

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Plymouth's Grecian Cafe, a longtime family and late-night dining staple, has reopened as Aqua after a transformation of more than eight months. The restaurant has a sleek new look both inside and out.

## Aqua dives into Plymouth dining scene

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Vitor Nikollbibaj is a very patient man.

More than eight months after closing his Grecian Cafe, a longtime casual and late-night dining staple in Plymouth, he has reopened it as Aqua, a fine-dining restaurant with a modern European look and a "fusion" menu that draws inspiration from around the globe.

Nikollbibaj has also added a liquor license – valuable in a town

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Owner Vitor Nikollbibaj on the new all-season dining patio at Aqua, formerly the Grecian Cafe.

## Grants give museum new security cameras

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A new state-of-the-art security camera system was installed at the Plymouth Historical Museum recently thanks to grant dollars from four community organizations.

The 14 high-resolution color cameras – five more cameras than with the old black-and-white system – were set up at key points inside the museum plus outside at the Church Street entrance, so that staffers can see who might be calling at times when they are by themselves and the museum is closed. The video feeds are recorded digitally and can be viewed in real time on a monitor in the office.

"We're thrilled that we're able to see what's actually going on in the museum at a particular location in case we have any issues that arise," said Elizabeth Kerstens, the museum's director. "If something happens we will be able to follow through with video to protect us or to protect somebody else."

The cameras, she said, are watching out for events like a slip-and-fall or a theft, which is rare.

"I don't want people to think we've got a theft problem, because we don't. Perhaps part of the reason we don't is that we have good security," Kerstens said.

Kerstens said she had been working for a couple of years on winning a grant for the system, which cost about \$7,000, and decided to seek the money from several sources.

She already had \$1,000 from the Community Foundation of Plymouth, and when she got \$3,000 from the Rotary Foundation, through the Plymouth Rotary Club, she went to the Kiwanis, of which she is a member, with that leverage. She got \$1,500 more from the Kiwanis Foundation and a matching amount from the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth.

"It's totally a community effort, and I wanted to make sure people knew that," she said.

The system was installed by MI Pro-Techs of Farmington Hills.

### Elevator going up

The museum's freight elevator, frozen for several months, will be repaired in the coming weeks with a new hydraulic jack, Kerstens said. A contract has been awarded to Detroit Elevator and the work will cost around \$70,000, depending on what problems the company finds as it takes apart the system.

Meanwhile, museum staff and volunteers will be setting up the next exhibit without the help of the freight elevator, which is normally used to move large and heavy objects between floors and indoors.

"We're going to do the entire changeover without the freight elevator, unfortunately," Kerstens said. Detroit Elevator should be finished with the repairs by the end of July, she said.

The museum raised around \$32,000 toward the elevator through an Ann Arbor Community Foundation a month ago, but still needs up to \$38,000 more, Kerstens said. A second fundraiser through the museum has garnered about \$900, and an anonymous donor has pledged to match the amount donated through that effort.

## Local vets share memories on D-Day 70th

Henry Malec of Plymouth, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II who fought in Europe and later guarded high-ranking German prisoners, wears his 90th Division cap, with a logo of an intertwined "T" and "O," an insignia that also appears on his car. The division was nicknamed the "Tough Ombres."



By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

One was a 17-year-old in basic training in the U.S. Navy while two others, also teenagers, had yet to be drafted into the Army.

But D-Day on June 6, 1944 – the invasion of German-occupied France by the U.S., Great Britain and other Allied forces – marked a big turning point in a worldwide conflict in which Walt Gluvna, Henry Malec and Cal Mason would be swept up.

Now, with D-Day commemorations going on in Normandy and at home, the three took time last week to reflect on their war experiences and how they view them some 70 years later.

"We lived at a time that was momentous – and I don't know how else to explain it," said Gluvna, the Navy man, of Canton Township. While he wouldn't want to have been in recent conflicts such as the ones in Iraq and Afghanistan, he said, "At the time, it just seemed the right thing – the right thing to do."

### Navy enlistee

Gluvna, now 87, grew up in the Cleveland area and volunteered for the

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where the number of licenses is capped at 24 – that he obtained nearly three years ago. He has been working on the new restaurant concept since around time.

“In this industry, if you’re not patient you won’t make it,” Nikollbibaj, who has been in the restaurant business since 1987, said at his new place on Thursday. “I had to be patient in order to create this.”

Grecian Cafe fans probably won’t recognize anything at Aqua but its Main Street location; the place has been completely redone. The interior’s emphasis is on straight lines, gleaming glass and polished metals, and a wooden deck for outdoor dining has been turned into an all-season patio with a tiled floor and upholstered, yet minimalist, chairs.

### ‘Went all out’

Nikollbibaj, who lives in Plymouth Township, says there’s nothing like it in the area.

“We went all out,” he said. “We wanted to change completely the old Grecian Cafe.”

Nikollbibaj, who had owned the cafe since 2000, cooked there regularly, but has turned over Aqua’s kitchen to executive chef Ronald Buechs, who has extensive Detroit-area restaurant experience and was trained at the Johnson & Wales University College of Culinary Arts in Charlotte, N.C., and has a master’s in hospitality management from Michigan State University.

Aqua’s menu includes pastas, meat dishes, salads and vegan and vegetarian dishes that Buechs describes as “edible art.” Meats are brought in fresh five days a week, fish six days a week, and Aqua will be using as much produce from local sources as possible,

Buechs said.

If he had to use a map to spot the menu, he’d point to Asia, but he said Aqua uses ideas from all kinds of cuisines. Appetizers have names like Mediterranean Hommus Trio, Shanghai Calamari and Spanish Oven-Roasted Olives and Feta.

Buechs said he has a passion for the food. “When I see a customer light up with joy at my food, it brings me the biggest happiness,” he said.

### Menu updates

Aqua, said Buechs, will be adding items in the near future, including a full sushi menu, seasonal dishes and a brunch menu for Saturdays and Sundays. In keeping with the restaurant’s sleek look, Aqua has electronic iPad menus that are easy to update and provide details about the food, but diners will still give their orders to real people.

“We want our staff to be in touch with the cus-



Owner Vitor Nikollbibaj (left), behind the bar at Aqua with mixologist Travis Carter. Carter and Bradley Leach, who are co-managers, were brought in in recent weeks to get the place up and running and design the drink menu.

tomers,” Nikollbibaj said.

Co-managers Bradley Leach and Travis Carter are also part of what Nikollbibaj calls his “dream team.” They were brought in in recent weeks to fine-tune the place and build a cocktail menu. Aqua has an extensive list of spirits, wines

and beers, including several beers from Michigan microbreweries.

Carter said that, though unique, Aqua is also part of a larger dining trend.

“We’re in the middle of such a renaissance of craft food and drink,” he said.

Aqua ([www.aquaplymouth.com](http://www.aquaplymouth.com)) is at 413 N. Main; the phone number is 734-335-7474.

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## CUTS

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Kathy Lester, the media specialist at East Middle School and president of the Michigan School Library Association, told school board members Tuesday the plan was going to hurt students, especially as the district embarks on its 1:1 technology rollout.

“Media specialists understand the state standards and Plymouth-Canton’s curriculum as well as the unique maturity level, interests, and abilities of our students and the concerns of their parents,” Lester said. “I believe that our students in Plymouth Canton have the right to a strong, dynamic school library staffed by a full-time certified librarian.”

Five of the six teachers filling media positions that are being elim-

inated will keep their jobs, but be moved to classrooms. Still, the cuts, while necessary, aren’t easy to make, Farina said.

“I value our media specialists,” she said. “They’re a wonderful resource to our students and our teachers. They’re highly skilled, their role is a lot different than it has been in the past. They’re our leaders in technology in our buildings, and I hate to lose any of them.”

The district will also deal with the elimination of more than six interventionist positions, but the LEAP interventionists will remain intact, Farina said.

Each of the district’s elementary schools, she explained, is staffed with 1.5 FTE interventionist. The positions being cut are the .5-FTE assigned to deal with students outside the K-2 boundaries of LEAP.

The remaining interventionist work will be passed on to teachers, whom Farina said will receive additional training to handle the work.

“The effect (of the cuts) will be that the intervention will be performed by classroom teachers,” Farina said. “We are doing our best to maintain as much of the program as possible for intervention. It’s always a hardship when you eliminate positions. There needs to be an adjustment somewhere. We’ll be providing our classroom teachers with additional training in dealing with students who struggle. Professional development will be focused on differentiated instruction, trying to equip our teachers with as many tools as possible.”

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## New charter high school names principal

By Brad Kadrich  
 Staff Writer

Michigan native Matthew Chesney moved away from his home state eight years ago to get away from the weather.

Apparently, the chance to build a high school from the ground up trumps Michigan's annual battles with Mother Nature.

Chesney was recently named the principal at the fledgling Canton Preparatory High School, which opens in September on Cherry Hill west of Canton Center in Canton. It's the first charter high school in the community, and its presence in a community dominated by high schools of the Plymouth-Canton Schools will benefit all students, its leaders say.

"The opportunity to build a school from the ground up, and to have an impact on developing its culture and community and educational practices, is just really exciting," said Chesney, who graduated from East-



New Canton Preparatory High School Principal Matthew Chesney (left) tours the school's construction site with Carl Berry, president of the school's Board of Directors. Canton Preparatory, being built on Cherry Hill west of Canton Center in Canton, is set to open Sept. 2.

ern Michigan University with a degree in mathematics and education. "More than that, having an impact on the educational community in Canton ... competition breeds excellence.

The more competition there is in education, the more the students will benefit."

Chesney moves back from Casa Grande, Ariz., where he accomplished much the same

thing he's being hired to do in Canton: Start a high school – "That school is amazing," he said. "It broke my heart to leave it" – from the ground up. Before Casa Grande, he was teaching freshman math and helping develop the math curriculum at a charter high school in Phoenix.

"Matt is a perfect fit for Canton and this new school," said Carl Berry, president of the school's board of directors. "We are pleased to have him aboard and trust he will be an integral member of our team, as we seek to grow Canton Prep into a top-performing academic institution."

The school, which will open Sept. 2 with some 250 freshmen and 100 sophomores, expects to draw from National Heritage Academy charters Achieve, South Canton Scholars and Plymouth Scholars academies.

The next challenge will be hiring the 13 or 14 teachers the school will bring on. Chesney said he will have done some

400 phone interviews and 70 face-to-face interviews before filling out the staff.

"The major challenge is making sure you've got the best teachers possible opening up that first year," Chesney said. "It's very important to have the best team possible. You're all starting fresh, and you have to work together to build that culture."

Not only does the move bring Chesney another educational challenge, it also brings him closer to family. He and his wife, Melissa, have four children: Brandon, 5; Bradley, 3; Nolan, 2; and 6-month-old Sara.

"We moved to Arizona to get away from weather," Chesney said. "We had four small children and all our family is back here, so we moved back to be closer to family."

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## Canton High program gets national certification

Canton High School officials announced this week the school received national certification for the Project Lead The Way program the school has offered since 2012.

Danielle Ramos, the district's STEM coordinator, said PLTW, a nonprofit organization and the nation's leading provider of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education programs, offers a rigorous world-class curriculum that allows students to apply what they are learning in math and science class to real-life activities, projects and problems.

The national PLTW recognition program distinguishes schools for successfully demonstrating a commitment to PLTW's national standards.

Additionally, certification as a PLTW school provides students with the opportunity to apply for college credit or receive college-level recognition at PLTW affiliate universities when they successfully complete select PLTW courses in high school. PLTW has more than 50 college, university and research partners.

"We've seen how the PLTW program draws more students to engineering, math and science and gets them thinking about college and their careers," Ramos said. "We are extremely proud to be PLTW-certified and ecstatic that our students are eligible for college-level recognition, which may include college credit, scholarships and admissions preference."

In order to remain competitive in the global economy, America needs approximately 400,000 STEM college graduates annually, according to a National Business Roundtable report. Currently, the U.S. is graduating only 265,000 annually.

As part of the recognition process, Ramos and a team composed of teachers, staff, students and members of the community submitted a self-assessment of the school's implementation of PLTW's Engineering & Biomedical program. A site visit by a PLTW trained team followed.

PLTW's team met with teachers, school administrators, counselors, students and members of the school's Partnership Team. A PLTW

school's Partnership Team is comprised of teachers, counselors, administrators, post-secondary representatives, business and industry professionals and other community members who actively support the PLTW program within a school.

"Canton High School should be congratulated for demonstrating once again its commitment to PLTW's quality standards," said PLTW President and CEO Vince Bertram. "The real winners here, however, are Canton High School's students. Students benefit from PLTW's innovative, project-based curriculum that encourages creativity, problem solving and critical thinking. We look forward to many more years of working together to

prepare Canton High School students for the global economy."

Ramos said "the beauty" of PLTW courses is "our kids get to experience how a concept they learned in science applies to real-world projects."

"Our students are building, developing and creating," Ramos said. "It's the kind of hands-on experience that will engage more students in science, technology, engineering and math — fields that they might otherwise never have considered."

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# Michigan Philharmonic expands summer slate

The Michigan Philharmonic, a leading-edge professional orchestra based in Southeast Michigan, has expanded its growing calendar of performances this summer.

Performances now include:

» June 20, Hudson Mill MetroPark in Dexter, 8 p.m., "An American Salute" - This free event (with \$7 park admission) is an outdoor summertime pops concert saluting veterans and celebrating the nation and its culture with a dynamic tapestry of patriotic favorites along with Broadway and movie music. The evening includes the music of Louie Armstrong and Chuck Mangione and concludes with a performance of Tchaikovsky's classic 1812 Overture.

» June 28, Kellogg Park, Plymouth, 7:30 p.m. - "An American Salute" will be reprised at this outdoor event in downtown Plymouth, again with free admission.

» July 12, Kensington Metropark, Milford, 8

p.m., "Beatles Blast" - This free event (with \$7 park admission) celebrates the 50th Anniversary year of the Beatles coming to the U.S. Join the Michigan Philharmonic as they pay tribute to the "Fab Four" with the best of the Beatles, from *Eleanor Rigby*, *Love is all you Need* and *Hard Day's Night* to *Help* and *She Loves You*.

» July 15, Campus Martius Park, Detroit, 7 p.m., "Beatles Blast" - Join the Michigan Phil after work in Detroit's award-winning urban park for a free concert with the Fab Four.

"We're very pleased with these concert opportunities with the Metroparks and in our local communities and the City of Detroit," said Beth Stewart, Executive Director of the Michigan Philharmonic. "With our recent successes, additional concerts continually being added to our calendar, and our expansion this fall into new markets, it's an exciting time for the Michigan Phil and our audiences."



Conductor Nan Washburn and the Michigan Philharmonic has expanded its list of summer concerts.

## Grand Valley

» **Sherri Anderson** of Canton has been awarded the Seykora Award from Grand Valley State University. Anderson is a graduate of Canton High School and is the daughter of Gary and Nancy Anderson.

The Thomas Seykora Award recognizes individuals who make outstanding contributions which improve the campus community while demonstrating good academic performance.

» Grand Valley State University announces the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the winter 2014 semester concluding in April. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. The honor is noted on the students' official records.

Canton students who made the list included **Sherri E. Anderson; Phillip A. Baciak; Megan E. Baumgart; Morgan J. Benjamin; Nathaniel P. Benjamin; Courtney E. Black; Britany M. Brasseur; Autumn E. Burin; Clare T. Cavicchio; Hannah N. Cobane; Caitlin E. Conklin; Matthew J. Dwan; Aaron D. Evans; Courtney T. Farmer; Audra W. Gamble; Kelly S. Gaule; Kyle M. Gaule; Kylie L. Hakala; Jennifer L. Henkel; Amanda C. Hennells; Kristen P. Hollingsworth; Catherine R. Irwin; Grace E.**

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## Butler University

» **Ciara Williams**, a science, technology, and society major and a resi-

dent of Canton, was one of 824 Butler University students who completed degree requirements in May 2014.

Those graduating included 130 in the College of Business, 79 in the College of Education, 220 in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 84 in the Jordan College of the Arts, 101 in the College of Communication, and 210 in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

» **Brad Bocketti**, a finance major and a resident of Plymouth, is on Butler University's Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2013-14 academic year. Recipients range from freshman to sixth-year pharmacy students.

Degree-seeking undergraduate students at Butler who carry at least 12 academic hours in a given semester are eligible for the Dean's List in the college in which they are enrolled.

Students on the list are in the top 20 percent of their college, as determined by the semester grade point average of all eligible students in each college.

## Fort Lewis College

More than 400 students were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2014 semester at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. These students took at least 15 credits of gradable hours and achieved a 3.60 or higher grade point average.

Two Plymouth students - psychology major **Natalia Diacovo** and **Richard Thiele**, whose major is history-social studies for secondary teachers option - made the list.

## Baldwin Wallace University

**Kayla Eyster** of Canton, a graduate of Canton High School majoring in sociology, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester 2014 at Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio, according to Stephen D. Stahl, Provost. Students who receive at least a 3.6 GPA for seven or more graded hours in a single semester are named to the Dean's List.

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## Emerson College

**Amanda Karby** of Plymouth was graduated from Emerson College in Boston, Mass., during commencement exercises May 11. Karby earned a master's degree in publishing and writing.

At Emerson's 134th undergraduate commencement ceremony, approximately 900 bachelor's degrees were conferred, and more than 300 master's degrees were conferred.

## D-DAY

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Navy when he was 16. His parents had to sign off on it.

An older brother, Bill, was a B-25 pilot in the Army Air Corps in the China Burma India theater, and another, George, was an Army sergeant who served in Europe.

"Three of us were in World War II at the same time, and we all came back," Gluvna said.

Gluvna became a Navy coxswain, steering landing crafts that carried troops, equipment and supplies, and participated in the invasion of Okinawa in 1945. He landed during the "second wave," he said, on the South China Sea side of the island.

"The first five days were quiet. We got an awful lot of supplies in," he said.

The battle for Okinawa raged for weeks; Gluvna said that during one stretch, the larger Allied ships near the island were subjected to kamikaze attacks by Japanese pilots for 27 of 28 days.

After the war, Gluvna was assigned to a destroyer escort ship that later went on a world tour, visiting ports in Asia, Africa and Europe before heading back to the States.

"I was lucky to get through it. I was lucky to see some of the world. I met a lot of terrific people," he said.

Gluvna said that he had the sense of invincibility that often accompanies youth ("We were all young enough, we were going to defeat the world," he said), but that war experiences sobered him up.

"The heroes are the guys who didn't come back - and the medics," he said.

After his Navy service, Gluvna bounced from job to job, then returned to school to study engineering. He put in about 35 years as

an engineer at General Motors Corp.

## Factory hand to soldier

Henry Malec, now of Plymouth, was working at a Chrysler Corp. factory in Detroit that was part of the war effort when the Normandy invasion occurred in June 1944. Two months later, barely 18, he was drafted.

After basic, Malec was shipped with other GIs to Liverpool, England, and then to Cherbourg, France. It was on that boat to France that a Catholic chaplain offered the men Holy Communion and all of them, regardless of religion, knelt to take it, Malec said.

"That's the first time I kind of got scared," said Malec, as it brought home the risks of what they were about to do. "In a way, it was kind of comical to me, but it kind of wasn't."

Malec and his comrades, in the Army's 90th Division (nicknamed the "Tough Ombres"), landed in December 1944 and were sent by train and then truck to the front in what would later be called the Battle of the Bulge. On the way, he said, he saw burning American tanks and scores of U.S. casualties.

"These were 18-year-old kids that were laying on the ground," he said.

Malec saw combat in several different places in Europe, was wounded in the left leg by shrapnel from a nebelwerfer rocket - they were nicknamed "Screaming Mimis" because of their "paralyzing sound" - and saw several comrades die, including the man carrying the ammunition for his Browning Automatic Rifle, a light machine gun.

Both wounded, he and his machine gun partner were sharing a potato cellar with other wounded and some civilians during the fighting until they could be evacuated.

"He put the right side of his head right on my

left shoulder and went to sleep for good," Malec said.

After the war, Malec was transferred to the 1st Division and guarded some of the top Nazis imprisoned at Nuremberg, including Hermann Goering, who had been commander of the German air force, or Luftwaffe.

Discharged in 1946, he returned to Detroit and became a chiropractor; Malec still works occasionally at a clinic in Plymouth.

He marvels at having such strong memories that stretch back so many decades.

