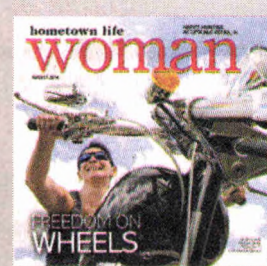


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## Colbeck cruises to easy win

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Patrick Colbeck, who rode a wave of Tea Party support to the Michigan Senate in 2010, cleared a re-election hurdle in convincing fashion Tuesday in the redrawn 7th District.

The Canton Township Republican beat Matthew Edwards of Plymouth Township by a nearly 4-1 margin in the GOP primary. With all communities in the new district reporting unofficial election results, Colbeck had 14,484 votes to Edwards' 4,807.

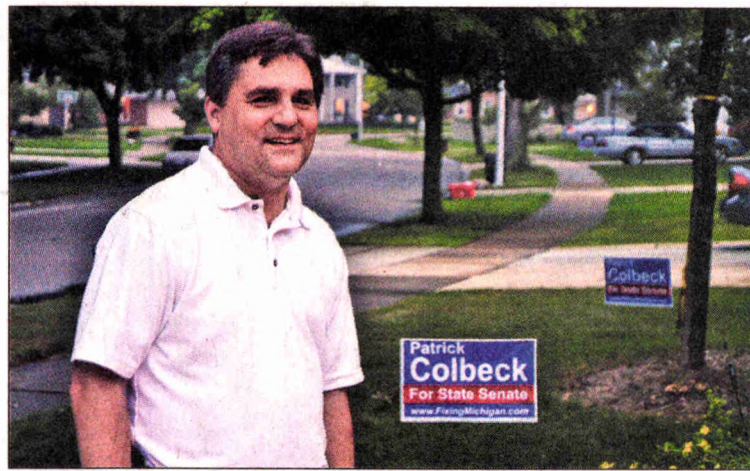
Colbeck now faces Democrat Dian Slavens, a member of the state House of Repre-

sentatives from Canton, in the November general election. Slavens was unopposed in the primary.

Reached late Tuesday, Colbeck thanked his campaign volunteers, who, he said, turned out in big numbers for him.

"We had an awesome group of volunteers," he said. "We're very blessed."

The primary was the first election for the new state Senate 7th District; redistricting based on 2010 census numbers added the cities of Livonia and Wayne to the district, while taking away Van Buren Town-



State Sen. Pat Colbeck won his primary Tuesday and will face Democrat Dian Slavens of Canton in November's general election. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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## District gets 105 schools of choice requests

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

When the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education approved a schools of choice option for increasing district enrollment and, coincidentally, augmenting its budget, officials agreed to take in 200 K-2 students.

When enrollment closed Thursday, the district had received 105 applications. Administrators said they've begun the process of school placements for incoming students. Families will be notified by mail the week of Aug. 11 about what school their children will attend.

The results of the enrollment period mean the district will only generate a little more than half of the \$1.5 million the schools of choice approval was expected to generate.

Still, Superintendent Michael Meissen said he was pleased with the program.

"I think it was successful," Meissen said. "It speaks to the quality of staff and the programming available to families here."

District spokesperson Mary Holaly said the bulk of the applicants came from within the Wayne-Westland and Van Buren school districts, which didn't come as a surprise. Both of those districts reach into Canton and families from both districts have frequently asked Plymouth-Canton for just such a move.

But, Holaly pointed out, requests also came from districts like Livonia and Dearborn.

"We got some from nearby, but they're also from districts farther away," Holaly said.

