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## Township, developer talking in dispute

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A Friday court hearing in the dispute over a stalled Plymouth Township commercial project was postponed as attorneys for the township and the developer continued to work toward a settlement. The hearing before Judge Brian Sullivan in Wayne County Circuit Court was rescheduled for Friday, Aug. 15. The move came after the Plymouth

Township Board of Trustees discussed the issue during a three-hour closed-door meeting Monday. "Two parties are in discussion," township Supervisor Richard Reaume said Friday. He declined to detail the issues keeping the two sides apart and said another closed board meeting may be needed before a formal resolution is reached. "We're hopeful," he added.

### Fitness club

Developer Plymouth/Haggerty Associates plans to bring an LA Fitness club of 45,000 square feet to the unfinished Plymouth Towne Center, on Ann Arbor Road west of Haggerty, south of the township hall. The project is subject to a 2003 Circuit Court consent judgment and township officials have raised objections to aspects of the plans for the health club, according

to a motion filed by the developer's attorney, Alan Greene. "I am continuing to try to deal with the township in good faith to make this desirable and attractive development a reality," Greene said Thursday. Plymouth Towne Center was planned as an upscale commercial center of 157,355 square feet, but only some 33,000 square feet have been built; the original developer lost the property in a fore-

closure during the economic downturn. Tenants now include a Leo's Coney Island, Grand Traverse Pie Co. and a Comcast Xfinity store. The current owner acquired the property from Fifth Third Bank in August 2012; the plan for an LA Fitness had been announced earlier in 2012, when the bank still owned the property.

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## Absentees surge in township, steady in city

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Prompted by a hot race for Wayne County executive – or maybe not – Plymouth Township's absentee voters are getting ballots in high numbers to have their say in the days before Tuesday's primary.

The number of absentee ballots issued in the township as of early Friday, 3,778, had already surpassed by more than 800 the total number of absentees issued for the 2010 Michigan gubernatorial primary. There were 2,618 returned ballots and Clerk Nancy Conzelman expected a lot more to come in by election day.

Yet Conzelman said it was unclear whether the increase meant more absentee voters are motivated by the election than were four years ago or whether more people are simply opting to vote absentee. "It's so easy to do now," she said. The three tax proposals on the ballot may also be motivating voters, she said.

One thing about the primary is clear: Many voters are splitting their ballots, which is a no-no in a closed primary, and the county executive race appears to be the reason. In heavily Democratic Wayne County, the contest is expected to be decided in the primary and incumbent Executive Robert Ficano has nine Democratic challengers and is trailing in the polls.

### Party-line primary

"There are an awful lot of people who would like to vote both sides of the ballot," Conzelman said. "People have expressed frustration at the fact that we have these (closed) party primaries in August."

In Plymouth, Clerk Linda Langmesser agreed. "We've had quite a few spoiled ballots," she said. Langmesser's office had issued 718 absentees as of early Friday afternoon and had received 480 back; she said those numbers were comparable to 2010's.

The absentees are not tabulated until Tuesday, so the clerks can't spot spoiled ballots, but people who've already cast absentee ballots sometimes realize they crossed party lines. Such a voter can go to the clerk's office in his or her community, have the ballot discarded and obtain a new one, which can be voted on the spot. (And must be vot-

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Political signs and a sign advertising house painting services stand at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth Township. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## EVERYWHERE A SIGN

Political signs, effective or not, dominate election season

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Back in 2000, former Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi was running against Republican Andrew "Rocky" Raczkowski, a young, vibrant Gulf War veteran who was heavily favored to win the state House 37th District seat.

Someone pointed out to Vagnozzi that Raczkowski had far more political signs scattered throughout the district, maybe as heavy as a 4-1 ratio, and wondered if that worried Vagnozzi.

Vagnozzi, who was 74 at the time, said it didn't matter, that "the only signs that count are the signs on voters' lawns." Turns out he may have known what he was talking

about; although the wily veteran lost that election, he then went on to serve three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Whether they're on lawns, street corners, in road rights-of-way or up high on billboards, political signs have long been a mainstay of election campaigns. Some corners can have a dozen or more, all within eyesight of passing motorists.

But are the signs effective? Opinions vary.

"They're important in that they assist (candidates) with name-recognition," said Carl Berry, a Republican strategist and former Plymouth Township police chief. "If a person is not known, yard signs become a tool to get their name recognized. Beyond that, they aren't that

effective."

### Cost of business

Whether they're effective or not, nearly all candidates use them, all part of the cost of business of getting elected. While various companies make political signs, local candidates said one of the biggest providers is Sawicki and Son, a family owned company that's been in the sign business for more than 50 years.

Owner John Sawicki was out of town and couldn't be reached for comment, but a posting on the company's website read, "Voter recognition, visibility, effect, impression and impact are all requirements for

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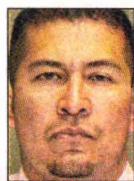
## Ex-teacher jailed over 'very graphic' emails

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A former teacher at East Middle School in Plymouth will spend a year in jail after pleading guilty to eight felony charges stemming from inappropriate conduct with a female student.

Sergio Alberto Garcia, 37, was sentenced July 24 to a year in the Wayne County Jail and five years' probation by Wayne County Circuit Judge James Chylinski. Garcia had pleaded guilty in June to four counts of accosting a child for immoral purposes and four counts of using a computer to commit a crime.

Garcia was fired by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in early 2013 after his online relationship with the girl, which included messages from Garcia that police said were of a sexual nature, came to light. With a search warrant, police seized two laptops and an iPad from Garcia's Novi home March 6, 2013 and investigators also used a warrant to obtain from Google copies of thousands of emails Garcia and the victim had sent each other.



Garcia

### Email flurry

The messages were exchanged between Jan. 1 and Feb. 28 of last year, said Plymouth Lt. Jamie Grabowski, the detective in charge of the case.

"They would get home from school at four (p.m.) and they'd be emailing each other until one o'clock in the morning," Grabowski said. The emailing would resume the next morning until they each left for school, he said. Most of the evidence in the case came from the email messages, he said.

Grabowski said there was no evidence of a physical rela-

tionship, but that emails indicate the two were "moving toward a physical relationship" at one point. He described some of the emails Garcia sent to the girl as "very graphic" and also said that Garcia had professed his love for the girl and his desire to one day marry her.

Also recovered during the investigation, the lieutenant said, were love notes Garcia had slipped into the girl's school locker. In addition, Garcia had given her one of his T-shirts, Grabowski said.

Investigators were not able to determine if there were any

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a winning campaign.”

Political signs can be expensive. Berry said a typical local campaign – township boards, city commissions, school boards, etc. – will put out “maybe 300 signs,” while a statewide campaign may use 600-1,000.

And a national campaign, like the one being waged between Republicans Kerry Bentivolio and David Trott for the Republican nomination in the U.S. House 11th District, could use as many as 6,000.

According to information on the Sawicki and Son website, the first 50 of the company’s smallest, one-color signs cost \$270; candidates who want two-color signs pay \$375 for the first 50 signs. And that’s just for the design and the first 50 signs. There’s obviously an additional cost not only for more signs, but for the wires on which they rest.



Some call political signs, like these at the southwest corner of Beck Road and Ann Arbor Trail, a “necessary evil” of the campaign season.

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### Necessary evil

Despite the cost, Eric Bacynski, who helped get Laura Cox elected to the Wayne County Commission and ran his own successful campaign for the Plymouth District Library Board, called lawn signs “a necessary evil.”

“I think the only real way they’d be effective is when

you see them on a neighbor’s lawn or when neighbors see them on your lawn,” Bacynski said. “If you don’t do them and everyone else does, it leaves the impression you’re not serious.”

Canton resident Frank Kelly agrees with that assessment. He has three signs on his lawn – for Republicans Kerry Bentivolio, Patrick Colbeck and Shannon Price –

and said he allowed them because he supports their positions.

“I’ve met all three men and I like what they stand for,” Kelly said.

And that, Berry said, is the most important thing: What candidates stand for.

“I get a kick out of watching everyone put up signs here, there and everywhere,” Berry said. “Name recognition is one of the key elements to a campaign, but a lot of voters, especially in our area, are educated voters. They’re looking for positions, so the information that comes in the mail is much more effective.”

“People complain about them, but mailers are important,” Berry added. “The war of yard signs is a war that makes no sense. The first 10-15 days a sign is up are reasonably important for name recognition. After that, you get what I call ‘sign pollution’ and people start ignoring them.”

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### Money sought

Greene, in an April motion, contended the planned LA Fitness is allowed under the consent judgment and asked Sullivan to compel the township to accept it. Greene also seeks to have the developer be reimbursed for around \$107,000 in consulting, engineering, architectural and legal fees and for more than \$14,000 in review and copying fees he said were paid to the township.

Reaume has said the LA Fitness plan would violate the consent judgment, but did not say exactly how, only that developers want “substantial changes” and to “dismantle the consent judgment.”

Reaume said the issue took up the bulk of Monday’s closed meeting; the other issues discussed, he said, were collective bargaining and one other outstanding court action.

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other victims, the lieutenant said.

### Turns self in

Felony charges were authorized in May, shortly after the Michigan State Police computer lab finished an analysis of Garcia’s computers. Garcia turned himself in May 6 and was released on bond and an electronic tether after being formally charged.

He was taken into custody immediately, though, after his July 24 sentencing. Chylinski also ordered Garcia to undergo counseling and to register as a sex offender, prohibited him from teaching and barred him from being employed where underage girls are present. Garcia was also assessed \$1,924 in fines and court costs and \$535 in restitution.

Garcia’s attorney, Mark Haidar, did not return phone calls Friday.

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ed on the spot Monday – absentee ballots cannot leave the clerks’ offices.)

Conzelman and Langmesser said voters sometimes realize they’ve crossed party lines when they talk to friends and neighbors about the election.

### Turnout forecast

In 2010, nearly 32 percent of township voters voted in the primary and Conzelman said the participation rate in Tuesday’s primary should be about the same. In Plymouth, turnout was about 20 percent four years ago and Langmesser said she expects participation this time around to be between 18 percent and 20 percent. There are about 22,300 registered voters in the township and about 7,500 in the city.

Polling places will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Township voters can find a list of precinct locations on the township website,

www.plymouthwp.org; the polling place for all four Plymouth precincts is at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

Voters in the Plymouths will see a number of contested and closely watched races on the ballot, as well as some races that aren’t contests at all.

In the 11th District race for the U.S. House of Representatives, businessman David Trott of Commerce Township is challenging incumbent Rep. Kerry Bentivolio of Milford on the Republican side. On the Democratic side, the contestants are Anil Kumar of Beverly Hills, Bobby McKenzie of Canton Township, Bill Roberts of Livonia and Nancy Skinner of Birmingham.

### Local hopefuls

The Republican primary for the Michigan Senate in the 7th District pits incumbent Sen. Patrick Colbeck of Canton against Matthew Edwards of Plymouth Township, the son of township Treasurer Ron Edwards. The winner will face Democrat Dian Slavens of Canton, who is unchal-

lenged in the primary, in November’s general election.

In the race for the state House of Representatives in the 20th District, on the other hand, both incumbent Republican Rep. Kurt Heise and Democrat Nate Smith-Tyge are unchallenged. They’ll face each other in November.

In the race for county executive, incumbent Ficano, of Livonia, faces a slew of Democratic challengers, including former county sheriff and Detroit police chief Warren Evans of Detroit, Westland Mayor William Wild, state Rep. Philip Cavanagh of Redford Township and county Commissioner Kevin McNamara of Belleville. The Republicans on the ballot are Fred Bolden of Detroit, John Dalton and Daniel Wenderlich, both of Livonia, and Adam Salam Adamski of the city of Wayne.

In the race for the local Wayne County Commission seat in the 10th District, incumbent Republican Shannon Price of Canton faces attorney Charles Clos of Plymouth Township. The winner will face Canton Democrat Milan

Peele, who has no primary opposition, in November.

### Uncontested

In the primary for governor, neither incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Snyder nor Democratic challenger Mark Schauer has an opponent. Nor do the presumptive nominees in the contest to replace retiring Democratic U.S. Sen Carl Levin, current Democratic U.S. Rep. Gary Peters and Republican former Michigan Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land.

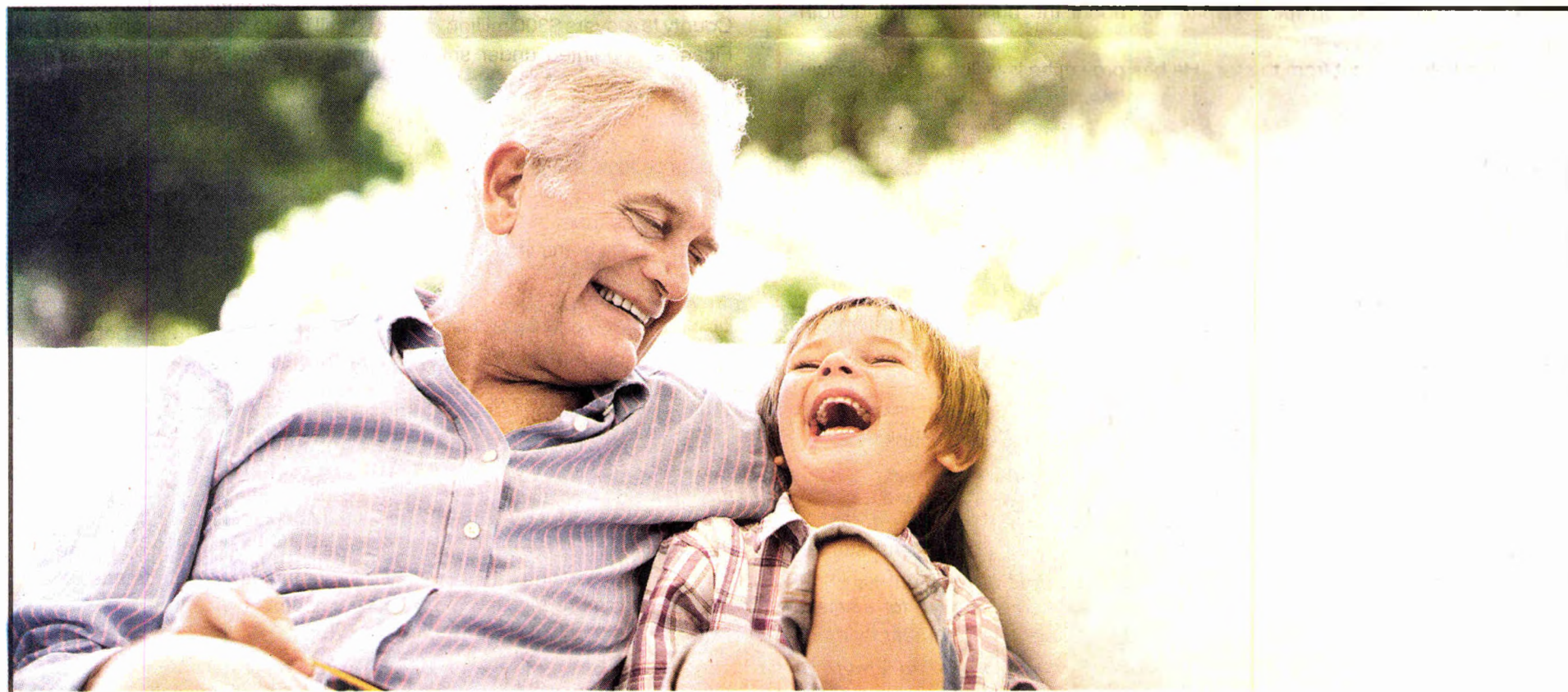
Voters will also decide three tax proposals Tuesday:

» Proposal 1, which would eliminate the personal property tax on businesses for items such as equipment and supplies.

» A 2-mill tax increase for Wayne County RESA, or Regional Educational Service Agency.

» An 18-mill non-homestead property tax renewal for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The tax does not apply to homeowners.

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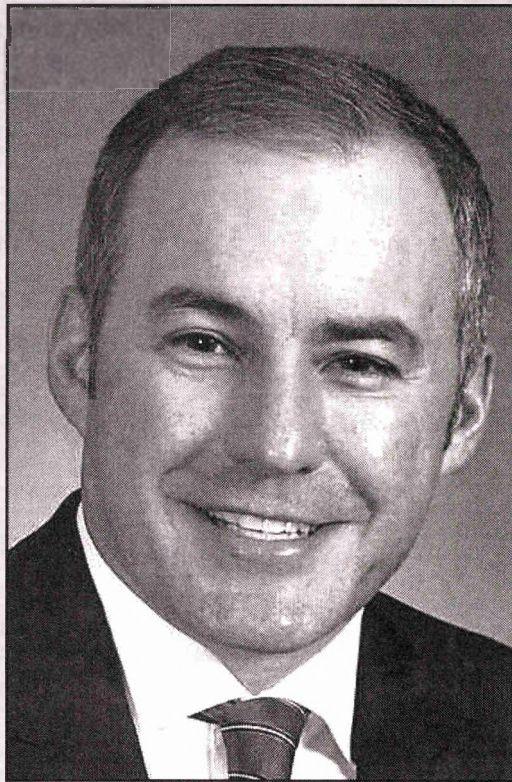
### Has a Plan for the FUTURE of Wayne County

*Bill Wild is proposing a  
PLAN of ACTION for  
Wayne County  
rather than just empty  
campaign slogans.*

Among his carefully considered and researched plans are:

#### ETHICS REFORM:

- A full-time, independent County Ethics Officer
- Online posting of all Wayne County Contracts
- Mandatory ethics training for all Wayne County employees
- Mandatory Public Hearings if any county official asks for removal of a member of the Ethics Board.



#### THE DEFICIT BUDGET:

- Wild wants to bring together the employees, the unions and the 43 communities in the county to work on collaboration, shared services and common goals.
- Wild will insist on full transparency about the budget, showing both expenses and revenues.
- Wild plans to cut from the top. He has proven he is willing to cut his own salary and benefits as he did as Mayor of Westland and have all department heads do the same to ease the burden on taxpayers and employees.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE:

- Wild will move more aggressively to work with state and federal leaders to identify appropriate resources for road repair and maintenance
- The decline of our roads, bridges, tunnels and other critical infrastructure is unacceptable and is blocking progress in economic development and job creation.
- We need major improvements, because under the current management, Wayne County is not getting the job done on Wayne County roads.

#### STAFFING:

- Wayne County government staffing and personnel has been a disaster for the taxpayers. Repeated scandals, high-ranking officials caught with their hands in the till and outrageous pension and compensation for a select few. Wild has a plan to change the employment environment, without political payoffs or cronyism. There are currently 187 Wayne County appointees while Oakland County has only 21.

- Wild is committed to diversity and will assemble a strong team that reflects the diversity of the county.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- Wild will hold the line on taxing residents and business owners and will maintain and nurture existing businesses.
- He has a plan to streamline the process for establishing a new business in Wayne County.
- Wild will work with the City of Detroit, the Detroit Regional Chamber, the Michigan Economic Development Corp. and the development departments in all 43 county communities to recruit new employers to the county.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Wild plans to balance the budget so that funds are available to pay for the much-needed public safety service residents pay for and deserve.
- Wild wants to reset the relationship with the Wayne County Prosecutor so the two can work cooperatively and for the same goal, serving the best interest of the public.

#### THE COUNTY JAIL:

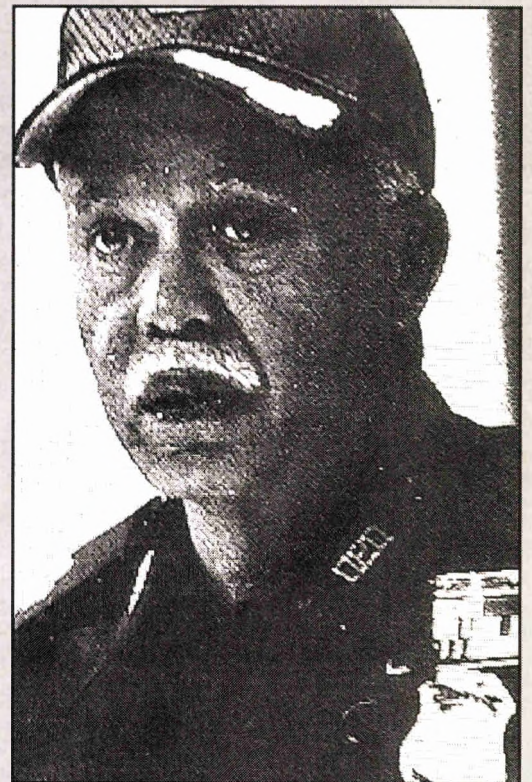
- Wild doesn't think Wayne County taxpayers can afford a new jail at the Mound Road site in light of the failed \$300 million failed jail of the current executive and his high-paid "consultant" Warren Evans. Wild plans to investigate the sale of the site and other county properties in an effort to quell the \$175 million county deficit and perhaps finance needed improvements at the current jail and 36<sup>th</sup> District Court.

## Warren Evans

### Has a PAST of Failure and Mismanagement

#### ETHICS:

- Evans was forced to resign as Detroit Police Chief in 2010 when his inappropriate sexual relationship with a young female officer was exposed.
- He arranged and was part of the reality TV show he thought would promote his own career and generate personal publicity for him. Evans reportedly shopped a reality TV called "The Chief" in which cameras would follow him and other officers on dangerous calls. When a 7-year-old child was killed during the dangerous police operation, he defended having the film crew on site, which he arranged in direct violation of an order from the mayor. In a TV interview about the death of the girl, he said "When you're dead, you're dead."



#### BUDGET:

- Warren Evans was appointed by his long-time friend Bob Ficano as a highly-paid consultant for the failed Wayne County Jail project that cost Wayne County taxpayers \$300 million, a bill that still has to be paid. Evans was Bob Ficano's appointed under sheriff while Ficano was Sheriff, acted as his 'consultant' and was a highly-paid Ficano appointee. He has offered no plan to reduce the deficit the county is facing.

- Evans collects a \$72,800-a-year pension from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and did so while he made \$128,000 a year as Sheriff. Now he wants to add the Wayne County Executive's annual pay of \$171,690 to that to support his home in Washtenaw County and his horse farm in Anderson County South Carolina.

- His candidacy for election is being challenged in court as he did not change his residency from Washtenaw County Township to Detroit until the day before the filing deadline.

- While he was Sheriff, his department was consistently over budget.

#### STAFFING:

While Detroit Police Chief, the department was under investigation by the FBI and federal oversight due to poor management and failure to ensure that officers were properly trained and supervised.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE:

Evans claims he will "fix the county roads" but he does not say how or offer a plan.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Evans has no record of job creation or economic development but a strong history of neighborhood destruction as he and the "Gang Squad" from the Detroit Police Department walked the streets of the city prompting multiple complaints from residents. After his "resignation" the squad was drastically reduced. (The Detroit News)

#### PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Evans first resigned from his appointed position as under sheriff.
- He then abruptly resigned as Wayne County Sheriff.
- He was asked by the mayor to resign as Detroit Police Chief when his sexual relationship with a young female officer was revealed.
- His direct involvement in a TV reality show featuring the Detroit SWAT team resulted in the death of an innocent 7-year-old girl.
- While he was Sheriff, he owned a bar in Detroit and was \$16,080 in arrears on property taxes.
- When he was the under sheriff in Wayne County he and his brother had the no-bid phone contract with Ameritech at the County Jail. Every time a prisoner made a \$3 phone call, they collected a 15% fee which totaled about \$315,000 a year.

#### THE COUNTY JAIL:

- Evans was the highly-paid consultant hired by current Executive Bob Ficano to help plan and oversee the construction of the new jail which is \$300 million over budget and will eventually cost taxpayers more than \$500 million.