"But I think it's because it's penetrated in such a way that you don't forget it, because you dream about it," he said. "It's constantly, in one way or another, on your mind."

## New grad

Cal Mason, 87, was graduating from Farmington High School right about the time of D-Day. He was drafted that fall, shortly after he turned 18.

"After I finished basic training there was that big question: Am I going east or am I going west?" said Mason, who lives in Plymouth Township.

Mason was sent west, to California, where he and others in the Army were shipped out to the Pacific theater. President Franklin Roosevelt died while they were at sea, he said, and the announcement was made on the ship. Everyone wondered who Harry Truman, Roosevelt's successor, was, Mason said.

Mason was assigned to the 41st Division and sent to the island of Mindinau in the Philippines.

"We were training to do the invasion of Japan which was supposedly going to be a very rough exercise," he said.

But the atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the war ended.

"I never considered myself exposed to any

serious danger," he said.

When the fighting stopped, he became a military police officer, and was stationed at several towns and cities in occupied Japan. His tour included a short jaunt to the devastated Hiroshima.

"That was an interesting day I spent there," Mason said. "There

wasn't much of it."

He enjoyed his time in Japan, though, saying he always wanted to go back but never did. "I found it a very pleasant place," he said.

He says he was lucky to have not been in heavy combat and to have returned home unharmed. He later majored in English and history at Wayne

University (now Wayne State) and had a long career at the Detroit Diesel factory.

"I get out and fly the flag every weekend and on memorial occasions and stuff like that," Mason said. "I have a little patriotic spirit left."

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# Three, two, one ... blast off!

Students get hands-on in study of rocketry

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

"Lawn dart!" That's what Kyle Clarke shouted as the just launched rocket hit the ground nose first on the field at St. Michael Lutheran School on Monday. The Traverse City resident was at the Wayne school working with seventh- and eighth-graders for the final day of a three-week science lesson on space that included NASA and rockets.

"There was a whole segment on rockets. They used a textbook for two weeks and spent a whole week with me," said Clarke, who is a member of the National Association of Rocketry.

The students learned about handling rockets, including Clarke's favorite word, safety, and watched the film *October Sky*. As part of their final lesson, they packed wading in the body of the rocket, and a recovery stream beneath the nose of the rocket and installed the motors in preparation for launch.

Joining them for launch day was former aerospace engineer and current State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, who also tried his hand at rocketry. Clarke provided him with a slightly different one than those being used by the students.

"Mine has a parachute, it's a little different concept, but it does the same thing," he said.

### Three, two, one ...

Launch pads were set up in the field behind the school, and kindergarten classes sat a safe distance away, giving the setup the feel of a countdown at Cape Canaveral. One by one, students hooked up their rockets to the controller, counted down to three and hit the switch.

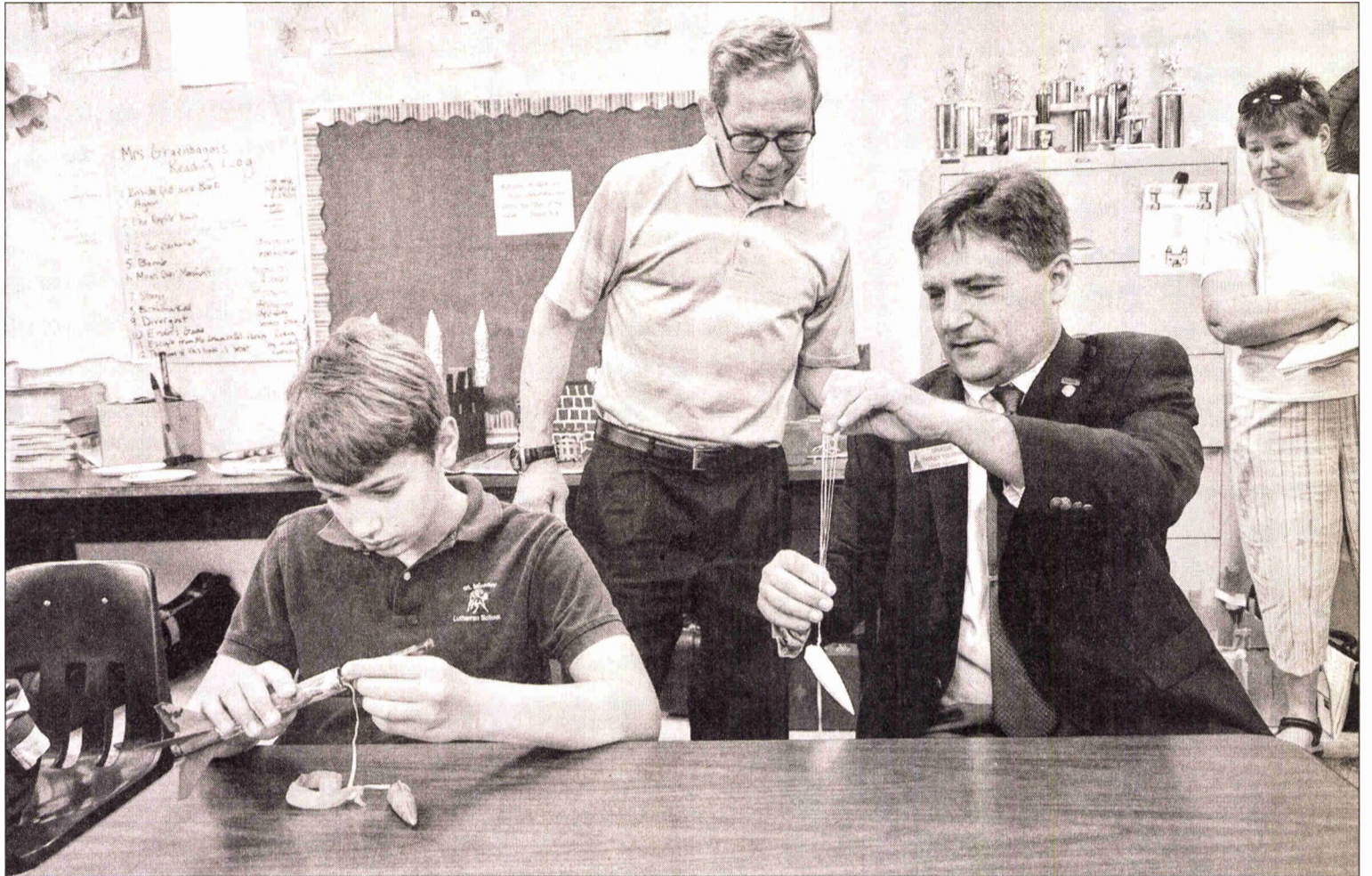
Some took off immediately, while a few required adjustments and a second launch sequence. Of the 16 students that sent rockets skyward, six didn't eject the nose cone and streamer, earning the call of lawn dart.

"This is much better; it's much more fun to be hands-on than just reading a book," said eighth-grader Meghan Earles of Canton. "I'm not so confident my streamer will deploy, but this is really fun."

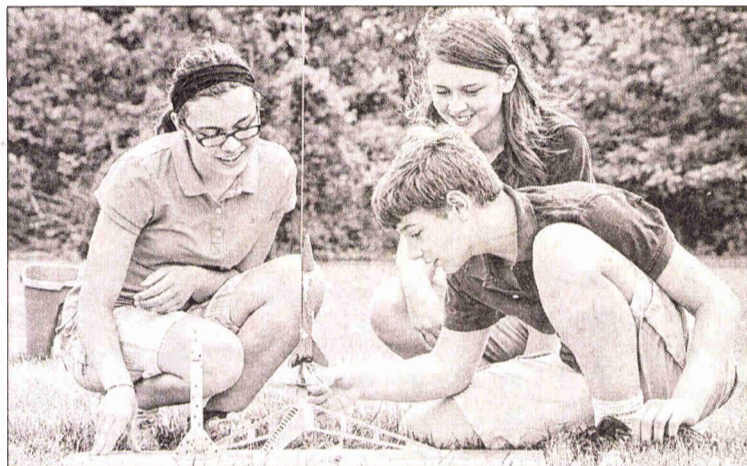
Emmett Matasovsky of Belleville had more than a separation with is launch. The nose cone popped and completely separated from the rocket.

"When mine popped out, it took everything with it," he said, showing off his nose-less rocket. "The one thing mine kept was the engine."

The rocket landed by a seat of bleachers north of the launch pad and the nose section was found in a neighbor's yard.



Emmett Matasovsky and State Senator Patrick Colbeck get a little advice from rocketeer Kyle Clarke. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Brienna Sucharski, Emmett Matasovski, and Maggie Smith attach the ignition wiring to the rocket's igniter.

"The inside is burned up," Matasovsky observed. "The launch was a success and the nose coming off was a failure."

Ruthie Seltz of Ypsilanti found it ironic that when she pulled her rocket-turned-lawn dart from the earth.

"The streamer came out," she said.

### Stresses safety

Clarke did a rocket segment with St. Michael's students two years ago when his daughter was a student of teacher Diane Hegenauer and gladly came back to do it again this year. He calls Hegenauer his Mrs. Riley from *October Skies*. She was the inspiration for his daughter.

"I stress safety. Rockets are a team sport, not an I sport," he said. "And it has to be a safe sport. You have to have a spotter."

Clarke has done a rocketry College for Kids program at Schoolcraft College and in Traverse City. He enjoys the interaction with the kids.

"I have a blast with the kids. It's so much fun to see them learn all the things associated

with the sport," Clarke said. "And even if they don't go any farther in science, they can see how fun science can be."

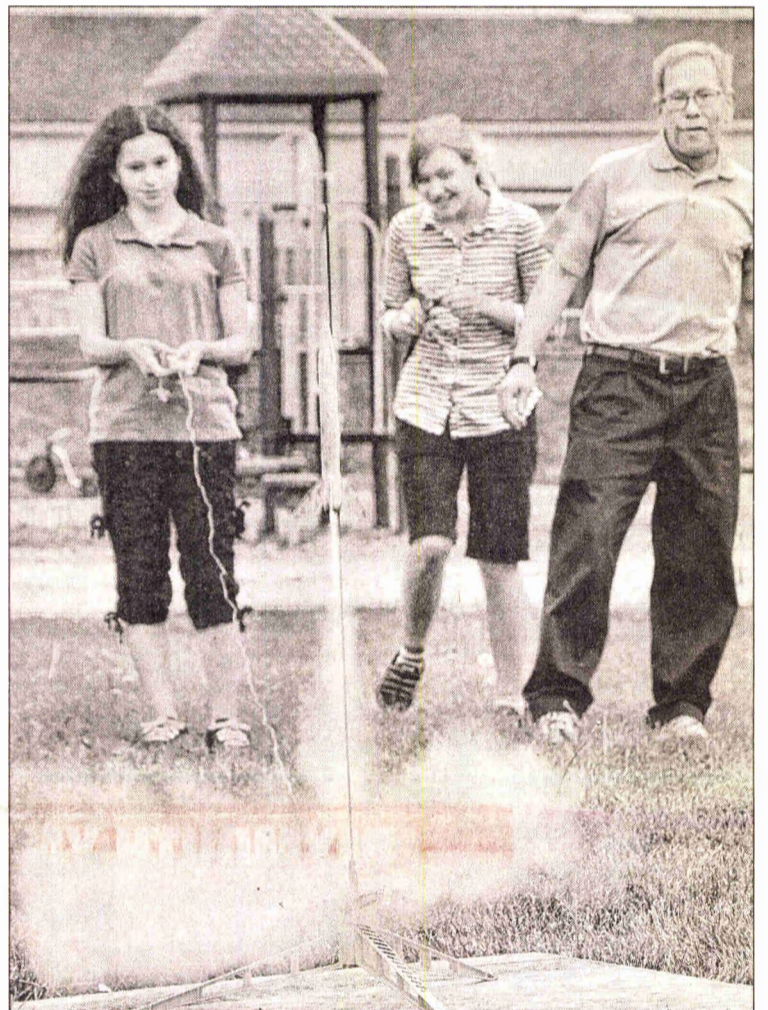
Colbeck came to the school, not as a lawmaker, but as an aerospace engineer. His interest was sparked when he saw *Star Wars*.

He has bachelor and master degrees in aerospace engineering from University of Michigan and is a graduate of the Life Sciences Department of the International Space University in Strasbourg, France, where his instructors included former astronaut Buzz Aldrin.

Colbeck talked to students about his work on the International Space Station — he worked on key elements of the life support system — and about such things as the sequence astronauts go through in putting on their space suits and what happens when air is dumped into space.

"We performed analyses, we came up with all the things that can go wrong," he said of his work. "We had to do all of the analyses before we got to do the fun stuff."

It also has him focusing on



Selena Fack launches her rocket. At right is team member Meghan Earless and teacher Kyle Clarke.

getting aerospace engineering launched in Michigan.

"I want to make sure the next generation doesn't have to go to Alabama to get a job," he said.

### Up and away

The students served as spotters as Colbeck hit the switch and his rocket took off. Larger than their rockets it went way higher and deployed the parachute. Stiff winds,

however, carried it out of sight.

Clarke admitted he has never had as many lawn darts as he did Monday. In looking at the rockets, he believes they may have been too small.

"I think the diameter was too small for the streamer to come out," he said. "I don't think I'll use it again."

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# Parents laud soon-to-be law that will help prevent drug-related deaths

**By Karen Smith**  
Staff Writer

A bill expected to be signed into law in the next two to three weeks won't bring back Mark and Carol Garofoli's son, but the Livonia couple hopes it will prevent another drug-related death.

The law will allow families to file a court petition to force their loved one into substance abuse treatment before they hurt themselves or others.

"We had our hands tied," Carol Garofoli said of their 22-year-old son, also named Mark. "Every time we checked our son in, he checked himself out."

The Garofolis said they will witness Gov. Rick Snyder's signing of the bill. "I hope somehow

it has our son's name on it. That would make it even better. It doesn't bring him back; I just hope it helps other people," she said.

The Garofolis started working on the bill with state Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, after Mark, who was addicted to heroin, committed suicide in May 2011. The son could no longer think rationally and had walked out of a rehab facility in Memphis, Mich., just two weeks prior to his death. His parents, and everyone else, were powerless to stop him because he was over age 18.

Walsh said he was unaware of the need for involuntary treatment for substance abuse until he met the Garofolis. "Their story was so compelling," he said in a

previous interview. After researching it and meeting with the various stakeholders, "I felt I could do something," he said.

The bill was modeled after the Marchman Act in Florida, as well as similar laws in other states such as Ohio.

Walsh introduced his proposed legislation May 24, 2012, the one-year anniversary of the Garofolis' son's death.

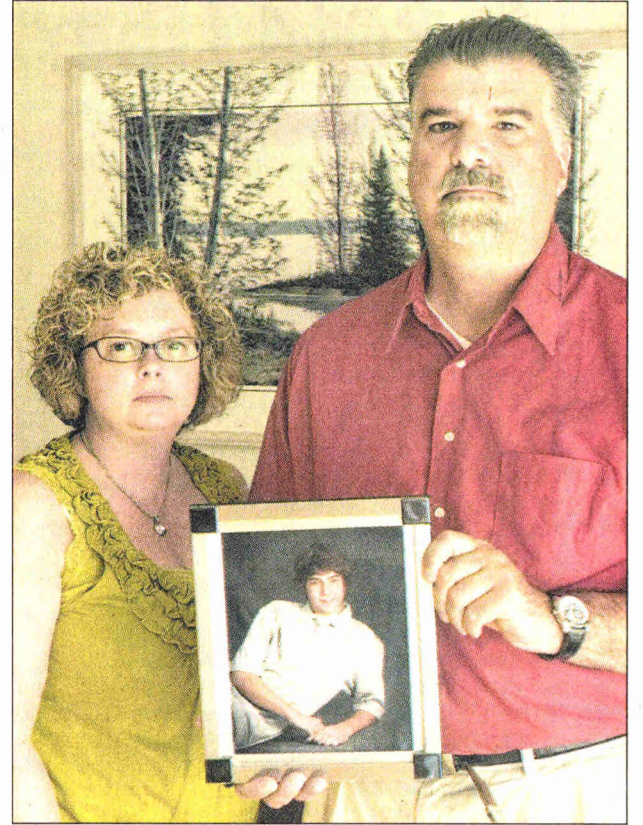
Walsh said Friday that it took the bill more than two years to work its way through the Legislature because of the concern lawmakers had over taking away an individual's personal liberty. "It took people time to get comfortable with it," he said, adding that the bill treats those addicted to substances "no different than how

we treat someone with a mental health issue." The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday.

He said he worked with the American Civil Liberties Union, the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Michigan Probate Judges Association and the Michigan Association of Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies, among others, to protect individual rights and guard against someone being wrongfully committed.

Walsh said he is very happy the bill finally passed and is awaiting the governor's signature into law. "I think it gives families ... a very important piece of intervention," he said.

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Mark and Carol Garofoli hold a portrait of their son Mark, who committed suicide while addicted to heroin. His parents had no legal authority to force him to get treatment.

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Festival goers are encouraged to stop by the Amphitheater stage on Saturday to enjoy music and dance that communicates across cultural and linguistic barriers from countries across the globe, including Albania; China; India; Italy; Sri Lanka; Spain; the United States of America; Tahiti; New Zealand; South Korea; and Polynesia.

"Our International Festival is a great opportunity for audience mem-

bers to experience music and dance from around the globe at one location," said Canton Arts Coordinator Jennifer Tobin. "Audiences will be delighted as the stage comes alive with colorful costuming, exotic instruments and stirring rhythms when these talented individuals share their heritage and some traditions that date back centuries."

Performers expected to take the stage, include soprano Corinthia Sims and tenors Tom Cilluffo and Dorian Dillard presented by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan. These singers will perform from 1-1:30 p.m. Sims is currently attending Clafin University in Orangeburg, S.C., and is a previous first place winner in the vocal classical division of the NAACP ACT-SO Competition.



Canton's Liberty Fest hosts its annual International Festival 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at the Heritage Park Amphitheater in Canton.

Cilluffo is currently a junior vocal performance major studying under professor George Shirley at the University of Michigan and has been a part of over 45 productions. Dillard is a senior music education

major at Clafin University and most recently won the District NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing) Auditions, advancing to regionals.

Other acts include: PC-Chinese Learning

Center; Chinese Dance Group of Anna Lou; sitar performers Monica Prasad & Anuj Patel with Prashant Javkar on the Tabla; Hoaloha Polynesian Dancers; Dimas & Sherin of Nuevo Ritmo Latin Dancers; K-Pop

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# Wayne County adds robot to security arsenal

The second meeting of the Wayne County Local Emergency Planning Committee at the Wayne County Community College District campus in Taylor last Wednesday had a special guest: the T-5 Caliber robot.

The T-5 Caliber robot is a technological and operational marvel. With its sensing technology, the robot can help first responders detect explosives, industrial gases, radiation and weapons of mass destruction.

In addition to being hailed for its compact size, first responders can use the T-5 Caliber robot in a variety of situations. For example, law enforcement personnel can

utilize the device when confronting a barricaded gunman. Firefighters, meanwhile, can utilize the robot in a variety of ways, including when they respond to a hazmat situation.

"The T-5 Caliber robot adds to the arsenal of equipment available to first responders to help ensure their safety and the safety of the public throughout Wayne County," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "One of the goals of the Wayne County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM), led by Director Timothy McGillivray, is to provide technical support for our

first responders by sharing resources such as the T-5 Caliber robot across the county."

The T-5 Caliber robot cost \$189,000 and was purchased through a federal homeland security grant. No Wayne County general fund money was used to buy the device.

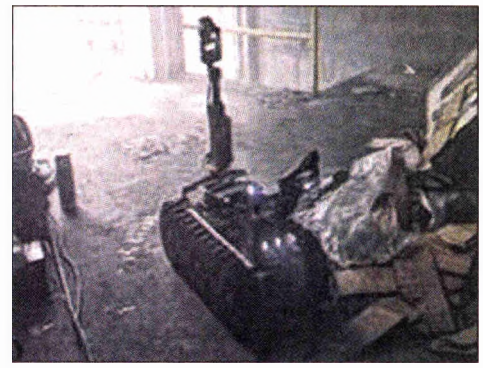
The WC LEPC is a public-private partnership concerned with hazardous materials safety and reporting. The WC LEPC offers access to information on the storage of hazardous materials for the benefit of Wayne County residents, businesses and industries. In coordination with the Wayne

County Homeland Security and Emergency Management unit, the WC LEPC also:

- » Facilitates meetings between the public and private partners to share information and enhance one-to-one contact.