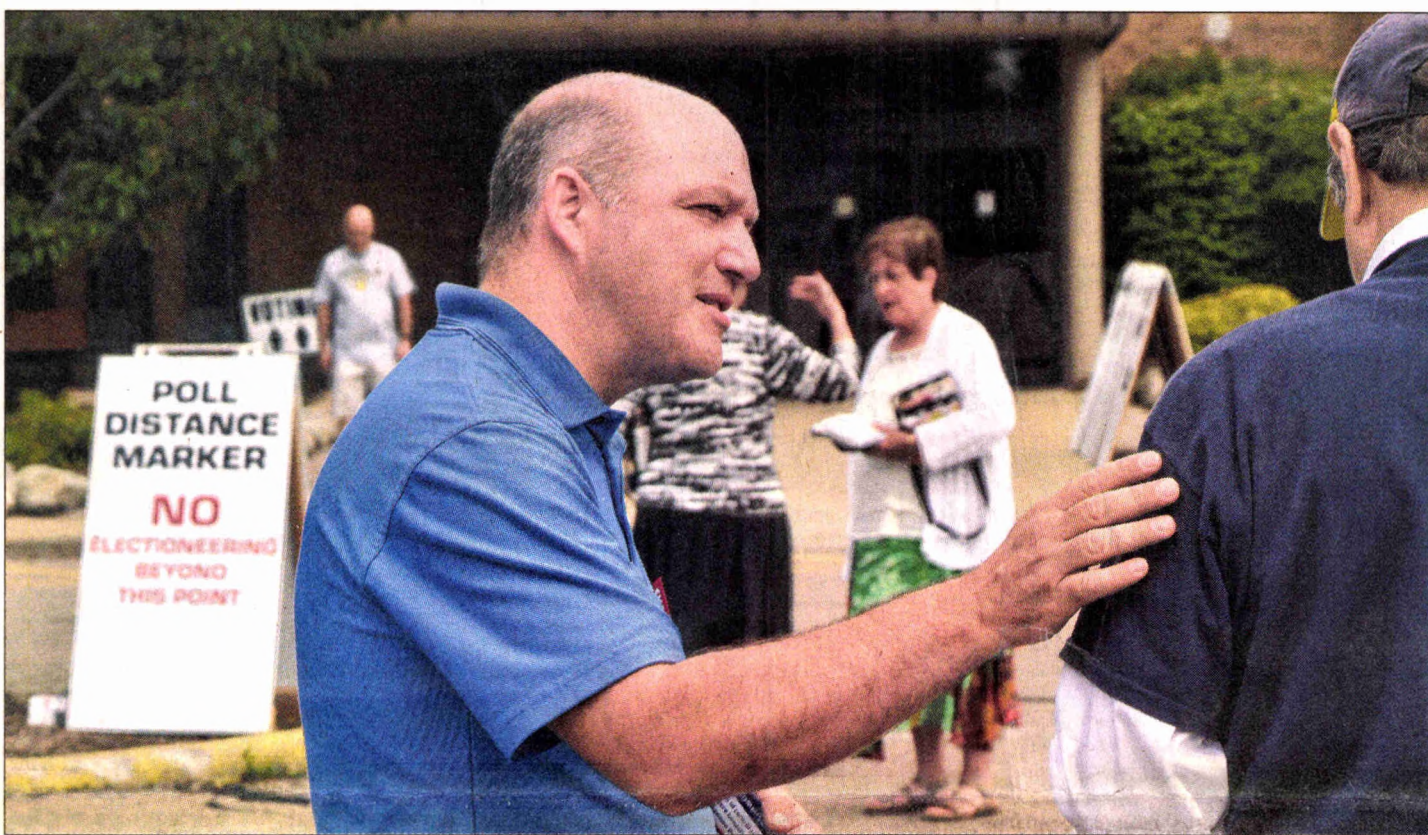
Next up is deciding where the out-of-district students will be placed. Meissen said schools at 85 percent capacity or less will be used first for the new students.

When the board approved the move in late June, administrators said it would bring in some \$1.5 million. At roughly \$7,300 per student, though, the actual results fell short.

Meissen said the lost revenue would be addressed when school reconvenes and the district gets its actual student count. Once the actual budget number is determined, Meissen said, the administration would work with the board to make up any difference, if there is one.

"This whole thing is fluid," Meissen said. "We are monitoring our student count now and we would anticipate taking a snapshot to determine actual enrollment in the first week of school. We would re-engage with the board and make a budget adjustment in the fall based on actual (student) totals."

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Shannon Price works the polls outside the Plymouth Cultural Center. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Price coasts to primary triumph

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Shannon Price, a first-term member of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, handily won Tuesday's Republican primary over challenger Charles Clos.

Price, of Canton Township, collected 6,782 votes, or nearly 85 percent of the votes cast, to 1,219, or just over 15 percent, for Clos, an attorney and former county sheriff's deputy who lives in Plymouth Township.

Price's 10th District is made up of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and

Canton Township.

The win was gratifying, Price said Wednesday morning.

"You go to work every day and you do what you think is right and you hope people recognize you for it," he said.

Price, first elected in 2012, now faces Democrat Milan Peele, also of Canton, in the November general election. Peele, a Chrysler employee who was unopposed in the primary, got 6,729 votes.

Price said Wayne County's looming problems - they include a budget def-

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### LOCAL RESULTS

#### WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION 10TH DISTRICT

Unofficial results for how Plymouth voted in Tuesday's primary. **Bold indicates winner.**

<b>Shannon Price</b> .....	480
Charles Clos .....	102

Unofficial results for how Plymouth Township voted in Tuesday's primary.

<b>Shannon Price</b> .....	2,393
Charles Clos .....	496

## Dooley resigning from Plymouth commission

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer



Meg Dooley, shown here at Monday's Plymouth City Commission meeting, is resigning from the commission effective Sept. 8.

Meg Dooley, a Plymouth City Commission member since November 2011, is resigning from the commission effective Monday, Sept. 8.

Dooley made the announcement during Monday's commission meeting, saying that she plans to move out of the city. While she welcomes that opportunity, leaving will be "bittersweet," she said.

"I'm going to miss serving with all of you and I have the highest regard for each and every one of you," she told fellow commissioners.

Dooley said she intends to write a formal letter of resignation and that her last scheduled commission meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 2.

"It's a huge loss. She is an incredible commissioner," Mayor Dan Dwyer said after the meeting. Dooley brings sharp analytical skills to the

commission, Dwyer said.

Dooley is a lawyer currently working as a project manager at the Washtenaw County Trial Court. She is a former planning commission member.

She said she is staying in the Detroit area and that her move does not involve a job change.