## Charters earn top honors

National Heritage Academies honored its top performing schools, including two in Canton, during the 14th annual Eagle Awards ceremony.

Achieve Charter Academy and Canton Charter Academy earned an Eagle Award for Schools of Excellence, which means the schools had superior performance in academic achievement and full enrollment for the 2012-13 school year.

This award is a new category this year, but is similar to the coveted School of the Year award that Achieve won in 2012.

"We are proud to receive this top honor," Achieve Principal Jennifer Conley said.

"Our teachers are committed to academic excellence and our students have the drive to reach for their full potential."

Along with Schools of Excellence, NHA rewards schools in other areas including: Academic Growth,

First Year Teacher Effectiveness, Employee Engagement, Parent Satisfaction and Student Attendance.

Both schools brought home the Eagle Award for Academic Growth, meaning students are at or above the 90th percentile for blended fall to spring and spring to spring growth on the Northwest Evaluation Association assessment in grades kindergarten through eighth.

"This award recognizes the hard work and dedication of our students and teachers," Canton Principal Janelle Magyar said. "Our goal is for every one of our students to be on the college-bound path when they enter high school."

Canton Charter Academy earned five Eagle Awards total. Along with Schools of Excellence and Academic Growth, it also earned honors for Employee Engagement, Parent Satisfaction and Student Attendance.

### Salem High School gets new principal

Kimberly Villarosa, who has spent her entire educational career at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, has been named principal of Salem High School.



Villarosa

Villarosa replaces Nancy Laws, who was appointed one of four regional directors when the district shuffled its

administration last month.

Villarosa started her educational career at Canton High School in 1995 as a business education teacher and taught until 2007. As a teacher, she served on the committee that designed Plymouth High School, developed and implemented three advanced computer courses and designed and led staff development.

In 2007, she was named assistant principal at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in Canton, a post she has

### SCHOOL BRIEFS

held until her promotion to Salem principal.

Villarosa has her bachelor's degree in business education from Eastern Michigan University and a master's of business administration degree from Wayne State University.

#### P-CCS booth

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is headed to the county fair all next week.

For what might be the first time ever, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will have a booth at the Wayne Coun-

ty Fair, which runs from Tuesday, Aug. 5, through Saturday, Aug. 9.

The booth will be staffed by P-CCS volunteers. Not only will the booth have information about P-CCS programs, but it also will feature a kid's "Honey Bear Pond," where kids pick a rubber bear and win prizes.

The P-CCS fair booth will be open 2-10 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (Aug. 5-7) and 1-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday (Aug. 8-9). The Wayne County Fairgrounds are at 10871 Quirk, in Belleville.

## Canton girl wins Kohl's scholarship

Kohl's Department Stores announced that Anna Sun of Canton is one of 10 national Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program winners, each receiving a total of \$10,000 in scholarships for higher education.

In addition to recognizing Anna for outstanding efforts through volunteerism, Kohl's will also donate \$1,000 to the nonprofit organization of Anna's choice.

"Kohl's is thrilled to recognize Anna Sun as one of 10 national win-

ners of the Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program and we applaud her for the time, energy and passion she has devoted to helping others and making a difference," said Bevin Bailis, Kohl's senior vice president, communications and public relations.



Anna Sun

As an accomplished violinist, Anna, 12, want-

ed to share her love of music with others. When she learned students at a nearby school didn't have access to stringed instruments for their orchestra program, Anna was inspired to start The Little Stars Foundation, a nonprofit committed to youth music education.

Together with local high school music teachers, Anna created free violin workshops for more than 20 elementary students.

While most of the students had never

played before, by the end of the four-week program, all were able to play songs.

In addition, over the past year, Anna has played her violin at local festivals and book stores and raised more than \$1,500 to purchase five violins for children who could not afford them.

Since the program began in 2001, Kohl's has recognized more than 22,000 kids, including the 2014 winners, with more than \$4.3 million in scholarships and prizes.

### ON CAMPUS

#### Trine University

Kyle Livingstone of Canton and Veronica Livingstone of Plymouth have been named to the Trine University president's list for the spring 2014 semester.

Kyle Livingstone is a junior majoring in electrical engineering. Veronica Livingstone is a senior majoring in forensic science.

To be named to the president's list, a student must have at least a 3.75

grade-point average on a 4.0 scale and carry at least 15 credit hours.

#### Saint Mary's College

Saint Mary's College named Sarah Lipinski of Canton to the dean's list for the spring 2014 semester.

Lipinski is the daughter of Paul and Jennifer Lipinski of Canton.

To earn academic honors, a student must achieve a grade-point average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have at least

12 graded credit hours, no incompletes and no grades lower than a C.

#### Austin Peay

Austin Peay State University announced that Michael Hoover of Canton has been awarded the APSU Provost's Out-of-State Scholarship.

Academic scholarships to APSU, located in Clarksville, Tenn., are awarded for scholarly achievement, high class rank and qualifying scores on national as-

essment testing.

#### Lawrence Tech

Eight Canton students and six from Plymouth were among the graduates at Lawrence Technological University's 82nd commencement exercises at Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Lawrence Tech's class of 2014 included some 900 graduates. About 5,000 students, their families and guests attended the event.

Canton students (and

their degrees) included **Nellaiappan Balakrishnan** (master's degree in information systems); **Eric Faust** (master's in computer science); **Patrick Fsadni** (master of business administration); **Bhavika Patel** (bachelor's in biomedical engineering); **Parth Rashmikant Patel** (master's in industrial engineering); **Niravkumar Patel** (master's in mechanical engineering); **John Petersen** (bachelor's in information technology);

and **Hollie Wall** (bachelor's in civil engineering).

Plymouth students included **Russell Burns** (master of business administration); **Ryan Daniels** (bachelor's in physics); **Daniel Feria** (bachelor's in information technology); **Michael Roby** (bachelor's in architecture); **Shannon Adams** (GR certificate in project management); and **Erin Lixie** (bachelor's in mathematics and computer science).

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## Forum on border issues held in Livonia

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Plymouth resident Caryle Schober wants to learn more about what's happening with immigration issues in the United States.

"I want to know what's going on," she said. "We do a lot of investigating of what's going on up in Washington and we're very dissatisfied."

Schober, along with about 100 others, sat through a forum done by U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio's office Thursday night at Livonia City Hall. The forum touched on several issues surrounding the influx of unaccompanied children who are entering the U.S. from several Central American nations.

Bentivolio, R-Milford, is running against challenger Dave Trott from Birmingham in the primary election Tuesday in the 11th Congressional District. Bentivolio was not in attendance at the forum, but appeared via video from his Washington office.

He said the issue is



Jason Anderson, a border patrol agent, speaks during a forum Thursday night at Livonia City Hall held by the office of U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford. DAVID VESELENAK

one of concern and that many youth in the nation do face violence regularly.

Bentivolio, who went on a trip to several Central American nations last month, came back and shared his experiences, many of which shed light on the nations and their problems.

"They're coming from a culture of violence," he said. "They live in that environment."

He said while many immigrants do attempt to come into the country through the proper means, many do not. And when these children come in, it's a major cul-

tural shift to what they're accustomed to.

"A lot of those people are trying to get here for the right reasons," he said. "There's no real rule of law there. It's gang-controlled. When they come to this country, that's how they're going to react to certain situations."

About 100 unaccompanied children are expected to arrive in Michigan this month to centers in Farmington Hills and Bay City as the federal government figures out what to do with them.

Schober, who said she's seen firsthand the issues of trying to bring family back to the country, said she wanted to come and demonstrate there are people interested in this issue as it is reported across the country.

"We wanted to make our presence known and that we care and are we interested and we want to show up so you see there are people who are concerned about all the immigration that is happening that shouldn't be," she said.

## Six file for four W-W school board seats

Three incumbents are among the six candidates who have filed petitions for the Wayne-Westland school board election in November.

Three six-year terms and a two-year partial term will be filled in the election.

Current school board President Shana Walker of Westland, board Secretary Carol Middel of Canton and newcomers Tom Froreich of Westland and Melandie Hines of Westland will vie for the three full terms.

Appointed incumbent Charles "Trav" Griffin of Westland and Adam Salam Adamski (the candidate former-

ly known as Mario Fundarski) are seeking the partial term, which runs from Nov. 4, 2014, to Dec. 31, 2016.

Walker was appointed to the board in 2008 and was successful in her bid for election in 2009.

Middel also is completing her first term on the board after winning in 2009.

Griffin has been on the school board since September 2012, when he was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Andrea Clawson. He is a former Westland mayor and city councilman, teacher and Michigan Education Association UniServ director. Ad-

amski is making his first bid for a seat on the Wayne-Westland school board; however, he is no newcomer to elections. Since 2004, he has been a candidate for numerous national, state and local offices, including school board races in Novi and Dearborn. He currently is a candidate for Wayne County executive in the Democratic primary.

Five people filed for three six-year seats on the Schoolcraft College board. They are incumbents Brian Broderick, board chair; Joan Gebhardt, treasurer; and Terry Gilligan, trustee; plus challengers Robert Breslin and Howard Petty.

## United Way hosts Shop for a Cause event

Plymouth Community United Way is partnering with Macy's for the retailer's ninth annual Shop for a Cause charity shopping event Saturday, Aug. 23.

Customers can purchase \$5 shopping passes from the local United Way serving Plymouth, Canton and western Wayne County. All proceeds from pass sales remain in the community to support programs within the focus areas of basic needs, education and stability.

Customers can use the pass in every Macy's store for a 25-percent discount on regular, sale and clearance merchandise, including designer

brands, as well as 10 percent off electronics, furniture, mattresses and area rugs Aug. 23. They will also be eligible to win a \$500 gift card, no purchase necessary.

Over the last eight years, Shop for a Cause has raised more than \$44 million for local and national charities.

"We appreciate the continuing support of Macy's, as well as their employees who live in our community," said Marie Morrow, PCUW president. "They demonstrate our 'Live United' philosophy."

PCUW has been supporting the community since 1944 by funding programs for homeless

veterans, shelter and counseling for domestic violence victims and their families, senior bus transportation, housing for the developmentally disabled, emergency food, rent and utility assistance and many others.

For more information, visit [www.plymouthunitedway.org](http://www.plymouthunitedway.org).

To purchase shopping passes, call 734-453-6879, ext. 7, send email to [randi.williams@pcuw.org](mailto:randi.williams@pcuw.org) or drop by the PCUW office at 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, in Plymouth. PCUW will also be selling passes Friday evenings at Music in the Air in Kellogg Park at its refreshment tent.

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# Sheriff's office offers free pre-hire physical ability test

The Wayne County Sheriff's Office will offer a pre-hire physical abilities test from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 16, for men and women interested in working as officers in the county jails. The test, which is normally \$50, will be free that day and takes place at Cass Tech High School, 2501 Second Ave., in Detroit.

Those who pass the physical test will have the option that day of taking required written tests and submitting a job application to expedite the hiring process.

The sheriff's office has more than 75 vacant officer positions in the jails.

New hires are paid a salary of \$28,284, a

\$1,200 annual retention bonus, health care and other benefits.

Individuals who have met all of the necessary conditions may be eligible for Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards certification/licensure after hire.

Included on the test, which must be completed within five minutes, 35 seconds:

» Carrying a 40-pound weight a distance of 100 feet.

» Climbing up and down a four-step staircase 15 times.

» Running about 330 feet around six cones.

» Dragging a 165-pound dummy 45 feet.

Test applicants must be at least 18 years of age and bring a driv-

er's license. A signed note from their doctor approving participation must also be presented at testing (a health screening form available at [www.sheriffconnect.com](http://www.sheriffconnect.com)).

In addition to successful completion of the physical test, applicants for officer positions in the Wayne County Jails must have a high school diploma or GED and be qualified to obtain a concealed pistol license. Those with felony convictions will not be considered.

More information about the job openings can be found at [www.sheriffconnect.com](http://www.sheriffconnect.com) or [waynecounty.com/phr/jobpostings.htm](http://waynecounty.com/phr/jobpostings.htm) or by calling 313-224-5901.

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### HEALING HEARTS

**Date/Time:** Thursday, Aug. 7, 10:30 a.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth

**Details:** Author Ron Gries will share his thoughts about the loss of his wife. His message is encouraging, uplifting and filled with hope. Program is sponsored by Hospice of Michigan.

**Contact:** RSVP to 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

### GARAGE SALE

**Date/Time:** Friday, Aug. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts a rummage sale to support its senior group, "Older N Wiser." Rent a table or space and sell your own stuff for \$20.

**Contact:** Call the Salvation Army, 734-453-5464, ext. 24.

### LUNCH AND LEARN

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to noon

**Location:** Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 Haggerty in Plymouth.

**Details:** Dr. James Gregg, president and founder of Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers and Michigan Disc & Spine, a noted and national speaker on health and wellness issues, will present his timely and relevant senior based seminar "No Need To Live With Pain." He will follow up with a Q&A session. His team will provide individual, painless and non-invasive computerized health screenings that will immediately detail any current health issues. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers.

**Contact:** RSVP is required by calling 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

### CRAFT BAZAAR

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 6.

**Location:** Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** The Plymouth Historical Museum is accepting applications for its annual Juried Craft Bazaar. Applicants are required to submit three or four photos of craft items for judges to select participants as there is a limit of crafters to five per category. Table rentals are \$30 each and most are 8 feet wide, although there are some space variations available. The museum is offering free admission that day for both museum patrons and Craft Bazaar shoppers. Crafters are requested to donate an item for the museum's raffle. The application is available at [http://www.plymouthhistory.org/cm/dpl/downloads/events/117/craft\\_show.pdf](http://www.plymouthhistory.org/cm/dpl/downloads/events/117/craft_show.pdf).



Responders jump

Sky Zone Canton ([www.skyzone.com](http://www.skyzone.com)) will offer free one-hour jumps for police officers, fire fighters, EMS employees and their families to show appreciation for their hard work and dedication to the community from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5. In addition to free jumps at Sky Zone, Jet's Pizza will also be at the event to donate pizza to all service members. Sky Zone Canton is located at 42550 Executive Drive.

**Contact:** Call the museum, 734-455-8940.

### CROP WALK MEETING

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, Aug. 13, 7 p.m.

**Location:** Living Peace Church, 684 Deer St., Plymouth

**Details:** All area churches, temples and mosques in Canton and Plymouth are invited to send a representative to this meeting regarding the CROP walk to be held Sunday, Oct. 12, in Plymouth. CROP Hunger walks bring the whole community together in a common mission: helping hungry people at home and around the world.

**Contact:** For more information contact Gary or Becky Copenhaver at [bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com](mailto:bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com) or 734-981-6023.

### MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING

**Date/Time:** Aug. 6, 1-3 p.m.

**Location:** United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste. 250, Canton

**Details:** United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor who will help you understand: Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare, plan options, assistance programs, drug insurance, and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting. Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also provided.

**Contact:** Heather Pinage, 734-727-2063. Specify you are requesting an appointment for the

United Home Health location. For MMAP information visit [www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html](http://www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html)

### FALL FEST CRAFTERS

**Date/Time:** Craft show is during Plymouth Fall Festival, Sept. 5-7

**Location:** Downtown Plymouth  
**Details:** It's not too late to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. Only a few spots remain for talented crafters. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at [www.plymouth-fallfestival.com](http://www.plymouth-fallfestival.com).

**Contact:** For more information, contact Colleen Brown at [craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com](mailto:craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com).

### RAFTERS NEEDED

**Date/Time:** Oct. 18

**Location:** West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

**Details:** The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual Juried Craft Show. Proceeds from the show provide scholarships for young people who are pursuing a career in education and mini-grants for educators in the district.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Debbie Cortellini at [debccortellini@comcast.net](mailto:debccortellini@comcast.net) or 734-451-1525.

### BNI MEETING

**Date/Time:** Each Thursday, 7-8:30 a.m.

**Location:** Red Olive Restaurant, 1051 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** The BNI Northville-The \$1 million Referral Chapter meets every Thursday morning.

**Contact:** For more information, visit [www.NorthvilleBNI.com](http://www.NorthvilleBNI.com).

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Christian Daniels and Juan Carlos Feraro (front) of Westland are congratulated for winning in the WRO-USA open category by LTU computer science professor C.J. Chung (left), the WRO-USA national organizer, and Thomas Goulding, chair of LTU's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

## Local team wins first World Robot Olympiad event in Michigan

Two Westland youths came away winners of the first World Robot Olympiad USA state tournament in Michigan, organized by Lawrence Technological University and held July 26-27 at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn as part of Maker Faire Detroit.

Christian Daniels and Juan Carlos Feraro, who competed as the Martians, won first place in the open category and advanced to the U.S. finals to be held Sept. 27 at LTU in Southfield.

This year's WRO open category theme is "Robots and Space." The task is to create autonomous robots to assist human-kind in solving tasks in space.

At the Maker Faire Detroit, eight teams in the open category showed off their creative robotics projects related to space exploration. Daniels and Feraro won with the two robots they designed to collect soil samples on Mars.

WRO is a global LEGO Robotics competition that was started in Singa-

pore in 2004. Each participating country has its own competition and the winning teams from each country are invited to attend the World Robot Olympiad to compete for gold, silver and bronze medals. In the process, competitors gain new understanding of science, technology, engineering and math - the STEM subjects.

The United States has not participated in the past, but this year LTU computer science professor C.J. Chung was appointed as the U.S. national organizer. Chung is the founder of Robofest, another international competition that makes it fun to learn about robots and STEM subjects.

"This is an event that brings young people from all over the world together. Teams of youngsters get the opportunity to learn more about STEM and develop their creative and problem-solving skills through various robotics challenges," Chung said.

This year, nearly 20,000 teams from 49

countries are participating in the WRO. Each participating country has its own competition and the best teams from each country will compete in the world finals, to be held in November in the Olympic city of Sochi, Russia.

WRO-USA will be coordinated by the Robofest office (www.robofest.net) at LTU. The other WRO-USA tournaments will be held in California, Illinois, New York, Oregon, Texas and Washington state.

There is still time to organize a WRO team to qualify to compete in the state finals Sept. 27. An informational meeting and a "Rocket" game workshop will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, in room M218 of the Buell Management Building on the LTU campus. For information, contact robofest@LTU.edu.

Another Michigan preliminary tournament will be held Sept. 6 at the Cranbrook Schools. Go to www.wroboto.us to register a team.

# Uptown Players host auditions

The Plymouth Community Arts Council announces auditions for The Plymouth Uptown Players Youth Theatre 2014 fall season.

The open call will be 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Youth ages 5-13, kindergarten through eighth grade, will be asked to read a short monologue for returning director Amanda Ewing from Tipping Point Theatre. The piece may be memorized or read from printed notes.

The program costs \$160 per actor for the season, with a current PCAC student member-

ship required (\$30 per year). Actors may pre-register online or by phone or in-person the day of auditions or pre-register by calling the PCAC during office hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. PUPS rehearsals will be 1-5 p.m. each Sunday, with specific times assigned by the director after auditions.

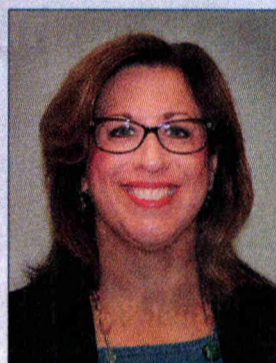
Performances for the 2014 fall season will be at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, and at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13. Performances are held on stage at The Tipping Point Theatre in downtown Northville. Actors must commit to being available for both per-

formance dates.

The Plymouth Uptown Players is an experimental theater group that is made up of elementary and middle school children. Each season, children are invited to participate in open auditions. The program is a cooperative effort between the Plymouth Community Arts Council and Tipping Point Theatre. All children who audition will receive a part.

Complete information and audition packets will be available at the PCAC office and on the website at www.plymoutharts.com under Programs/Plymouth Uptown Players.