- » Conducts training classes for first responders in accessing hazardous materials information online and coordinates with adjacent LEPCs as part of ongoing regional preparedness.

The WC LEPC committee carries out its directives in compliance with SARA Title III. The act establishes requirements for federal, state and local governments regarding emergency



Wayne County has added a T-5 Caliber robot to its homeland security arsenal.

planning and community right to know reporting on hazardous and toxic chemicals.

The WC LEPC meets four times a year. The remaining two meetings are Sept. 3 and Dec. 3.

For more information on preparedness tips

from the Wayne County Department of Homeland Security, go to the Wayne County website at

www.waynecounty.com and click on the Homeland Security and Emergency management page under the Departments tab.

## Chicks 4 Charity trivia contest benefits the Canton Public Library

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Put on your trivia hats. What is the more common name for Woman's Life Society Chapter 827?

Score points if you answered Chicks 4 Charity.

Now, at which Canton burger joint did the group sponsor a recent trivia contest that raised \$2,398.75 for the Canton Public Library?

Score more points if you

named Basement Burger Bar, a popular eatery at Ford and Lilley roads.

Finally, which trivia team emerged as victors among 13 teams?

Consider yourself a trivia champ if you chose one of two library teams, The Dewey Decimators.

Chicks 4 Charity President Tammy Brown said the group chose the library because it is such an integral part of the Canton community.

"We knew they could use some money to help them fund different things," she said. "It just made sense. A lot of people in our group use the library and it's important for the community."

To be sure, Chicks 4 Charity draws some 40 members not only from Canton but also from Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Westland, Howell and Fenton, to name a few communities. The group sponsors a volunteer service project every month.

"We have fun and it's all for charity," Brown said.

Laurie Golden, the library's community relations department head, was on The Dewey Decimators team that beat out other teams including another library team, The Reading Rambos.

"I was recruited to the team for my sports knowledge," Golden said. "One of the questions was: What is the host city and state for the Little League

World Series?" It's South Williamsport, Pa., and she got it.

"I watch too much sports on television," Golden said. The trivia contest was all in fun and added a little money to the library's coffers.

Now, for more trivia, where, other than Facebook, can Chicks 4 Charity be found for more information?

Answer: www.womanslife.org/chapter/mi827.

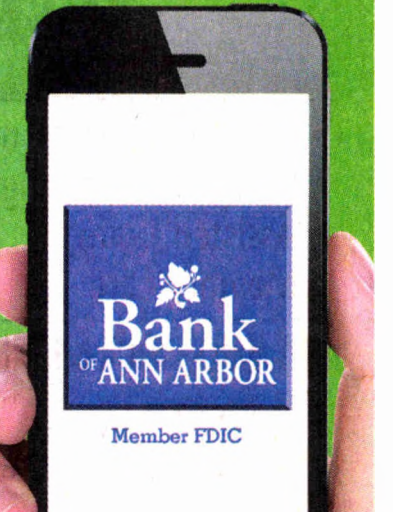
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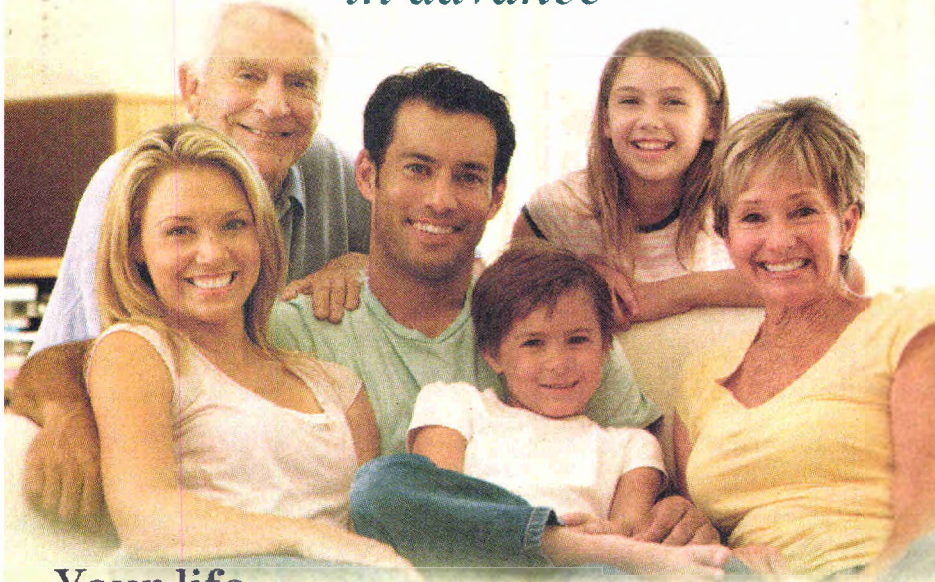
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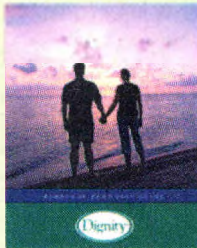
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**Friends host Rouge River cruise**

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Now in its sixth year, FOTR's Rouge Cruise is a unique boat tour of the industrial Rouge narrated by Dr. Orin Gelderloos, professor of biology and environmental studies at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"Rouge Cruise is truly a one-of-a-kind experience and a special fundraising event for FOTR that highlights the history and complexities of the Rouge," said Aimee LaLonde-Norman, executive director. "It's always a fun event and we're excited to add a couple of new elements

this year including table reservations and a variety of sponsorship opportunities."

The Rouge Cruise will take place, rain or shine, on Tuesday, Aug. 5, aboard the Diamond Belle, departing from Detroit's Stroh River Place at 5:45 p.m., cruising from 6-8:30 p.m. Reservations can be made by visiting [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

Seats for the Rouge Cruise are limited and will sell out. Reservations are required. Tickets before July 1 cost \$45 per FOTR member or \$50 per person. After July 1, they cost \$55 per person. Reservations are non-refundable and in-

clude tour, dinner (vegie option) and soft drinks.

Founded in 1986 in response to a demonstrated need to restore the Rouge River, Friends of the Rouge is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which promotes restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed.

To learn more about FOTR, Rouge Cruise, or to donate please call 313.792.9900 or visit the [rouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

**Sheldon resurfacing to start Monday**

Wayne County is expected to resurface Sheldon Road between Palmer and Geddes starting Monday, weather permitting.

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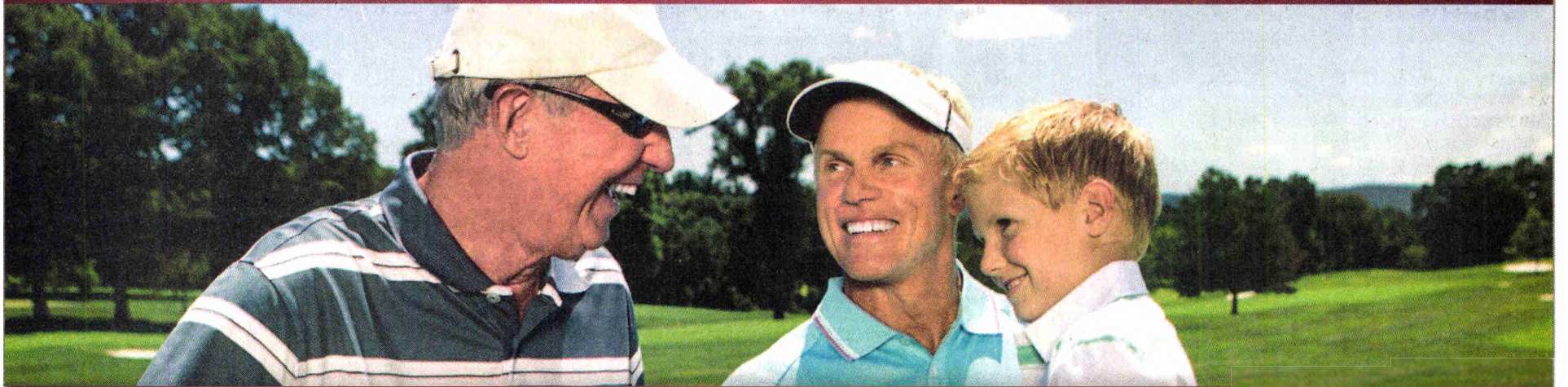
pected to last one to two days and motorists can expect intermittent lane closures.

Motorists are advised to follow all posted detour routes and drive

safely through the construction areas.

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Rick McGowan and Jerry Torresan II are engineers with MDOT.



Measuring and moving earth near the Newburgh Road bridge.

# I-96 construction workers use long days, technology in freeway rebuild



The concrete shoulder is formed and finished. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Jerry Torresan II's workday at the I-96 reconstruction project begins bright and early, with his arriving on the job around 6 a.m. to begin prepping for the day.

His work as a Michigan Department of Transportation inspector had him traversing much of the west end of the project in Livonia these past few weeks.

"I get here first thing in the morning, before the contractor starts, having a game plan and getting the job done," the Shelby Township resident said. "It's basically surveying, making sure the elevations are correct, everything conforms to the plans and specifications that we have."

Torresan is among about 100 MDOT inspectors and 500 construction workers who have spent countless hours working on the seven-mile reconstruction project on the freeway from Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in Livonia.

The \$148 million project has seen non-stop work since it closed in April. Save for some work stopping over part of Memorial Day weekend last month, crews

have been out destroying the former road surface, prepping to lay new roadway and working on bridges around the clock.

Work has progressed smoothly since the freeway closed: several portions of paved road ready to be driven on have already been laid on the west side of the project in Livonia, and several bridges that closed earlier in the project have already reopened after renovations have taken place.

Approximately nine surface miles of pavement have been laid nearly two months into the project; 49 more miles are left to go. (Miles are calculated per lane.) The freeway is expected to reopen no later than October.

Down on the freeway, plaques adorn the bottom of each bridge, labeling them to help keep workers informed of their location; the entire freeway is not recognizable and it can be difficult to figure out which roadway is which. Crews work either a 12- or 10-hour shift, though some workers have logged 16-hour days, said Jeff Horne, an MDOT engineer.

"Sometimes people are working seven days, six days, it really va-

ries," he said. "I don't think they're working seven days at 16 hours. They might do eight on Saturday and have Sunday off. It really all depends."

There are several types of workers on the project site, including laborers and operators. Operators have more versatility in their work and a wider array of assignments they could do, while laborers tend to stick to one type of work, such as digging.

"You have a lot of quantity," Horne said. "You keep repeating what you're doing."

### Technology improvements

Advances in construction technology being used in the project are helping those involved. Crews were out last week leveling the roadway's grade, as well as crushing concrete, constructing the retaining wall and laying down pavement for the roadway's lanes and shoulder.

Torresan said he has worked on intensive projects with MDOT before, such as the I-94/I-69 work in St. Clair County several years ago, but the new technology being used in today's construction is vastly improving the work.

"I was up in Port Hu-

ron and did the Black River Bridge, that was big," he said. "With technology now a days, it makes it so much more accurate."

MDOT inspector Rick McGowan echoed Torresan's thoughts on technology. The Grosse Ile resident said he carries his state-issued iPad with him on site, being able to pull up documents and other information relevant to the project. It makes it easy and more cost-effective to communicate visually with project managers when issues come up.

"Before, we didn't have everything at our fingertips," he said. "We're discussing some grade issues over here, trying to iron out some transitions over here, and basically, I was able to throw the engineer and the senior inspector on FaceTime and basically talk over some issues so they didn't have to come out."

One recently added piece of new technology that's assisting with construction is a GPS-equipped plow that takes coordinates and uses them to adjust the plow as the driver moves along the freeway. The plow will move accordingly with the grade as needed with little assistance from the operator.

"The grade checker will make sure he's good, and if he's not, he can make little adjustments here or there," Torresan said. "They do it in a course of about 50 yards

or so. If he's not, he'll make his corrections and he's good for the day."

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### PUBLIC NOTICE Regular Meeting

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting June 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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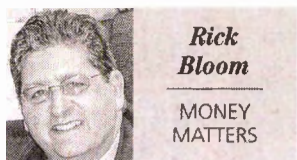


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# Annuitization decreases options for money

**Q: Dear Rick: I have an issue with my annuity. About seven years ago I purchased a fixed-income annuity that paid a guaranteed 4 percent. I still have about three years left on the annuity but I need some additional income to cover my living expenses. My annuity is worth about \$200,000. I will need \$10,000 to \$15,000 from the annuity for the next few years. My annuity person recommended that I move the annuity into a new one and then annuitize it. Basically, he told me that if I annuitize it I will get a set amount of money**



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**every month for the rest of my life. This sounds good but I'm not sure I should do this because I'm not sure that I will need the money four or five years from now. Do you think I should annuitize? I'm in my late 60s and a widower.**

**A:** I am not a fan of annuitizing annuities - particularly for someone like you who is not old. After all, being in your late 60s means you can

easily live another 25 years or more. Because you can be around a long time you should remain in control of your money. When you annuitize you lose control.

My reasoning is also based upon a number of different factors, including interest rates. Currently, interest rates are very low, near historic lows. Thus, when the insurance company calculates your monthly distribution it is determined by today's low interest rates. This means, a lower monthly payment than if interest rates were higher.

It is a mistake to lock money up for long peri-

ods of time in this low interest rate environment. If interest rates were higher, then it might be something to consider. However, in today's low interest rate environment, annuitizing for you does not make sense.

Another issue I have with annuitization is that you lose control of your principal. In your situation where you will only need money for a few years, a better strategy would be to withdraw money from your annuity on an as-needed basis. Once you no longer need the income the money can be reinvested.

In most annuities, you

can withdraw 10 percent on a year-by-year basis, penalty free. Therefore, you should be able to withdraw enough on a year-by-year basis to cover your income needs. This will leave your principal intact for future needs. And at the same time when your annuity matures you will have a variety of options with that money.

I'm a firm believer in having options and once you annuitize you no longer have any options with that money.

One further note regarding annuitization, keep in mind the time value of money. If you annuitize they give you

\$2,000 a month. That \$2,000 a month doesn't increase over time. What seems like a lot of money today will not be a lot of money in the future.

Everyone needs a rising income in his or her lifetime and unfortunately, that's not what you get when you annuitize. Remember, \$100 back in the early 1990s bought a lot more than \$100 today.

**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, email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).**

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### PRICE HOURS

**Date/Time:** Monday, June 9, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price, R-District 10, conducts district office hours, allowing constituents the opportunity to discuss matters of concern within the community. "I am always appreciative of participation from my constituents and this type of one-on-one setting allows that to happen," Price said. "I look forward to sitting down and listening closely to questions and concerns they have and continue to explore new ways of governing in Wayne County."

**Contact:** For more information, contact Mike Mitchell, 313-224-0882.

### YOGA CLASSES

**Date/Time:** Tuesday nights, June 10 through July 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren, Canton  
**Details:** St. John Neumann offers yoga classes in a six-week package (except June 24). Cost is \$42 for the six-week course or \$10 as a walk-in.

**Contact:** For details, call Lauren Burtell, 313-671-7909



**Blues @ the Elks presents The Alligators 7-10 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, at the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. The group has been together for 28 years and played venues throughout the midwest. Group members include vocalist David Krammer, Wailin' Dale on harmonica, Frankie Lee on Bass, Jon Johnson on drums and Nick Tabarias on guitar. Donation is \$5 at the door. For more information call 734-453-1780 or visit [www.plymouthelks1780.com](http://www.plymouthelks1780.com)**

### ISSUES FORUM

**Date/Time:** Monday, June 9, 7 p.m.

**Location:** Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center

**Details:** The Canton Republican Caucus hosts an issues forum consisting of factual presentations on issues affecting the residents of Canton Township, the Plymouth-Canton School District and other local communities. The two primary issues to

be discussed are road repairs and the required funding and education and the related funding required. Presentations will be made by local, district, county and state level speakers.

### FLAG RETIREMENT

**Date/Time:** Saturday, June 14, 2 p.m.

**Location:** VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth

**Details:** June 14 is Flag Day and VFW Post 6695 will host a flag

retirement ceremony, assisted by Boy Scout Troop 1539. The public is invited to the 30-minute ceremony, at which organizers say the public can "learn more about our flag and how to properly retire it." Hot dogs, chips and pop will be provided following the ceremony.

**Contact:** Call 734-459-6700 for more information.

### HEISE HOURS

**Date/Times:** Monday, June 9, 10-11 a.m. in Canton, noon to 1 p.m. in Northville and 3-4 p.m. in Plymouth

**Locations:** Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road in Canton; Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady; and Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

**Details:** State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

**Contact:** Residents are invited to call toll free 855-REP-KURT or e-mail [kurtheise@house.mi.gov](mailto:kurtheise@house.mi.gov) to schedule an appointment.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Date/Time:** Sunday, June 15, 7-11 a.m.

**Location:** Canton Plymouth Mettetal Airport, 8550 N. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** The EAA Chapter 113 hosts its annual Father's Day pancake breakfast. Bring the whole family for breakfast, helicopter rides and static displays. Proceeds help fund the EAA 113 Aviation Scholarship Program. Free admission; breakfast costs \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids.

### GHOSTS OF PLYMOUTH WALK

**Date/Time:** Sunday, June 29, 7 p.m.

**Location:** The walk circles Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth and lasts about 90 minutes. Participants should meet at the fountain in Kellogg Park.

**Details:** Participants can meet and greet some of the characters from Plymouth's past during the Plymouth Historical Museum's "Ghosts of Plymouth" walk. Hear the tales of early Plymouth from the characters themselves, such as Phil Markham (inventor of the Markham Air Rifle), his mistress Blanche Shortman and his spurned wife Carrie, colorful physician Dr. Luther Peck and George Starkweather, the first white male born in Plymouth Township. Tickets are \$10 per

person (\$5 for children under 10) in advance or \$15 (\$10 for children under 10) at the park and can be purchased at the museum's website using PayPal or at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street.

**Contact:** Call 734-455-8940 for more information.

### BLOOD DRIVES

**Dates/Times/Locations:**

» Sunday, June 8, St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty in Plymouth, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

» Sunday, June 22, Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

» Monday, June 23, Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, 1-6:45 p.m.

» Monday, June 23, VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth, 1:30-7:15 p.m.

» Wednesday, June 25, Friendship Church, 1240 N. Beck, Canton, 1-6:45 p.m.

» Monday, June 30, Salem High School, 46181 Joy in Canton, 3-8:45 p.m.

**Details:** The American Red Cross sponsors the above blood drives.

**Contact:** Donors can make appointments by calling 800-RED-CROSS or going to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter search by zip code.

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# 70 years ago today: One Novi man looks back at his D-Day experience

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

One word comes to mind when Fox Run resident Michael Glagola looks back at his D-Day experience in World War II, which he had been training for since he joined the U.S. Navy in 1943.

"I was lucky," he said recalling those fateful moments in which the Landing Ship, Tank (LST) he served on was sunk from a mine just off the coast of Normandy, France.

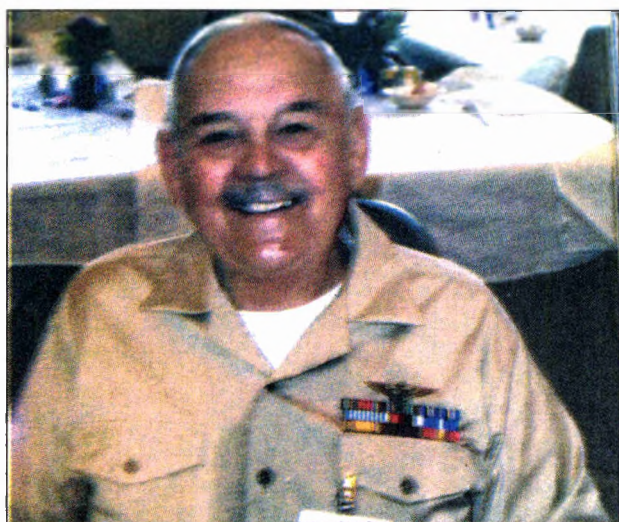
Glagola was 19 years old when he joined the Navy. He was trained to drive the famous Landing Craft, Vehicle, Personnel (LCVP). Also known as a Higgins boat, this was a landing craft used extensively in amphibious landings during World War II, especially along the northern coast of Europe after they were deployed from the LSTs they were kept on during the crossing of the English Channel.