The city's charter calls for the mayor to nominate someone to fill the remainder of a

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# Canton's Sky Zone thanks area first responders

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

The folks at Sky Zone believe the area's first responders – police officers, firefighters, EMTs, the military, etc. – too often go without the recognition they deserve.

So they did something about it.

For 10 hours Tuesday, Sky Zone in Canton opened its 15,000 square feet of interlocking trampolines to first responders free of charge, giving them and their families some family fun on Police, Fire & EMS Appreciation Day.

"We are surrounded by the greatest local heroes, from police to EMS to the military," said Kathy Llamas, Sky Zone's general manager. "So often they go unnoticed and we thought it was a great opportunity for us to partner with the community and to celebrate what often are people who go under the radar and who give so much of themselves in their everyday life."

Sky Zone opened more than two years ago in its 35,000-square-foot building, featuring open jumps, dodgeball games

and tournaments and a trampoline basketball section, among other attractions.

The center also hosts leagues, field trips, youth groups and fundraisers. And Tuesday, it was all open to first responders.

"I think it's pretty cool, it's very nice," said battalion chief Brian Gallison of Farmington Hills. "It's a big deal for the kids. For me, it's fun to be able to watch the kids and it's nice for (Sky Zone) to do something like that."

Gallison took advantage of the offer with his wife Susie and 3½-year-old twins Brooklyn and Andrew. Susie saw an advertisement a friend had emailed her and the family decided to give it a try.

"It was fun," Susie Gallison said. "It's a fun, family experience."

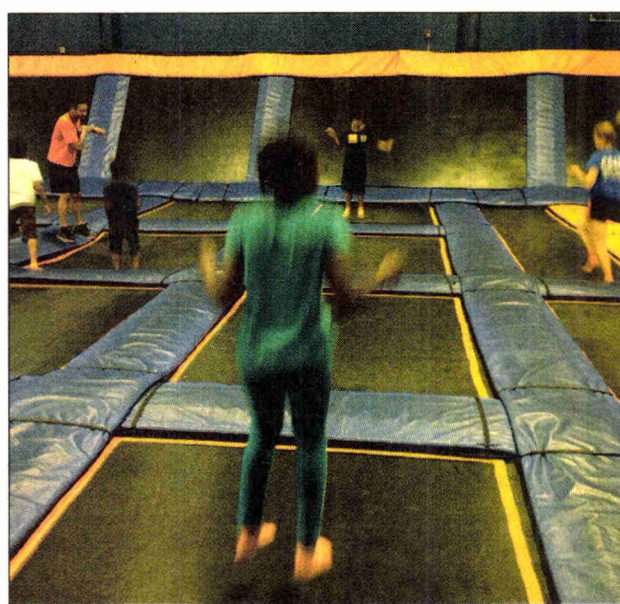
Total numbers weren't available, but Llamas said a "good number" of first responders took advantage of the offer. And why not?

"It's never a dull moment here," Llamas said. "We've got something for just about everybody."

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Area first responders and their families took advantage Tuesday of Police, Fire & EMS Appreciation Day at Canton's Sky Zone.



Canton's Sky Zone features 15,000 square feet of interlocking trampolines.



Brooklyn Gallison of Farmington Hills makes her way out of the foam pit at the Canton Sky Zone.

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icit and a failed jail construction project – have forced commissioners to make difficult decisions that may not sit well with voters, and that he's not going to take the general election for

granted.

"We're trying to clean up the mess. You're never sure how that's going to show up at the ballot box," he said.

**Voter turnout**

The combined voter participation rate in Plymouth and Plymouth Township was more than 27 percent, with 6,584

people casting ballots in the township and 1,638 in the city. There were 22,296 in the township and 7,446 in the city registered and eligible to vote in Tuesday's election.

By individual community, Plymouth's voter participation rate was 22 percent, while the township's was 29.5 percent.

In Plymouth Township, more voters cast absentee ballots than showed up to vote at polling places Tuesday. There were 3,520 absentee votes cast, while 3,064 voted at the precincts.

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vacant term, with the commission having final approval.

Dwyer said he's going to ask other commissioners to suggest potential candidates to replace Dooley and work with the commissioners toward a consensus.

"It's just another opportunity to get somebody involved," Dwyer said.

Dooley's term expires in November 2015.

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## COLBECK

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ship and several Down-river communities. The district still includes the Plymouths, all of Canton and Northville townships and the Wayne County portion of the city of Northville.

Colbeck said he isn't taking the contest against Slavens for granted, but thinks he has a good pitch to make to voters.

"If you look at how the state has turned around in the last four years, it'd be hard to make a case to change direction," he said.

"We've got our fiscal house in order up in Lan-

### LOCAL RESULTS

**STATE SENATE 7TH DISTRICT**

Unofficial results for how the city of Plymouth voted in Tuesday's primary. **Bold** indicates winner.

**Patrick Colbeck** .....538  
Matthew Edwards.....115

### LOCAL RESULTS

**STATE SENATE 7TH DISTRICT**

Unofficial results for how Plymouth Township voted in Tuesday's primary. **Bold** indicates winner.