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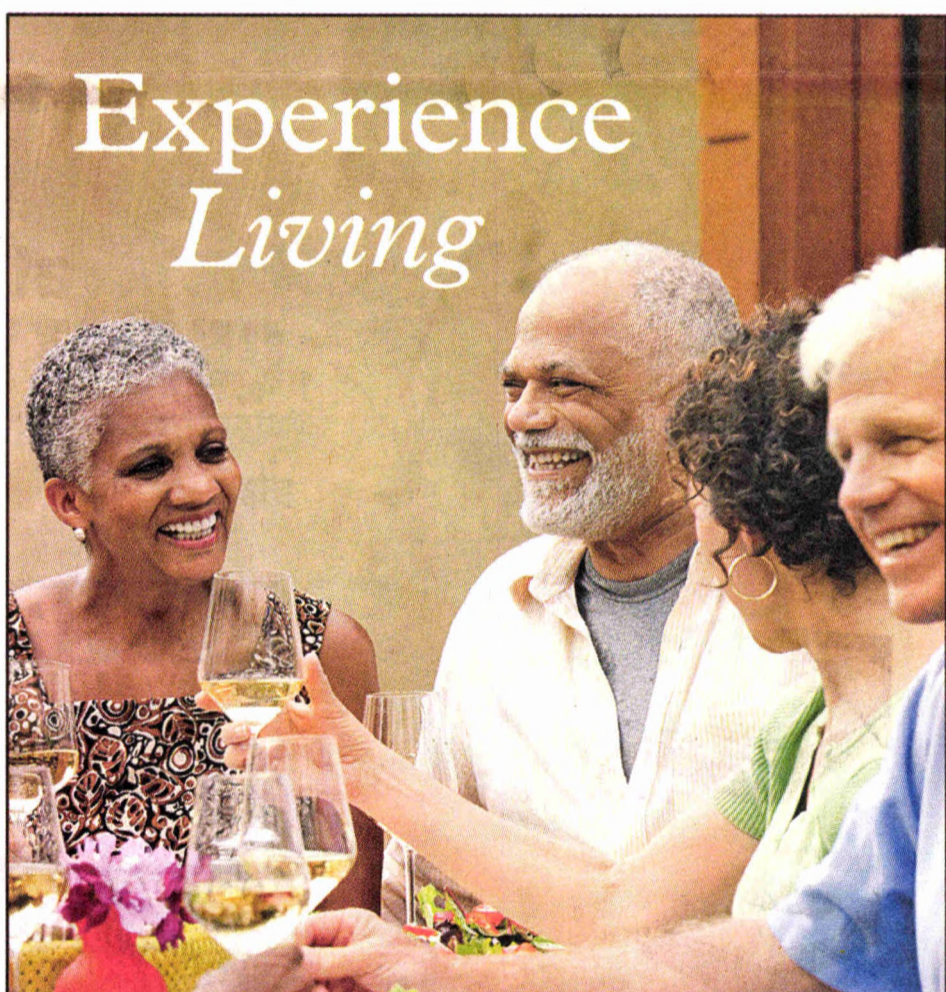
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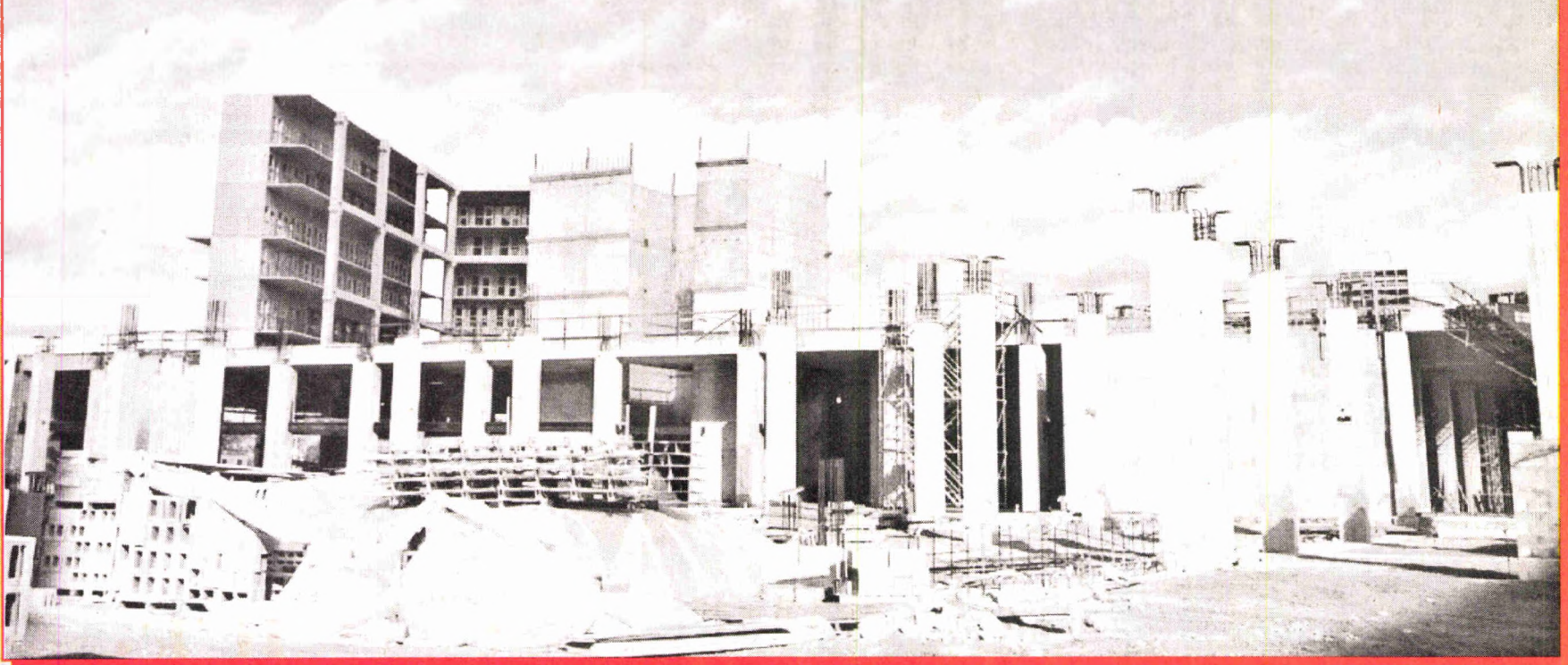
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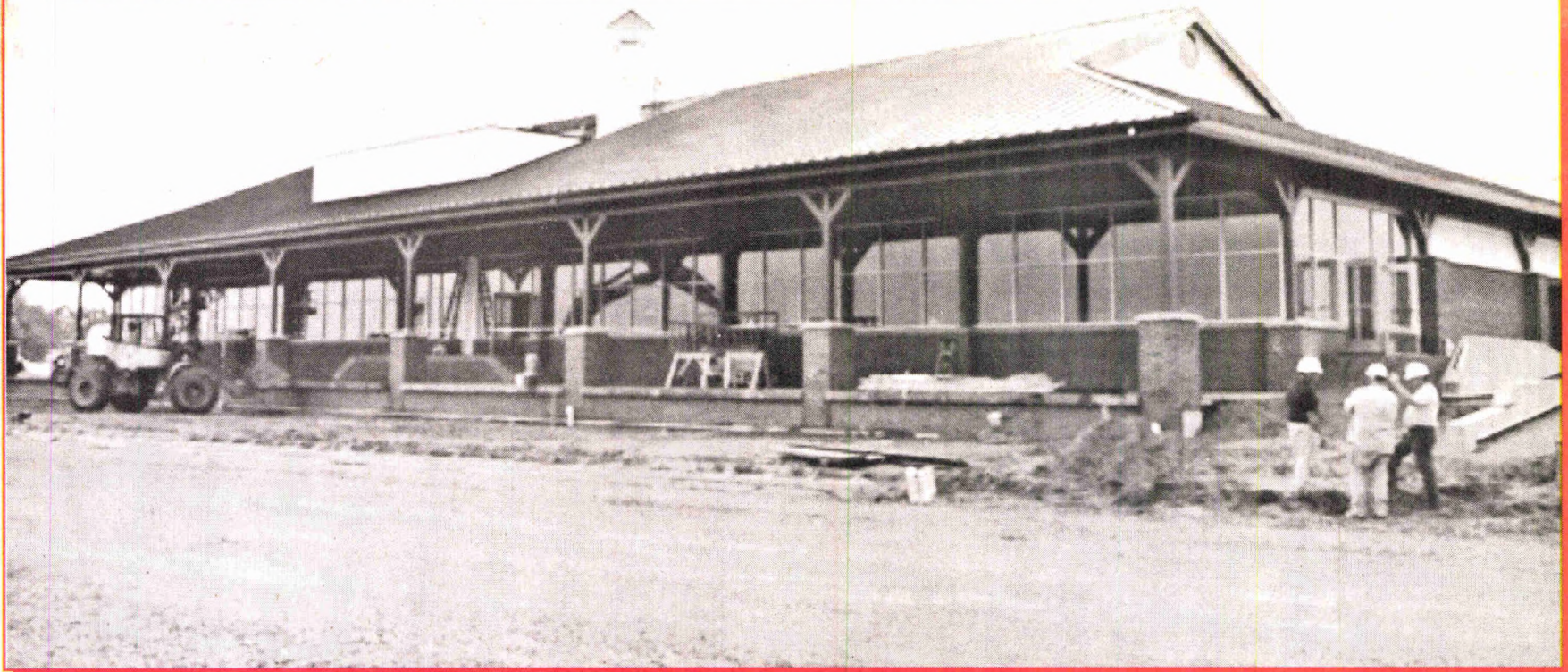


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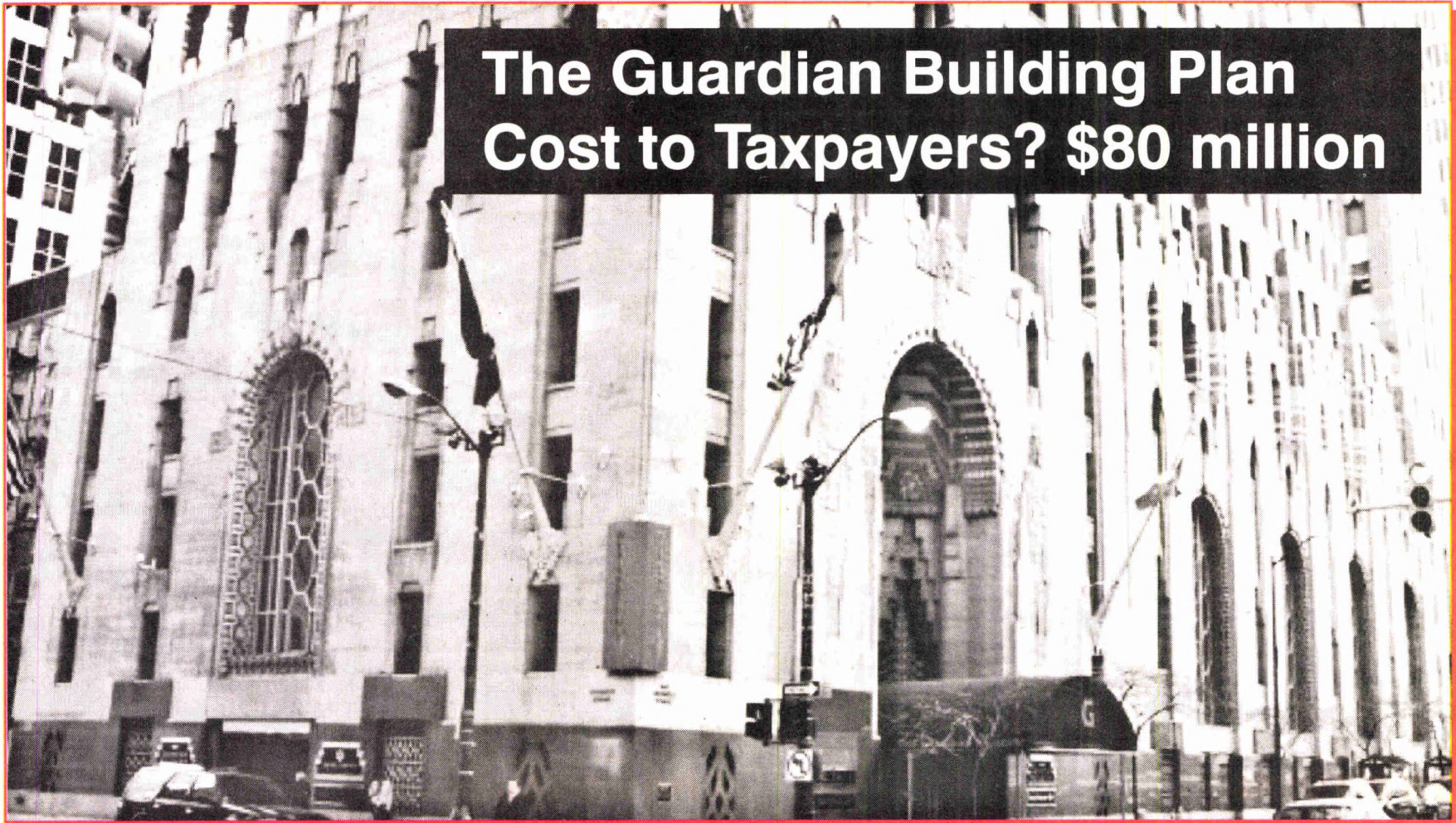
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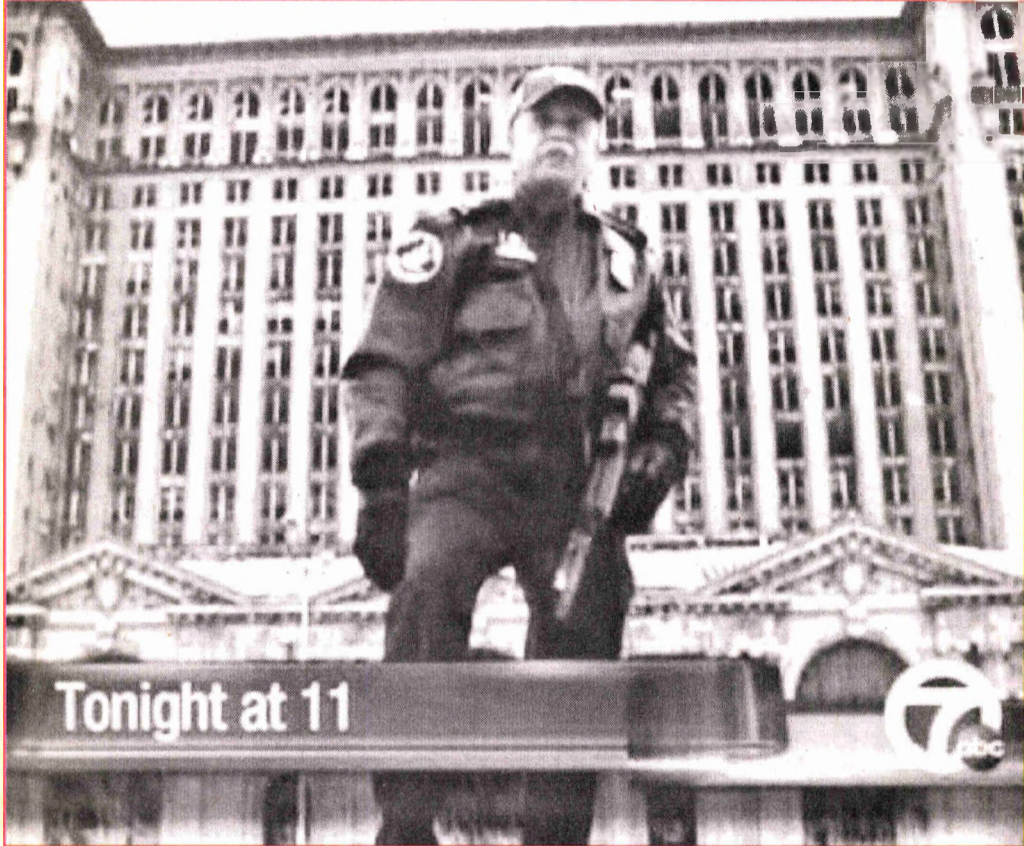


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Warren Evans collects a \$72,800-a-year pension from the Wayne County Sheriffs Department and did so while he also made \$128,000 a year as Sheriff. Now he wants to add the Wayne County Executive's annual pay of \$171,690 to that yearly income to support his home in Washtenaw County and his horse farm in Anderson County, South Carolina.

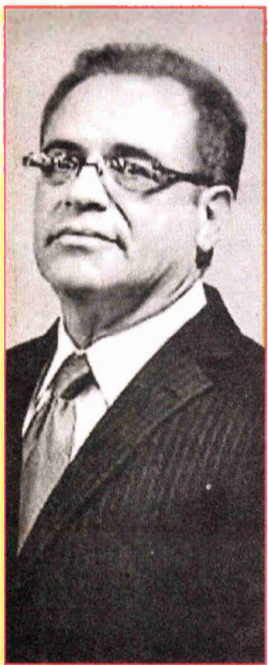
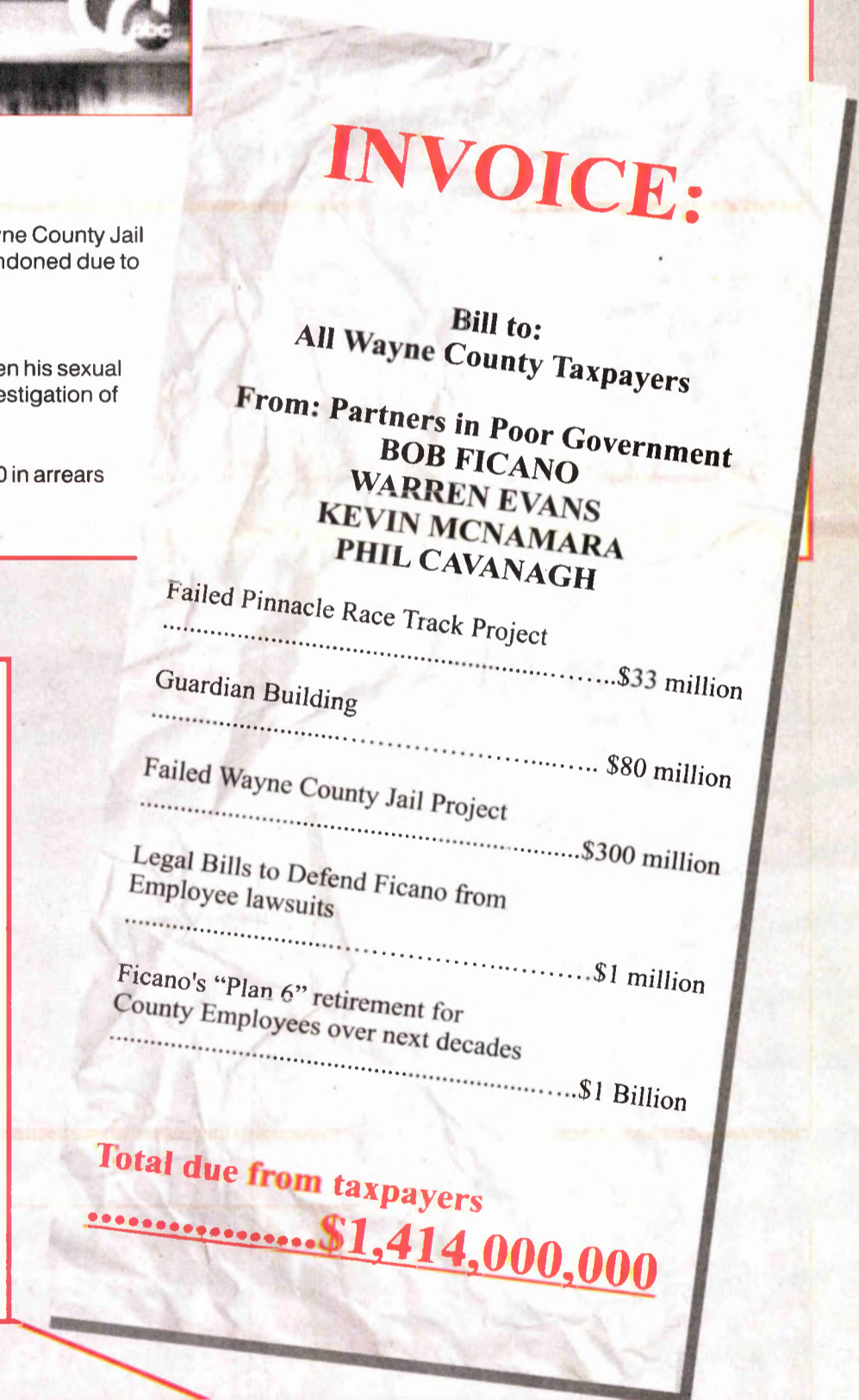
Warren Evans was Ficano's appointed under sheriff in Wayne County. Then Ficano appointed his crony, Evans, as Sheriff, a job he abruptly resigned. Then Evans became Detroit Police Chief, a job he also resigned amid a sex scandal.

Warren Evans' candidacy for election is being challenged in court. He changed his residency address to Detroit from his "farm" in Washtenaw County only one day before the candidate filing deadline, a clear violation of state law which requires any candidate to be a qualified elector in the city for 30 days.

Warren Evans was Ficano's highly-paid "consultant" on the new Wayne County Jail that went \$300 million over budget and still stands half-built and abandoned due to cost overruns.

Warren Evans was forced to resign as Detroit Police Chief in 2010 when his sexual relationship with a young, female officer was exposed during an investigation of the department.

Warren Evans owned a bar while Detroit Police Chief and was \$16,080 in arrears on property taxes.



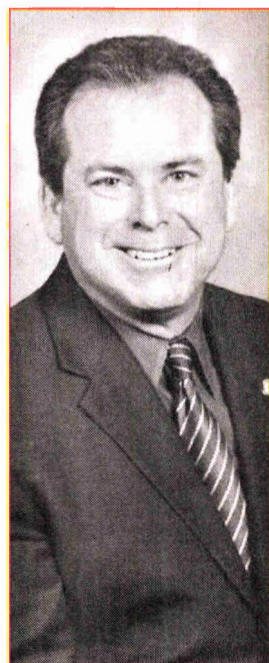
**BOB FICANO**

- Ficano's administration is currently under FBI investigation for corruption
- Several former staff members have pleaded guilty to charges of bribery and extortion
- Failed Wayne County Jail project went \$300 million over budget and had to be cancelled
- Chronic budget deficit is currently at \$175 million in Wayne County
- Ficano's plan for debt elimination has been rejected by the state
- Crime in Detroit is at 396 instances per square mile compared to an average of 36 statewide
- Failed Pinnacle Race Track cost county taxpayers \$33 million
- Ficano's Guardian Building plan cost taxpayers more than \$80 million.
- Ficano's legal bills have cost county taxpayers more than \$1 million



**KEVIN MCNAMARA**

- McNamara is part of Ficano's failed administration, voting with Ficano 75% of the time he served on the Wayne County Commission
- McNamara voted FOR the Pinnacle Race Track, costing county taxpayers \$33 million
- McNamara voted FOR the failed jail project, costing county taxpayers \$300 million
- McNamara supported and voted for a new pension plan for himself and other county commissioners
- As a county commissioner, he voted for the \$80 million spent on the Guardian Building
- He voted to spend more than \$1 million in county funds to help Ficano defend himself against multiple lawsuits
- Voted to approve a \$100,000 contract for former Wayne County Commissioner Keith Williams despite deficit county budget



**PHIL CAVANAGH**

- While on the Wayne County Commission, Cavanagh voted to approve the appointment of top Ficano aide Azzam Elder, target of Federal corruption investigations, to high-level county positions
- Cavanagh was a strong supporter of the Pinnacle Race Track, approving \$450,000 for legal services, \$106,000 to demolish area properties
- Missed the vote for funding Head Start in Detroit
- Missed the vote to authorize funding for training of deputy sheriffs
- Missed the vote to provide internet access to public records
- Approved the appointments of Christine Beatty and Derrick Miller, major players in the Kwame Kilpatrick scandal, to the Detroit-Wayne County Stadium Authority
- Cavanagh supported Ficano's plan to spend \$80 million of taxpayers' money on the Guardian Building purchase and renovation

# International Peace Run makes stop in Westland

Torch being carried for 10,000 miles

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

The peace movement came to Westland last week, but few people noticed.

There was no police escort, no cheering crowd, just Yatkara Aleksapolskyy from Donetsk, Ukraine, running on the sidewalk along Ford Road. Followed by an escort vehicle, driven by Salil Wilson, Aleksapolskyy was covering a distance of two to three miles before passing the torch he carried to another runner.

An international team of 12 runners is participating in the North American Oneness-Home Peace Run, carrying the Olympic-style torch on a 10,000-mile journey that started April 15 in New York City. The runners have been covering 80-100 miles a day on a trek through the United States, Canada and Mexico that will end Aug. 15 in New York.

"We keep changing runners," said Mahasatya Janczak, who joined the run in Santa Fe, N.M. "Some do it for a few weeks, some longer. I'll run all the way to New York."

### Vision of peace

The inspiration for the run, which is also taking place in Europe and Asia, is late peace visionary Sri Chinmoy, who dedicated his life to the pursuit of the ideal of world friendship and oneness. Sri Chinmoy saw sports as a powerful instrument for promoting world harmony. Volunteers all over the world are carrying on his vision by taking the torch to communities on six continents.

Janczak has done some running in the United Kingdom and France. His first encounter with the peace run was in 2005 in his native Poland and "now I try to do it every year."

Wilson participated in his first peace run in 1987 in Australia and was hooked. He moved to the United States in 1990 and has been associated with the run since then. In

2005, he became the executive director of the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run.

Janczak and Wilson stopped at Westland City Hall, where they were welcomed by Mayor William Wild. This is the second time the relay has come through the city. The last time was in 2012.

"The last time all the runners were here," Wild said. "This time they're staging it with the next runner waiting a mile down the road."

The run has three relief vehicles, a motor home and two vans. The group has stayed in hotels and has camped out, mostly in traversing portions of Canada. A coordinator organizes events along the way, so the miles covered each day varies. The group has visited schools and camps to share Chinmoy's vision.

"It's been great every step of the way," Wilson said. "We have found that people have a yearning for peace and the torch brings that out in them. It's a celebration of language and culture people get caught up in, but underneath there is the global family looking wanting peace."

### International team

The two men presented Wild with a peace run certificate, signed by the participants who hail from Italy, Ukraine, Serbia, Indonesia, Russia, Brazil, Bangladesh, Luxemburg, Bosnia, Canada and New York.

A similar run is taking place in Europe.

"It takes eight months in Europe," Janczak said. "There's 49 countries; it takes a bit longer to do."

After their brief stop in Westland, team members headed for Garden City and Dearborn Heights. With three weeks to go until the run's conclusion, they had no details about how it would end.

"We haven't decided who will carry it into New York City," Wilson said.

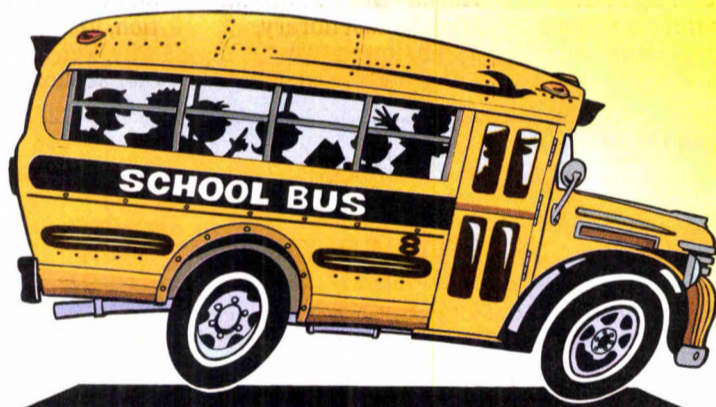
More information about the Oneness-Home Peace Run can be found at [www.peacerun.org](http://www.peacerun.org).