A disagreement between his commanding officer and the LST's executive officer led to his crew being dismissed from the LST shortly before the invasion. This decision, he said, may have saved his life.

However, this didn't mean he didn't see any action. Soon after D-Day, he was part of the naval crews hauling men and supplies over to France. He was later connected with the 1st U.S. Army as it crossed Europe.

"I joined the Navy because I thought it would keep me out of a foxhole," he said with a smile. "But I was wrong. I ended up spending a lot of time in foxholes."

He grew up in a coal



Fox Run resident Michael Glagola in his uniform at a Memorial Day remembrance ceremony. He saw first hand the invasion of German-held France take off from England 70 years ago.

mining town in Pennsylvania and joined the service after high school. He trained in New York and Florida, and from the start he and his crew member friends knew they would be used in an invasion of Europe.

His brother John also served and flew 24 missions with a B-24 crew during the war.

One of his most detailed memories of the initial invasion was while he was loading ships at the docks in Plymouth, England. He said the amount of planes and barrage balloons in the sky that day was awe inspiring.

"They were everywhere," he remembers.

Once the U.S. military had a foothold and began moving toward Germany, Glagola's crew joined up with the Army. Their mission was to eventually use their LCVP to haul men and supplies across the Rhine River, which they did when they found the bridges destroyed or damaged. He made it out safely

and ended up making the military a career over the course of three decades with 11 of those on active duty. After WWII, he became a jet pilot and flew planes like F-4s, which he said was one of the defining moments in his life.

"I loved to fly," he said.

He also used the G.I. Bill to help him get a college degree to become an engineer, which brought him and his wife, Suzanne, to Michigan in the 1950s to work in the auto industry.

His WWII story has stayed with him all of these years, and he went back for the D-Day anniversary ceremonies in 1994.

Each time June 6 rolls around, his mind settles on one thought — the men he served with.

"They were great men," he said. "I would have gone to hell and back with them."

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# E-cigarettes: Big business, unanswered questions

By Christopher Behnan  
Gannett Michigan

Brighton resident Gary Adams tried everything from prescription cessation treatments to hypnosis to kick his 42-year smoking habit with no success.

That all changed when Adams switched to battery-powered electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes, which produce a non-ash vapor from liquid containing varying amounts of nicotine.

He purchases e-cigarette liquid, or e-liquid, of increasingly lower nicotine levels with a goal of quitting smoking.

"I haven't had a real cigarette in about 10 or more days now. It almost makes the regular cigarette taste like crap," Adams said at Patriot Vapes, an e-cigarette shop in Genoa Township that opened about four months ago.

"I'd like to see everyone get on this and make cigarettes a thing of the past," he added.

But e-cigarettes have only recently gained widespread appeal and created enough demand for shops that cater specifically to e-cigarette users.

Little official testing has been done on either potential long-term health risks or benefits of "vaping," or smoking e-cigarettes.

To the chagrin of many, there are no official rules barring minors from buying e-cigarettes.

Much of the e-cigarette debate surrounds the allegation that a variety of e-liquid flavors, such as bubblegum and various fruit flavorings, are intended to attract children.

## Dollars and cents

Patriot Vapes, which also has locations in Canton Township, Sterling Heights and Murfreesboro, Tenn., meanwhile, is self-imposing its own strict guidelines, explained Manager Michael Maynard.

For starters, Maynard said he checks identification on all customers who appear under age 30.

Patriot Vapes at 3180 E. Grand River Ave. sells e-liquid with with zero nicotine to 24 milligrams of nicotine. Its starter kits cost from about \$30 to \$150. It costs about \$50 per month for accessories from the store, Maynard said.

The store chain is

owned and operated by Amanda Cesnick, a former Macomb County resident and disabled veteran. She is Maynard's cousin.

"We don't want to associate these with cigarettes. We don't want these sold next to cigarettes," Maynard explained. "This is our thing."

Often cheaper e-cigarettes available at drug stores and gas stations often produce less vapor, Maynard said.

He said his customers quickly reduce cigarette smoking once they switch to e-cigarettes.

The trend is attributable to both the similarity to actual cigarettes and simply enjoying a good "vape," Maynard said.

"They would either quit smoking 100 percent and for the people that are smoking two packs a day they're down to like five cigarettes a day in a couple weeks," Maynard said.

"Everybody's happy about it. Their sense of taste comes back. They're working out in the gym. So there's no negative side effects to it," he added.

Cary and Mona Lee own the Saginaw-based Electronic Cigarette Stores, which has 15 locations including in Lansing and Ann Arbor.

The business' No. 1 goal is to help people quit

smoking, Cary Lee said. The business not only doesn't sell to minors, but shares "horror stories" of the harmful effects of smoking with them, he added.

The business has hired a lobbyist to convince Lansing lawmakers that e-cigarettes are an effective tool to help people kick cigarettes for good.

Cary Lee said his business has helped about 20,000 people across Michigan quit cigarettes.

He said his stores handle customers with "love," helping them find the perfect e-fluid flavor to wean them off cigarettes.

"That's what we do," Cary Lee said.

Maynard and Lee both said doctors refer patients to their stores to help them quit smoking.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data issued last month suggest e-cigarette vaping does not promote good health, however.

The CDC study found the number of calls to poison centers involving e-cigarette liquids containing nicotine rose from once per month in September 2010 to 215 per month in February of this year.

More than half of the calls to poison centers due to e-cigarettes involved children under age 5. About 42 percent

of the poison calls involved people age 20 and older.

"This report raises another red flag about e-cigarettes - the liquid nicotine used in e-cigarettes can be hazardous," said CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden. "Use of these products is skyrocketing, and these poisonings will continue. E-cigarette liquids as currently sold are a threat to small children because they are not required to be child-proof, and they come in candy and fruit flavors that are appealing to children."

The CDC earlier found the percentage of U.S. middle and high school students who use e-cigarettes, more than doubled from 2011 to 2012.

## Legal debate

Officials in Lansing and Washington, D.C., are scrambling to determine how to best regulate e-cigarettes - which do not contain tobacco - and keep them out of the hands of minors.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has proposed adding e-cigarettes to its regulatory oversight, which currently includes cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco and smokeless tobacco. The proposed rule would allow the FDA to enforce age restrictions for e-

cigarettes and conduct scientific tests on the devices.

Legislation is progressing in Lansing that would amend Michigan's Youth Tobacco Act to include as violations purchase or sale of e-cigarettes to those under age 18. As with the sale of tobacco products, sale of e-cigarettes to minors would carry \$50 fines for both sellers and minors under the bills.

Senate Bills 667-668 were unanimously approved in the Senate in March and have await a full House vote. State Sen. Joe Hune, R-Ham-burg Township, co-sponsored Senate Bill 667.

Competing legislation that would amend the state's definition of "tobacco product" to include e-cigarettes has gained support from much of the medical community but remains in a committee.

The competing bill, House Bill 5393, would place cigarettes under the same rules and regulations as tobacco cigarettes. E-cigarettes would be required to be packaged in child-resistant containers.

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This is the credit union's fourth year donating \$1,000 a day in their Summer of Sharing program. President and CEO Bill Lawton is excited to keep the tradition of sharing alive in 2014.

"We are inviting the community to tell us which organizations are doing great work and deserve additional financial support," Lawton said. "It is part of our culture to give back to our communities, and we are proud to bring Summer of Sharing back once again."

Community Financial started accepting nominations from the public on May 27. Members of the community can visit [www.SummerOfSharing.org](http://www.SummerOfSharing.org) to submit an essay-style nomination explaining how the nonprofit benefits the community. Nomination essays will stay live on the site for others to learn about how local nonprofit organizations benefit their community.

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'The Hour Lift' facelift now most popular cosmetic procedure - lasts for 10 years

"The results will last between five and 10 years, depending upon the patient."

Dr. Eric Seiger  
Skin & Vein Center in Fenton

BY SALLY RUMMEL

She eats right, she works out and takes care of herself every day. She wants her face to reflect this same youthful vitality that the rest of her body shows.

That's why one local 69-year-old woman, who asked to remain anonymous, is in the pre-op area of the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton for "The Hour Lift," a mini-facelift procedure that's becoming more and more popular.

"We've been doing these for about 15 years, but they've become much more mainstream now since makeover shows on TV began to glamorize them about 10 years ago," said Dr. Eric Seiger, board certified dermatologist and cosmetic surgeon. "It's not a 'taboo' thing anymore."

Dr. Seiger estimates he has done between 2,500 and 3,000 of these procedures, on women as young as 24 and for a couple who was each 86 years old. "I'd say the median age for this surgery is about 58, and 95 percent of my patients are women. The results will last

between five and 10 years, depending upon the patient."

The difference between The Hour Lift and a regular facelift is that The Hour Lift involves cutting the skin and tightening the facial muscles, rather than moving the facial muscles. The areas primarily improved by a facelift are the jowls, cheeks and neck. There's a huge difference in recovery time and price. "It's the difference between a three-day recovery and a two-week commitment," said Dr. Seiger.

The price is also a huge factor in a person's decision to undergo this procedure. Dr. Seiger says he used to charge \$3,800, and he cut the price to \$2,900 when the economy changed a couple of years ago. A full facelift will cost between \$6,000 and \$15,000—depending upon the scope of the procedure. These elective cosmetic procedures are not covered by insurance.

"The number one thing that patients say to me is, 'I don't want to look 20 years old again. I just want to look in the mirror and be able to look as good as I feel inside. I want to feel refreshed,'" said Dr. Seiger.

For the 69-year-old patient who was waiting for her procedure, The Hour Lift was not only for her own self-esteem, but also for her success in the business world. "A youthful appearance validates your professionalism," she said. "This is how we get measured for our success."



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**Q: What happens before the procedure?**

**A:** Prior to surgery, you may be given a medication to help you relax. Local anesthesia is then administered to minimize discomfort.

**Q: How long does the procedure take?**

**A:** One to 1½ hours.

**Q: What actually happens during the "One Hour Lift"?**

**A:** Dr. Seiger makes a short incision and gently lifts the tissue under the skin, removing the excess skin and tightening the muscles. He then drapes the overlying skin, leaving the patient wrinkle-free with a firm, more youthful jaw line.

**Q: What can I expect during recovery?**

**A:** Post surgery, patients wear an ice-containing head garment for 24-48 hours. They are likely able to shampoo and wear make-up the day after surgery. Sutures will be removed in six to eight days, resuming normal activities within three days.

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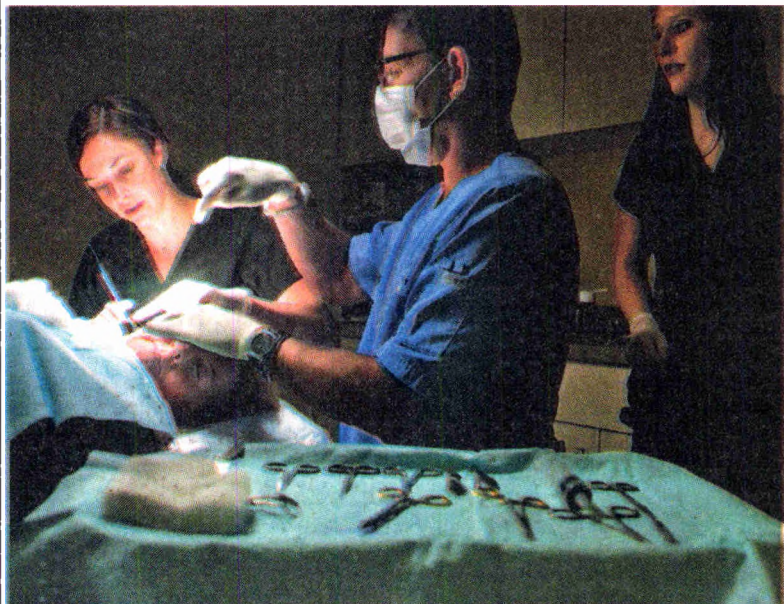
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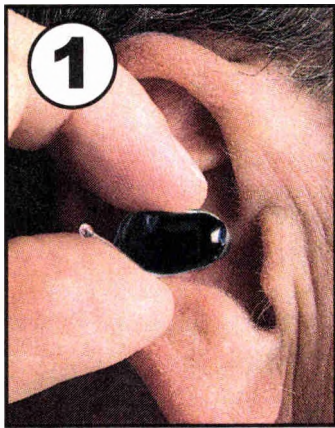
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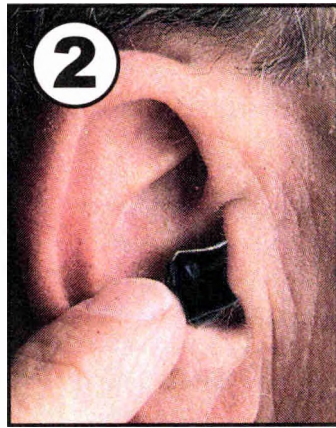


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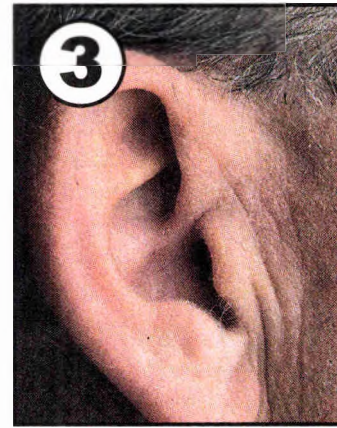
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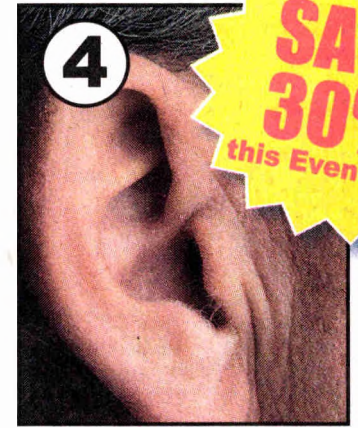
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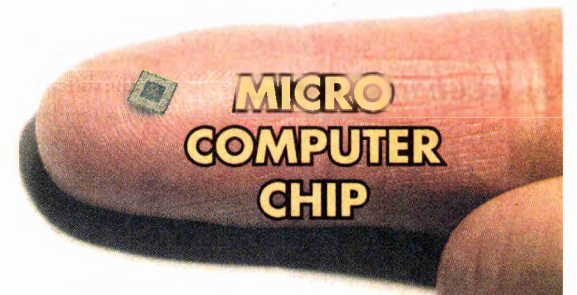
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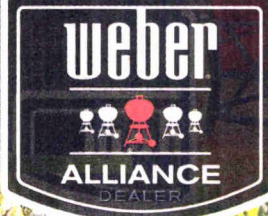
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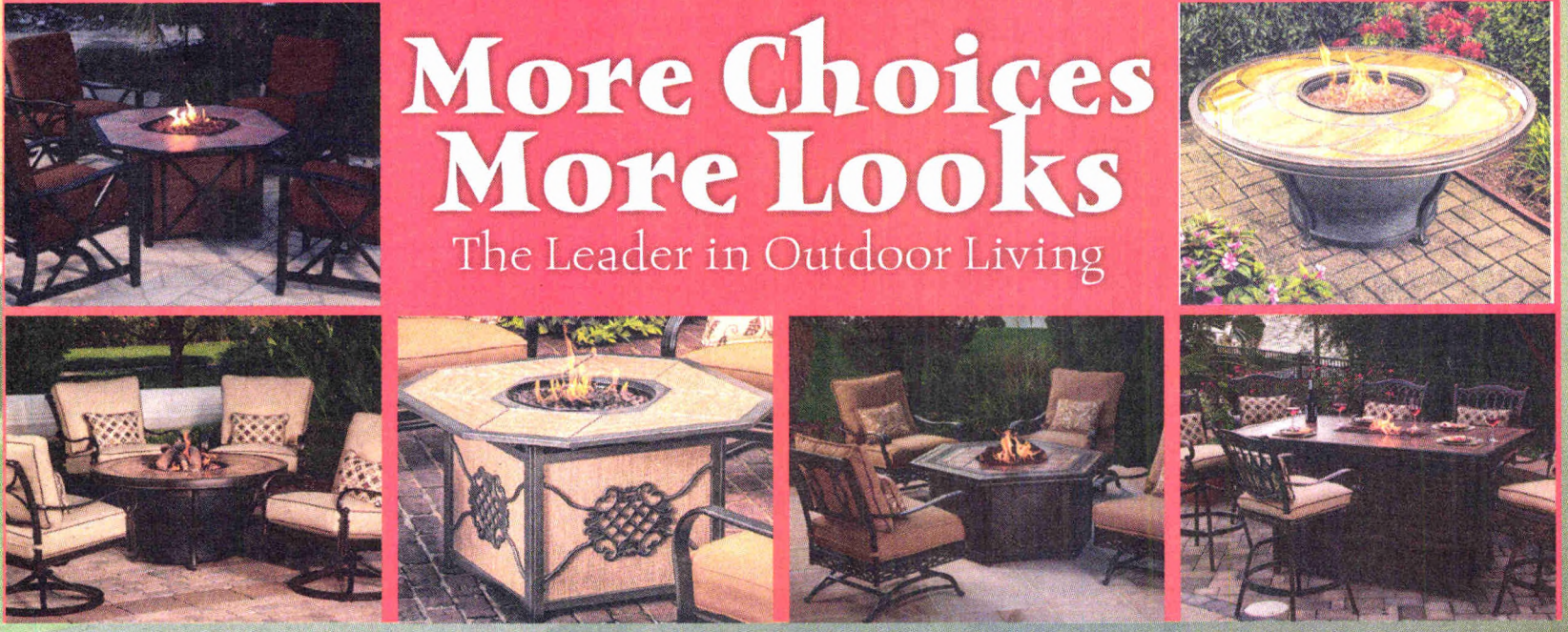
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## CLOSING TIME

Central's LaPointe wants to share years of sports memories before he retires



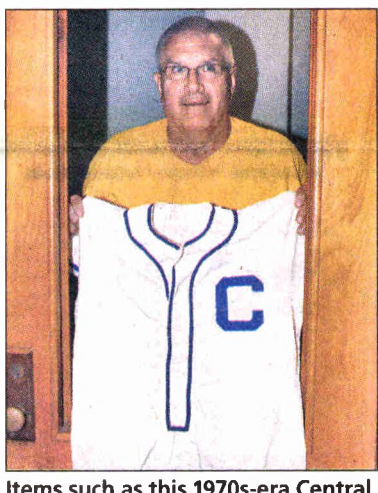
Soon-to-retire Mark LaPointe is inviting his former student-athletes from Central and Canton High School to visit him in the next week and see if there are any sports memorabilia items they want. PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Longtime Central Middle School coach Mark LaPointe is leaving the building this month and cannot take decades worth of memorabilia with him.

LaPointe is retiring after some 40 years of service as a Central teacher, coach, and perhaps curator, too. One of his athletes from the 1970s, Dave March, aptly described LaPointe's artifacts-crammed office near the gymnasium of the original Plymouth High School as a "museum, sports hall of fame, almost."

But former middle school and high school athletes from throughout the decades have a week or so to get in touch with the 63-year-old LaPointe and set up a tour of the office — which LaPointe inherited in 1999 from the legendary Canton baseball coach Fred Crissey, who still has his No. 19 baseball jersey hang-



Items such as this 1970s-era Central Middle School baseball jersey are plentiful in Mark LaPointe's office. He is retiring this month.

ing in an old, metal locker. "Well, you can look around and you can see all the past memorabilia we have," LaPointe said. "There's a wide range, from



Trophies, plaques, an autographed football and much more cover a file cabinet in Mark LaPointe's office at Central Middle School. All of these items and more are there for the taking.

Canton High School baseball when Canton High School first opened in 1972 all the way through Central Middle School's history as a middle school from 1972 to now.

"There's a little bit of everything in here. Pictures, trophies, old baseball scorebooks, uniforms, it's all here."

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### Plymouth boys three strokes back

If the Plymouth varsity boys golf team is to finally get that first Division 1 championship, a rally on Day 2 at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East will be needed.

The Wildcats finished the opening day with a score of 296, three strokes behind Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and Swartz Creek (293 each), with Rockford second (294).

In 2013, Plymouth also trailed by three strokes after the opening day and bounced back to force a tie before falling short in the fifth player tie-breaker.

Individually, Plymouth senior Chris Kozler was tied for seventh with a 71 (three behind Rockford's Joel Pietila). In ninth overall with a 72 was CC's James Piot.