**Patrick Colbeck** .....2,501  
Matthew Edwards .....710

to-door campaigning. "That puts wind in my sails," he said. "There are a lot of nice people."

Edwards, the son of Ron Edwards, the Plymouth Township treasurer for nearly 18 years, did not return a phone call Tuesday night.

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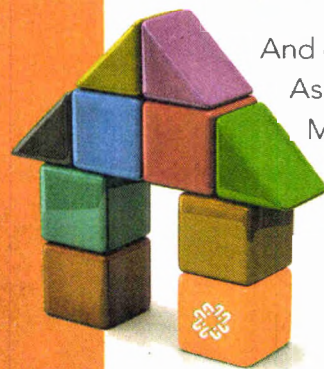
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Warren Evans speaks to the press at his election night party in Detroit. KURT KUBAN

## Evans ready to 'move county forward'

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

Warren Evans took his share of shots from political opponents the last couple of weeks, but he never lost his focus on winning Tuesday's primary election to become the next Wayne County executive. Evans, who overcame plenty of mudslinging and two lawsuits that attempted to get him removed from the ballot, cruised to victory, earning about 46 percent of the vote — and beating his nearest opponent by about 20 percentage points.

It is a dominating victory for Evans, a longtime law enforcement official who has previously served as Wayne County sheriff and Detroit's police chief. While he still has to win November's general election against Livonia's John Dalton, who won the Republican primary Tuesday, it would be a monumental upset if he were to lose in the heavily Democratic-leaning county.

At his election night party held in Detroit, Evans thanked his many supporters and told them he is ready to move the county forward. He spoke of all the talented people in Wayne County and of his desire to improve the county's image and county government's performance.

"Now we're in a position to move the needle forward, just

### WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Unofficial results for Tuesday's primary (with 91 percent of the precincts reporting). Bold indicates winner.

#### DEMOCRAT

Adam Salam Adamski.....	559
Phil Cavanagh.....	13,436
Cindy Darrah.....	2,499
<b>Warren C. Evans.....</b>	<b>63,834</b>
Robert A. Ficano.....	8,168
Russell George Leviska.....	255
Kevin M. McNamara.....	9,049
Bettie Cook Scott.....	4,428
Sigmunt John Szczepkowski.....	689
William R. Wild.....	34,036
Christopher Wojtowicz.....	2,236

#### REPUBLICAN

Fred A. Bolden.....	8,572
John Dalton.....	13,083
Daniel K. Wenderlich.....	7,846

as the city of Detroit is moving the needle forward," Evans said. "We're going to move Wayne County forward and to a much better place."

Evans' victory may very well bring incumbent Robert Ficano's political career to an end. Ficano, who has served as county executive since 2003, finished a distant fifth in the voting, garnering only about 6 percent of the vote.

Westland Mayor Bill Wild was second with about 24 percent of the vote. His election night party took place at Westland's Wayne-Ford Civic

League and broke up around 1 a.m. Wednesday. At that point, Wild still hadn't conceded the race, but did so shortly afterward when more of the numbers came in showing Evans with a commanding lead.

Wild felt he ran a good, organized campaign and that his message resonated with voters, especially in out-county areas where he did well. He said he couldn't overcome the support Evans received from the city of Detroit, however. While Wild was disappointed with the results, he enjoyed the campaign. He said it's too soon to think about running for such a position again.

"At this point, I'm going to focus on the city of Westland and all the good work we're doing there," Wild said.

"We've got a lot of really great projects going on. I'm especially excited about the possibility of redeveloping the Ford Road property (where the current city hall is located)."

Finishing third was state Rep. Phil Cavanagh of Redford, who ended up with about 10 percent of the vote. Cavanagh's lawsuit to get Evans removed from the ballot was one of two shot down by the courts last week. Now that the campaign is over, Cavanagh had kind words for Evans and felt he would do well.

Gannett News Service contributed to this story.

## Voters OK district's non-homestead millage renewal

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township resident Darcy Morris knows it's going to be a while before her 5-month-old baby walks through the door of a Plymouth-Canton Community School building.

But she also believes it's never too early to start paying attention to school issues. That's one of the reasons Morris was at West Middle School on Tuesday, casting her ballot on, among other things, the P-CCS request for a renewal of an 18-mill non-homestead millage.

"I was interested in the schools' millage request," Morris said. "I know it'll be a while (for her baby to start school), but I've started paying attention to school issues."

Voters in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton overwhelmingly passed the renewal, which district officials said was expected to generate more than \$25.2 million in 2013-14. That represents some 17 percent of the district's general fund revenue.

Voters in Plymouth favored it 1,028-476, while Plymouth Township voters approved it 3,785-2,305.

Canton Township voters OK'd the measure by more than a 2-1 margin, 6,756-3,253.

The non-homestead millage was last approved by voters in 2004. District officials have said the tax is applied to businesses and other non-principal property, such as apartment complexes, rental homes, etc. The tax does not apply to homeowners.

Board of Education Trustee Mike Maloney recently called the renewal "critical to our district."

"It's a significant piece of our revenue," Maloney said. "A loss of this revenue would be a significant bite on your local schools."