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Yatkara Aleksapolskyy from Donetsk, Ukraine, carries the torch as he runs along Ford Road by Westland City Hall. TOM BEAUDOIN

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## OUR VIEWS

# Wild has skills needed to lead county

The August primary election is a political contest that tends to attract far fewer voters than November's general election, but the decisions made now are just as important.

In Tuesday's election, voters must vote by political party. They cannot cross over, which can keep people on the sidelines. There's also a belief that the primary isn't as important as the general election in which the winner is selected.

Wrong. There are many important contests being decided Tuesday. One of the biggest decisions is who will be the Democratic nominee in the Wayne County executive race.

Beleaguered Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano is facing a plethora of challengers who want to end his 12-year stint as county executive. Of

the challengers, only a few rise to the level of serious consideration in the Democratic primary — state Rep. Phil Cavanaugh of Redford Township, former Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans of Detroit, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara of Belleville and Westland Mayor William Wild.

Of those candidates, Evans and Wild have the leadership abilities, but after a close look at the two candidates, we believe Wild has the ability to restore confidence in county government and provide the change voters are looking for.

As Westland's full-time mayor since 2007, he has been able to move the city away from a projected \$50 million deficit to a \$5 million surplus by working with the city's

unions to get necessary concessions, while maintaining services. He currently has a three-year running balanced budget. Those kinds of successes are needed at the county level.

He has said that this election isn't about the past, it's about the future — and we agree. Wild has the executive experience in the private and public sectors that is needed to lead Wayne County. He has a proven ability to work with employee groups to make changes and bring about fiscal responsibility.

He would provide a fresh start for Wayne County and help restore confidence and trust in government. We urge voters in the Democratic primary to select **William Wild** as the nominee for Wayne County executive.



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## Yes on Prop 1, P-CCS millage

Proposal 1, if approved, would activate a package of legislatively approved bills that would phase out the personal property tax on industrial and commercial equipment and levy an Essential Services Assessment millage tax on property that is exempted from the PPT.

It would split the State Use Tax into two taxes, a State Share Tax and a Local Community Stabilization Share Tax, plus create a Local Community Stabilization Authority to administer the Local Community Stabilization Share Tax. The proposal would also replace the revenue local governments would lose without the PPT with revenue from the Local Community Stabilization Share Tax and Essential Ser-

vices Assessment.

Many groups agree that Proposal 1, while perhaps not a cure-all, is a vital step toward making Michigan more competitive. It's another step toward changing Michigan from a job loser to a job leader.

We urge you to vote **YES** on Proposal 1 in this year's primary.

**Plymouth-Canton Non-Homestead Millage Renewal:** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education Trustee Mike Maloney is right when he calls the 18-mill non-homestead renewal P-CCS as asking for Tuesday "critical to the district."

The millage was expected to generate \$25.2 million in the 2013-14 school year, some 17

percent of the general fund revenue, which represents a significant piece of the district's revenue.

The non-homestead millage was approved by voters in 2004. The tax is applied to businesses and other non-principal property, such as apartment complexes, etc. The tax does not apply to homeowners.

Plymouth-Canton's Board of Education has made tens of millions of dollars in cuts the last few years and can't really afford to lose this much revenue. The request does not represent a tax increase for taxpayers; it's a renewal of a tax they've been paying for years.

We urge a **YES** vote on the non-homestead renewal.

## RESA millage asks too much of voters

Wayne County Regional Educational Service is asking voters to decide on a 2-mill tax increase for schools throughout the county for six years.

This is the first time RESA has placed a millage request on the ballot. Two previous attempts failed to garner enough support among school districts representing more than 50 percent of students in the county.

Individual public school districts cannot ask local voters for additional operating revenue, which was part of Proposal A passed 20 years ago, making the county-wide millage the only way to raise additional

school operating revenue.

While the millage would provide public K-12 school districts with needed revenue, it doesn't solve a funding problem that needs to be addressed. School districts have done more than their fair share to cut spending and adopt best practices. Many districts have privatized food and custodial services. Others have privatized and/or cut transportation costs, increased class sizes and sought concessions on wages and benefits.

What is needed now is for the state to address the structural flaws created and propagated

by Proposal A. Districts like Livonia, Plymouth-Canton and Northville shouldn't be pitted against Wayne-Westland or Garden City on which gets more with this millage.

We have always been strong supporters of education, but believe this millage asks too much of taxpayers, many of whom have yet to recover from the recession. While new tax revenue would be nice for school districts, now is the time for state officials to step up and do what is right: solve the funding problem in a fair and equitable manner.

We reluctantly urge a **NO** vote on this question.

## Our recommendations in for voters local races

In addition to a variety of proposals and the race for Wayne County executive, voters in Plymouth and Canton are going to have to settle several local races.

Here are the candidates the *Observer* is recommending in those races:

### State House 21st District

In a district that serves Canton, Van Buren and Belleville, we recommend voters choose Canton resident **Natalie Mosher** in the Democratic primary.

A Canton resident the last 10 years, Mosher is a graduate of Leadership Canton, a member of the League of Women Voters, a past president of her homeowners association, a member of the chamber and is involved in Chicks 4 Charity.

She's got political experience: She served as county commissioner in Erie County while living in Ohio with her husband. She ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. House against entrenched Republican Thaddeus McCotter (it was before his petition meltdown, when no Democrat was going to beat him) and ran the

campaign of Dr. Syed Taj two years ago.

She has ideas for fixing Michigan's problems that aren't necessarily popular, but she expresses them anyway, including putting a \$10 million bond proposal over 20 years dedicated to the Department of Transportation to a vote of the people; a \$1,000 hike in the fee for trucks weighing over the federal limit; a proposal to allow local districts to seek independent revenue streams, filling the funding gap left by Proposal A; and consolidating school districts, a move that would force some smaller districts to relinquish local control.

Mosher has the backing of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, many local Democrats, including Taj, and several members of the Canton Democratic Club (although the club as an entity isn't endorsing in the race).

Kristy Pagan of Canton is also an intriguing candidate with a different political background. She's never held elective office, but she's worked for several successful candidates, including state Rep. Gretchen Driskell and state Sen.



Mosher



Colbeck



Price

Rebekah Warren. She's an accomplished fundraiser and spent two years as a legislative aide to U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, working on issues such as higher education.

Pagan sits on the board of directors of the Canton Community Foundation, the board of trustees for the Canton Democratic Club and is on the advisory council for the STEM Program at Canton High School. She was also a delegate to the 2012 Democratic National Convention.

Mosher and Pagan provide voters in the 21st District two solid candidates to replace term-limited Dian Slavens.

We believe **Natalie Mosher** should be the choice.

### State Senate 7th District

We believe the incumbent, state Sen. **Patrick Colbeck** of Canton, deserves the GOP nomination over political

newcomer Matthew Edwards of Plymouth Township. The seat represents Plymouth, Plymouth

Township, Canton, Northville, Northville Township and Livonia.

Colbeck may actually be too conservative for the district now, considering many observers believe Canton is becoming more diverse and a little less conservative. It's possible the redrawing of district boundaries, which took out the more Democratic-leaning Downriver communities and added Wayne and Livonia, a traditionally Republican city, left it more conservative than it used to be. And Colbeck's experience gives him the edge over Edwards.

Conservative voters certainly can find reasons to support Colbeck. He was a staunch supporter of Michigan becoming a right-to-work state and has supported the elimination of the Michigan Business Tax and the personal property tax. He opposed an increase to the minimum wage, saying it wouldn't

do anything to create jobs.

He's not in favor of a tax increase to pay for roads, calling it "good money after bad," until the state addresses road construction quality. While the general impression was the Senate adjourned this spring without a comprehensive road plan, Colbeck points out it did pass several initiatives aimed at making sure gas tax revenue goes to roads, plus added \$737 million in the next two budgets.

Whether voters agree with his performance or not, though, **Patrick Colbeck** has earned the GOP nomination for his state Senate 7th District seat.

### Wayne County Commission 10th District

**Shannon Price** is seeking re-election to the seat he earned for the first time in 2012. We believe Price, a Republican from Canton, should be the GOP nominee in the 10th District, which serves the city of Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships.

Price campaigned the first time around largely on a platform that prom-

ised transparency and, two years later, Wayne County has moved from a grade of D to an A-minus in transparency, while the Government Finance Officers Association has honored Wayne County with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its presentation of the 2013 fiscal budget.

Price and other commissioners have worked to ensure local communities get their 15-percent share of the county's parks millage, a financial benefit to Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township. That money has been used for projects such as therapeutic programs at The Summit in Canton.

Price serves as vice chair of the county's public services committee. He's had a role in bringing road money to the community for improvements on Beck, on Cherry Hill (where Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is building a new middle school next to a charter high school) and on Lilley.

**Shannon Price** has been on the commission for two years, has dealt with a variety of issues and has earned his party's nomination.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Shame on Yack

Shame on Tom Yack. He only cares about the rule of law when it doesn't apply to him.

When Tom Yack was supervisor of Canton Township, he was fined for utilizing his public office for running Republican campaigns and smear campaigns against Democratic opponents during township working hours in the township office.

The *Observer* reported and published in detail FOIA information that contained the evidence. He utilized public computers, phones and time he should have been doing his job for the people of Canton, instead of running campaigns. He

paid a fine for breaking the rules because the evidence was overwhelming and the secretary of state had no choice.

He also never apologized to the people of the township for abusing his office, yet he does research to make sure others follow the rules. What arrogance.

Anne Marie  
Graham-Hudak  
Canton

#### Hold on to wallets

Canton taxpayers had better hold on to their wallets. If both the fire and police millage and the Wayne County millage increase are approved in August, we will be looking at over a 10-percent increase in our

annual property tax bills.

The fire and police millage is especially infuriating as our township board has decided it can increase our taxes without a vote of residents. Four years ago, the fire and police millage rate was about 6.25 mills. At that time, the board decided it could pass a 1.75-mill increase with the promise that it was a one-time event because of the severe economic situation at the time.

Now they are back again about to approve another 1.5-mill increase. This means our taxes related to fire and police will have increased over 50 percent in just four years. Meanwhile, I continue to read several

times a year about more Canton fire and police officials retiring in their late 40s so they can live off very generous taxpayer-funded pensions for the next 40 years.

Are officials really that confident taxpayers are happy to pay even more taxes so the township can continue to pay these lavish benefits while most people will be working at least well into their 60s to fund their own retirements at half the levels? If officials are that confident, the issue should at least be put to a vote by all residents.

I also am confused about the need for this increase, given the large number of new houses that are expected to be built in Canton over the

next couple of years. My understanding is that at least two subdivisions, each with at least 200 expensive homes, will be built. Where will the taxes from these projects be going? Will Canton officials adjust our tax rates back down when the taxes from these developments start to create another windfall for the fire and police budgets?

Pat Randall  
Canton

#### Mosher best choice

I'm a junior in Plymouth-Canton Schools and I've seen firsthand the effects of policies coming from Lansing on education. I'm learning how to drive and it is no secret that our roads

need repair. As someone who comes from a middle-class family, I know that shifting taxes to the middle class and seniors while giving corporations, even when they ship jobs overseas, a tax break hurts Michigan.

And as someone who has a passion for public service, especially in politics, I've seen firsthand the best and worst that comes from local politics. I believe Natalie Mosher is the best person to represent us in the state House.

Natalie is a breath of fresh air from politics as usual. She is running to listen to her constituents and put the good of the people above partisan

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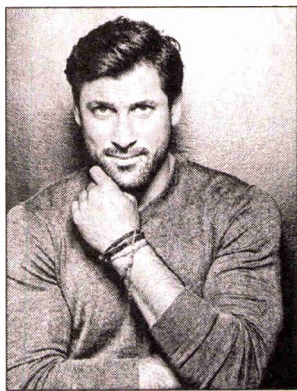
# DWTS's Maksim Chmerkovskiy to appear at Westland Center

Maksim Chmerkovskiy will take center stage Saturday, Aug. 9, at Westland Shopping Center to help celebrate the opening of three new stores.

The recent winner of ABC's hit show *Dancing with the Stars* will not only dazzle with his dance moves, but will kick up his heels to help Westland Shopping Center roll out the new stores and show its recent renovations and improvements.

Maksim, through 14 appearances on the popular show, has made it to the final round five times. On May 20, he won his first mirror ball trophy with celebrity partner and Olympic ice dance champion Meryl Davis of Bloomfield Hills.

"We're thrilled to welcome Maksim on Aug. 9 to help us celebrate the new look and feel of the center and the great new stores that are opening at Westland Shopping Cen-



Maksim Chmerkovskiy of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" will be at Westland Shopping Center on Saturday, Aug. 9.

ter," general manager Carol Rutz said. "As we approach our 50th year of service to our community in 2015, never before have we enjoyed such exciting improvement projects and new national retailers all at the same time."

As part of the celebration, Westland Shopping Center will be welcoming three new stores and introducing several

remodeled stores.

» **Ulta**, the nation's largest beauty retailer which provides one-stop shopping for prestige, mass and salon products and services, will be opening in late August in a 10,000-square-foot space that will anchor a newly renovated mall entrance on the south side of the center facing Warren Road.

» **Charming Charlie**, an award-winning fashion accessories retailer, will also open in late August in a 4,596-square-foot space directly across from Ulta.

» **Shoe Carnival**, which carries brand name shoes and accessories for the entire family, recently opened in a 9,000-square-foot space across from Olga's Kitchen and celebrated its grand opening Saturday, Aug. 2.

**Victoria's Secret**, with its customer-favorite PINK boutique, has expanded and remodeled both stores to their latest prototype. Other up-

grades include Justice & Brothers, which just completed a full-store remodel to include its boys line and Bath & Body/White Barn Candle Works, which relocated to the East Court with a brand new store.

H&R Block, Hot Topic and Nestle Cookies also are introducing remodeled and upgraded stores.

Recent improvements at Westland Shopping Center include new mall entrances, renovated exteriors, full-color LED outdoor billboards, new LED exterior lighting, new carpeting throughout the mall, and new outside amenities.

Built in 1965, Westland Shopping Center offers more than 70 specialty stores and serves Westland, Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Wayne, Dearborn, Garden City and surrounding areas. Visit [www.westlandcenter.com](http://www.westlandcenter.com) or the Westland Shopping Center Facebook page for details.

# Skateboarding legend Tony Hawk to visit Riley Skate Park

Skateboarding legend Tony Hawk will appear at Riley Skate Park in a free demonstration at 3 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 23, as part of the Birdhouse Summer Tour hosted by the



Hawk

city of Farmington Hills Special Services Department.

Skateboarding enthusiasts are invited to watch Tony Hawk along with the Birdhouse Skate Team featuring Aaron "Jaws" Homoki, Ben Raybourn, Clint Walker, David Loy, Kevin Staab, Willy Santos, Clive Dixon, Mike Davis, Shawn Hale and Shaun Gregoire.

As one stop on the Birdhouse Tour's eight-city On the Road Summer 2014 Midwest Tour,

Riley is a 29,000-square-foot all-concrete skate park with a variety of features for skateboarders and inline skaters of all skill levels. At the Aug. 23 event, 100 limited-edition Riley Skate Park skateboard decks will be for sale, along with T-shirts and other souvenirs. Riley Skate Park is at 35550 W. Eight Mile inside Founders Sports Park, just two miles east of I-275. Call 248-473-1800 for more information.

Skateboarding fans are also invited to attend or participate Sept. 13-14 in the 2014 Fall Classic Skateboarding Competition. All skill levels, from beginner to advanced, are welcome. Admission fee is \$5 and the competition starts at 10 a.m. each day.

For registration information, call 248-426-0899.

# Thrivent Financial hosts free economic update

Thrivent Financial is hosting six free economic updates in Wayne, Westland and Canton during August.

The events will be presented by Jeffrey S. Long, financial consultant with the Huron Valley Group with Thrivent Financial in Plymouth. They will offer updates about changes in the economy and markets, what they mean to your financial strategy and will help answer many important questions including:

- » Should I react to economic headlines?
  - » Could my investments be doing better?
  - » Is it time to change my financial strategy?
- "Paying attention to

financial and economic news is important," Long said. "However, we want to help people understand how recent events can impact them and how they can keep their financial strategy on course."

The 60-minute programs are set for:

- » 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne.
- » 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at Open Arms Lutheran Church, 7865 Belleville Road, Belleville.
- » 1 and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at Huron Valley Lutheran High School library, 33740 Cowan, Westland.
- » 2 and 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 20, at Summit on the Park, Arts 2 Room, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

The events are free. To register, call Matt Crenshaw or Lisa Kitz at 734-455-9272 or email [huronvalleygroup@thrivent.com](mailto:huronvalleygroup@thrivent.com).

Complimentary refreshments will be served during each event.

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### Front Load & Roll Off Dumpster Service

City of Plymouth  
Department of Municipal Services  
c/o City Clerk  
Plymouth City Hall  
201 S. Main Street  
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

All bidders are encouraged to attend an Optional Pre-Bid Meeting on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 1:00 PM at the City Hall, 201 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

Specifications and bid documents are available at the City Hall during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
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Work related to this proposal consists of furnishing all necessary labor, supervision, equipment and supplies for the collection and transportation of municipal residential solid waste and recyclables. Disposal of waste and recyclables shall be at approved sites provided by the contractor.

A certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) payable to the City of Plymouth, MUST accompany the proposal.

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City of Plymouth  
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c/o City Clerk

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## Map out a strategy for collecting Social Security

**Dear Rick: I will turn 62 later this year. I am single, have no debt and my house is paid off. I work full time and my income covers my living expenses. I will have no pension when I retire. I have been investing every year in an IRA. Should I take Social Security now or wait until I retire? I plan to work another six or seven years. My boss told me I should wait, while a friend says it would be better to take Social Security now and invest the money on my own. Can you help?**

**A:** I agree with your boss. The best decision is to delay Social Security.

There are two issues. The first is the give-back rules. If you take Social Security at age 62, continue to work and earn more than \$15,480, for every two dollars you earn above that amount, the government will subtract a dollar from your Social Security benefits. In addition, it is also possible that you would have to pay tax on your Social Security.

There are also financial reasons to wait. If you take



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

Social Security at age 62, you receive 25 percent less than if you waited until your full retirement age. For people born between 1943 and 1954, full retirement age is 66. Therefore, by waiting until you're 66 to accept Social Security, you will receive a 25-percent increase in your benefits. When you factor in the tax consequences and the economics and the fact that you do not need income currently, it would be in your best interest to delay Social Security until at least 66.

There also is a question of whether you take it at 66 or wait until 70. In many situations, I tell people that it does make sense to delay Social Security to age 70. The reason is that every year you delay past age 66, you receive an 8-percent increase in benefits. Someone who waits until 70 will have benefits of about

one-third greater.

In the past, it used to be easy. When you turned 65, you collected Social Security and that was that. Today, there are many more issues that need to be considered. Particularly, where husband and wife have worked, there are many scenarios where you may take Social Security for one spouse and delay taking it for the other.

The bottom line is to have a strategy, just like investing. The strategy isn't just what is good for you today, but also what will be good for you in the future.

Remember, when it comes to retirement, we're not talking about a few years, we're talking about decades. Therefore, the decision you make regarding Social Security will have a significant impact on your future.

Good luck.

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## LETTERS

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politics. The things Natalie Mosher has told me in private about what politics should be, what public service means and why she is running never fail to reaffirm to me that she is the person I trust to represent our interests and speak on behalf of important issues like roads, education and tax fairness for families and seniors. As a young person, it gives me hope that there are people running for office like Natalie Mosher.

Before casting a vote in Lansing, Natalie will ask herself, "Does this benefit the people who I am supposed to represent?" If it hurts her constituents, Natalie has said that she "has no good reason to vote for it."

I know that Natalie will be an effective lawmaker who will get results. Her experience gives her the tools to hit the ground running on day one. This can be demonstrated best by her tenure as an Erie County commissioner. Natalie found out that a low-income, rural community suffered from

disturbingly high cancer rates.

The commission refused to take action. On her own time, she launched an investigation into the problem and uncovered that the water they were drinking from their wells was contaminated with toxins - she fixed that and brought safe, clean drinking water to the community. Natalie worked with representatives from business, labor and government to bring an expansion of two manufacturing plants.

This expansion was valued at \$92 million, creating and saving scores of jobs. After the state of Ohio refused to expand the road leading up to Cedar Point, Natalie got the right people to the table and expanded the road. All of this was accomplished as the only Democrat and the only woman on the commission. Natalie has told me that all of this was only accomplished because she always put the good of her constituents first.

While I am not old enough to vote, I ask that you consider casting a vote Tuesday, Aug. 5, for Natalie Mosher for state representative in the 21st District.

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# Dog owners charged with second-degree murder

By L.L. Brasier  
Gannett Michigan

The owners of two dogs that mauled to death a Livonia man in rural Metamora Township are being charged with second-degree murder, the Lapeer County Prosecutor Tim Turkelson announced.

Sebastiano Quagliata, 45, and his wife, Valbona Lucaj, 44, were arraigned Friday in Lapeer District Court. They face up to life in prison if convicted of second-degree murder. Prosecutors also charged the couple with possessing an animal causing death.

Two Cane Corso dogs owned by the couple are blamed for attacking and killing Craig Sytsma, 46, of Livonia on July 23 as he jogged past their home in Metamora Township. Dogs owned by the



This is one of the two Cane Corsos in quarantine at the Lapeer County Animal Shelter. The dogs fatally attacked a Livonia man July 23 while he jogged in Metamora Township. LAPEER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

couple had been involved in at least two previous, non-fatal attacks.

It's unusual, but not unprecedented, for a dog owner to be charged with murder in a fatal attack. When two large Perro de Presa Canario dogs attacked and killed lacrosse player and coach

Diane Whipple in the hallway of her San Francisco apartment building in 2001, one of the dogs' owners was convicted of second-degree murder and the other was convicted of involuntary manslaughter.

In 2008, a Livingston County woman was con-

vinced on two 15-year felony counts of keeping dangerous animals causing death and sentenced to 3½ years in prison after her American bulldogs mauled to death a neighbor man and a woman who was jogging along the road in rural Iosco Township.

Sytsma, a father of three, had gotten off work in nearby Oxford, in northern Oakland County, and gone for an early evening jog when he was attacked. He died of his injuries at a nearby hospital.



Sytsma

Police and court records show that in the past two years, the couple's dogs have attacked and bit walkers and terrorized the neighborhood.

The couple never showed up for a court hearing last year after the wife was issued two civil infraction tickets when their dogs charged an older man and bit him in the leg. Ultimately, they paid \$280 in fines, and the case was closed.

In May 2012, one of Lucaj's dogs charged April Smith, 25, tearing open her leg in three spots, as she walked down the road. In that case, animal control officials did not issue tickets, nor were the owners fined. Instead, they were ordered to keep the dog quarantined for 10 days. Smith filed a lawsuit against the dog owners and was awarded a \$20,000 judgment.

Neighbors said that the dogs roamed the neighborhood, growled at people in their own yards and sometimes went into garages. Complaints to animal control officials went unanswered.

Meanwhile, federal officials say Lucaj, of Albania, and Quagliata, from Italy, are in the U.S. illegally. The couple has been fighting deportation for years.