Other Plymouth scores for the opening round included a 73 by senior John Tatti and 74 by senior Evan Chipman. Freshman Jack Boczar (78) and senior Kyle Melnick (82) rounded out the Wildcats' scorecard.

Coverage of Saturday's final round will be on tap at hometownlife.com and in Thursday's *Observer*.

### Salem alums play June 22

Salem's fifth annual baseball alumni game is noon Sunday, June 22, at the varsity field.

There will be open registration and batting practice beginning at 10 a.m. that day. Family and friends are invited to attend. So far, players from 1975 to 2012 have signed up to play.

Contact Mary Thisen at salemrocksalumni@gmail.com if interested.

### DC football reunion

The Dearborn Divine Child Alumni Association's "Relive the Legacy" football reunion will be Saturday, June 14, at the high school gymnasium. The event begins with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. and by dinner (catered buffet with cash bar) at 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$50.

Among those expected to attend are former coaches Bill McCartney, Wes Wishart and Tony Versacci, current coach John Filiatraut and ex-quarterback Gary Danielson.

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### D1 GIRLS SOCCER REGIONALS

## Mustangs work overtime to nip Wildcats

Plymouth goalie can't hold off top-ranked Northville

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Throughout 95-plus minutes Wednesday at Dearborn High School, Plymouth acrobatic senior goalkeeper Kylie Robb dashed, scrambled, dove and deflected numerous dangerous chances from the No. 1-ranked girls soccer team in Michigan.

Robb and her hard-working teammates were just over four minutes away from getting through the prescribed second 10-minute overtime session and forcing penalty kicks to decide the Division 1 regional semifinal.

But then the speed and off-the-charts offensive talent of Northville seniors Jamie Cheslik and Megan Buckingham thwarted that plan, each scoring a goal late in the second OT and giving the Mustangs a 2-0 victory to improve to 20-0.

"You know, as dangerous as that team was, we had to defend

a lot," said Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich, whose team ended the year with a 12-7 record. "Our goal was to keep them off the board and we did it for longer than anybody has all year. Our girls left it all out on the field, they played awesome tonight."

"With the dangerous players they have, and the speed they had all across the field, it was hard to get any offense going today."

Cheslik broke the scoreless tie with 4:18 to play in the second OT when she pounced on a bouncing ball that got behind

Robb and punched it home from close range. It was the only mistake Robb made.

She called for a defender to send the ball back toward her near the top of the 18-yard goal box and could not cleanly field it.

Cheslik — who is set to play Division I soccer at Michigan State University — undoubtedly had something to do with that. She was in Robb's face right as the goalie attempted to get to the ball first.

"It was just a bouncing ball

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# Soaring Eagle to land in Hillsdale

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

It wasn't so long ago that Rachel Smith figured she could only play high school basketball.

Then she started working out at Canton's Triple Threat Training after her sophomore year, under the watch of coach Dominique Washington.

Before long the Plymouth Christian Academy wing guard's confidence went up and the shots came down — usually through the cylinder.

And just last month, all the hard work and determination paid off with a scholarship to play basketball at Hillsdale College.

With that, Smith is the

first girls basketball player from PCA to receive an opportunity to play for a NCAA Division II program.

"It definitely means a lot to me," said the 18-year-old Smith, a South Lyon resident. "It's a really big blessing, because I had a lot of trouble when I was younger playing basketball."

"It just means so much to me because so many coaches around me poured so much into me and God just used them to help me just learn to take myself seriously as an athlete."

### Mindset matters

At the top of that list is Washington, who in addition to his Triple Threat Training duties is

coach of the varsity boys basketball team at PCA. He also is a former star guard at Salem.

"When I first went to Triple Threat I didn't even think I could play college basketball," Smith said. "So going to Triple Threat and training with Dominique not only gave me the skills to play at a college level, but also gave me the mindset."

"It just showed me that I could, and that was the first time I believed I would have a chance to play at the college level. It was huge."

Smith always has been able to bring it academically. She carried a 3.94 grade-point average as her graduation approached. Following her



Plymouth Christian Academy's Rachel Smith recently signed to play Division II women's basketball for Hillsdale College. On hand for the ceremony are: (back row, from left) PCA coaches Dominique Washington, Rod Windle, Jennifer Lemieux and PCA athletic director Rick Swilley. Sitting in the front row (middle) is Rachel Smith, flanked by parents Kathy and Pat Smith of South Lyon.

two summers at Triple Threat Training, she brought it on the basketball court, too.

That transformation was noticeable.

"We started working and her interest in basketball grew," Washington said. "Then this past summer she started doing things herself, she kind of saw what she really could become versus just training and playing."

"Once she saw what she could become, she was just relentless at getting better."

About the time Smith began her training with Washington, she had a heart-to-heart talk about her future in basketball with parents Kathy and Patrick Smith.

"Basically, she set a goal with me two years ago to try and get to this level," Patrick Smith said. "It's always great to achieve a goal. We had a lot of support with a lot of individuals working with her, and her hard work paid off, and that's very rewarding as a father to see your daughter succeed through hard work."

Others who helped the 5-foot-8 guard blossom into a first-team All-Michigan Independent Athletic Conference guard with stats to match

(17 points, 7.6 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game) included former PCA girls basketball coach Carol Gerulis and her coach in 2013-14, Rod Windle.

"She's got size and guard skills, I'm sure she will be doing a little bit of both for them," Windle said. "She can post kids up. I'm sure the game's a little bigger at the college level but she's a tough defender either way."

"... She is really a hard worker and she'll do a great job."

For the Smiths, Rachel becomes the third daughter to graduate from Plymouth Christian, following Natalie (2010 grad) and Erica (who graduated in 2011).

Rachel Smith could count on her older sisters for advice about going through the process of finding a college.

### Instant connection

There was no hesitation after visiting Hillsdale, a small, conservative college 90 miles from metro Detroit.

She felt at ease with Hillsdale. Conversely, Chargers' women's basketball coach Claudette Charney and the team's players were immediately comfortable with her.

That Smith also was a standout track and field performer for the Eagles (she took part in Saturday's Division 4 state meet) was another bonus.

"After I played with the team (during a scrimmage), she said she saw a lot of potential with me as a shooting guard," Smith said. "And she really liked the way I played and that I was able to run the court."

"Which definitely helped coming from track, that helped a lot."

Indeed, Smith deserves the credit for getting from point A to point B over the past two years.

In summer 2012, she was filled with self-doubt about her basketball abilities. Now, she has a scholarship to play in the GLIAC.

But she doesn't want the credit.

"I am so thankful to the Lord, all the glory goes to Him for all these great opportunities that He has blessed me with," Smith said, smiling. "And I'm so blessed to have all the great people in my life that have helped me grow as a Christian first, before an athlete, and have helped me grow as a person."

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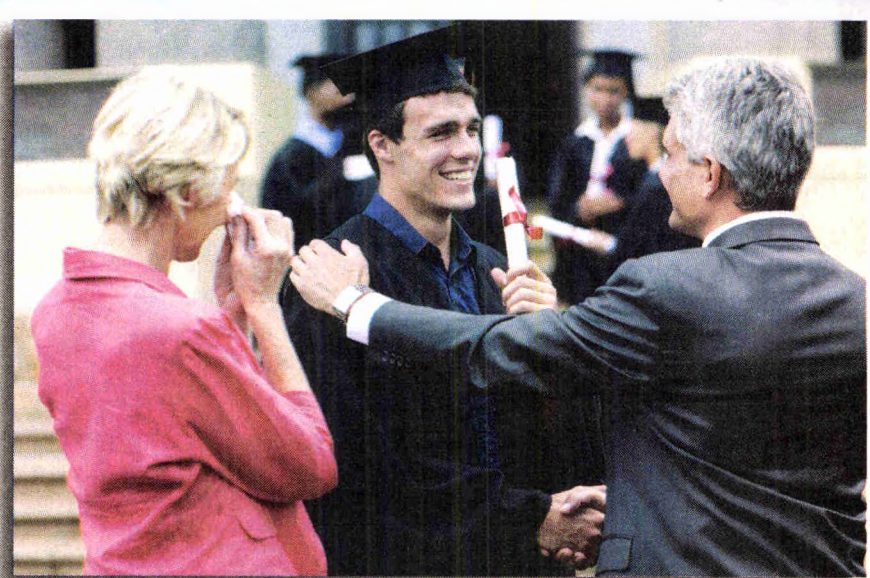
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And he can't take it with him, as much as he wished he could.

"I've been here (Central) since 1975," LaPointe said. "The *Edmund Fitzgerald* sank my first year here. This phone was a dial phone.

"They might not think I still have it. I think some of them would be amazed I have a lot of this stuff. Former kids will walk in here and say, 'Oh, god, I remember all this.' So, that's why I want to try and give it away if I can before I walk out the door."

### Take a look

LaPointe said people just need to give him a call (734-416-6172) or send him an email at mark.lapointe@pccsmail.net to set up a time to "come in and browse around. I'm going to start packing up on the 13th of June. They should want to get a hold of me before then."

A lot of the history-riched office stems from the Crissey/LaPointe era of Canton Chiefs baseball.

LaPointe succeeded Crissey in 1993 but had to step down due to health reasons.

In the 20-some years since, LaPointe coached basketball, softball, volleyball, football and wrestling at Central, guiding the Chargers to 63 league championships.

Near and dear to LaPointe's heart is a poster of 1977 Canton grad John Young in his Canton baseball uniform, up in the corner near enlarged photos of Mark Perkins and Scott Collins.

Young went on to serve as a pilot in the United States Air Force and was tragically killed in a 1989 plane crash that LaPointe remembers as though it were yesterday.

"John was a real special kid," said LaPointe, who possesses an encyclopedic mind. "John probably spent more time at my house when he played for us than he did at his own house.

"I was an assistant in the football program back then and John was my starting center. He was also a catcher and we also used him as a pitcher. He would go on and play baseball at the Air Force Academy."

### Success stories

Other framed photos abound, such as one of catcher Tom Close — another Canton baseball player who was drafted in 1976 by the Kansas City Royals. Close, now a Northville resident, is depicted wearing the powder blue uniforms of the George Brett era.

"I have had a whole cadre of kids that have gone on and have done well athletically at the high school and college level," LaPointe said. "There's professional baseball players in here. Scott Kennedy was in the (Toronto) Blue Jay organization and played ball for us at Canton.

"A kid by the name of Robbie Johnson, who was a heck of a quarterback at Canton High School, Robbie's picture is right over there, No. 11. ... He is in his Northwestern uniform up above there and he would go on to play for the Carolina Panthers. There's a picture of him right there in his No. 80 Calgary Stampeder uniform."

Just above his desk are posters of mid-1970s Canton baseball all-stars Bryan Jones and Brian Stemberger (the latter

from the first Canton graduating class in 1975).

LaPointe also recalled an all-state first baseman on his one and only Canton varsity team, Mike Stafford (the Chiefs later had another player named Mike Stafford, a standout pitcher who graduated in 2013).

"My Mike Stafford, his dad played for the New York Yankees back in the glory era with Mickey Mantle," LaPointe said. "I can still hear Ernie Harwell saying that on the radio, 'Mr. Bill Staf-fad on the mound.'"

"And Bill would coach for us at Canton, he was a pitching coach for us for several years."

### Like family

Packed into a storage area near the office are Central Middle School uniforms, hats and equipment from the days when March played there. One of the reasons for his visit on that particular day was to locate his old baseball jersey from 1973 and 1974.

March shook his head when noting that both LaPointe and West Middle School coach/athletic director Tom Williams are retiring at the same time.

"A lot of the old-timers are retiring, and I just wanted to come by and pay a lot of respects to him," said March, a Canton alum who recently retired from General Motors. "These guys are more than just a coach, more than just a teacher. He's like a mentor."

"When you play for sports teams you get close, it's as close as a family. So I feel like he's almost a family member, I've known him for so many decades. Sad to see him go and I'm sad to see all this memorabilia go. But hopefully some guys will read this story and they'll come up here and see him one last time."

Also visiting was 2013 Canton grad Evan Paputa, a former player for LaPointe at Central.

In 2012-13, Paputa served as LaPointe's assistant coach for the Chargers' boys basketball team. That was LaPointe's final season on the sidelines.

"It's kind of a bridge between two generations," Paputa said. "Coaching with him was really a great first year coaching, because I've never done that before and he gave me a great foundation."

"And I plan to coach for a long time. He taught me really good lessons."

Paputa said he has been spreading the word to former classmates on Facebook and Twitter that "he wants to get rid of this stuff and give it to people like us. If you don't come up here and get it he's just going to have to get rid of it. So if it means something to you, come up here and get it."

### Out of nowhere

Probably not up for grabs is a 2013 letter from Heath Parling, who played quarterback at Salem before moving on to Grand Valley State University.

Parling has one more season of college eligibility left, having received an extra year due to medical reasons.

"This letter came out of the blue and basically said 'Thanks for being tough with me,'" LaPointe said. "I never expected something like that."

Being thanked in what sometimes is a thankless job certainly is a precious thing.

So maybe tough-as-nails Mark LaPointe really is a softie, after all.

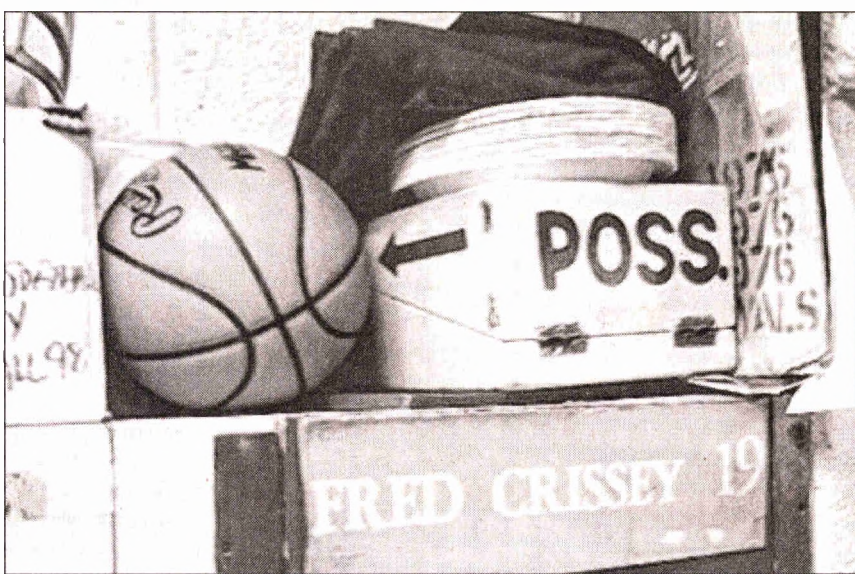
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Mark LaPointe hopes people who used to play for his teams will want to visit him soon and take team photos, uniforms and other sports memorabilia with them. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Posters of former Canton baseball standouts such as Bryan James and Brian Stemberger adorn one of the walls in Mark LaPointe's office. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



(Above) An old-school basketball possession arrow box sits about the Central Middle School locker of Fred Crissey, still complete with his nameplate.

(At left) John Young's photo from the mid-1970s is on display in Mark LaPointe's office.

### IF YOU WANT IT...

To set up a time to visit Mark LaPointe at Central Middle School in Plymouth and peruse his office of sports memorabilia, call him at 734-416-6172 or send him an email at mark.lapointe@pccsmail.net.

LaPointe, a long-time coach and teacher in the district (including Canton baseball in 1993 and the first baseball coach for the new Plymouth High School in 2003), is retiring and will be unable to take the items with him when he leaves the office for good later this month.

He and his wife, Sandy, simply don't have room in their home for the artifacts, which include old photos, uniforms, trophies, plaques, sporting goods and more.

# Ladywood's lacrosse ride ends at hands of Okemos

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

There were plenty of long faces walking out of the locker room Wednesday night following Livonia Ladywood's 15-4 Division 2 state semifinal loss to host Okemos.

And though things didn't quite go according to plan, coach Kris Sanders said the lopsided defeat couldn't diminish what the Blazers did in 2014, which was compile an impressive 18-5 overall record, win a regional and a Catholic League

title. "I told the girls don't base your season on this," Sanders said. "We're one of four teams that are left. And what more can you ask for? I said as long as they left everything on the field — which I know they did — they should be proud of themselves. And I think they had a great season other than that. We just have to keep building. To be back here four times in a row — is again — a great accomplishment in itself. And that was one of our goals when we started the sea-

son. We accomplished that, but we just got outworked and outskilled today."

Okemos (22-3), which advanced to Saturday's state final in Grand Rapids to face two-time defending state champion East Grand Rapids, simply had to much for the Blazers to handle.

The Chieftains stormed out to a 7-1 half-time lead and allowed just one Ladywood goal, which didn't come until there was 6:04 left in the 25-minute first half by Jessica Snyder, who tal-

lied two of the Blazers' four goals.

Okemos played a swarming and aggressive defense that left Ladywood little room to get its offense in gear.

"It was the double and triple team ... we practice that all the time and we just weren't getting into the positions to help our teammates at that point," Sanders said. "I know I had to call timeout pretty early in the game to try and get them regroup a little bit, remember exactly what we had practiced over the last two

days and we really, really worked hard on that.

"But sometimes it just doesn't click when you're in the game, and I know they just couldn't see past what was happening, like right at the moment. So it was hard for them to see down the field or around them, or seeing just two or three girls at them."

Okemos used balanced scoring led by senior Olivia Sherman, who finished with four goals and three assists. Alexandra King also scored four times, while Kendall Luberto and Angela

Palmer each contributed hat tricks.

Sherman, headed to the University of Findlay (Ohio), was one Chieftain in particular that gave Ladywood fits.

The Chieftains continued their second-half assault and never let Ladywood get closer than seven goals.

Snyder, who is headed to the University of Detroit Mercy, along with Nicole Reece and Megan Leon, tallied second half goals, but it was not enough to stage a comeback.



## 32ND ANNUAL CANTON CUP BRACKET WINNERS



Canton Celtic player Domenic Polidori competes during the Canton Cup soccer tournament, which took place all across the township during Memorial Day weekend.