Plymouth Township resident Sandy Kettenbeil, whose two children went through Plymouth-Canton schools, cast her ballot in favor of the measure, despite the fact she no longer has kids in the district.

"I don't have any kids in the district now, but both of my kids went to Plymouth-Canton schools," Kettenbeil said. "I think it's important the schools have proper funding."

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Plymouth Township resident Sandy Kettenbeil fills out her ballot at the precinct at St. Kenneth Catholic Church. She said of the Plymouth-Canton non-homestead millage renewal, "it's important the schools have proper funding."

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# Accused stalker accepts misdemeanor plea

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A 33-year-old man who had been accused of stalking two women he knew in Canton is expected to receive probation after he pleaded no contest to one misdemeanor stalking charge in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Thomas Earl Martin Jr. is no longer facing felony charges of possession of bur-

glary tools, stalking and aggravated stalking following a plea deal accepted by Judge Lawrence Talon, authorities said Monday.

Martin's decision to accept a plea to a reduced count of misdemeanor stalking averted a jury trial that was set to begin July 28 in Talon's



Martin

courtroom. Martin could have faced up to 10 years in prison if he had been convicted as charged after he was arrested by Canton police in late March.

Martin faces sentencing Aug. 21 by Talon. The judge has referred a second reduced charge of misdemeanor stalking charge back to 35th District Court for disposition, authorities said.

Martin was arrested by

Canton police shortly before 2 a.m. March 21 after a suspicious man was seen lurking near the Children's Hospital of Michigan Specialty Center, on Cherry Hill east of Canton Center, after it had closed for the night, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has said.

Baugh has said police searched a car parked nearby and confiscated a lock-picking set, binoculars, a flashlight and a Swiss Army tool kit.

According to police, the suspect arrested outside the medical facility indicated he was going there because he believed it was an animal hospital and he allegedly wanted to obtain information for a girlfriend whose dog had sustained an injury.

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## CANTON CRIME WATCH

### Teen 'gun play' reported

Canton police turned five teens over to their parents along with air soft guns, or replica firearms, after investigating an incident shortly before 7 p.m. Sunday on Pointe Street, near Morton Taylor and Warren.

Police went to the neighborhood following reports of a group of male teens shooting air soft guns back and forth at each other while walking down the street, a police report said.

The teens, ages 13-16, told police they didn't know they weren't supposed to shoot the replica firearms in a public place. The boys and the girls were released to their parents.

### Home invasion try

A couple that lives in the Sherwood Village mobile home community, southeast of Haggerty and Michigan Avenue, called police to report five suspects were trying to break into their home while they were inside about 3:45 a.m. Sunday, a police report said.

A woman told police she and her fiancé were inside the home when the males, described as white and in their 20s and 30s, broke out a window as they tried to get in. The woman said her fiancé and one of the suspects had earlier been involved in a fight in Wayne.

According to the police

report, the suspect had threatened to come to their house with others in his motorcycle gang. The group arrived in a black SUV, banged on the front door, broke a window and then fled the scene after their activity triggered a security alarm at the residence, the police report said.

Police were investigating.

### Pit bull loose

Canton police went to Admiralty, northwest of Warren and Sheldon Center, following reports a pit bull was running loose on two occasions Aug. 1-2 in a neighborhood common area.

—By Darrell Clem

## Reward offered in death of bicyclist

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

A cash reward is being offered for anyone who can provide information regarding the fatal accident of a Plymouth man riding his bicycle in Livonia earlier this year.

Crime Stoppers of Michigan is offering up to a \$2,500 reward for anyone who can provide information regarding the suspect or suspects wanted in connection with the hit-and-run accident involving 64-year-old Plymouth resident Dennis Ryan.



Ryan

Ryan was visiting his son in Livonia on May 19. He was riding his bicycle home that evening to the Five Mile and Haggerty area, heading northbound on Newburgh near Schoolcraft, when he was hit by a vehicle.

The Newburgh bridge over I-96 at the time was reduced to one lane in each direction because of repairs being done as a part of the freeway reconstruction through Livonia. Police were unsure in May if the lane closures played a role in the fatal accident.

Since the incident, police have asked for any help from

the public who may have seen the accident that day. As of Tuesday morning, no arrests had been made, according to Livonia police. The accident remains under investigation.

Shirley Schuler, communications manager for Crime Stoppers of Michigan, said when a reward is offered through the agency, tips typically begin to increase.

"I think sometimes people are more apt to call us to see if there's a reward," she said. "I think people wait to see that advertised to see that reward."

The agency, which offers rewards to anonymous tipsters for crimes all over southeast Michigan, has received more than 6,200 tips that led to more than 280 arrests and doled out more than \$54,000 in reward money the last 12 months, according to its website.

Anyone wishing to remain anonymous with information can contact Crime Stoppers of Michigan at 800-SPEAK-UP, send a text message at 274637 or write in a tip on its website at 1800speakup.org. Those with information can also contact the Livonia Police Department at 734-466-2680.

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## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

### Shoplifting charge

A 49-year-old Northville woman was arrested on a shoplifting charge July 19 at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

A store security worker told police he had watched via in-store video as woman put several personal care items and a package of dog treats in a purse before leaving the store without buying anything, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The employee confronted her outside and called police. The incident occurred around 11 a.m.