# Roush awarded grant for expansion in Livonia, Allen Park

Roush has received Michigan Strategic Fund approval for a project that will generate a total capital investment of up to \$8.7 million and create 210 new jobs, resulting in a \$1 million Michigan

Business Development Program performance-based grant, the Michigan Economic Development Corp. announced Wednesday.

Roush is growing and plans to expand its cur-

rent engineering and manufacturing sites primarily in Livonia as well as at its leased spaced in Allen Park.

Michigan was chosen over competing sites in Illinois, New Hampshire,

Colorado and Florida. Livonia has offered support by allowing the company use of municipal facilities related to the project. Individuals interested in career opportunities with Roush

should visit [www.roush.com/careers](http://www.roush.com/careers).

State Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, lauded the grant support of Roush's business expansion and job creation.

"The city of Livonia worked hard to secure the expansion bid from Roush and outcompeted other contenders in Illinois, New Hampshire, Colorado and Florida," Walsh said. "Our region and the state are both dedicated to building a bright future for Michigan and this is one more step to fostering a fantastic business community."

Founded in Michigan in 1975, Roush provides engineering, product development, prototyping, testing and manufacturing services to customers in the transportation, defense, entertainment, aerospace and

oil and gas industries. Through its Roush Performance and Roush CleanTech groups, the company manufactures automotive performance products and alternative fuel systems for fleet vehicle applications.

The Michigan Business Development Program provides grants, loans and other economic assistance to qualified businesses that make investments or create jobs in Michigan.

The MSF considers a number of factors in making these awards, including: out-of-state competition, private investment in the project, business diversification opportunities, near-term job creation, wage and benefit levels of the new jobs, and net-positive return to the state.

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### FIBROMYALGIA IN THE ELDERLY

Fibromyalgia is a condition of widespread pain that occurs in people in their early years, often as young as age 15 or 16. The condition can last for years and is marked by brief periods of respite from pain. The identifying characteristics of Fibromyalgia are pain that is daily, migrating, often accompanied by migraine like headaches, jaw pain, anterior chest pain, irritable bowel and irritable bladder.

Diagnosing Fibromyalgia poses a difficulty for physicians because the pain can emulate sciatica, rheumatoid arthritis, and lupus. A physician caring for a patient with Fibromyalgia must listen to the patient's complaint of pain with care; a person with Fibromyalgia can develop a medical problem like anyone else. While Fibromyalgia can last a lifetime, it is never a cause of death.

The physician's need to keep attentive doubles when dealing with an elderly person with Fibromyalgia. The problems of aging such as pain at night, aching after sitting for even a short time, difficulty in walking, inability to raise shoulders high enough to dress and comb hair are problems both of aging and Fibromyalgia. Other concerns such as loss of energy and appetite can be an indication of an occult cancer or of depression associated with Fibromyalgia.

Treatment of Fibromyalgia is more difficult in an older person than in a young individual. Drugs such as minicpran(Savella) cause drowsiness and interfere with equilibrium; the same holds true for duloxetine(Cymbalta) or pregabalin (Lyrica). Drugs for pain such as hydrocodone or oxycodone should play no role as they inhibit respiration, cause loss of equilibrium and gait, and lead to intractable constipation. For Fibromyalgia in the elderly the best treatment is exercise, but superimposed osteoarthritis of the knees, and the problem of overcoming pain many times overrides the necessity for activity.

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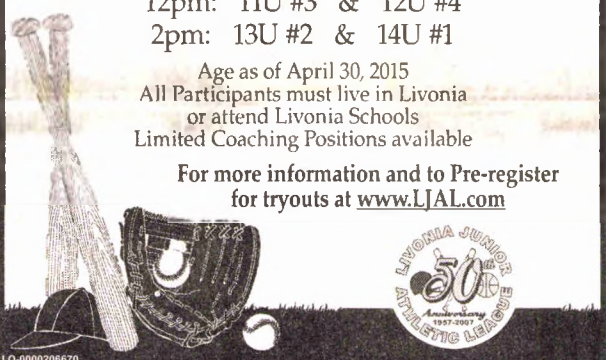
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Regular Meeting dates in 2014: August 19, September 9 & 23, October 7 & 21, November 18 and December 9.

Special meetings, if any, will occur on Tuesdays, unless otherwise posted. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

Nancy Conzelman  
Township Clerk

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# Local political leaders talk about Proposal 1 effects at breakfast

Breakfast forum offers food for thought for civic leaders

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

State Rep. John Walsh said the changes to Michigan's business tax structure are a necessary step in moving the state's economic climate forward.

"Some would say we're simply giving the store away. My answer to that is, if we don't address tax policy, then you can have what we had last decade," said Walsh, R-Livonia. "I don't want to go back there. We're finally starting to see some growth."

Walsh was one panel member discussing Proposal 1 during a meeting Tuesday morning of the Livonia Industrial Council at Schoolcraft College. Walsh appeared with Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and Howard Heideman, who works in the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The panel discussed the impact of the proposal, scheduled to be voted on Aug. 5 during the primary election. The proposal, which contains a wide array of technical wording, would essentially replace the current personal property tax, something many businesses pay on items such as machines and furniture each year, with a combination of other revenue sources, such as expiring tax credits and the state's use tax.

In Livonia, Kirksey said the city receives about \$7.3 million each year in PPT revenue, something that would be replaced fully if the proposal is approved.

He said it is important that businesses do a good job stressing that this initiative will not result in a higher tax bill. With complicated legal jargon on the ballot, that can be intimidating to some voters, Kirksey said.

"It will not raise taxes," he said. "The rule of passing an issue of this height is that those who do not understand it, how do they vote? No."

The PPT tax reform proposal on the ballot next week has seen some changes from the one initially proposed in 2012. Under the new proposal, offered by legislators earlier this year, local communities will see 100 percent of revenues lost with the removal of the PPT, with some reimbursement coming from earmarked use taxes from the state. The former proposal only replaced about 80 percent for non-essential services.

Walsh said one piece many people have asked about in the ballot proposal indicates an increase in school funding from the state use tax.



State Rep. John Walsh talks about Proposal 1. Next at bat is Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey. State Treasury Department official Howard Heideman is in the on-deck circle. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

He said after some rearranging was done with where funding would go, schools in the state saw a decrease in funding in previous drafts of the proposal.

That additional funding coming from the use tax will offset those potential losses, he said.

"The schools remain unharmed in this process," he said. "It's not an increase in their (funding), it's to insure there's not a decrease."

#### Issues still remain

One issue the state is still working on is how to treat personal property that is leased and how that is taxed in the fu-

ture, Heideman said. "You are going to be claiming the exemption for that equipment that you lease from someone else," he said. "The question is, how is your lessor going to know if you've claimed the exemption? Because otherwise, the lessor would still be responsible for paying the property tax on that."

"This is a detail we have to work out before the exemptions are claimed in 2016."

Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Dan West said before the panel that the effects of the vote won't just be felt by large companies

in the state, but smaller ones as well.

"A lot of the smaller businesses that have less than \$80,000 in taxable value saw personal property tax relief this year," he said. "If this goes down next week, those small businesses will have to resume paying the PPT next year. So it's not just a big company tax."

Polls for Tuesday's election, a primary with several nonpartisan issues on the ballot, will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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President and CEO of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce Dan West offers opening remarks.



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# Tipping Point's latest production set in rural Michigan town

Tipping Point is currently running *The Kings of Unionville*, which made its world premier at the cozy performing arts theater in downtown Northville.

The comedy runs through Aug. 24, with the curtain rising at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added Wednesday, Aug. 13.

According to TPT producing artistic director James R. Kuhl, *The Kings of Unionville* is a comedy about tradition, values and honor.

Set in a small Michigan town, the once prominent Secret Society of Kings has deteriorated into a basement-dwelling, beer-drinking, card-playing fraternity of friends that is long past its prime. The group has traditionally passed down their secrets from father to son for decades. Following the death of a King, they now must recruit a new member to fill his spot. The best choice is Will, the son of the group's historian Edward. But before Will can join the secret society, he must perform a long forgotten ritual; an initiation that



Actors Joe Seibert, Phil Powers and Dave Davies perform a dress rehearsal for "The Kings of Unionville," a comedy now running at Tipping Point Theatre. STEVE FECHT

has purposefully not been performed by the Kings for many years. Father and son must come together and find common ground or risk the destruction of both the group history and their own relationships.

"The thing I love about this production is that it examines male relationships and friendships from a fairly unique perspective. We see male relationships explored in buddy comedies, plays and films about sports teams, father/son relationships are often explored in some of our heavier dramas, but playwright James R.

Kuhl uses a deteriorating small town fraternal organization as the frame for his examination of these types of relationships and its really fascinating how poignant and universal it is. I recognize these people from my life," Director Brian P. Sage said.

Tipping Point Theatre is located at 361 E. Cady in Northville.

Tickets are \$29 to \$32 for adults and \$27 to \$30 for students/senior citizens and are available now by calling the box office at 248-347-0003. For more information, please call Lynn Wilde Concannon at 248-347-0003.

# Man bound over on murder charges in death of soccer referee

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

The man accused of killing a referee in Livonia earlier this summer will face arraignment in Wayne County Circuit Court next week after being bound over Thursday on a second-degree murder charge. Livonia 16th District Judge Kathleen McCann found there was enough evidence in the case against 36-year-old Dearborn resident Bassel Saad to go to trial and bound him over after a preliminary examination was held Wednesday and Thursday.

"In this case, I believe the people have met the threshold of probable cause," she said. "I am binding him over on the charges."

Saad was bound over after two days of testimony. He's accused of killing Westland resident John Bieniewicz, a soccer referee who was officiating an adult league match June 29 at Livonia's Mies Park. Several witnesses testified Wednesday they saw Saad strike Bieniewicz after the referee was in the process of ejecting him from the match.

During closing statements, Saad's attorney, Ali Hammoud, argued



Defendant Bassel Saad cries during the hearing. At left, attorney Hassam Bazzi. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

the incident was overcharged and that while an assault did take place at the field, a murder did not.

"This is not second-degree murder, judge," he said. "That one punch is exactly what manslaughter was made for."

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Raj Prasad said the contention of whether the incident contained enough malice to be classified as murder was enough to send the case to a jury in circuit court and allow it to decide the case.

A preliminary examination is held to determine whether there is enough evidence to send a case to trial.

McCann agreed, saying there was enough information that should

have demonstrated there was enough malice and enough evidence to send the case to circuit court in Detroit.

"He had to know," she said. "Anyone should know in this day and age it could cause death."

Saad is expected to be arraigned Thursday at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison. He remains locked up in the Wayne County Jail on a \$1 million cash or surety bond.

## Medical examiner: 'I have never seen an injury like this'

The final witness called in the exam, Wayne County Assistant Medical Examiner Dr. Chantel Njiwaji, performed the autopsy on Bieniewicz's body. She said it appeared the blow to his left side near his neck and jaw area was enough to jerk his head sideways. During that instance, damage appeared throughout the area and down to several vertebrae just below the skull.

"It was a significant amount of force," she said. "There was a significant and sudden twist of the head."

Njiwaji, who has worked for the county's medical examiner office for several years and has done hundreds of autopsies in that time, said she has never seen a case like this. She said this region near the neck and jawline, if struck, can lead to death if hit properly and with enough force. It appeared Bieniewicz was unconscious before hitting the ground, she said.

Scott Herkes, who was playing on the opposite team as Saad during the match, said Wednesday in his testimony Bieniewicz appeared to be out shortly after the strike.

"He just collapsed to the ground," Herkes said. "He fell, basically straight backwards."

Another player, Joseph Cosenza, said Saad was arguing with Bieniewicz on a call he made. Shortly after the foul with play moving, Bieniewicz blew his whistle to stop play and issued Saad a yellow card for dissenting with the referee.

It did not appear Bieniewicz expected the punch before it hit him.

"When the ball was in play, (Saad) began complaining about the call," Cosenza said. "(Bieniewicz) never saw anything coming."

Njiwaji said it appeared during the autopsy Bieniewicz had not prepared for the impact. Had he been prepared, there may have been less damage to that area and a chance he could have survived, although left with major brain damage.

"If he braced, maybe he would be different," she said. "But there's no evidence of that."

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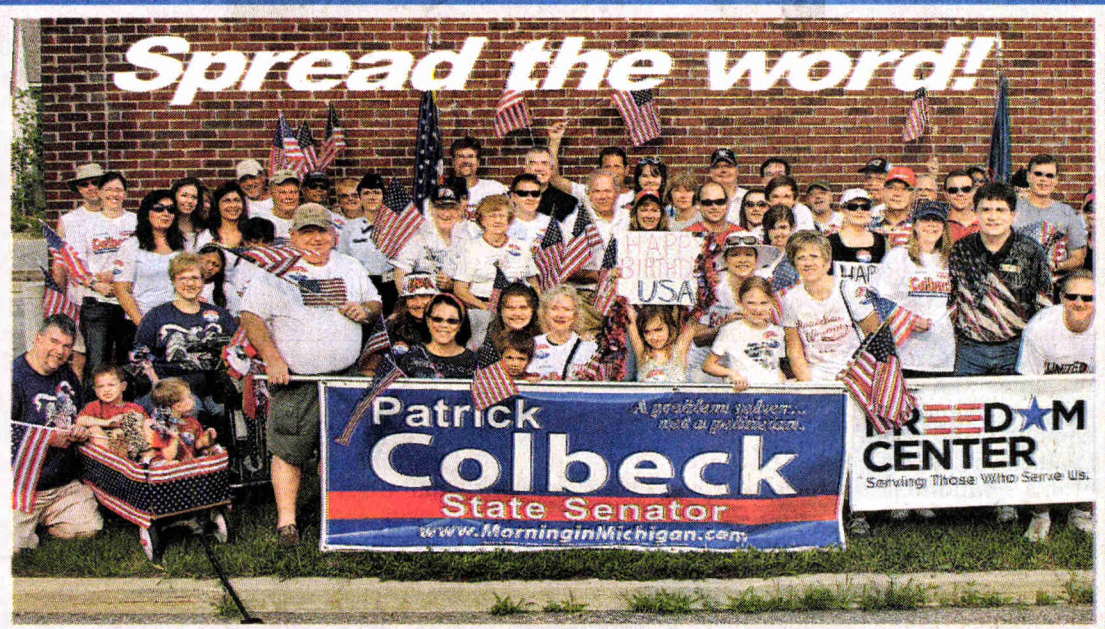


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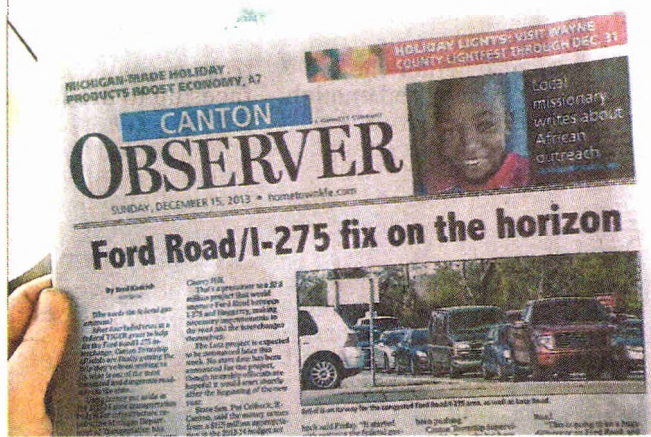
Patrick Colbeck is currently serving his first term in elected office as the State Senator for MI's 7th District. Starting in 2014 the district will include the communities of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia and Wayne. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan with Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Aerospace Engineering as well as a graduate of the International Space University in Strasbourg, France. Included in his over 20 years of engineering and management work in a variety of industries, he has worked on systems for the International Space Station and instructed students at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center's Space Camp. He and his wife, Angie, are members of Northridge Church and have been residents of Canton Township for 18 years.

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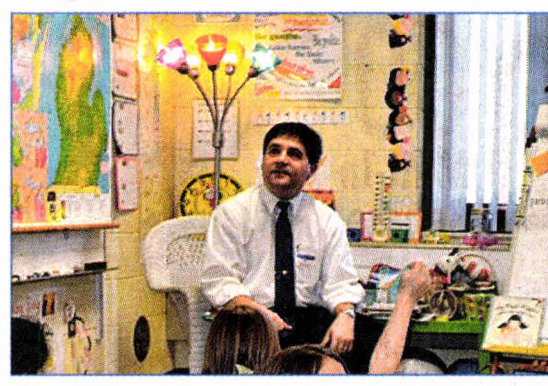
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Astronaut Jack Lousma, Angie, and I

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## Salem's Rodriguez is ready for world

15-year-old Canton girl selected to play for U.S. U17 team in South Korea

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Isabel Rodriguez's out-of-this-world soccer skills are about to take her halfway around the globe.

Earlier this week the 15-year-old sophomore-to-be at Salem High School found out via email that she was selected to play for the U.S. Soccer Under-17 Women's National Team that will be traveling to Mokpo, South Korea, later this month.

Rodriguez, who plays for the elite Michigan Hawks Soccer Club, was one of just

20 players chosen from a roster of 30 girls who were invited to participate in a week-long U17 Women's National Team training camp at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif., in June.

"I was actually on my way to soccer practice when I found out I had been selected, and I was so excited that I was jumping up and down in the car," Rodriguez said. "It's such an honor to be chosen. I'm looking forward to playing in South Korea and playing against girls from other coun-

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Isabel Rodriguez played so well in an invitation-only United States National U17 soccer camp in California earlier this summer that she was selected for a national team that will travel to South Korea later this month.

PICK-UP BASKETBALL



Players were drenched in sunshine as they participated in a pick-up basketball game earlier this week at Canton's Freedom Park. PHOTOS BY ED WRIGHT

## FRESH-AIR HOOPS

There's nothing quite like the outdoor game for many summertime players

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The vast ceiling that covered the basketball court Canton resident Juan Sanders launched high-arching jump shots from early Wednesday evening was sky blue and highlighted by puffy, popcorn-shaped clouds.

The court's air-conditioning unit was set at a comfortable level thanks to a cool breeze that blew off and on out of the west.

The concrete surface Sanders rhythmically pounded his ball on was faded and streaked with vein-like cracks, and one of the court's nets was frayed and missing a few strands of twine, but the Plymouth High School graduate wasn't complaining.

Sanders was outdoors — on this particular mid-summer night at Canton's Freedom Park — shooting hoops and having a blast.

"I love playing outdoors — it's peaceful, quiet, the sun's shining," said Sanders, flashing a what-more-could-you-want? smile. "The competition is good out here and I get to play with my buddies. I'll only play indoors during the summertime once in a blue moon. I prefer being outdoors, in the fresh air."

Judging by the number of outdoor pick-up basketball games

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Eighth-graders-to-be Ryan Berger (left) and Nick Downs go for a rebound during a recent pick-up basketball game at Freedom Park.

RUNNING/CYCLING

## 'Down Under' next stop for GC duathlete

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

It hasn't taken long for Garden City resident Myla Snyder to get the hang of duathlon — a demanding sport that combines long-distance running and cycling.

On July 19 in St. Paul, Minn., in just her second year as a duathlon competitor, the 50-year-old Snyder earned a berth on Team USA, which will be competing in the 2015 Duathlon World Championships, which will be hosted by Australia.

Needing a top-18 placing to earn a spot, Snyder covered the nearly 36-kilometer course in 1 hour, 30 minutes and 20 seconds, which was six minutes faster than her previous best time.

Duathlons require a 4.6-kilometer run followed by a 31.2-kilometer bike ride. Courses are generally stocked with plenty of hills.

Snyder, who owns Far East Trading Company in the Westland Mall, trains diligently for duathlon competitions in Hines Park and in local fitness centers.

She competed in the 2014 World Championships in Pontevedra, Spain, after qualifying for Team USA in Tucson, AZ in her debut effort in the sport.

Snyder is currently seeking sponsors for her trip to Australia, given the high costs the trip will entail. To contact her, send an e-mail to: mayang888@comcast.net.

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Garden City resident Myla Snyder has earned a spot on the USA's 2015 Duathlon National Team, which will be competing in Australia.



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that materialize every summer night throughout Observerland, Sanders is not alone when it comes to his passion for the fresh-air version of the sport.

Although a proliferation of AAU-related basketball activities has pulled many high school-aged hoops junkies into indoor, organized settings, the outdoor game still flourishes thanks in part to the atmosphere only Mother Nature can engineer.

"I like the surroundings here," said Ed Moody, as he motioned toward the ample foliage that borders the well-kept courts at Redford



With only the winning team's players guaranteed a berth in the following game, the competition at Redford Township's Bell Creek Park is intense. ED WRIGHT

Township's Bell Creek Park. "I try to get out here every night — or at least every other night —

after work to unwind and play some ball with my friends.

"I mean, the wind's

blowing, people walking by stop and watch you play a little bit, the competition is good. There's not much else I'd rather be doing in the summer."

The structure of the games that unfolded during one recent mid-week night at Bell Creek was impressively sound. The action was highlighted by crisp passing, air-tight defense and effort-powered rebounding.

Moody said there's a reason why ball-hogging and lazy defense are rare: the win-or-sit scenario each player faces.

"When you get 20 or 30 guys out here like we have tonight, if you don't win the game, you may be sitting and watching for an hour," he said, smiling. "So most of the guys play hard, just like

they would in a high school game. We still have fun, but it's serious, too."

Regular area outdoor players insist that conflicts are rare at the parks they frequent during the summer — even though games are run under the call-your-own-fouls format.

"Honestly, we try not to even call fouls, unless it's really bad," said Hezekiah Johnson, a Canton resident who enjoys playing every chance he gets at Freedom Park and Griffin Park, which is located just a long jump shot away north on Sheldon Road. "Sometimes when the game gets intense and only the winner stays on, yeah, there are some disagreements, but you never see fights. Everybody is

pretty cool out here."

While the refreshing summer weather is usually a benefit to playing outdoors, it can also be a drawback, Johnson said — but only if you let it.

"Obviously, when the wind is blowing pretty hard, you're not going to take as many jump shots," he said. "But the conditions can actually help your game because it makes you focus more."

"If you can make a 20-foot jumper out here with the wind blowing, you can definitely make one indoors with no weather to worry about."

Johnson then took one dribble on the Freedom Park court and released a sweet rainbow jumper that settled softly into the nylon twine.

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## RODRIGUEZ

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tries."

The daughter of Rob and Audrey, Rodriguez started playing soccer when she was 5.

It wasn't long before she started kicking it into high gear, so to speak.

After a standout career with the Canton Celtic program, she joined the Hawks prior to her U10 season and has sparkled on the pitch ever since.

"I loved soccer right away," said Rodriguez, who earned a 4.0 grade-point average during her freshman year at Salem. "I like that it's not a sitting sport; you're always moving, there's always action."

The left-footed Rodriguez has played every position under the sun during her youth career, but she'll primarily be a defender once she pulls on her red, white and blue uniform in Mopko.

"Since I'm left-footed, I usually play on the left side of the field," she said.



Salem sophomore-to-be Isabel Rodriguez (left) has excelled for the Michigan Hawks since her U10 season.

"I usually play midfield for the Hawks, but I'm happy wherever the coach puts me."

Rodriguez's ultimate soccer-related goals include making the national team that will compete in the U17 2016 World Cup and playing collegiate soccer.

Due to her affiliation with the Hawks, Rodriguez was not allowed to play for Salem's girls

soccer program this past spring, but she was far from idle. Rodriguez earned all-state accolades while running the 400-meter dash for the Rocks' track-and-field team.

In the winter she plays point guard for Salem's basketball program.

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"I usually play midfield for the Hawks, but I'm happy wherever the coach puts me."