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### BRACKET

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Michigan Jags 06 Green  
Michigan Jags 05 Boys  
Kingdom Dynasty 05  
DHSC Mustangs 05  
CW3 Extreme 05  
Power FC U10 Black  
Power FC U10 White  
PFC Wild Dogs 04  
LCSC 04 Meteors White  
LCSC 05 Meteors  
Ohio Strikers United 04  
VBSA Spiders 04  
LCSC 03 Meteors  
Power FC 03 Green  
Canton Celtic 04 Black  
TSL Attack 03  
Chelsea Bulldogs 03  
WWSL Arsenal 03  
Romeo FC Raptors 03  
Renegades 03 White  
Allegan Soccer Academy 03  
AG London 02  
Michigan Arrows 02  
MI Rev 02 Red  
Ohio Strikers United 02 Black  
Michigan Jags 01 White  
Vardar 02  
SOCS Force 01 Navy  
Farmington Fury 01  
Chill SBC 01 White  
Chill SBC 03 Blue  
Canton Celtic 00 Black  
Power FC 00  
AA United 00 Strike  
PFC Wild Dogs 00  
TASC Warriors 00  
Plymouth Extreme 00  
Canton Celtic 99 Black  
Chill SBC 99 Blue  
Laforza 99  
Canton Celtic 98 Black  
GPSA Salvo 98  
Dearborn Drive 97 Black  
Michigan Arrows 97  
AYSO River Soccer 98  
Harrow Hurricanes 96  
Canton Celtic 96 Black  
LCSC 96 Meteors  
Ole SC 96  
Michigan Hawks 06  
Galaxy Express  
Hartland United 06  
Barcelona Stars  
Canton Celtic 05 Black  
Canton Celtic 05 White  
Chill SBC 05 Blue  
Madison Magic  
CSC Wolf Pack  
Dearborn Drive 04 Black  
Surge Elite 04 Gold  
Canton Celtic 04 Green  
Ole SC 04  
CSC Hotshots  
Chill SBC 03 Blue  
Dearborn Drive 03 Black  
Hartland United 03 Blue  
Troy SC Phoenix 04  
Hamburg Rush 03  
Michigan Arrows 03 Red  
NPSC Thunder  
LA Stars 02  
Troy SC Dynamo 02  
MI Rev 02 Red  
Grass Lake Warriors  
Canton Celtic 01 Black  
Canton Celtic 02 Black  
AGL U12 Girls  
Ole SC 01  
Michigan Arrows 01  
Chill SBC 00 Blue  
Canton Celtic 00 White  
Kalamazoo Soccer Club  
Romeo U14 Vipers  
Ohio Strikers United 99 Black

### FINALIST

Michigan Rush Northville 06  
Troy SC Shamrocks 06  
Canton Celtic 07 Black  
Plymouth Reign 06 Green  
Canton Celtic 06 Green  
PFC Wild Dogs 06  
CSC Tornados 06  
Michigan Rush Northville 05  
Michigan Jags 05 White  
Canton Celtic 05 White  
MI Rev 05 Select  
Troy SC Comets 05  
CSC Tigers 05  
Michigan Rush Downriver 04  
Canton Celtic 04 Green  
Express FC 04 Blue  
Michigan Arrows 04  
CW3 Extreme 04 Red  
RSC Lightning 04 Gold  
CSC Sharks 04  
AA United 04 Royal  
PSG LaSalle 03 Green  
Ole SC 04  
Romeo FC Golden Griffins 04  
Lyon FC 03 Gold  
GPSA Salvo 04 Green  
Michigan Jags U11 HV Green  
Chill SBC 03 Black  
Northville Hurricanes 03  
Vardar 03  
LCSC 02 Meteors Blue  
RSC Lightning 02 Gold  
CSC Sharks 02  
Canton Celtic 01 White  
Canton Celtic 02 Black  
Anthony Wayne United 01  
Power FC 01  
Gladiators FC 01  
WWSL Arsenal 01  
North Storm 00  
Alliance Academy Orange 00  
United FC 00 GR  
Laforza 00 Blue  
Plainwell Force 00  
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RSC Lightning 99  
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Troy SC RedHawks  
Waza FC East 97 Black  
GR Crew Jr 97  
Team Protein 97  
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Chill SBC 96 Blue  
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SASA 06 Swarm  
Troy SC Wildcats 06  
Michigan Arrows 06  
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Waterford Lady Warriors  
CSC Diamonds  
Ohio Striker United 04 Black  
WWSL Arsenal 04  
Plymouth Reign 04 White  
Plymouth United 04 Blue  
Northville Cosmos  
Canton Celtic 03 Black  
Michigan Hawks 03 Red  
Plymouth Reign 03 Green  
Michigan Hawks 04 Black  
Waza North 03 Royal  
Alliance Academy 03  
Allegan Soccer Academy 03  
Metro FC Toledo Lightning  
Laforza U12 White  
Ohio Strikers United 03  
CSC Cheetahs  
RSC 01 White  
LCSC 02 Meteors  
Troy SC Strikers 01  
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Canton Celtic 99 Green

# Park alums spark Wayne State softball team

Softball in the 'D' got quite a boost in 2014 from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park softball alums Briana Lee and Amanda Burnard. Lee, a 2011 Salem grad, and Burnard, who graduated in 2010 from Plymouth, were key players for Wayne State University's women's softball team — which made it all the way to last month's NCAA Division II College World Series.

Earlier last month, Lee was voted to the All-GLIAC First Team as a pitcher (8-2 record, 1.62 ERA, 85 K, 64.2 IP, .197 opponent average). She is averaging the third-most strikeouts/game for a season in school history at 9.60, while her 202 strikeouts ranks seventh in school history for one year. She has held opponents to three or less runs in all but two appearances. Burnard also made the All-GLIAC squad.

Lee's accolades didn't end there as she was named to the All Midwest Region 1st team and All American 2nd team.

The 2014 Wayne State University softball team set the school record for most consecutive wins (19), recorded the second-most wins (46) in program history and was ranked seventh in the nation in the final NFCA (National Fastpitch



Salem alum Briana Lee (left) and Plymouth alum Amanda Burnard were standouts for Wayne State University's women's softball team in 2014.

Coaches Association) poll released June 2.

It was all systems go from the very beginning for the Warriors:

» Wayne State concluded its pre-conference slate with a win over New Haven for a 20-4 record.

» The Warriors took two from visiting Hillsdale to commence the GLIAC portion of their schedule before dropping three of four during an Ohio road swing through Tiffin and Ohio Dominican.

» After a home sweep of Findlay, WSU lost both games of a doubleheader at Grand Valley. The two losses to the Lakers on April 11 would be the last setbacks for Wayne State

until the opening game of the NCAA Super Regional on May 16.

» During the five week winning streak, the Warriors rattled off a school-record 19 consecutive victories including 11 by shutout.

» WSU rebounded from a 3-0 loss at Missouri-St. Louis in the first round of the NCAA Super Regional, to win both games the following day (1-0 and 8-4) vs. the Tritons to advance to the College World Series for the third time in program history.

» At the World Series in Salem, Va., Wayne State lost 8-5 to Valdosta State (Georgia) and 2-0 to South East Oklahoma State.

## SOCCER

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and I couldn't really handle it," admitted Robb, who was under siege all game long. "I definitely thought we were going to take them into PKs."

Robb smiled and gave props to both Cheslik and Buckingham, the latter who added an insurance goal with 2:32 remaining when she blasted a 35-yarder inside the right post.

"She (Cheslik) is a great player, so is No. 12, Megan Buckingham," Robb said. "They did a really good job."

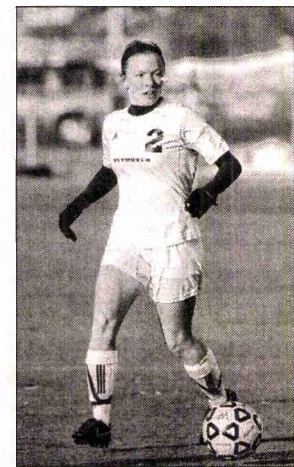
### PKs were looming

Neschich and the Wildcats wanted to get to PKs and give Robb a chance to steal a victory.

Northville head coach Eric Brucker wanted nothing to do with that crap-shoot and was happy that his team managed to finally solve Robb before it got to that scenario.

"We know Kylie's very active, she likes to control the entire box," Brucker said. "We knew she was going to come out. We caught her."

"She doesn't make mistakes, their whole team doesn't make mistakes very often. We took advantage of it and obviously, even though it was late in the game it



Plymouth senior Alyssa Dillon and teammates put up a good fight against No. 1 Northville in the regional semifinal. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

kind of opened it up a little bit and that's how the second goal happened."

Brucker said a key to the victory was how well his team stayed with it against as defensively structured a team as the Wildcats are.

"That wasn't our best performance, to be honest with you," Brucker said. "Plymouth always plays us tough, they're very organized in their formation and they have talent to go with it."

"Kylie's arguably the best goalie we played against all year. But with the way they pack it defensively, I'm very impressed that my girls stayed focused and patient."

Another key Ply-

mouth senior whose outstanding prep career ended with the loss was defender Alyssa Dillon.

She credited her teammates for the way they battled against wave after wave of Northville pressure from Cheslik, Buckingham, senior Gabby Mencotti and junior Jenna Baughman among others.

"Megan and Jamie are just a handful to begin with," Dillon said. "I think our back line really held them off, though. As a team we defended really well throughout the whole game."

Baughman might have come the closest to winning the game for Northville in regulation.

She stepped into the ball and hammered a rising shot from about 35 yards in front of the Plymouth goal.

The ball hit the middle of the crossbar and dropped down along the goal line before the Wildcats could clear it from danger.

"They were putting pressure on us all night," Neschich said. "They were making us make mistakes. Hats off to them."

Northville was slated to face Saline at 7 p.m. Friday in the regional final at Dearborn.

In Wednesday's other semifinal, Saline defeated Garden City, 3-0.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Canton girls track fundraiser

The Canton girls track and field team is trying to raise \$2,000 by June 9 to help purchase awards, equipment and new uniforms.

The team is collecting donations on Underdogfunding.com, a crowd-funding site started by former Central Michigan University track and field athlete Megan Newton.

Underdogfunding.com was launched with the goal of helping keep youth sports affordable.

### Go to Next Level

The Spring Arbor University baseball staff and Next Level Baseball Academy is running a camp Monday, June 30, and Tuesday, July 1, at Canton Sports Center.

Times run from 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m. each day and are for ages 7-13. The cost is \$99 or \$129.

Registration fees include a NLBA drawstring bag, NLBA T-shirt and bag of sunflower seeds.

Coaches of all ages are invited to walk around the camp and observe drills taught at the college level.

Canton Sports Center is located south of Michigan Avenue between Canton Center and Beck roads.

For more information, contact Spring Arbor assistant baseball coach Ryan Marken at ryan.marken1@gmail.com.

### Pro wrestling card

The Midwest Pro Wrestling Alliance will stage its MPWA Retaliation card at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at the Sgt. Romanowski Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6896, 28944 Joy

Road, Westland. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and general admission tickets can be purchased the day of the event, for \$10 (adult) and \$5 (children). Discount tickets are also available on MPWAProWrestling.com. (There will also be a V.I.P. meet and greet for \$15 starting at 5:45 p.m. along with after party.)

The card includes a MPWA championship triple threat match between Buddy Hanlon, "The Righteous Maker" Rick Baker and Joe Coleman, along with a Cole team tornado match with the Punch Drunk Saints against the Sons of Strongstyle.

Merchandise and concessions will also be available.

For more information, call 734-525-9454.





## Website helps disabled raise funds for special needs

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Farmington-based Our Special Needs gives disabled persons an online venue to raise funds for the services, treatment and equipment they need.

Participants post their stories on the organization's website and request money for a specific need in the hope that they'll attract donations from family, friends, and philanthropists. Contributors receive a tax receipt for their donations. No money goes directly to the fundraiser. Our Special Needs, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, collects the contributions and purchases the requested service or product.

After it launched its website last year, the group kicked in funding for four participants. It paid a month's insurance premium for an Upper Peninsula woman with heart problems who was awaiting disability coverage. It funded travel expenses for a man in need of treatment for Lyme disease at an out-of-state facility and bought a medical alert bracelet for a high school student with epilepsy. It also paid for a month's worth of additional therapy for a preschooler with speech and motor difficulties.

Founder Kerrie Kelly of Farmington hopes the group's second annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction on Saturday, June 14, will raise awareness and drum up



Kerrie Kelly, founder of Our Special Needs, with her husband, Derek, and their four boys. Below are some who've sought help.



Kevin O'Rourke



Brandon DeFelice



Traemoine Sadler

ple living on their own, I don't get a tax deduction? That should be different.

"My second thought was how many times do we give stuff

out to friends and family, telling them about her idea.

"Some people stepped up and some didn't. At one point I needed a lawyer's advice. I went on Facebook and said, I need a lawyer." Twenty-four hours later "some-

one who knew someone who knew someone" answered back.

"I called the IRS and said, can we do this or that. They sent me 60 pages of court cases where people did versions of this that didn't turn out well."

Kelly moved slowly and deliberately, making sure that Our Special Needs and its donation procedures followed IRS regulations. She also sought help in creating the website.

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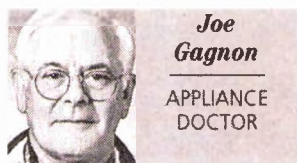
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# Research, word of mouth help find best products

Can a repair technician tell the public the name of the best major appliances made today? That is a very serious question to ask of someone who is supposed to be an expert in the industry. This guy grew up in an industry when there were so many names and each one was individually recognized. Some had built-in quality and others had little and every service technician knew which one would need the most service.

Let me bring to light some of those names of yesteryear and bring back some memories of days when appliances were made to do the job in a way that they were meant to: Amana, Athens, Brown Stove Works,



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Caloric, Modern Maid, Carrier, Dacor, Emerson Quiet Cool, Estate, Fedders, Frigidaire, Gagneau, General Electric, Hotpoint, Gibson, Glenwood, Insinkerator, Jenn-Air, Kelvinator, Kitchen-Aid, Maytag, Meile, OKeefe & Merritt, Peerless Premier, Roper, Sanyo, Sharp, Speed Queen, Sub Zero, Tappin, Thermador, Welbuilt, White Westinghouse, Whirlpool, Blackstone, Philco, Norge — and this is not the complete list. Some of these have gone out of business while

others have been bought out, and so we have control of quality sometimes under one roof. This leads me to voice my biggest complaint directed to manufacturers of appliances today. **YOU CAN START ANYTIME IN BUILDING INTO YOUR PRODUCTS THE QUALITY THEY USED TO BE KNOWN FOR.**

### Which brand?

In my last column I wrote about dehumidifiers which prompted this email from Tracy: "I read your column regularly in the *Livonia Observer* and you have been very helpful with providing advice for larger appliances. Do you have any recommendations for a good dehumidifier

that would last more than a couple of years? We are going on our third dehumidifier in seven and a half years and I am completely frustrated. We only use them for approximately six months of each year at most. The last one we bought was a Haier and it came with a one-year parts and labor warranty (which has now expired) and then a five-year parts warranty. The issue is that the cost to have it evaluated and fixed is going to cost more than a new unit would be. The longest lasting dehumidifier we had was one that was not Energy Star compliant — the old-fashioned kind without the electronic controls, just the plain old dials for on and off."

The above email from Tracy leads me to another part of the world that is sending appliances into this country. The brand of her current dehumidifier is a Haier, which is produced in China. I would like all of you who hear of a product recall in this country to make note of where the product is produced. The great majority of recalled products come from, you guessed it, China. So now we have a country that might just take over appliance production for the world and where do we go from there?

Let's go back to the beginning of this column. Is it difficult for me to name the best products made today? Yes, it is,

and I will only do so when I am sure of my choice. I mean dead sure and it's been proven to me by many homeowners and especially service technicians in the field. You as a consumer need to do some research and sometimes even that leads you down the wrong path. Ask your neighbors and family friends about their recent appliance purchase and hear what they think. One last piece of advice, don't let the price always be your guide. You get what you pay for. tuned.

**Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to [appldr@twmi.rr.com](mailto:appldr@twmi.rr.com).**

# Talk with baby's father better than anticipated

The day I found out I was pregnant; I was in the emergency room. After they released me, I went to stay with my parents, as I was still in shock and I don't think anyone thought it was a good idea that I stay alone. My sister was still in town from California, and she was staying with the folks too. She, my mom and I sat up for a bit, just talking about the things that would be coming in the pipeline for me. I was blown away by the changes I would be encountering, and spent



**Sarah Davies**  
THEN THERE WERE TWO

much of the night tossing and turning as I tried to sort it all out in my head. My mother gave me three tasks for the next day; find out what my insurance would cover for pregnancy and labor, find a doctor the insurance would cover, and tell the baby's father the news. My first two tasks were easy. Done in 20

minutes. I was happy to find out my insurance would cover a doctor at the University of Michigan, and knew after watching my sister from Brighton have her baby at U-M just a year earlier that there was no better place for me to be. Now that I had the easy tasks out of the way, I had to set out on what I believe to have been the most difficult conversation of my life. I sent the father a message asking him if we could get together that night. He had accepted the invite, and the

plans were on, but then hours later he canceled on me. I told him it was important and that it really wasn't something that could wait. "Are you pregnant?" he asked me via a text message. All I could think at that moment was "No way am I telling this guy over text that I am." So, I just wrote "haha funny man" as my reply. He still tried to cancel. I decided to call him, and tell him it was important and we needed to meet, no excuses. The phone call he seemed to understand, so I met him at the bar not

far from his folks' house, where he was staying temporarily. When I told him the news, I was prepared for the worst. I was half expecting him to burst into tears, and half expecting him to call me some terrible names and walk out the door. But to my surprise, he did neither. He simply sat in silence for a moment and said "Well, it's not what we planned, but I guess we need to step up to the plate and be parents." The conversation went very well, much better than I had expected and

far different than I had imagined. I thought that maybe things could be great; that perhaps there was a chance we could fall in love and have a happy family together. People have gotten together over far stranger things than a pregnancy, and on this day, the odds seemed in my favor. **Sarah Davies is a Livonia resident in her 30s who grew up in Farmington Hills. She writes about her personal experiences, the ups and downs of becoming a single mother. Contact her at [sarahmari Davies@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmari Davies@gmail.com).**

## Veterans seminar set at Yankee Air Museum

Retired Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone of Legal Help For Veterans, PLLC will speak at a seminar for veterans and their families, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at the Yankee Air Museum, 47884 D St. Belleville. Representatives from the Professional Resource Alliance of Greater Michigan also will be on hand. Presentations will include eligibility for

benefits; aid and attendance; disability claims; burial benefits; home loan mortgage; personal care planning; long-term care planning; identity theft; home health care; skilled nursing care; estate planning and trusts; tax and financial planning. The event is free for veterans and their families. RSVP by calling 734-740-8867 or emailing [kbdermody@gmail.com](mailto:kbdermody@gmail.com).

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**DRIVING AND ARTHRITIS**

When evaluating elderly patients for problems with their thinking or eyesight, doctors include the effect such impairments have on the person's ability to drive safely. Physicians have the same concerns with joint impairments.

For example, consider patients with neck pain. If pain and limitation of neck movement is sufficiently severe, the patient as driver, is unable to turn the head to look adequately at side view mirror, turn the head to the right and left at street corners, or to back into parallel parking spots.

A patient with severe osteoarthritis of the shoulder or an advanced rotator cuff tear of the shoulder will have difficulty in properly placing a seat belt to wear it properly over the shoulder. Just as bad is the risk of experiencing shoulder pain so sudden and intense that turning the car steering wheel becomes impossible.

Physicians consider an individual with severe arthritis of the right hip or knee as a hazard behind the wheel. That person's ability to shift suddenly from the accelerator to the brake or apply pressure to the brake pedal quickly is compromised, often severely. That joint pain so compromises braking action is the reason that orthopedists tell patients that after right hip or knee replacements the person cannot drive for at least 4 weeks.

Physicians look at a patient's ability to grip and grasp, check carefully on what movements bring on low back spasm, and how the foot functions not only in movement but in feeling. The doctor's intent is the same: to assess if the elderly patient's joint condition allows driving, or has come to point where the physician must tell the patient he or she can do it no longer.

## GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

**Heritage Park**  
A Full Moon Friday Night Hike runs 9:30-10:30, June 13, at the park, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Hikes are for ages 5 and up. Cost is \$3 per person. Register for the program at [recreg.fhgov.gov](http://recreg.fhgov.gov).

**Livonia Garden Club**  
The Livonia Garden Club presents its Small Standard Flower Show, 3-5 p.m. Friday, June 27, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. The event is free. For more information, visit [livoniagardenclub.org](http://livoniagardenclub.org) or email [admin@livoniagardenclub.org](mailto:admin@livoniagardenclub.org).

**English Gardens**  
» Learn to bring color and texture to the garden every year at a free presentation, *Perennial Gardening 101*, 10 a.m. Saturday, June 28.

» Get hints for creating an exceptional landscape at a free presentation, *The Basics of Landscape Design*, 10 a.m. Saturday, July 5.

» Children will learn about butterflies and how to attract them during *Plant a Butterfly Garden*, 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 8. Youngsters also will make a butterfly container garden. The store will



Kids will plant a butterfly garden on July 8 at English Gardens stores.

supply the paint to decorate an 8-inch terra cotta pot and two plants to fill it. The fee is \$10. Register at [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com) or in the

store. Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433;

4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

## DISABLED

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"Technology and I are not friends at all," she quipped.

**Medical alert bracelet**  
Denise O'Rourke's son was one of the first four funding candidates to receive help through the organization. "I signed up because there was a medical alert bracelet that looks like a watch that I wanted for him," said O'Rourke of Farmington Hills. Her son has epilepsy and an autism

spectrum disorder. The medical alert watch cost \$120 and was more than the family could afford while getting back on its feet after a job layoff.

"It was so easy to register with the site and provide documentation," said O'Rourke, who later joined the group's board of directors. Potential candidates for funding must provide proof of disability. That includes referrals from special education programs at school, military history of disability, SSI payments or a medical diagnosis. The Our Special Needs

board of directors determines which potential funding requests will be posted.