The woman told the responding officer that she was short of money for the week and asked if she could pay for the items rather than go to jail, police said.

Police later issued her a citation for retail fraud and released her.

### Sign vandalized

A "No Soliciting" sign at an entrance to a township condominium complex was damaged the night of July 25.

The sign was at the corner of Pinecrest Drive and Ann Arbor Trail, at an entrance to the Pinecrest Condominiums. A po-

lice report said the sign was damaged between 11 p.m. July 25 and 8 a.m. the next day.

### Projector stolen

A \$1,000 projector was reported stolen last month from a meeting room at the Inn at St. John's on Five Mile.

The room was being used by a real estate firm for a two-day conference, a police report said, and was locked up after the first day's session. When conferees returned for the second day, July 22, the projector was gone, the report said.

—By Matt Jachman

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# Trott defeats Bentivolio, ends incumbent's tenure

By Todd Spangler  
Gannett Michigan

It's over — for now, at least — for Michigan's so-called "accidental congressman."

Birmingham businessman and lawyer Dave Trott, with widespread backing from establishment Republicans and an aggressive, well-financed campaign, sent U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford, to defeat Tuesday in the GOP primary for the state's U.S. House 11th District.

With 87 percent of precincts reporting, Trott held a 66-34 lead over Bentivolio, a margin which hadn't changed throughout the night as results came in. The *Free Press* called the race for the challenger shortly after 9:30 p.m. and Bentivolio conceded a short time later.

"I know that we are all disappointed with the outcome — and I assure you, I am, too," Bentivolio told supporters. "But we must remember that this is only the beginning battle to take back our country and take back our party from crony capitalists. ... The status quo in the Republican Party is

going to have to change, whether they like it or not."

Trott's campaign wasn't immediately available for comment.

"Kerry was clearly outspent financially. He was an accidental candidate to begin with," former state Republican Party Chairman Saul Anuzis said. "Trott is kind of the quintessential representative for that area. He ran a good campaign from day one."

Bentivolio had gone into the Republican primary with grave doubts hanging over his political future and only one potentially significant advantage: his incumbency. From the beginning, it looked like that might not be enough for him to beat Trott, however.

Trott, who has been running for the 11th District nomination for most of the last year, has a long list of impressive endorsements, a significant financial advantage and a sizable margin in public polls that were taken in his race against Bentivolio. Meanwhile, the incumbent had run a largely invisible campaign.

"Bentivolio was nowhere to



U.S. House 11th District GOP primary winner David Trott wife Kappy share a laugh Tuesday at campaign headquarters in Commerce Township. KATHLEEN GALLIGAN | GANNETT MICHIGAN

be found. He didn't run a campaign and Trott ran the perfect campaign. That usually ends up in a lopsided victory," Lansing consultant John Truscott said.

It was rare that a challenger such as Trott would enjoy such advantages over an incumbent. But Bentivolio, a former educator, National Guardsman and reindeer

rancher who was 2012's so-called "accidental congressman," has always presented an unusual case.

He was thrust into the seat when former U.S. Rep. Thad McCotter abruptly resigned amid a scandal involving fraudulent signatures on re-election petitions after the filing deadline. And Bentivolio, a newcomer, was the only oth-

er Republican on the ballot. A last-minute move by establishment Republicans to run a write-in candidate of their choosing fell far short of winning.

This time, though, was different: Trott had the backing of numerous mayors and local officials, including Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. Former GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney, who grew up in the district, also endorsed him. And Trott spent months introducing himself to voters via a flood of TV ads and direct mail, while Bentivolio failed to air a single TV ad.

Trott spent more than \$2.4 million — the same amount he's given or lent his own campaign and more than four times as much as Bentivolio. A *Free Press* poll on the race last month done by EPIC-MRA of Lansing showed Trott with a 22-percentage-point lead on the incumbent. It included an edge among tea party supporters — who would have otherwise been expected to form the base of Bentivolio's support.

# Proposal 1 to repeal Michigan's PPT approved by voters

By Paul Egan  
Gannett Michigan

LANSING — A state-wide proposal to phase out the personal property tax on manufacturing equipment was approved by voters Tuesday, despite voter confusion and unhappiness about the complex proposal.

Proposal 1 phases out the PPT on industrial and some commercial equipment between 2016 and 2023.

It's an unpopular tax among manufacturers. Gov. Rick Snyder and most members of the Legislature from both parties say eliminating it will help Michigan's competitiveness as a place companies want to locate.

Most of the revenue from the PPT goes to local governments and the proposal replaces that lost revenue by shifting money from the state's 6-percent use tax — charged on items such as Internet and mail-order purchases, telephone service and hotel accommodations.



Lt. Gov. Brian Calley (center) and Dan Wyant, the director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, recently got a tour of Fraza Forklifts from CEO Greg Blackwood (right). Fraza officials call the passage of Proposal 1 "critical to our business."

"What it really means for us is stability," said Samantha Harkins, director of state affairs for the Michigan Municipal League.