ISABEL RODRIGUEZ, Salem sophomore-to-be

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GOLF

# O&E men's golf tourney fast approaching

There's still time to register for popular two-day event

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

It's definitely going to take some work on Labor Day to earn the accolades and hardware that go along with winning the 2014 Observer & Eccentric Open golf tournament.

Featuring a unique two-day, two-course format, this year's annual O&E tourney — set for Sunday, Aug. 31, and Monday, Sept. 1 — is expected to attract many of the top golfers in the area, including two-time champion Dan Longeway.

Among the assets that set the annual O&E event apart from others is that the 36-hole competition is played on two separate Livonia courses: Fox

Creek on Sunday and Whispering Willows on Monday.

"A lot of tournaments use a two-day format, but not many play on a different course each day," said Paul Worley, the head professional at Whispering Willows. "I think the players like the two-course format. It gives them a little variety."

Worley said Labor Day weekend has proven to be a popular time slot for the long-time event.

"In the past, we've held it in August, September and October, but Labor Day weekend seems to draw the most golfers," Worley said.

"We've held it on Labor Day Weekend the past four or five

years and we've drawn 80 to 90 golfers each year."

The tournament's entry fee is \$95. Registration forms can be found at [golflivonia.com](http://golflivonia.com) or at Livonia golf courses.

The deadline for entries is Saturday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m. The maximum size of the field is 120 golfers.

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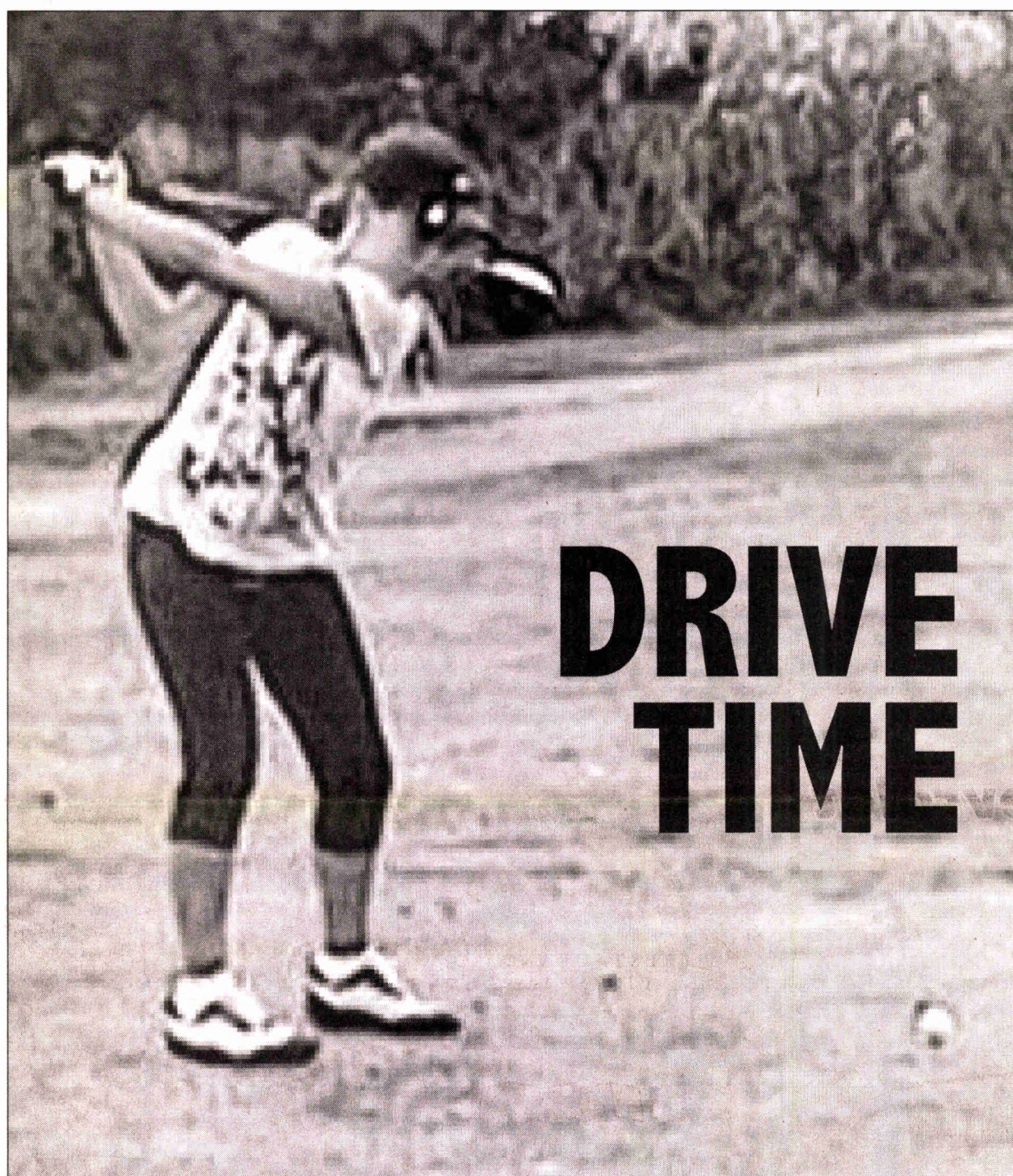
The tournament will have two flights: regular and 55-and-over. Golfers are allowed to enter just one of the two divisions.

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Dan Longeway will be looking to defend his Observer & Eccentric golf title on Labor Day weekend. PAUL WORLEY

JUNIOR GOLF



Livonia resident Summer Horen prepares to launch a drive during Wednesday's Motor City Junior Golf Tournament at Whispering Willows Golf Course. PHOTOS BY PAUL WORLEY

## Motor City Junior Golf Tournament brings out best in young linksters

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

A longtime gem on the local junior golf circuit, Wednesday's 13th annual Motor City Junior Golf Tournament at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course featured several diamond-studded performances.

Shining the brightest in the 67-player field was 13-year-old Justin McCown of Sterling Heights, who carded a spectacular 18-hole round of 76 to earn the first-place trophy in the Boys 13 & 14 Division. McCown outstroked runner-up Justin Diegel of Livonia by eight shots.

Nick Lamothe (85) and Tyler German (89) also managed to break 90 in the division on a picture-perfect morning for golf.

"We had a good turnout this year," said Paul Worley, the head professional at Whispering Willows. "The tournament's numbers are up and down. Last year we had 35 players, but in previous years we've had over 80."

"It's mostly Livonia kids, but we get players from surrounding areas, too, like Farmington Hills, Canton, Northville and Novi."

In addition to providing an every-shot-counts tournament setting, the event included closest-to-the-pin and longest-drive competitions.

"The majority of the players who enter are 14 and under," Worthy said. "The older kids have a lot more going on plus there are a lot more tournaments now for them to play. They have to kind of pick and choose."

For the more-than-reasonable fee of \$49, players were able to take advantage of a junior golf program offered at Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia along with the opportunity to play in Wednesday's tournament. Players were also given a chance to play a practice round at Whispering Willows.

The first-place finisher in each division received a trophy while the runner-ups all received medals.

Livonia resident Alex Westphal captured the Boys 15-17 title by turning in a stellar round of 84. Westphal outlasted fellow Livonian Sean Ebben, who placed second with a solid 88.

Ian Wood and Evan Westphal, both of Livonia, placed first and second, respectively, in the boys 12-and-under standings.

Northville resident Jonathan Zarembo won the closest-to-the-pin competition in the boys 15-17 age group while Livonia's Andrew Blazo walked away with the longest-drive prize.

McCown delivered the longest drive in his age group while Logan Lautenbach knocked down the closest-to-the-pin award in Boys 13 & 14 age group.

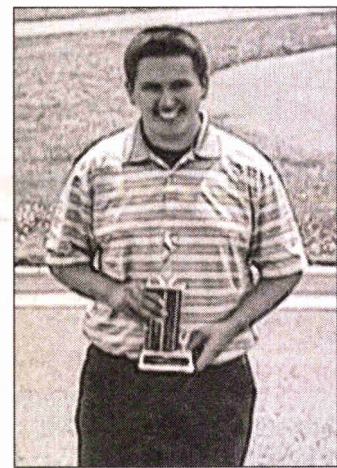
The 12-and-under boys longest-drive champion was Owen Michaels while Nathan Drabicki reeled in his age group's closest-to-the-pin award.

### Girls winners

Dearborn resident Grace Fiscelli fired a stellar round of 88 to win the Girls 16 & 17 Division. Fiscelli also swept her division's closest-to-the-pin and longest-drive awards (she tied Northville's Victoria Zarembo in the longest-drive competition).

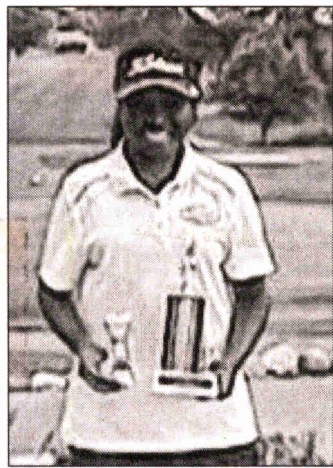
A pair of Livonians — Megan Gronau and Rachel Crachiola — placed one-two in the Girls 14 & 15 Division, respectively. Gronau shot an 87, nine shots lower than Crachiola. Kendall Payne earned the closest-to-the-pin and longest-drive awards.

Farmington Hills native Alana Jones won the Girls 12 & 13 Division with an 85 — the lowest round of the day for the girls golfers. Livonia's Summer Horen placed second with a 94.



Livonia resident Alex Westphal won the Boys 15-17 division with a round of 84.

**2014 Motor City Junior Golf Results**  
**Wednesday at Whispering Willows**  
**Boys 15-17**  
84: Alex Westphal; 88: Sean Ebben; 89: Kyle Swider; 90: Jeremy Thompson; 92: Connor McQueen; 98: Ian Seach; 102: Andrew Blazo; 122: Jonathan Zarembo.  
**Boys 13 & 14**  
76: Justin McCown; 84: Justin Diegel; 85: Nick Lamothe; 89: Tyler German; 95: Logan Welch; 98: Patrick Murray; Jacob Smith; 100: Ryan Lautenbach; 107: Ryan Khune; 113: Brian Stemen; 115: Jimmy Edney; 123: Patrick Zarembo; 125: Danny Collieran; 127: Josh Suzio; 130: Frank Pastula; 133: Brendan Fuciarelli; 144: Tyler Musson; 145: Logan Lautenbach; 149: Zachary Bond; 150: Ezra Houghtby.  
**Boys 12-and-under**  
1st place: Ian Wood; 2nd place: Evan Westphal; 90: Kyle Robertson; 4th place: Owen Michaels; 93: Henry Shymanski; 96: Brent Haslem; 104: Brandon Stout; 108: Luke Beally; 109: Josh German; Nick Collins; 114: Nathan Blazo; 117: Daniel White; 118: Tyson Wisner; 127: Jacob Robertson; Nathan Drabicki; 152: Colin Nguyen.  
**Girls 16 & 17**  
88: Grace Fiscelli; 98: Madeline Hintz; 105: Victoria Zarembo; 115: Marin McGowan; 118: Kristin McLean.  
**Girls 14 & 15**  
87: Megan Gronau; 96: Rachel Crachiola; 97: Kristen Szabelski; Sofia Cueva; 98: Kendall Payne; 112: Emily Walters; 117: Katherine Collieran; 123: Zoe Patgoff.  
**Girls 12 & 13**  
85: Alana Jones; 94: Summer Horen; 97: Anna Vento; 123: Sophia Wygonik; Amelia Carey.



Farmington Hills resident Alana Jones shot a sizzling round of 85 to win the Girls 12 & 13 Division by nine shots.



## Bombers pack big punch

The South Farmington Blue Bombers won the 8-and-under division of the Summer Blast Tournament July 12-13 on the campus of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. The team went 4-0 and won the championship game over Lake Orion, 15-0. The team members are (bottom row, from left) Andrew Van Akin, Owen Matteson, Joshua Brenner, Ben Kazan, (middle row) T.J. Calleja, Ryan Hanks, Noah Cahill, Rece Linn, Cameron Pettaway, Dylan Dinkins, (top row) coaches Rich Hanks, Joe Gjebic, Kurt Linn and Tom Brenner.

**Churchill 'Meet the Team' night**

Livonia Churchill High School's annual "Meet the Team" night will be held Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. in the James P. Carli Auditorium. All athletes who plan on participating in at least one sport during the 2014-15 school year and at least one of their parents are asked to attend.

For more information, contact the Churchill athletic office at 734-744-2650, ext. 46117.

**Plymouth YMCA offerings**

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of youth instructional programs and leagues this fall. The focus of these programs will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

The programs include leagues, clinics and instructional classes.

A girls volleyball league (ages 8-12) will include one practice during the week and games on Friday evenings. The season begins the week of Sept. 8. Registration is now open.

YMCA co-ed soccer leagues

are forming for children ages 3-11. The season will run from Sept. 8 through Oct. 25. There will be one practice per week and one game per week on Saturday mornings.

Programs are filled on a first come, first-served basis. Games and practices are held in the Plymouth-Canton area.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 734-386-0700.

**GCYAA football accepting registrations**

The Garden City Youth Athletic Association is still accepting player registrations for its flag football (6- and 7-year-olds), freshmen (8- and 9-year-olds) and junior varsity (10- and 11-year-olds) football teams. Practices begin July 30.

For more information, visit [www.gcyaafootball.com](http://www.gcyaafootball.com). The GCYAA is a certified USA Football Heads Up tackling program.

**CYO fall soccer registration**

The St. Edith CYO athletic program is accepting registrations for its fall CYO soccer teams. Teams are open to girls entering grades 4-8 and boys entering grades 4-6 this fall.

**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

The program is open to those who attend St. Edith, St. Colette, St. Aidan and St. Kenneth parishes. There is also a program for boys and girls in kindergarten through third grade. For more information, contact Ron Wollenweber at [stedithsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:stedithsoccer@gmail.com) or visit [www.stedithcyo.com](http://www.stedithcyo.com).

**Golf to help military veterans**

Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton will participate Monday, Aug. 11, in the World's Largest Golf Outing to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

The event will involve thousands of golfers and hundreds of courses throughout the country.

The cost is \$200 for a foursome, \$100 for a twosome and \$50 for a single golfer. The fee includes a hat and golf ball with the WLGO logo, greens fee, shared cart, lunch, prizes and awards.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. There will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m., followed by an awards ceremony at 3 p.m.

Golfers can register at [worldslargestgolfouting.com](http://worldslargestgolfouting.com) or [fellowscreekgolf.com](http://fellowscreekgolf.com). For more information, call Fellows Creek at 734-728-1300.

Participants will have a

chance to win a trip for four to the Nike Campus, which will include all fittings for custom-fit Nike irons and a Nike hat-and-shirt package.

**Michigan Generals softball tryouts**

The Michigan Generals will have softball tryouts from 6-8 p.m. the following evenings at North Farmington:

16U: Tuesday, Aug. 12, and Tuesday, Aug. 19; 14U: Wednesday, Aug. 13, and Wednesday, Aug. 20; 12U: Thursday, Aug. 14; and Thursday, Aug. 21.

Pitchers and catchers should plan on staying a little longer. Registration begins at 5 p.m. each night.

Visit [www.michigangenerals.com](http://www.michigangenerals.com) for a registration form and more information about the program.

**Glenn volleyball fundraiser**

John Glenn High School's volleyball team will have a golf fundraiser Saturday, Aug. 9, at Fox Hills Golf Course.

The cost is \$125 per player or \$500 per foursome. The cost includes 18 holes of golf, lunch on the turn, unlimited range balls, raffle ticket and steak dinner.

Check-in time is noon; play

begins at 1:30 p.m. Registration deadline is Sunday, Aug. 3.

For more information, contact Walker at 719-339-6159.

**Precision Baseball tryouts**

Tryouts for the Precision Patriots 11-U travel baseball team are scheduled from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, July 28, at Precision Baseball, 7835 Market Street, in Canton.

The Patriots will have winter indoor practices and training, league and tournament play. Players must be age 11 or younger May 1, 2015.

Players from surrounding areas are welcome. Any questions can be sent to [precisionpatriots11u@gmail.com](mailto:precisionpatriots11u@gmail.com).

**Churchill softball golf outing**

The fourth annual Churchill softball golf outing fundraiser will be Sunday, Sept. 28, at Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

The cost is \$65 for golf and dinner. Dinner only is \$20. The format is a four-person scramble.

Contact Steve Gentilia at 734-776-1716 ([churchillsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:churchillsoftball@gmail.com)) or Kevin McHugh at 734-748-8520 ([kmchugh12@yahoo.com](mailto:kmchugh12@yahoo.com)).

**TRYOUTS****Livonia Lakers 13U travel baseball**

The Livonia Lakers 13U travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for its 2015 season Aug. 9-10 from 2-4 p.m. each day at Bicentennial Park (field No. 7), which is located at 35400 Seven Mile Road in Livonia.

Players from Livonia and surrounding areas are invited to attend. The Lakers, who were established in 2010, play approximately 20 games in the advanced division of the KVBSA in addition to four to six tournaments, some out of state.

The team starts winter workouts in January. The head coach is a former high school varsity baseball coach who strives to prepare the team's players to make them high school ready.

Players are asked to arrive 15 minutes early to check in. For more information, contact Aaron Rumberger at [ccrumberger@yahoo.com](mailto:ccrumberger@yahoo.com).

**Redford Union boys soccer**

Redford Union boys soccer tryouts will be held Aug. 13-15 from 5-7 p.m. at MacGowan Elementary School. Players must bring cleats, water and a completed physical. For more information, contact coach Jim Gibbs at 313-995-4234.

Physicals for students can be done at RU on Aug. 7 for \$10.

**Livonia Churchill fall sports**

Following are details for upcoming fall team tryouts for Livonia Churchill High School:

» Boys cross country: Aug. 13 from 9-11 a.m. at Cass Benton Park (off Hines Drive between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads). For more information, contact coach John McGreevy at [jmgregreevy@yahoo.com](mailto:jmgregreevy@yahoo.com).

» Girls cross country: Aug. 13 from 9-11 a.m. at Cass Benton Park. For more information, contact coach Sue Tatro at [statia2@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:statia2@livoniapublicschools.org) or 734-744-2650.

» Football: Aug. 8, at Churchill football field. Workouts and conditioning will be held from 6-8 p.m. For more information, contact coach Bill Defillippo at [wdefilli@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:wdefilli@livoniapublicschools.org) or 734-812-3033.

» Girls golf: Aug. 15 at 3 p.m., Aug. 16 at 3 p.m., and Aug. 17 at 10 a.m. at Whispering Willows Golf Course. Bring golf equipment and be prepared to pay an \$8.50 green fee for each day of tryouts. For more information, contact coach Paul Worley at [paulworley@pga.com](mailto:paulworley@pga.com) or call 734-748-6250.

» Boys soccer: Aug. 13 at Churchill track at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact coach Matt Grod, [mgridzic@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:mgridzic@livoniapublicschools.org) or call 734-744-2650.

» Girls swimming and diving: Aug. 13 at Churchill High pool from 7-10 a.m. For more information, contact Coach Aaron Rieder, [arieder@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:arieder@livoniapublicschools.org) or call 734-744-2650.

» Boys tennis: Aug. 13 at Churchill tennis courts from

10 a.m. to noon. Bring water and be prepared for conditioning. For more information, contact coach John Webster at [jwebster2@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:jwebster2@livoniapublicschools.org) or call 734-788-8211.

» Girls volleyball: Aug. 13 at Churchill competitive gym from 3-6 p.m. For more information, contact coach Anna Gatt - [amkgatt17@yahoo.com](mailto:amkgatt17@yahoo.com) or 734-306-3793.

All athletes must have a valid physical on file (conducted after April 15, 2014) in order to tryout in addition to the LPS one-time participation fee of \$300.

**Livonia City Thunder 15U travel baseball**

The 15U Livonia City Thunder baseball team will be holding tryouts Saturday, Aug. 16 from 1-3 p.m. at Bicentennial Park (field No. 3). The team will be playing in seven to eight tournaments during the months of June and July, and possibly early August of 2015 after the high school baseball season is over.

Players are asked to arrive 15-30 minutes early for registration. For more information, email [jakackifamily5@aol.com](mailto:jakackifamily5@aol.com).

**10U Livonia City Thunder travel baseball**

The Livonia City Thunder travel baseball organization has announced the addition of a 10U team beginning with the 2015 season. The head coach of the 10U team will be Phil Henriksen.

Tryouts will take place at 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3. All tryouts will be at Bicentennial field No. 5 in Livonia. Players are asked to arrive 15-30 minutes early for registration.

The season will be comprised of entry into the KVBSA (15-18 games) and into six to eight competitive weekend tournaments.

For more information, contact Henriksen at [s8henriksen@yahoo.com](mailto:s8henriksen@yahoo.com).

**11U Livonia Stars travel baseball**

Head coach Matt Fournier will be holding tryouts for the 11U Livonia Stars travel baseball team Sunday, Aug. 3, and Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Livonia Franklin High School baseball field from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

This travel team will play games in the KVBSA and three or four tournaments.

Players can not turn 12 before May 1, 2015, in order to be eligible to sign up.

For more information, contact Matt Fournier at [mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net) or at 734-968-0499.

**15U Dearborn Heights Diamondbacks travel baseball**

The Dearborn Heights Diamondbacks 15U travel team will be holding tryouts for the 2015 season on Aug. 9 from 6-8 p.m. and Aug. 10 from 2-3:30 p.m. The tryouts will be at Field of Dreams, which is located at 7506 Inksater Road (between Warren and Joy) in Dearborn Heights.

For more information, email [rmstwins@yahoo.com](mailto:rmstwins@yahoo.com) or [scramton@comcast.net](mailto:scramton@comcast.net).

**JV pom girls get it done!**

The Canton High School junior varsity pompon team took first in several categories at the recent Mid-American Pompon camp. The girls won the Showmanship Award and also took first in the Speed Learning, Original Routine and Most Improved categories. In the back row (from left) are coach Nikki Battaglia, Arianna Mattioli, Jenna Milewski, Brianna Tetlow, Danielle Guerra, Morgan Filmore, Saniya Kale, Aiexis Faust, Nikki Christensen, Jessi Dawson and coach Brandee Amick. In the front row (from left) are Mallery Woodard, Claire Carrier, Nicole Piontek, Alia Jones, Grace Jurczak, Sydney Drechnowicz, Kendall Milo and Payton Rasmussen.

**Storm surges to title**

The Livonia Storm 13U girls fast-pitch softball won the Lakeshore Storm Summer Classic College Showcase Tournament in Holland July 25-27. The Storm was also the division champion of the Western Wayne County League Gold Division with a record of 10-1-1. The team's overall record this season was 55-17-6. Pictured are (top row from left) coaches Jeff Trujillo, Tom Churchill, Tim Olschanski and head coach Scott DeBoer, (middle row from left) Val Pfeiffer, Paige Hanson, Paige Ameal, Claire Hammons, Catherine Olschanski, Caitlin Brickley, (bottom row from left) Brooke Hanson, Tara Trujillo, Molly Padrock, Jennifer Ostrowski, Alison Peck and Alexis Churchill.

**Wild about winning**

The 14U Livonia Wild travel softball team was crowned division champion of the Western Wayne County League in addition to taking the title in the Livonia Wild Summer Slam 2014 Tournament. Pictured are (top row from left) Abe Vinitzki (head coach), Jessica Zahm, Mikayla Ott, Kalya Krusinski, Megan Gronau, Natalie Bradford, Macey Reese, Kaitlyn Vinitzki, Sue Dorr (assistant coach), Curt Ruppel (assistant coach), bottom row from left) Kendra Juliette, Lydia Ruppel, Miyah Smith, Bridget Folk, Maria Teodoro and Abby Daoust.