**Self-empowered**  
Approved fundraisers can act as their own advocate, posting their story and funding request online or they can ask a family member, teacher or friend to serve as an advocate. A parent, for example, might serve as the advocate for his or her special needs child. "You get a chance to tell your story. What we're about is letting people advocate for themselves," Kelly said. "We'll give you as

much help as we can. If you are willing to speak up, the world will be there." The 2nd Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction runs 4:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills. Auction items include massages, pottery, Pistons memorabilia, jewelry and more. Advance tickets are \$25; \$30 at the door. Call or text 248-459-9828 or email [kerrie.kelly@ourspecialneeds.org](mailto:kerrie.kelly@ourspecialneeds.org). Visit the website at [ourspecialneeds.org](http://ourspecialneeds.org)



WEDDING

ELEZOVIC-ORSINI

Drita Elezovic and Raffaele Orsini of Farmington Hills were married June 29, 2013, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in West Bloomfield. The Rev. Jeff Day officiated.

The bride graduated from Farmington High School and attended Madonna University where she received a B.A. degree in interdisciplinary studies. Drita's last place of employment was at the Farmington Public Library.

The groom graduated from Osborn High School and went to the Univer-

sity of Detroit Mercy where he obtained a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering. Raffaele is employed at Ford Motor Co.

Drita's parents are Martin and Lula Juncaj of West Bloomfield. Raffaele's parents are Elisa and Domenico Orsini of Sterling Heights.

The maid of honor was Drita's daughter, Bridget Elezovic. Frank Orsini Jr., the groom's nephew, was the best man.

Drita met Raffaele on New Year's Eve 2006 at a Catholic Singles party in Plymouth.

"At the end of the night, Raffaele and I

danced and talked. I told him that I was divorced and had a daughter," the bride recalled. "He asked, if I had an annulment and I let him know that I didn't. I realized then, when he asked me if I had my annulment, that I would have married him that day because it told me a lot about his morals."

The two went their separate ways. Drita said she thought about him the next four years and tried to find him through social media.

"I remembered his first name and his face, but without a last name, it was like looking for a

needle in a haystack," she said. "Three weeks later, I received a (Facebook) friend request from Raffaele Orsini that I excitedly accepted realizing it was fate. He remembered my name, but not in its entirety, but he remembered I lived in Farmington so he looked my name up at my high school and was able to find me that way."

They reunited in February 2011 at a coffeehouse in Farmington Hills. A year later, he proposed marriage at a showing of *The Vow* at the Emagine Theater in Novi.



Drita Elezovic and Raffaele Orsini of Farmington Hills

RELIGION CALENDAR

JUNE CAR WASH

**Time/Date:** Noon, June 14  
**Location:** Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** Donations support "Faith in Action" mission team trip to South Dakota  
**Contact:** Melissa at 734-466-8694

CHURCH LAUNCH

**Time/Date:** Services at 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. July 6

**Location:** Shriners Silver Garden, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield

**Details:** The Rev. Dr. Carlyle F. Steward, III will speak at the launch of Empowerment Church

**Contact:** EmpowermentMI.org

CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, June 12

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, in Redford

**Details:** The Konevets Quartet of St. Petersburg, Russia, will perform sacred music. Admission is free

**Contact:** Rev. Timothy Barna at 313-937-2120 or the Rev. Roman Star at 313-538-1142

DAY CAMP

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 16-20

**Location:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Holy Cross and Emmanuel Lutheran churches sponsor the camp for children, age 5 through sixth grade. Get registration forms and information packets at Emmanuel, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia, or from the church's website, www.emmanuel-livonia.org. Registration is \$60 per child

**Contact:** Judy Cook at 248-442-8822

FILM

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday, June 20

**Location:** Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** Bring a chair or blanket to see *Lord of the Beans*, a family movie, on the church lawn; free popcorn and snow cones

**Contact:** Rev. Jason Thomas at 313-844-1502

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Time/Date:** 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday, June 22-Wednesday, June 25; registration will start at 5 p.m. followed by a light supper and the program

**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, Wayne

**Details:** The theme is "Neighbors around the World." Youngsters will visit Australia, Zimbabwe, Japan, the United Kingdom and Mexico through life lessons. There also will be Bible time, music and recreation

**Contact:** 734-721-4801

YOGA CLASSES

**Time/Date:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 10 and 17 and July 1, 8, 15 and 22

**Location:** St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

**Details:** Lauren Burtell teaches a Tuesday yoga class. Cost is \$42 for six classes; walk in each class for \$10

**Contact:** Burtell at 313-671-7909

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

**Contact:** John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Ply-

mouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.

**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays

**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township

**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held

**Contact:** 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Free meal  
**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

**Contact:** Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

**Contact:** Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

**Contact:** 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday

**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

**Contact:** 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back

**Details:** Music, singing, prayer  
**Contact:** Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville

**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4

mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

**Contact:** 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Sunday

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

**Details:** Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.

**Contact:** 248-374-5920

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.

**Contact:** 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

**Time/Date:** 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

**Details:** Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

**Contact:** 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Detroit World Outreach

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.

**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group  
**Contact:** 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

**Contact:** www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Riverside Park Church of God

**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

**Contact:** 734-367-4220 or 734-464-0990; www.riversideparkchurch.org; or email to rpadm@riversideparkchurch.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

**Contact:** 734-421-8451

St. John Neumann

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesdays

**Location:** 44800 Warren Road, Canton

**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous meets

**Contact:** Mary at 734-634-7154 or Jennifer at 734-812-6077 for additional information

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members

of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good.

**Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-0322 for additional information

Unity of Livonia

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous  
**Contact:** 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

**Contact:** Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebratercovery.com and www.ward-church.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Contact:** 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

**Time/Date:** 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

**Location:** 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

**Details:** Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

**Contact:** 734-637-7618

TOUR

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

**Location:** The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

**Details:** Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. He provided soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled and a healing touch for the ill. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

**Contact:** 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

**Location:** 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

**Contact:** 248-851-5100

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday service

**Location:** 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills

**Contact:** pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@mi.rr.com; 248-478-6520

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes



## Lung cancer support group offers camaraderie, advice

Angela Scott had always considered joining a support group when she was diagnosed with lung cancer five years ago, but she never found one.

"Sometimes you feel alone when you're going through cancer," said Scott, a wife and mother from Northville. "Sure, friends can be there for you. But someone who has gone through it knows exactly how you feel."

"It's nice to have a group you can go to, to talk about your emotions and someone who can lift you up when you are first diagnosed."

That's one of the reasons David Sternberg, M.D., a thoracic surgeon at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills, founded a support group for lung cancer patients. Sternberg, a New York native, was recruited to Michigan four years ago to assist with lung transplants at Henry Ford Hospital. He started the lung cancer sup-



Sternberg

port group there and brought it with him to Botsford when he joined its staff last year. Group members, including Scott, followed him to Farmington Hills.

"I love going, the camaraderie, the people," said Scott, whose late brother also had lung cancer. "Dr. Sternberg says people who go to support groups do better. I was glad when he started this group. I can't thank him enough."

The lung cancer support group meets 6-7:30 p.m. the third Monday of the month in Suite 230 at the Botsford Cancer Center, 27900 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. The free sessions are open to anyone living with lung cancer. Caregivers, family members and friends may attend the meetings, which feature guest speakers and discussion. The next meeting is June 16.

Sternberg said he founded the group after realizing that many cancer patients were depressed or anxious even after their surgeries had removed the disease from their

lungs.

"My focus as a cancer surgeon was to get them through the surgery," Sternberg said. "The problem was, then what? After I did the surgery and told them everything would be OK, the cancer was completely removed, they still had a lot of concerns. Medically there wasn't anything left to do."

"If you're scared, nervous, anxious and not sure what to do, you can call your physician, but you're not going to get a call back on how to handle your feelings about lung cancer. You can make an appointment with a psychiatrist but if you don't have a diagnosable psychiatric illness, the most they're going to do is put you on Prozac, which is what happened a lot."

"What these patients really needed was to talk to another lung cancer patient."

### A bad rap

Sternberg discovered that although lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S., it receives fewer

research dollars than other cancers. He said patients also often draw criticism and blame for their illness, rather than support.

"The concept is that if you have lung cancer it's because you smoked and if you smoked you really did this to yourself and you really deserve it," he said. "My feeling was, why are these people getting such a bad rap? Eleven percent of patients who get lung cancer have never smoked."

Sternberg said thousands of cases are attributed to radon gas found in some home basements. Genetics also play a role in developing the disease. He said many older patients with a history of smoking used tobacco during an era when even doctors smoked.

"It's tricky to blame these patients and I think, unfair."

He said the Botsford lung cancer support group draws patients from a variety of hospitals and medical practices. Some patients are undergoing treatment and some are in remission. They are diagnosed

at various cancer stages.

"It's a mixed bag. I never ask the patients what they get out of it. That's none of my business," he said. "I do the best I can to provide something I hope they'll appreciate and come back for."

Sternberg, who is board-certified in general surgery and thoracic surgery, uses minimally-invasive techniques and specializes in the treatment of lung and esophageal cancers. He received his medical degree with honors from New York University School of Medicine, completed a general surgery residency and a National Institute of Health-sponsored research fellowship in thoracic surgery and lung transplantation at Columbia University Medical Center. He trained in cardiothoracic surgery at Weil-Cornell University Medical Center and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

For more information about the lung cancer support group, call the Botsford Cancer Center at 248-473-4828.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### Upcoming

#### Acupuncture seminar

Harsha Jayatilake, M.D., the medical director of the Center for Integrative Medicine at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, will explain the medicine behind acupuncture, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 14, at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan. He will also detail the health benefits of acupuncture and its use to help alleviate stress, headaches, chronic lower back pain, neck and shoulder pain, irritable bowel syndrome and other conditions. Register for the free seminar at 734-655-1320.

#### Blood drive

1-6:45 p.m. Monday, June 16, at VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft, Redford Township. Call 734-427-6883 for an appointment.

#### Lunch workshop

Learn how eating a nutritionally bal-

anced lunch can help you stay healthy, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost: \$5. Includes recipes, samples, nutritional advice, and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's Guest Services Counter or by phoning 248-427-7400. Seating is limited. Registration required.

#### Lupus support

1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at Providence Hospital Conference Room C, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Free. 800-705-6677; www.milupus.org.

#### Maternity department tour

Tour the maternity department at Oakwood Hospital-Dearborn, from 5-6:30 p.m. June 11, 18101 Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn. No registration required, but guests should call 313-593-7694 to verify date and time. Parking is available in the South visitor's parking deck; meet at the Welcome Desk near the chapel in the main building before

5 p.m.

#### Movement disorders

Learn more about movement disorders, including Parkinson's disease, 10 a.m. Saturday, June 21, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Henry Ford Health System specialists will discuss treatment options, clinical research trials, and community health resources available for patients living with movement disorders. The free event also will include a Q&A session with a panel of medical experts. Register by calling 800-436-7936. Learn more about the Henry Ford Movement Disorders Center at www.henryford.com/neuro.

#### Stay awake series

Sleep specialist, Mark Villeneuve, M.D. will discuss sleep architecture and sleep patterns during a seminar about sleep disorders and growing older, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19, in the North Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Representatives from companies that

produce continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machines also will show the latest technology and masks options available. The session is free but registration is required. Call 734-655-4640 or visit stmarymercy.org.

#### Walk with a Doc

David Sternberg, M.D., a board-certified minimally invasive thoracic surgeon, will talk about lung and esophageal health, noon, June 12, at Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Sternberg will cover what affects the health of the lungs, esophagus, and throat; signs of problems; how the problem is diagnosed; treatment remedies; and how to stay healthy. Register by calling Botsford at 877-477-Doc1 (3621), option #1

#### Ongoing

#### Anorexics and Bulimics Anonymous

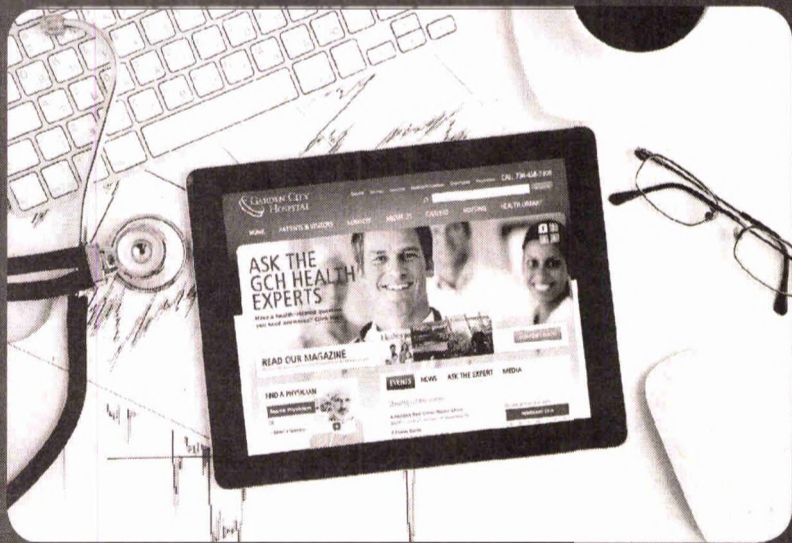
12-step program and weekly group to

help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, bingeing and purging, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m., Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The program helps those with eating and exercise disorders find recovery. An AB-ANON meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m., Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

#### Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information, visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

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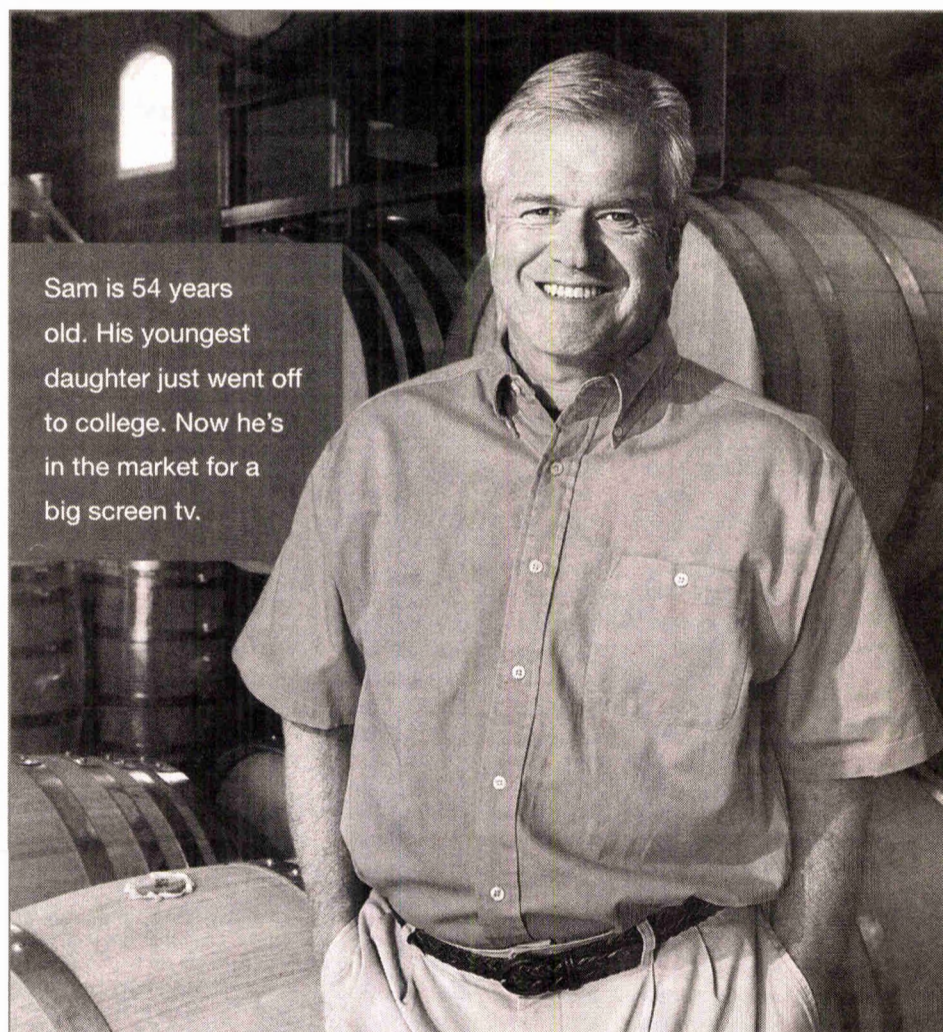
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Sam is 54 years old. His youngest daughter just went off to college. Now he's in the market for a big screen tv.

## Do you know what sparks Sam? (We do.)

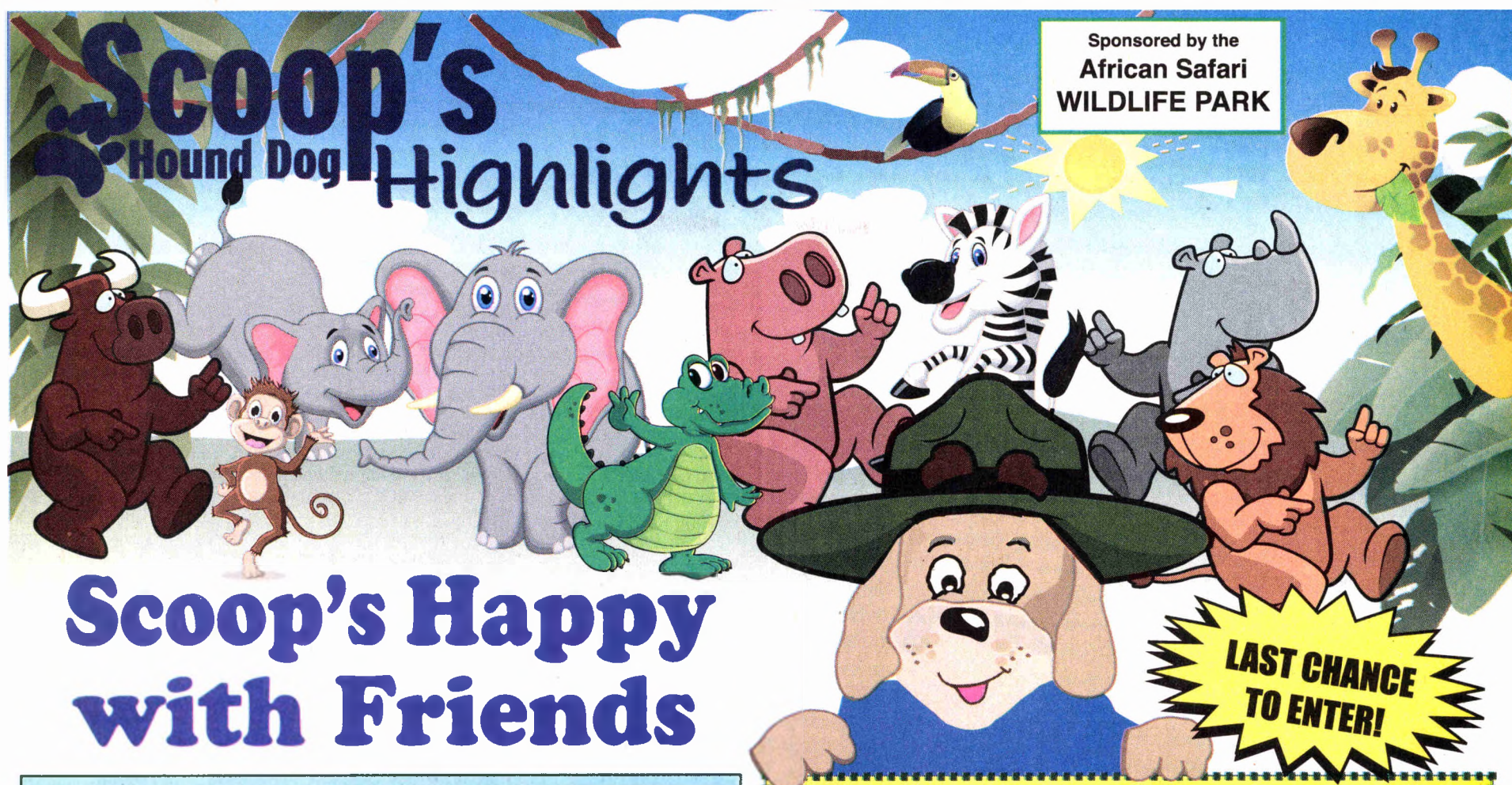
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## What's the Scoop?

Mr. Chris Kozaczynski, teacher at Walker-Winter Elementary School shares an investigative report by student Madeline Barnard, after his class reads the book *Jalapeno Bagel* by Natasha Wing and samples the products from the bakery in California. With a little help from her teacher, Madeline interviews classmates and staff in this enlightening report.