Count Roger Runyan among business leaders who believe elimination of the personal property tax is a huge leap forward in promoting a business environment where growth can happen. Runyan, chief financial officer at Fraza Forklifts in Plymouth Township, said the money his company will save without the tax would be enough to hire two additional employees.

According to Runyan, Fraza employees spent 160 man-hours just managing personal property tax obligations, including the paperwork. The company, he said, had to file 110 personal property tax returns and pays \$105,000 annual in PPT.

"We are so excited about this," Runyan said of the passage of Proposal 1. "This is so critical for our business."

Leslie dePietro of Ann Arbor, a part-time editor, said she sympathizes with businesses that have to pay tax on the same equipment year after

year, "but I also do not trust the government to replenish the coffers of towns and cities and townships."

But Harkins said the greater concern is the Legislature repealing the PPT without replacement revenue if the proposal had failed. Then, "I'm terrified what could happen in lame duck," she said.

The proposal sets up a new Local Community Stabilization Authority to distribute the use tax money to local governments and an Essential Services Assessment — which would be paid by some manufacturers in place of the much more costly PPT — as a partial revenue replacement.

According to the Senate Fiscal Agency, the change could leave a \$500 million hole in the state general fund once it is fully phased in. But Snyder and other officials say they expect that money to be offset as tax credits issued under the old Michigan Business Tax expire.

The Michigan Municipi-

pal League supported the proposal, as did Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer, the conservative Michigan Chamber of Commerce and the left-leaning Michigan League for

Public Policy. Backers of the proposal were expected to spend more than \$7 million, most of it on TV ads.

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Ron Bachman teaches Anderson Middle School students how to Walk This Way on April 17. BERKLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# WALK THIS WAY

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

He doesn't wail on a traditional instrument like the Stratocaster guitar Eric Clapton favors or the Steinway piano Elton John pounds on, nor does he jump around on stage and belt out lyrics like his hero, Steven Tyler of Aerosmith.

In fact, Ron Bachman can't jump at all – he lost his legs when he was 4.

But make no mistake – he's as rock 'n' roll as they come. Witness one of his Walk This Way presentations to a group of middle school students and watch their reaction. Remember all those women screaming when The Beatles hit the U.S.?

Bachman's "song," however, is much more serious than anything the Fab Four ever put down. And he's on a mission to make sure every kid in this country hears it.

## The mission

For youths who are being bullied – and, equally as important, for those who are doing the bullying – the effect of Bachman's 45-minute school assembly is life altering.

"It's working," said Bachman, who often speaks in third person. "The big thing is, it's having a change for the kids. The kids that are cutting. The kids that are so, so depressed. These kids that are bullying to an extent that we've never seen before. There's no question – we have the data – the Walk This Way program performed by Ron has got bullying dropping in the communities we go to."

Bachman, who lives in Plymouth, pointed out a recent Associated Press article "U.S. survey finds sharp drop in children's bullying" attributed to the Walk This Way program and including a photo of Bachman with 700 kids.

"So, yeah, we know," Bachman said. "You can't get to everybody, but that's not the goal. If you can get to one kid that day who's thinking of leaving us or she puts down that device that's for mutilating herself ... if we can get that kid to rally up, follow up with herself and learn to Walk This Way, that's the mission."

## The show

It all begins with a five-minute video that removes the shock value of seeing Bachman for the first time and gives the students "tons of food for thought," Bachman said.

Then in kicks his theme song, Aerosmith's *Walk This Way*, with his introduction.

"When I come on," he said, "they know I don't have legs. They've already seen how I get around. Those questions don't need to be asked. And we get to work."

That work can be uncomfortable for many in the



Anderson Middle School students react enthusiastically to Ron Bachman's anti-bullying message April 17.

## BOOK IS OUT

Ron Bachman has a new book, *Walk This Way: Life Lessons for Dealing with Bullies and Bad Times*, that hit Amazon in mid-June as a paperback. Self-published by Walk This Way LLC, the 200-page book will also be available to download via Kindle.

Bachman wrote it with Conny Coon, spending long hours going over his life and what he wanted to say. During the two-year writing process, he said he was constantly on the road doing six-week tours and would then come home "with all that energy" and try to do a writing session.

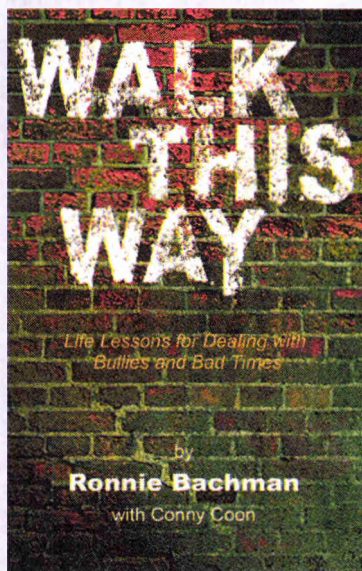
"It's a mixed bag, geared toward middle schoolers," Bachman said. "How did Ron do it – get up every day without legs and find a place for himself in this world? Growing up in inner-city Detroit, how did he not cave into pressures? There's where the tools are: life lessons and his experiences." And he takes some of the kids' stories and what he's witnessed from parents over the years.