## HEARTBEAT OF PLYMOUTH

# Church festival reaches out with music, speakers, service projects

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Five churches are working together to stage the first Heartbeat of Plymouth Festival, an event organizers hope will entertain, educate and show that Christian denominations can work together.

"It started with a meeting at First Presbyterian. They were worried about how future leaders from church would be developed and that got me thinking," said Roger Cromwell, a member.

Cromwell suggested a Chautauqua-style event that would include music and speakers. The Chautauqua Institution, based in southwestern New York, started in the late 1800s offering classes to Sunday school teachers. Its course offerings quickly broadened to include academic subjects and later, the arts.

Other members liked the idea, but wanted to include lay persons from local churches in the planning. The event will run Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9-10, in downtown Plymouth.

"We made a list of churches and came up with 17 in the area and started calling people we knew. We started with the Methodists and came to find out they were thinking of doing the same thing."

The Plymouth First United Methodist Church had offered a one-night Christian music concert, Heartbeats, for the past few years in Kellogg Park. The event included activities for children in addition to music.

"They (First Presbyterian) came to us and started talking about Chautauqua, an event



Lee Strobel will speak at the Penn Theatre, Aug. 9-10 during the Heartbeat of Plymouth event.

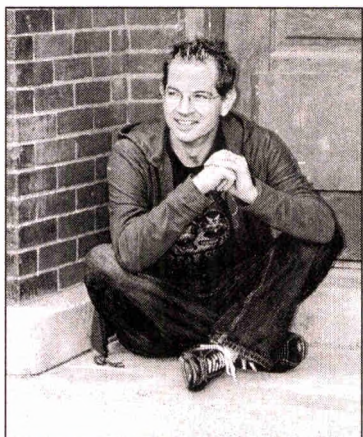
held in New York. They had been feeling a nudging to do something like this here," said Bill Strobridge, a member of Plymouth First United Methodist.

## Working together

They and three other churches came together to work with First Presbyterian on the event. The churches formed a coalition called Faith Festival, which later was changed to Heartbeat of Plymouth. The group sponsored a Christmas carol sing-along last year in Kellogg Park and offered prayer sessions on the National Day of Prayer in May.

"It was quite obvious the Christian churches in Plymouth had not worked together in a lot of years and I think they were eager to do that," Cromwell said. "I'd like to see more churches involved. I'd like to see the festival grow."

Strobridge said the festival isn't meant to be "a love-in for Christians" but rather an op-



John Branyan brings his comedy to the event Aug. 9-10.

portunity for church members to invite friends, neighbors, family members and colleagues to hear Christian music and speakers.

Comedian John Branyan will entertain and author Lee Strobel will speak both days at the Penn Theatre. Free Christian music performances will be held in the park. Visitors also can participate in charity projects at The Gathering, across from the park.

## Music as outreach

Jeremy Russell of Plymouth First United Methodist Church is in charge of the musical performances for the festival. "For us it was building on something that we already had been doing," he said, referring to the annual Heartbeat concert in the park. "But this is doing it in a way that is more inclusive and it's a better way to reach out to the community."

A mix of local and national musicians will perform Christian contemporary pop and



All Things New is among the bands scheduled to perform at Heartbeat of Plymouth.

## HEARTBEAT OF PLYMOUTH FESTIVAL

**What:** First festival created by the Heartbeat of Plymouth, a coalition of five Plymouth churches, Church of the Nazarene, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth First United Methodist Church, and Praise Baptist

**When:** Noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9-10

**Where:** Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, The Gathering and the Penn Theatre

**Details:** Christian comedian John Branyan and author Lee Strobel will make presentations from noon to 3 p.m., both days at the Penn. Musicians Dale Hicks and Kyle Whipple will open the show. Tickets are \$5, available from the participating churches. Admission at the door unless the event sells out. Free Christian music concerts, 3:30-7:30 p.m. both days. Performers include Impact Band, Saltz N Beck, All Things New, Molly Hunt, Chosen, and Josh Wilson. Guests may participate in service projects by helping to package meals for Kids Against Hunger and by assisting The Salvation Army with backpacks for Backpacks for Education, 3:30-6 p.m. both days. Children's activities also run from 3:30-6 p.m. and will include face painting, balloon making, and other kid-friendly fun.

**Contact:** facebook.com/heartbeatofplymouth

rock over the two-day event. He said music is one of the most universal ways to "celebrate and share the gospel" with a wide variety of listeners.

"This is our first year with a

collection of churches coming together," he said. "We're excited whatever way God will shape this and use it. We're looking forward to it."

# EASY WAYS FOR FAMILIES TO SAVE

The average family is always looking for ways to save a little bit of cash. While some efforts to save money may seem small and insignificant, it's beneficial to look at the big picture. By saving here and there where you can, the amount can really start to add up.

From eating out less often to selling unwanted items in a garage sale, there are many ways to keep more of your hard-earned money in your pocket. Here are several ideas for families who wish to be wiser with their dollars:

## Cut back on entertainment

Do you have a cable package with all the bells and whistles? Is your entire family on a first-name basis at the local movie theater? Consider reducing your entertainment expenses and opt instead for less expensive, family-friendly activities, such as camping trips, hiking adventures or visiting a free art gallery. These activities are typically more enriching on a physical, intellectual and emotional level and increase family bonding — which is always a great thing.

## Reap the rewards

From grocery store chains that offer gasoline discounts to clothing retailers who offer special member incentives, rewards programs provide truly great perks for families trying to save some dough. Even popular search engines are joining in on the fun of rewarding members for their loyalty. For example, when people sign in to their Microsoft account to search for anything on Bing.com, they can earn Bing Rewards credits. These credits can be redeemed for everything from airline miles, gas points, summer blockbuster entertainment and gift cards to major retailers and restaurants. On average, people can earn credits worth the equivalent of more than one coffee per month with

Bing Rewards.

## Buy used

From clothing to cars, you can typically find a gently-used version of something you need at a much better price. Look for specialty stores that sell used video games for the little ones. Or, if you're in the market for furniture or unique gifts, the local antique dealer or flea market is a great place to check out.

## Get rid of unused items

Encourage every family member to clean out their drawers, closets and spaces to get rid of things they no longer use. Start a yard sale or take the items to a consignment shop to earn extra cash. You can also donate the items to a local charity for a tax deduction. If you find that sentimental attachment keeps you holding on to too many items, ask yourself if the item has been used within the last six months. If it hasn't, that usually means it's time to let it go.

## Travel smart

Adjusting to a budget doesn't mean you have to cut out the many joys of traveling. For a fun weekend getaway, look for camping sites at the local state park. If roughing it isn't your thing, there are many websites that showcase rooms or homes you can rent for vacation. These options are usually run by the homeowner and offer an affordable and unique alternative to a mundane and often overpriced hotel room.

## Give homemade gifts

Family life comes with its many gift-giving opportunities — from birthdays to holidays to special life milestones. Because these occasions happen often, all of the purchases can add up. Put your creative juices to work and visit your local craft or hobby store for homemade gifts your family and friends will treasure. Whether it's a bauble-adorned



## TECH-SAVVY SAVING

The Internet is a great resource when it comes to searching for good deals. Check out these ideas to put your time online to good use:

### » Used goods

Shop online for auction or list sites to find the best deal for the goods your family needs. Some of the best finds for used goods online include cars, lawnmowers, musical instruments and appliances.

### » Save by searching

Did you know you can earn credits towards free goods just by searching online? Visit [www.bing.com/rewards](http://www.bing.com/rewards) to sign up, and start earning credits to put to use at your favorite retailers.

### » Amazing apps

There are numerous apps that work hard to save you cash. Look for those that locate the cheapest prices on gas, coupons from local grocery chains and even those that help you to easily budget your finances.

picture frame, a dozen fresh-baked cookies or a dip mix in a jar, gifts made by hand show that you put time and thought into creating them. For a finishing touch, include a special hand-written note along with the gift. You can also give the gift of your service or time through acts such as babysitting, house sitting or taking care of a pet while a loved one is out of town.

## Purchase hand-me-down items

For growing families, clothing purchases can add up fast, especially with multiple kids. While shopping, choose clothing in colors suitable for boys and girls, such as green, yellow and orange. You can then pass down this wardrobe to the next child in line, limiting the amount of money you spend on clothing they will quickly outgrow.

## Be smart with utilities

Encouraging your family members to adopt small, money-saving practices can save

you big on monthly expenses. Simply turning off lights when they aren't in use, reducing shower times and using a clothesline are just a few ways to reduce overall household consumption. These activities also offer an important lesson to children about conservation and sustainable practices.

By adopting a few of these money-saving activities, you can see the savings pour in. To search for more great tips, visit [www.Bing.com](http://www.Bing.com).

Courtesy of Family Features

# Brewing their own: Craft beer is near in scenic Northville

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Some in Northville might not know it, but the Northville Winery is now making its own craft beer.

"We've been pouring our own beer for two months now and it's been really well received by our regulars," said Winery owner Carina Nelson, who owns it with her husband Rob Nelson.

They recently added the microbrewery license and a small distillery license. So far Rob has brewed up a variety of batches, including a Pale Ale, Amber, IPA and a Belgium Blonde. Carina said they are excited about this new opportunity.

"Our regular locals have been anticipating this and so were we," she said. "The response has been so good that also most every weekend we have been running out of our taps."

Located next to Parmenter's Cider Mill, Rob and Carina started making their own wine over five years ago and they have been expanding ever since. It's a true homemade, craft venture.

All of their grapes and apples are brought in from the west side of Michigan. They do all the pressing in the cider mill and fermenting and bottling in the winery building. Every bottle is filled and labeled by hand. The winery now produces

several alcoholic wines, hard cider flavors and now beer.

They now want to get the word out.

Each Friday they have acoustic music with new beer on tap to go along with the different wines and ciders, so it's a great opportunity to experience the new and Improved Northville Winery and Brewery.

They also want everyone to know the Cider Mill Wine Counter re-opens Aug.30.

To learn more go to their web site at <http://thenorthvillewinery.com/index.html>. They are located at 714 Baseline Road.

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Rob and Carina Nelson have expanded the options at the Northville Winery.

## REUNIONS

Send school reunion information to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

### BIRMINGHAM GROVES CLASS OF 1979

35-year reunion, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at O'Toole's Irish American Grill and Bar, Royal Oak. Tickets are \$25 per person. For more details, visit [www.groves1979.com](http://www.groves1979.com).

### DEARBORN EDESEL FORD CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion is planned 5-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Andiamo, 21400 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Ticket purchase deadline is Aug. 25. Email Judy (Berry) Buck at [jarcuck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jarcuck@sbcglobal.net) for more details.

### DEARBORN FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 1952

62nd reunion set for both January and June classes, Saturday, Sept. 13, at Park Place in Dearborn. Contact Al Orloff at [orloff@aol.com](mailto:orloff@aol.com) or 734-432-9308; or Marvin Smyth at [mmsmyth@juno.com](mailto:mmsmyth@juno.com) or 313-562-4378 for more information.

### DEARBORN HEIGHTS HASTON CLASSES OF 1963-64

Reunion organizers seek alumni, teachers and staff from 1963-64 and also friends from Brainard Elementary and Haston Jr. High who may have left school before the classes graduated at Haston. The main event is a dinner party Saturday, Sept. 20, at Andiamo Restaurant, Bloomfield Hills. Advance tickets are required. Email Diane Jones at [dianejones816@gmail.com](mailto:dianejones816@gmail.com) or by phone at 610-436-4915.

### DETROIT CODY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 19, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty, Novi. For more information, contact Mike and Barb Kerby, 734-525-0546, [kerby66bam@msn.com](mailto:kerby66bam@msn.com).

### CLASSES OF 1950S AND 60S

Reunion set for 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Nankin Mills Pavilion, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, in Edward Hines Park. Music, memorabilia, door prizes, hot dogs, chips, bottled water, baseball hats, T-shirts, sweat shirts, tassels, beads, and music CDs will be available. Special parking area for classic cars. Bring chairs and pop-ups. No need to register. For more informa-

tion contact Phil Varilone at 313-562-3579 or [Pvarilone@wowway.com](mailto:Pvarilone@wowway.com); Jerry Marszalek at 313-532-0134 or [Jmarsares@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Jmarsares@sbcglobal.net).

### DETROIT MACKENZIE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 1950S, '60S

Fourth annual picnic set for noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, at Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines Park, corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, Westland. Bring your own picnic or buy Michigan-made hot dogs, chips, pop, water and ice cream on site. T-shirts, sweat shirts, and music CDs also will be sold. Seating available under the shelter, or bring your own chairs and pop-ups. Questions? Call Janet Cable at 734-377-4009 or email [mackenzie50s-60s@hotmail.com](mailto:mackenzie50s-60s@hotmail.com). Or check out [www.classcreator.com/Detroit-MI-Mackenzie-1960](http://www.classcreator.com/Detroit-MI-Mackenzie-1960)

### FARMINGTON HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1974

40th reunion planned for Friday-Saturday, Aug. 29-30, with a Friday night social and tour of the high school, wine/beer tasting and dinner and dancing on Saturday. For more information, email David Hayes at [davidhayz@yahoo.com](mailto:davidhayz@yahoo.com).

### FRASER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights. Contact Rich Whipple, 734-751-2992, [rekjwhipple@yahoo.com](mailto:rekjwhipple@yahoo.com).

### LIVONIA CHURCHILL CLASS OF 1989

Reunion is planned for 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at One Under Bar & Grill, 35789 Five Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$55 per person and include appetizers and open bar. To purchase tickets log on to Paypal using [nancymcintroy@gmail.com](mailto:nancymcintroy@gmail.com). For more information contact Tracy Rayburn-Miller or Nancy McIntroy on Facebook or email [tsteelle37@yahoo.com](mailto:tsteelle37@yahoo.com) or [nedoff@yahoo.com](mailto:nedoff@yahoo.com).

### LIVONIA STEVENSON CLASS OF 1974

40-year reunion, planned by Linda Armstrong, Kim Geiger and Jack Karbowski, 7 p.m. to midnight Nov. 29, Corsi's Restaurant, 27910 Seven Mile, Livonia. Includes dinner, photo booth, disc jockey, pizza. Reservations and payment with Karbowski, 313-530-9634;

### PLYMOUTH CANTON AND SALEM CLASS OF 1984

30-year class reunion is set for Saturday, Sept. 13. For details visit [Plymouth-CantonSalem1984.com](http://Plymouth-CantonSalem1984.com).

### REDFORD THURSTON CLASS OF 1969

45th reunion is set for 6:30 p.m. Oct. 10, at Northville Hills Golf Club, 15565 Bay Hill Drive, Northville. Tickets are \$45 and includes dinner, dancing and cash bar. RSVP by Sept. 1. Contact Jill Serbay at [ijserbay@gmail.com](mailto:ijserbay@gmail.com) for more information.

### ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1979

A 35-year reunion is planned for Aug. 16 at Best Western Gateway International (Airport), 9191 Wickham, Romulus. For more information, contact Duane Moffat at 248-426-6501 or [Spectroemc2@gmail.com](mailto:Spectroemc2@gmail.com).

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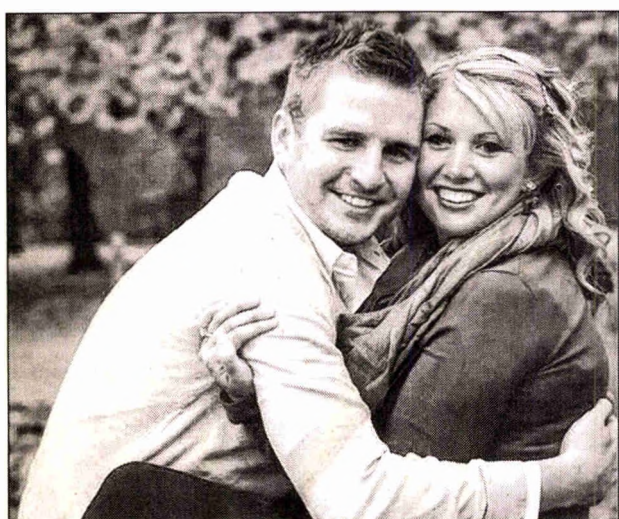
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Jillian Michelle Lentine and Sean Weirich Leaym announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michelle Johnson and Manual Lentine, both of Westland, is a 2005 graduate of John Glenn High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University. She is a first-grade teacher in

the Van Buren School District.

Her fiancé, son of Marvin and Connie Leaym of Plymouth, is a 2003 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Michigan State University. He is employed with Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

An August 2014 wedding is planned at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Sunday, through Aug. 24

**Location:** Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton

**Details:** Bring your own lawn chair for this service with members of St. Michael Lutheran Church. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

**Contact:** 734-459-3333

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 4-8

**Location:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, in Livonia

**Details:** Open to all kids entering preschool (must be potty-trained) through sixth grade. Registration fees are \$5 for one child in the family, \$10 for families with two or more children.

**Contact:** 248-442-8822; judy@emmanuel-livonia.org

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 Shulenberger 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**

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

**Location:** School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Catholic author Gary Michuta

**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniaistmichael.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 MEAL

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

**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiwawsee, 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 kindergarten

**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, 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.

**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 back.

**Details:** Music, singing, prayer

**Contact:** Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656

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

**Contact:** 734-459-3333

SINGLES

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

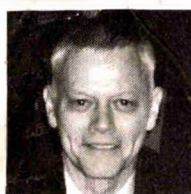
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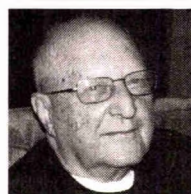
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BOYNE, RONALD ANTHONY

Age 65, of Terre Haute, IN, passed away on July 29, 2014. Ron is survived by his wife of 23 years, Judy (Waterloo) Boyne, formerly of Lapeer, MI; siblings: Gail Meeks of Chicago, IL, Gary (Carol) Boyne of Portland, OR., Janet (David) Doty of Cincinnati, OH.; sister-in-law: Elaine Boyne of Escanaba, MI and many nieces and nephews. Born in Detroit. Ron is preceded in death by his father, Thomas L. Boyne, mother, Lorraine (Katzler) Boyne, brother Thomas J. Boyne, and brother-in-law, Paul Meeks. He was a 1967 graduate of Plymouth High School in Plymouth, Michigan and received his BS degree from Eastern Michigan University. Ron worked for many years during school and after graduation for Parke-Davis/Warner-Lambert Pharmaceutical Research in Ann Arbor before moving to Chicago in 1990 to work for IITRI. In 2000 he was transferred to Newport, IN to manage the quality control department during the dismantling and neutralization of the VX chemical depot by the US government. He retired from IITRI in 2004. There will be a memorial for friends and family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ron's name can be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Alzheimer's Association. Please visit [www.IndianaFuneralcare.com](http://www.IndianaFuneralcare.com) for further details.



BRENNAN, THOMAS CHARLES

Died on July 30, 2014, at the age of 86 in Livonia, Michigan. Born in Detroit, Michigan on July 18, 1928 to Margaret and Michael Brennan, he graduated from Holy Rosary High School in 1947 and served in the United States Marine Corp. from 1950-1951. He was a journeyman newspaper pressman by trade. Tom began working as a flyboy at the Detroit Times in 1949. He also worked at the Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, and the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers throughout his career. As a pressman, he quickly became active in union politics and was a proud union man all his life. In 1967 he was elected president of the Detroit Newspaper Pressmen's Union, Local 13-N, a position he held for most of his career, and during which local 13 became part of the Graphic Communications International Union. He retired in 1992. He was an international executive board member for the North American Newspaper Conference and a member of the Metropolitan Council of Newspaper Unions. He was respected in the newspaper trade as fair, honest, and a staunch fighter for the rights of working men and women. Above all, Tom was a family man. He was known for his fun loving sense of humor, his quick wit, his wisdom, and his unconditional love. He shared all of these generously, and in addition to his own children, he was a father figure to many nieces, nephews, and neighborhood kids throughout his life. He is survived by his wife, Jacquelyn Brennan of Canton, Michigan; as well as his sister, Maureen Delaney and sister, Nancy (Patrick) Delaney. He is also survived by three children from his first marriage, Michael Brennan, Margaret (Tony) Koblinski, and Maura (Daniel O'Neil) Brennan; his two step-children, Katie (Mark Jenzen) McKernan and Justin (Leighann) McKernan; his grandchildren, Mary O'Neil, Connor Koblinski, John O'Neil, Spencer Koblinski, Riley O'Neil, Syd McKernan, and Kolsen Jenzen; as well as many nieces, nephews, and grandnieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Margaret (McGrath) Brennan and Michael Brennan, and his brother-in-law, Gerald Delaney. A celebration of Tom's life will take place on Friday, August 8, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. at the Universalist Unitarian Fellowship of Farmington, 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan. A dinner and wake will follow at John Cowley and Sons Irish Pub at 33338 Grand River, Farmington, Michigan. Friends and family are encouraged to come prepared to share their memories of Tom. Memories may also be shared on his memorial website which can be found at [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bread for the World at 425 3rd Street SW, Suite 1200 Washington, D.C. 20024. More information can be found at [www.Bread.org/giftoflife](http://www.Bread.org/giftoflife).



BRUECKMANN, MARY KAY

Age 75 of Oxford, (formerly of Lexington, Lapeer and Birmingham) died Thursday, July 31, 2014. She was born January 23, 1939 in Pontiac to parents Vernon and Marie (Young) Griffith. Mary Kay graduated from Birmingham Seaholm High School, class of 1957. She went on to earn her bachelor's degree in business from Michigan State University. Mary Kay was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She worked most recently as a graphic designer at Blue Water Printing, here in Lapeer. Mary Kay adored being in, on or near the water. She loved sailing - she was extremely musical - able to play the piano (amongst other instruments) by ear. Mary Kay is survived by her husband, David Brueckmann of Oxford; daughter, Victoria (Robert) Hough of Leonard and her granddaughter, Lauren. She was preceded in death by her parents. The family has entrusted cremation to at Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Lapeer. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

CHAMBERLAIN, DONNA "JEAN" (TURNERY)

Age 83. Of Brighton, passed away peacefully July 31, 2014. She was born in Canton, Ohio on June 13, 1931, a daughter of Harold and Louise (Kibble) Turney. Donna was a Farmington High School graduate. She was a Livingston county resident since 1964. Donna was a member of Chilson Hills Baptist Church. She enjoyed bingo and spending time with her friends and family. She is survived by her children, Floyd R. Chamberlain and Linda Chamberlain; grandchildren, Karen (Ben) Posey, Floyd J. Chamberlain, and John Gross; four great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews. Donna was preceded in death by the father of her children, Henry Chamberlain on May 20, 2010; and her brothers Harold (Barbara) Turney and Lawrence VanAmburg. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 4, 2014 at the Keehn Funeral Home, Brighton. The family will receive friends at the funeral home beginning at 10:00 a.m. Burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Chilson Hills Baptist Church Children's Ministry or ALS of Michigan. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Please visit Donna's Book of Memories at [www.keehnfuneralhome.com](http://www.keehnfuneralhome.com).

KEEHN FUNERAL HOME



CZESZEWSKI, MARY A.

July 28, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Harry. Loving mother of Scott C. Dearest sister of Ron "Sonny", Gloria, Judie, Frank, and Kathy. Also survived by her loving nieces and nephews. Services were held at the Neely-Turowski Life Story Funeral Home in Livonia. View Mary's life story at [www.TurowskiLifeStory.com](http://www.TurowskiLifeStory.com).

FIELEK, CAROLE ANN

July 30, 2014, age 71 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of Tony. Loving mother of Anne (Lee) and Amy. Carole taught for 32 years in the Dearborn Public School System. Visitation Sunday 2-9 p.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. In state Monday 10 a.m. until the 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd. (at Beck), Plymouth. Memorial contributions to Humane Society of Huron Valley. Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com).