**Madeline Barnard**  
2nd Grade

Shalom, amigos! Have you ever tried a jalapeno bagel? Well my class has, and we had the magic of California come to us. *Jalapeno Bagels* is a story about a little boy who doesn't know what to bring for International Day at school. He goes to his mom and dad's bakery to decide what to bring. His dad is Jewish and his mom is Mexican. He tastes a lot of different things at the bakery, but he still cannot make up his mind. His dad was making bagels and they decided to blend the cultures together to make a jalapeno bagel.

food from California. She liked the jalapeno bagels the most. She didn't like the pumpkin turnovers. She thought our idea to order food from Los Bagels was creative and thought it was a nice thing to do. She was happy to sample the bagels.

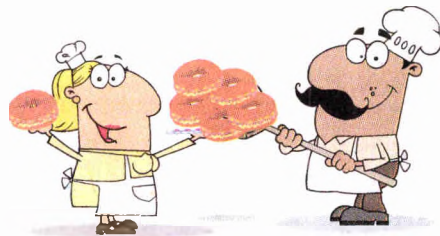
Our principal, Mrs. Mytych said it was a cool idea to find a bakery in California. She liked the jalapeno bagels most, too. She didn't like the pumpkin turnovers. She thought we showed our Life Skill of resourcefulness, and it was a great idea to order food for our class.

*Los Bagels* is the bakery in California that is in the story. It is a Mexican/Jewish bakery. It was started in 1984 by Dennis Rael. They sell the empanadas, bagels, chango bars, and challah from the story, plus a whole lot more!! Our teacher, Mr. Chris, ordered a sampler of the foods from the story for us to try.

Our teacher, Mr. Chris, made his own chango bars from the recipe that was in our anthology. After we tried the samples from the bakery, our class made apple turnovers. We used dough and cinnamon covered apples. They were delicious!!

Our class thought that the jalapeno bagels were the best. We really didn't like the slug slime. Pumpkin turnovers were pretty good, and everyone liked the chango bars. The challah bread was very sweet. Some students from another class came and sampled the food with us. We scored the different items on a chart in the classroom so we could figure out what the class liked the most.

Our class really enjoyed sampling the foods that were in the story we read. It was very exciting and delicious! I hope we have a chance to do something like this again.



Ms. Ewert, our school social worker, thought it was very cool that we ordered

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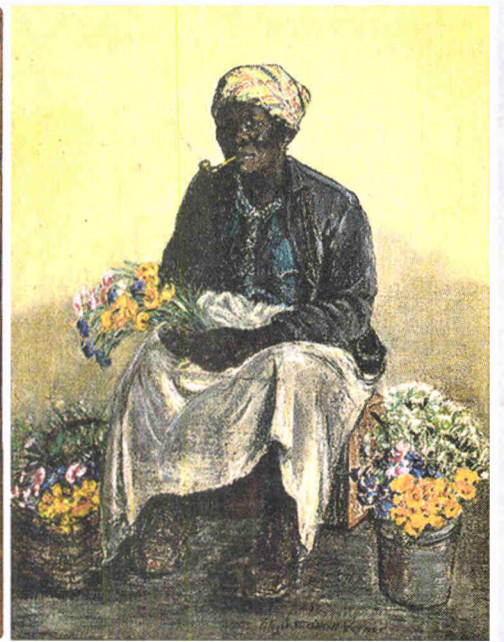
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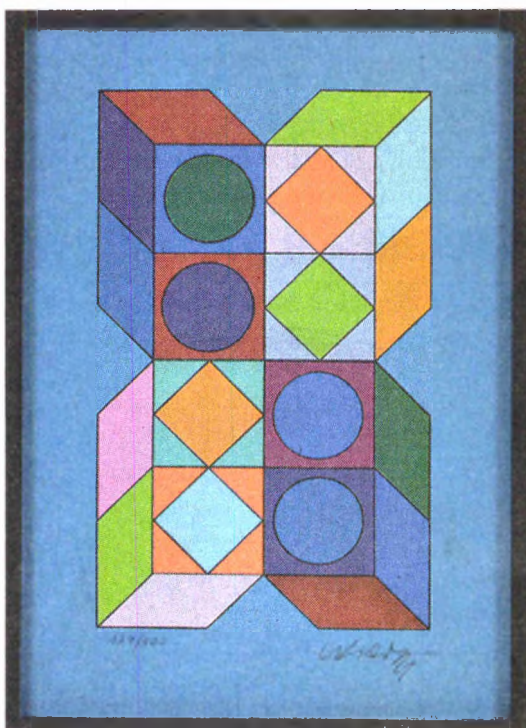
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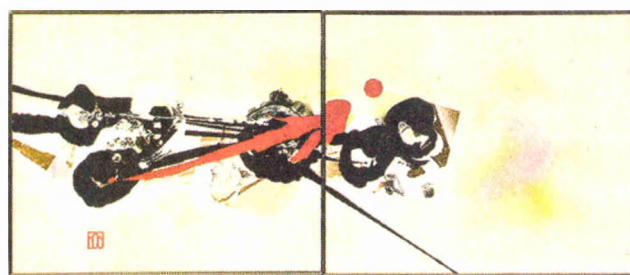
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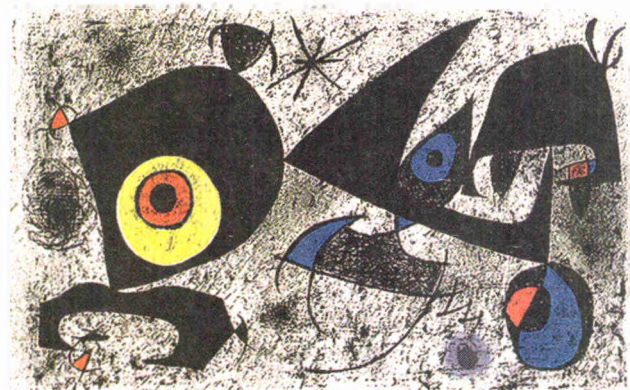
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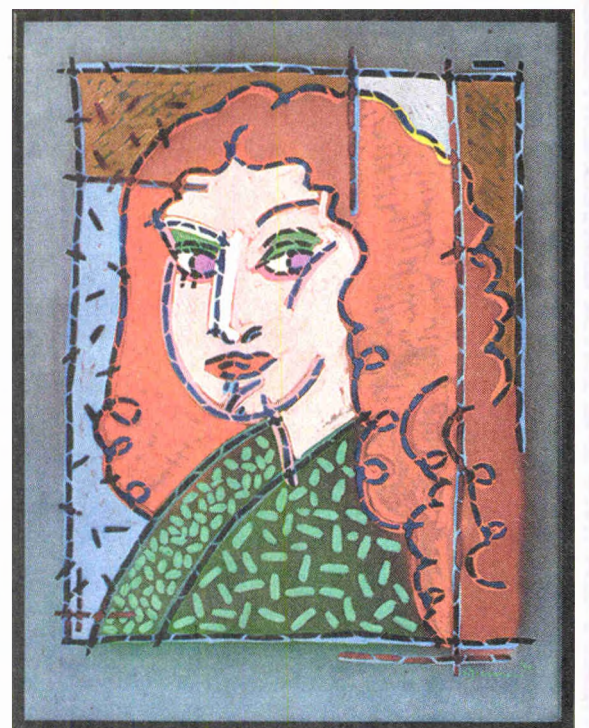
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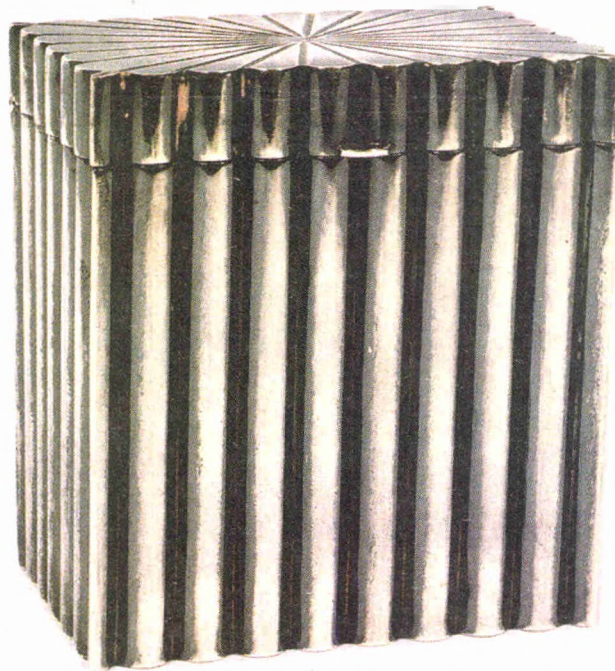
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**By Debra Auerbach**  
CareerBuilder Writer

For a job seeker, there is no better feeling than picking up the phone and hearing those magical words, "We'd like to make you an offer." After a call like that, it's natural to want to shout the news from the rooftops, hand in your two weeks' notice and buy yourself a "Congratulations on the new job" present.

But what happens when a week goes by and you have yet to receive official new-hire paperwork or any additional communication from the hiring manager? You don't want to bother the new company, but you start to panic. Perhaps your celebration was a bit premature?

Given today's up-and-down economy, strange or untraditional hiring situations are becoming more common. Perhaps you get an oral offer but then never hear back. Or you accept a job with the understanding that it's for a certain role but later learn the position has become drastically different. You're just happy to be offered a job, so you don't want to come across as pushy or a complainer. You do, however, want -- and deserve -- to get some confirmation or clarity.

If you ever find yourself on the receiving end of what appears to be an awkward or ambiguous hiring situation, here is



some advice to help you avoid getting burned:

## Don't put all your eggs in one career basket

You may be asked back for multiple interviews and get some hints from the people you speak with that the job is yours, but until you hear officially, keep your options open. "The job search is never over until the offer is in hand," says Roy Cohen, career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "It is inevitable that an opportunity will disappear through no fault of yours. So it is essential that you continue to network and job search until the very final moments. Having multiple inns in the fire will also make you a lot more desirable and enhance the potential to negotiate in a meaningful way."

## Leave no room for misunderstanding

At this point, you've received the oral offer from the hiring manager. Before you give notice at your current company, make sure that you have an official offer letter and that it's signed, sealed and delivered. "Don't leave a meeting where you've received a verbal offer without solidifying the details," says Sandra Lamb, career, lifestyle and etiquette expert, and author of "How to Write It, Third Edition." "Say, 'Just to be clear here, I understand you are offering me the position of X, with a salary of Y, to start Z.' Cover all the details and get them in writing. Absent [of] this, write your own letter of employment and cover all these items, and ask for a signature."

## Don't be afraid to follow up

As teams shrink and companies become short-staffed, it's not uncommon for the

# I got a new job!



# At least I think I did

hiring process to take a little bit of time, and days or weeks may go by before the official paperwork is in the job seeker's hand. While the job may be the only thing on your mind, it's important to remember that the hiring team is likely juggling multiple hiring and personnel matters. But that doesn't mean you shouldn't follow up periodically; doing so will not only help to push the process along, but it will also show them your continued interest in and excitement for the position.

Daniel Newell, job development and marketing specialist for San Jose State University's Career Center in San Jose, Calif., suggests that if you don't

hear back after seven to 10 days, it's time to follow up. "When calling the employer, thank them for taking your call and inform them that you were calling to follow up on the job offer made to you," Newell says. "Let them know that you have been preparing yourself for the opportunity and are simply inquiring about a general estimate of when they anticipate you starting the position. It's not a bad idea to ask if you will receive a formal offer via email or by mail."

If after multiple attempts you're still hitting a brick wall, it may be a sign that it's time to move on. "If a job seeker has interviewed with an employer

and has checked in with them at least twice within three weeks and has still not received a formal job offer or any sign of moving forward in the hiring process, that job seeker should reconsider working for that employer," Newell says. "This looks bad on a company and tarnishes their image as a professional business or representative."

## Be open to changes

"Anyone offered a position today should anticipate -- or almost expect -- that the job for which they were hired to do is probably not the job they are going to be asked to do," says Lee Igel, Ph.D., associate professor at New York University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies. "Organizations today are focused on fitting the human to the task, which means the job description is either a starting point for work or something that serves as little more than a basis for hiring. In the old world of work, employees conformed to the needs of a distinct job; in today's world of work, employees have to conform to the needs of a task or project."

That's not to say that if you're unsure about the drastic change you can't speak up. Just do it in a way that shows you're a team player and happy to pitch in where needed, but you want to have a complete understanding of the expectations and goals for the position.

## Look for red flags

While companies may be approaching hiring in more untraditional ways, if something doesn't feel right, listen to your gut. If you have a bad feeling about a company or its hiring practices, chances are it's not a good place to work. "If the hiring procedure is strange, it should be a very large red flag," Lamb says. "Even in these times, getting a flaky boss, ending up working for nothing or doing a job that isn't what you thought you were being hired for isn't going to serve you well."

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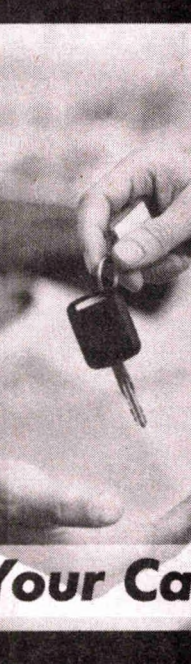
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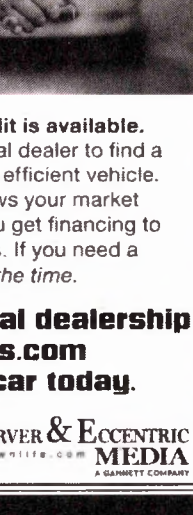
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5 Kipling novel  
8 Way off  
11 Polar explorer  
12 Actress — Hartman  
13 Wood ash product  
14 Jibe with  
15 Clientele  
17 Mav's foe  
18 Temple of Apollo site  
20 Bang the door  
22 Earn  
23 Spring beer  
27 Rubaiyat author  
29 Italian seaport  
30 King Arthur's island  
33 Wright brothers' home  
34 Jam-packs  
35 Grant, as land  
36 Pasta-sauce brand  
37 Playful bark

**DOWN**

38 Accident reminder  
42 Pixie  
45 Dash off  
46 Wall Street denizens  
49 Inner self  
51 Yes, to Rob Roy  
52 — kwon do  
53 Token user  
54 Debussy subject  
55 UNIX or DOS  
56 Beseched

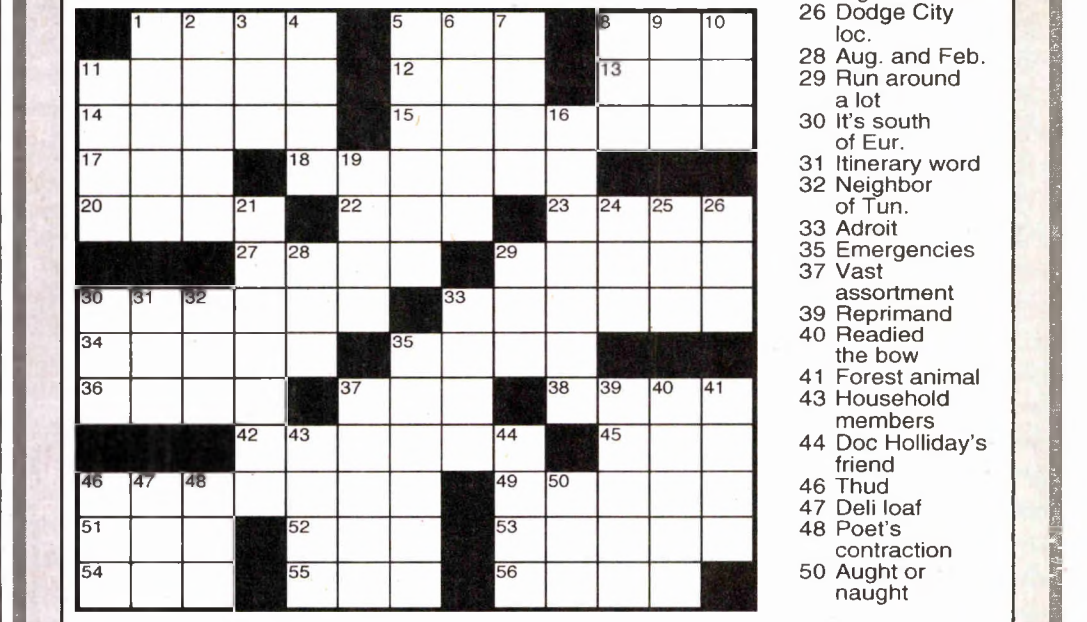
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CRO	AHA	BART
AIDA	MAL	OMOO
LOOM	PUFF	BALL
TROLLS	ACHED	
COY	YMA	
CAROB	MEETING	
HIT	FUN	FEE
ELECTED	TASTE	
EON	NEZ	
STALE	BALTIC	
LAVISHES	EGAD	
EDEN	IST	COKE
DARE	SOY	REB

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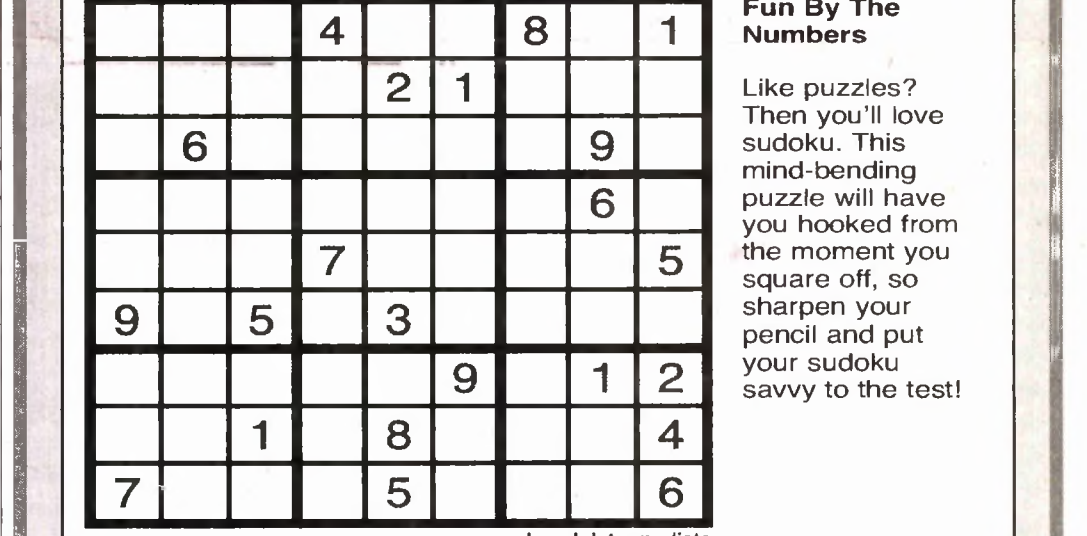
8 Ziegfeld nickname  
9 Novelist — Rand  
10 Home tel.  
11 Campaign orgs.

16 Some steak orders (2 wds.)  
19 "Magnet and Steel" rocker  
21 Oyster or clam  
24 Windsor's prov.  
25 Pigeon sound  
26 Dodge City loc.  
28 Aug. and Feb.  
29 Run around a lot  
30 It's south of Eur.  
31 Itinerary word  
32 Neighbor of Tun.  
33 Adroit  
35 Emergencies  
37 Vast assortment  
39 Reprimand  
40 Readied the bow  
41 Forest animal  
43 Household members  
44 Doc Holiday's friend  
46 Thud  
47 Deli loaf  
48 Poet's contraction  
50 Aught or naught



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ARTHRITIS KNEE  
ASPIRATION LUMBAR  
BENDING MESSAGE  
CARPAL MEDICATION  
CARTILAGE MOTION  
DEGENERATIVE NSAID  
DISEASE PREDNISONE  
ENDORPHINS PSORIATIC  
EXERCISE SPINE  
FIBROMYALGIA STIFFNESS  
FINGER STRETCHING  
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INFLAMMATION THERAPY  
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9	8	6	2	5	2	3	4	1	6	3	7
4	3	5	7	8	9	1	6	2			
2	2	7	1	6	3	4	3	8	5	6	9
8	7	1	9	6	3	6	1	7	4	8	3
6	9	3	8	6	3	6	1	9	7	8	3
6	9	3	8	6	3	6	1	9	7	8	3
6	9	3	8	6	3	6	1	9	7	8	3
3	6	9	3	8	6	3	6	1	9	7	8
3	6	9	3	8	6	3	6	1	9	7	8
7	5	9	1	2	1	6	3	8	5	7	4
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