FLYNN, LAURA Y.

80, of West Lafayette, IN, died Monday, July 28, 2014, at Westminster Health Care. She was born July 15, 1934, in Louisville, KY, to the late Ralph and Dorothy Tucker Nimmons. On April 4, 1985 she married Albert Flynn in Birmingham, MI and he survives. Laura was a member of First United Methodist Church in Birmingham, MI, Lake Magdalene United Methodist Church in Tampa, FL, Chi Omega Sorority and enjoyed tennis and crocheting. Surviving along with her husband are her children Mark Richardson (Janet) of Marshall, MI, Ralph Richardson (Beth) of Kansas City, KS, Laura Curry (Douglas) of West Lafayette, Bruce Richardson (Dana) of Ann Arbor, MI, grandchildren David Richardson, Sarah Richardson March, Hannah Richardson Reinker, Scott Curry, Joshua Curry, Angela Curry, Kelly King, Katy Richardson, Connor Richardson, Nick Richardson, Sam Richardson, great-grandchildren Caleb March, Jonathan March and Eleanor (Nori) Demmy. Memorial service was Saturday, August 2, 2014 at Grace United Methodist Church, Lafayette, IN. Revs. Lore Blinn Gibson and Bonnie Shoaf officiating. Those wishing may contribute in Laura's memory to the Parish Nurse Program at Lake Magdalene United Methodist Church, 2902 W. Fletcher Ave., Tampa, FL 33618. Sign the guest book at [www.soller-baker.com](http://www.soller-baker.com)

KARHU, FREEMONT E.

Age 84, of Livonia, passed away 07/31/2014. Online condolences at [casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://casterlinefuneralhome.com).

LOFTIS, JEAN BEVERLY

Age 77. July 28, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Charles Kenneth Loftis. Dear mother of Kimberly (Kenneth) Sweet and Judy (Joe) Fox. Loving grandmother of David Charles Fox and Derek Joseph Fox. Visitation was held Wednesday, July 30 from 4-8pm and Thursday, July 31 from 3-8pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd, Livonia. Funeral Service was held Friday, August 1 at 11am (with visitation at 10am) at the Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Beverly Loftis Memorial Fund at any Fifth-Third Bank for the completion of the LCORI Pavilion. [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)



O'REILLY, PATRICIA P.

Age 87 was born December 12, 1926 in London, England to Ralph C. Pond and Mary C. (Ashton) Pond. She and her mother immigrated to the United States after the death of her father in 1929, settling with extended family in Connecticut. Her mother later married Michael Slamon, and Pat was blessed with two younger sisters. Patricia graduated from Norwalk High School in 1945, and received her BA in History from the College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, New York in 1949. She went on to earn her Teaching Certificate from the (then) Danbury State Teachers College. On July 9, 1952, she married John A. O'Reilly at Saint Mary's Church, Norwalk, Connecticut. Pat taught sixth grade at Tracey School, in Norwalk, for 4 years before leaving teaching to travel with John as he built his career with the DeWalt Saw Company. Their travels took them to Jackson, Mississippi; Cincinnati, Ohio; and for more than 30 years, Plymouth, Michigan. In 2002, they joined the Greencroft Community in Goshen. Pat was active in many chapters of New Comers during her travels and still was in touch with many of the friends made in those groups. She was a long time member of the AAUW with a special fondness for the book groups. During her time in Plymouth she was an active volunteer at the Plymouth Historical Museum, and Our Lady of Good Counsel church and school. Pat enjoyed gardening, sewing, crewel and knitting. At one time or another she dabbled in almost every type of art and craft project. Eventually, she developed a love of oil painting and focused on rustic themes and landscapes, many of which graced her homes. Survivors include her husband of 62 years, John; her daughter Ann Linley, son-in-law Gary and grandsons Michael and Daniel all of Elkhart; her sisters Maureen (Fred) Rottjer of Trumbull, CT, and Eileen Connors of Norwalk, CT; and four nieces. A Catholic funeral Mass will be at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 2, at St. Mary's of the Annunciation Church in Bristol. The family will receive friends for 2 hours before the service. Father Bob Van Kempen will preside. Interment will occur at a later date at Violet Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Goshen Boys and Girls Club, Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen, is handling arrangements and online condolences may be sent at [www.rreth.com](http://www.rreth.com)



WHEELER, JEANE K.

Of Allen Park, Michigan, (formerly of Plymouth, MI) Age 93, passed away Thursday, July 30, 2014. She was born April 9, 1921 in Monroe, MI, the daughter of Oswald E. and Ethel L. (Schafer) Cronenwett. On May 24, 1947, she married Joseph W. Hatch and he preceded her in death January 3, 1966. On June 30, 1973, she married William R. Wheeler and he preceded her in death June 29, 1992. Mrs. Wheeler was employed as a secretary at Eastern Michigan University for 24 years, retiring in 1987. She was a member of Lake Pointe Bible Chapel in Plymouth. Survivors include: two sons Daniel J. (Judy) Hatch of Allen Park and Gregory R. (Linda) Wheeler of Dearborn Heights; daughter-in law, Eileen Hatch; six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents and one son, David W. Hatch. The funeral service will be 2 p.m. Sunday, August 3, 2014 at Stark Funeral Service with Pastor Dean Johnson officiating. Private burial will take place in Highland Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to Lake Pointe Bible Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home where the family will receive friends 2-4 and 6-8 pm Saturday. Please sign her guest book at [www.starkfuneral.com](http://www.starkfuneral.com).

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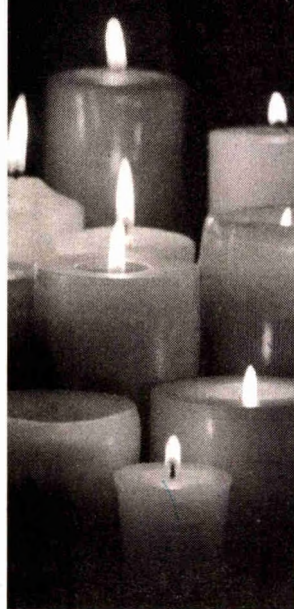


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Passing down family health history can be as important as sharing that heirloom recipe your great-grandmother shared with your grandmother. Many health conditions run in the family, so knowing the health history can help you or your loved ones take the right steps to stay well and get tested if you or they are at risk. Sharing a health history means having a conversation about your health conditions or those experienced by another family member. These conversations can transform a simple update about a loved one's well-being into a piece of prevention.

Why is sharing a health history important? Though marked with stories and laughter, family reunions are also a perfect time to talk about important matters that affect the health of your family members. As the number of those with common ailments such as obesity, heart disease and cancer continues to rise, other major conditions should not be overlooked, especially kidney disease.

There are usually no symptoms for early kidney disease, which is why it is sometimes called a "silent disease." The two primary causes of kidney disease are diabetes and high blood



Family reunions are a perfect time to talk about health history. GETTY IMAGES/BLEND IMAGES

pressure.

The National Kidney Disease Education Program is encouraging relatives at family reunions to talk about the connection between diabetes, high blood pressure and kidney disease. The program's Family Reunion Health Guide can help you plan large group or one-on-one conversations about kidney disease. You do not need to be a health care professional or expert to

start these important conversations — the guide has everything you need. To download or order a free copy, visit <http://nkdep.nih.gov/get-involved/talk-with-family.shtml?ref=MAT>.

### Conversation tips

Talking about health history at family reunions can be challenging. Having a strategy for difficult conversations can help guide the discussion and make it a

meaningful and productive experience. Here are some tips for getting a one-on-one conversation started at your next family reunion:

1. Ask permission to have the conversation and try to choose a convenient time and comfortable environment. Look for a quiet, private place that is free from distractions.

2. Acknowledge that it is not always easy to face personal health prob-

lems. Try to be supportive and listen to their concerns.

3. Include personal stories in your health discussion. Try sharing your story on how you manage diabetes or high blood pressure to help put them at ease.

4. Offer to go with family members to their health care provider and encourage them to bring information about kidney disease, diabetes and high blood pressure to

appointments.

5. Follow up with family members in ways that work for them. Some relatives may prefer a phone call to an email or text message.

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Launching your first job search is both exciting and bewildering. You're eager to impress potential employers with your newly gotten experience and degree, but you're afraid that you might botch it. Here are some common job-search mistakes that trip up many new grads and tips for avoiding them.

**✓ Mistake No. 1:  
Neglecting your network**

Although online searches, campus career centers and career fairs all have their place, harness the power of professional networking when searching for your first job. Consider joining your school's alumni network or a relevant professional association in your industry. Talk to as many people as you can neighbors, parents' friends, members of your house of worship about your career goals, especially if they're in the same or similar industries.

**✓ Mistake No. 2:  
Being sloppy or too clever**

If you're serious about the job search, you will not only carefully edit your resume and cover letter, but you'll ask someone else to take a look, too. Read your documents out loud to make sure they sound professional; this is also an excellent way to catch mistakes. Often, one typo can get your application tossed off the short list.

It also doesn't pay to be cute or clever. Yes, your application materials might stand out that way, but not always in a good way. See Robert Half's "Resumania" column for other good advice and best practices.

**✓ Mistake No. 3:  
Sending out generic documents**

When you come across that cool job post, don't make the rookie mistake of sending out a one-size-fits-all application. If

## 6 job-search mistakes to *avoid* when finding your first job



you want to land your first job, you have to do your homework.

Start by clicking through the company's website. Search for recent news articles. You may also want to like their Facebook page and follow their Twitter feed. Then, tailor your résumé and cover letter to show how your skills and experience mesh with the job description, as well as the firm's corporate goals and culture.

**✓ Mistake No. 4:  
Being careless about your online persona**

Just as you conduct a Web search on the people that you're interested in dating, potential employers will do a search on you. If you haven't already, sign up with LinkedIn, upload a professional-looking profile photo and write a polished summary.

You also need to comb through all your other online

profiles and social media posts, and scrub what you don't want hiring managers to see. Even though you may have set all the right privacy settings in the beginning, we all know how frequently they can change. It wouldn't hurt to give everything a thorough once-over as you start searching for your first job.

**✓ Mistake No. 5:  
Showing immaturity**

After sending out personalized application materials, you'll start hearing back from a few companies. Don't give them reasons to doubt their judgment with unprofessional phone or email manners. That could cost you your first job opportunity.

Start by getting rid of the quirky or brusque voicemail message. Instead, record a pleasant and neutral one that's appropriate for a job search.

Don't forget to give your email the same treatment by

having an address that is a variation of your full name -- not a nickname, your hobby, an alternate persona or something worse. And if you have a quote or cute graphic automatically appended to the end of each email you send, you'll want to delete that or change it to just your contact information.

**✓ Mistake No. 6:  
Being unprepared for interviews**

You got a call for an interview, but you can't just show up and expect to ace it. Now is the time to study. Anticipate the possible questions and rehearse the answers. Practice with someone to make sure your delivery is smooth, confident and on point. Realize that the interviewer may throw you oddball questions like, "If you could be any animal, which one would you be?"

Also keep in mind that

many preliminary interviews are now done by phone -- and that not all hiring managers will set up appointments before calling. Be prepared for job-related calls out of the blue. And when they do call, try to find a quiet location where you won't be interrupted.

You may wonder how to get a first job when there's so much competition for so few openings. By avoiding these common job-search mistakes, you'll greatly increase your chances of success and a long, fulfilling career.

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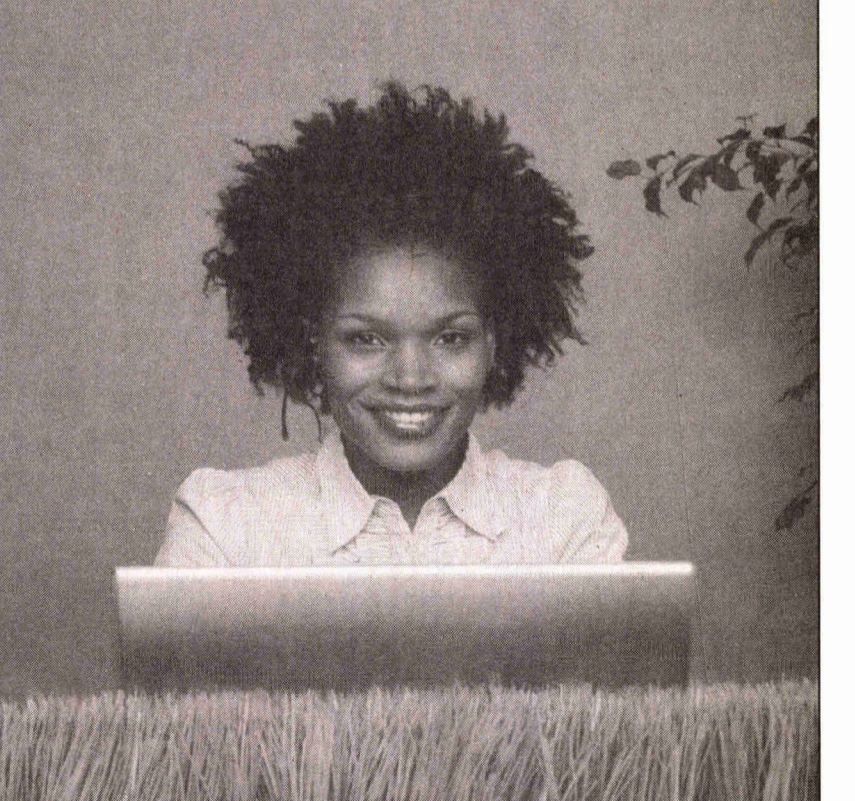
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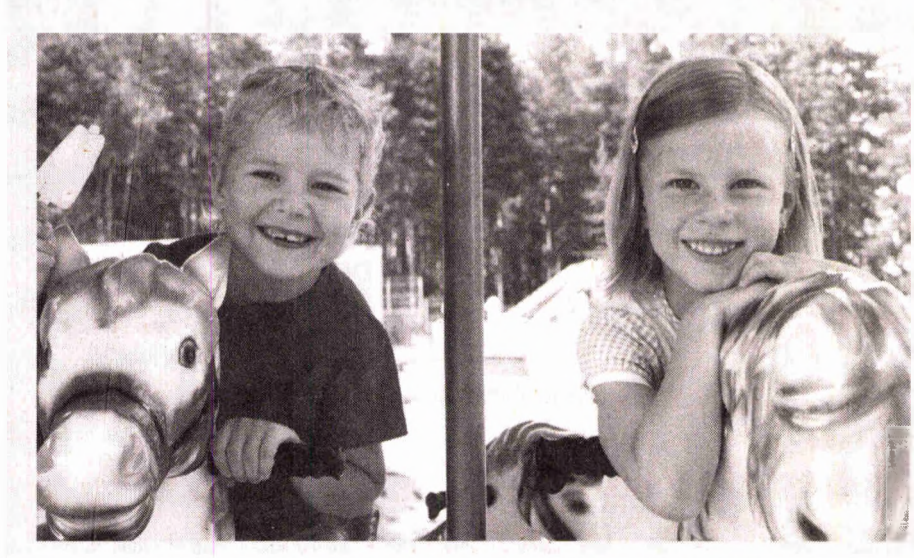


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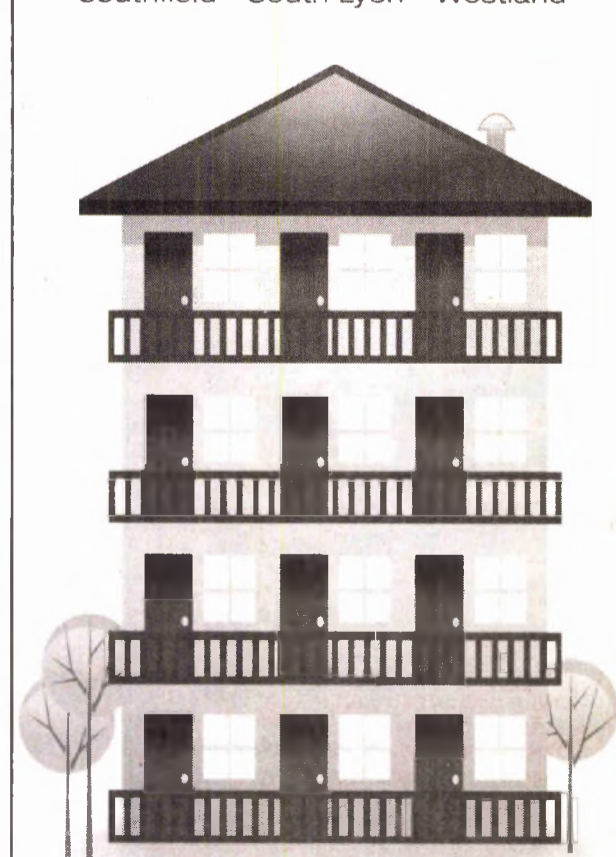
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### ACROSS

- 1 Brown seaweed
- 5 Fast-food symbol
- 9 Lah-de- —
- 12 Football shape
- 13 Type of cracker
- 14 Lyric poem
- 15 Balboa's ocean
- 17 Defiant reply
- 19 Um cousins
- 20 Dept. store inventory
- 21 Hair-raising
- 24 Pillow
- 27 Mortar troughs
- 28 Volcano goddess
- 29 ID info
- 30 Miscalculate
- 31 March sign
- 32 A Gershwin
- 33 Sweater sz.
- 34 Panhandles
- 35 Answered a charge
- 36 Polish

### DOWN

- 1 Keystone —
- 2 NASA excursion
- 3 Varnish ingredient
- 4 They have jaws
- 5 Garage-sale tag (2 wds.)
- 6 "Arabian Nights" bird
- 7 LP successor
- 8 Picks up
- 9 Meshes nicely
- 10 Citrus cooler
- 11 Ship pronoun
- 16 Potato snack
- 18 Double curve
- 20 Double agents
- 21 Rocky ledge
- 22 Welsh dog
- 23 Fight-or-flight hormone
- 24 Pantyhose shade
- 25 Snowy-white bird
- 26 Primed
- 28 Bear down
- 31 Dearth
- 35 Saffron-flavored dish
- 37 Morn counterpart
- 38 Napoleon's marshal
- 40 Gymnastics coach — Karolyi
- 41 "Evil Woman" rockers
- 42 Ayres or Wallace
- 43 Carrier to Amsterdam
- 44 Solar wind component
- 45 Provide staff
- 46 Actress — Hartman
- 49 Oz aunt

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

CRT	SPAR	SELF
AAH	TOLE	ALOE
SHADOWED	NINE	
ASIAN	COOK	
RYE	PASTA	
QUIT	SERE	NIX
URNS	POE	BIKE
ADS	MYNA	UTIL
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1	4	8	2	5	6	7	9	3
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4	1	2	1	6	9	8	3	7
9	5	4	7	8	3	1	6	2
1	5	4	8	3	9	2	7	6
6	9	3	7	1	2	4	5	8
7	8	2	8	7	4	9	3	6

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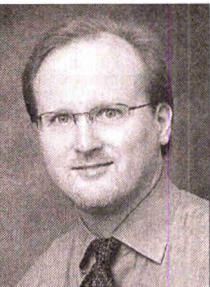
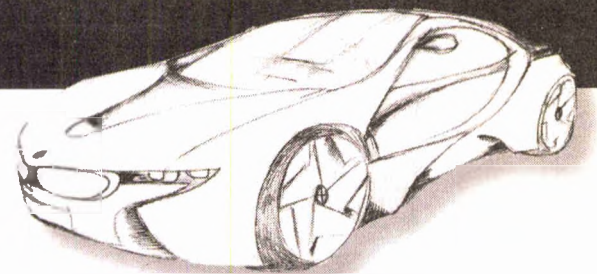
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## Versa Lineup Helps Pace Nissan To Big New Gains in U.S. Market



By Dale Buss

Nissan is on a definite upswing in the U.S. market, and there are a number of reasons for it. There's a switch in its pricing and incentive philosophy that is helping the brand gain market share on its main rivals, for instance.

And there is a spate of significantly improved Nissan products, including the Altima mid-size sedan and the Rogue crossover. Another big contributor is the 2015 Versa, the compact model that has added the Note hatchback version to its initial sedan configuration. Versa sales in June surged by 33 percent to 11,613, a record for the month for that model.

Versa comprised a significant strategic gambit for Nissan when it came out a few years ago in the sedan version. The brand wanted to put a stake in the ground in the very least expensive segment of the American auto market, under \$13,000, while also fielding a vehicle that could strive

for the top of the fuel-economy charts at a time when U.S. gasoline prices remained somewhat unstable as they continued to flirt with the \$4-a-gallon level.

The 2015 sedan remains the least expensive vehicle in Nissan's fleet and one of the least expensive sedans in the whole market. Its biggest attribute continues to be its 40-mpg rating in highway driving for the base version. Sedans with the continuously variable transmission also are rated 35mpg combined. The front-wheel-drive vehicle is powered by a 1.6-liter, four-cylinder engine that generates only 109 horsepower.

There also are a five-speed manual transmission, available on both the sedan and Note hatchback, and a four-speed automatic that can be had only on the base models of the sedan.

Other brands notably have tried to borrow a page from

Nissan's playbook in emphasizing fuel economy over every other aspect of the vehicle, such as Mitsubishi with its Mirage, but they haven't been able to eclipse Versa's appeal in this segment.

One big reason is that fuel economy isn't all there is to Versa, including the new Note. Despite their small exteriors, both models inside provide a lot of space. In the sedan, rear-seat passengers can avail themselves of 37 inches of legroom while those in the Note can stretch out with 38.3 inches, not far off that spec in a full-size sedan.

Same type of capabilities when it comes to cargo hauling. V-Gersa sedan has a 14.9-cubic-foot trunk, which is an extremely strong spec for its segment, while Note provides 18.8 cubic feet even with the rear seats up — and up to double that number with the seats down.

Design-wise, Nissan has gussied up the Versa sedan with a fresher face similar to those in the rest of its car lineup. But it has paid special attention to the design of the new Note. An SR version of the 2015 Note offers sporty front and rear fascias and grille, dark headlight surrounds, fog lights and a rear spoiler outside.

In improving Note for 2015, Nissan features a range of special equipment including NissanConnect with mobile apps, a 5-inch color display,



The Note has added some styling pizzazz to the Versa line-up.

a rear-view monitor, heated front seats, a "Divide-N-Hide" adjustable floor and 16-inch aluminum-alloy wheels.

Note extends the range of suggested retail prices for Versa editions up to as much as \$17,960 and significantly expands Nissan's solid franchise around the fuel-economic line.

American car buyers have been responding with recognition — and purchases. Through its boffo Versa sales month in June, sales of the nameplate for the year to date were up by nearly 7 percent, to 67,940 units, compared with 2013 sales. Versa placed as the brand's fourth-highest-volume nameplate after flagship Altima, Rogue and the Sentra compact.

Overall, Nissan posted a 13-percent U.S. sales increase during the first half, besting Honda in February and March and falling just 34,000 vehicles short of Honda's total sales of 739,400 during the

first six months of this year.

One big reason besides new and improved products is Nissan's new pricing philosophy. It has lowered prices somewhat while also reducing the amount of costly incentives that Nissan long had used to lure car buyers. The new strategy included eliminating the brand's so-called stair step program, a controversial incentive structure that undermined the brand by sometimes rewarding dealers who cut prices at the end of a month to make volume targets.

For the 12 months that ended in June, Businessweek reported, the average sticker price of a Nissan in the U.S. dropped by almost 2 percent while the average cash incentive dropped by about one-third.



The 2015 Versa sedan provides stellar fuel economy.

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