"I gave the book in raw form to a school teacher who read it in one night," he said. "She called me that night and said, 'It's perfect. It's exactly what we need in our schools.'"

Although it's geared toward middle school students, high school students and adults can benefit from it as well.

Bachman's lifelong friend, artist Kim Fujiwara, designed the jacket cover.

"People who don't know Ron will never



understand the cover," Bachman said. "We didn't want to just do a cover with the words. People who knew Ron and grew up in the 48227, 48228 (ZIP codes) will know what that cover represents. It's the brick wall of the houses we grew up in, but it's faded; it's weathered; it's tainted; it's chipped. That's who Ron is today. His pride's been hurt, but he's still standing and he's still that brick wall. You could run a Mack truck through that wall and there could be three bricks left and he'd still be talking!"

Bachman will also be selling the book out of the back of his van while on tour and each of his 20 Dodge dealers will have copies, as will Linamar in Canada. School libraries will also get copies so teachers can get it into the hands of students.

With more than 350,000 social media fans, Bachman is hoping the "bounce effect" will multiply that by 10, spreading the word quickly. His goal is to hit 10,000 in sales and, hopefully, attract a publishing company to pick it up.

His ultimate goal is to visit every state and spread his anti-bullying message. That will take major sponsorships to fund a tour.

"This isn't a cancer we're trying to cure or multiple sclerosis or childhood diabetes. This is straight up, kids are walking into our schools with automatic weapons and they're killing your kid," he said. "Who doesn't want to join that fight?"

fortable for many in the audience. Within 10 minutes of the show's start, nearly everyone is reaching for a tissue.

And the bullies? They're easy for Bachman to spot – he's spent his lifetime dealing with them.

"They can't make eye contact," Bachman said. "Suddenly, as I'm going by, I'll see their heads go down. Later, I'm thinking, OK – I got one there. I got one up there. I got one over here. I'll get back to 'em. And when I say, 'Let me tell you something: If you're a bully' ... and I just pause. Take a drink of water after that and then look. I'll see these heads go down and I know where my bullies are."

He never hurts the bullies out. He never hurts their feelings. That's not what

Walk This Way is about. That, Bachman said, will just cause them to keep bullying.

"As I'm rolling back forth, I can stop and look right into their eyes and I can do 20 to 30 seconds and touch them," Bachman said. "I grab their hand and go, 'Listen to me, my brother. Here's the thing: Tomorrow you could be sitting on a scooter because somebody runs a stop sign tonight. All it's going to take is a stop sign. A little bit of alcohol. Just an accident. You fall over a diving board. And tomorrow, you're an amputee or you're paralyzed.' Man, you'll see that kid just instantly light up and squeeze my hand."

From that point on, they stop being bullies.

So what is it exactly about Bachman that touches kids

and makes them listen, learn and leave a changed person?

"Because Ron knows pain. Ron gets it," he said. "You could walk in there and tell them the most horrific story of your middle school. They'd never believe it quite this way... because they can't see it. With Ron, they see it."

## How it began

How did a guy who used to do the AAA early morning traffic updates on the radio – and wanted to be like legendary Detroit disc jockey Arthur Penhallowon WRIF-FM (101.1) – end up here?

"Actually, I wanted to be Johnny Carson mixed with Jerry Lewis," Bachman said. "Of course, my physical appearance has certainly had its stopping points."

His first gig in front of

kids was in 1997, a favor to his late mom. She said there were a handful of kids in Sunday school at their Howell church who saw him and had questions, so she asked him to speak to them.

"I went, but it was not my cup of tea," Bachman said.

A while later, Bachman had lost a kidney. He was struggling to make ends meet, a single father raising a daughter, and the Salvation Army in Plymouth was very helpful.

"We we're in a rough situation financially," said Bachman, who lived in Northville at the time, "and The Salvation Army in Plymouth was right there."

He did a show for the Army and Northville Civic Concern, which wound up in the Walk This Way film.

"What you don't see is my back was wringing wet," Bachman said. "I was a complete nervous wreck."

His second show was at Novi Middle School. He wasn't expecting a big audience, but wound up with 350 students listening to him. WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) showed up and did a piece called *Standing Tall* that aired two weeks later and then went to the wire service.

## The road

Fast forward to 2014 and Bachman is on the road, touring as hard and often as any rocker. His core audience, his comfort zone, is middle school students.

"Where can you turn it into a concert where those kids will climb out of those seats and be that excited about what took place? Middle school," he said.

But Bachman also speaks to high school students and adults via corporations like DTE and United Way.

Canadian auto supplier Linamar has been backing Bachman since 2004 and has him signed until 2017. He recently wrapped up his winter/spring tour for the Dodge 20 group of auto dealers, which has been sponsoring him since 2010.

"Yeah, we're shakin' things up," Bachman said. "I'm out there on the road touring; doing all the driving; loading in and loading out."

Being featured on the front page of the local newspaper, wherever he's at, is standard, as is an appearance on the local TV station. That kind of publicity is invaluable to his sponsors, but they've also become champions of Bachman.

"Well, it's not so much they're a big fan of Ron – they're a big fan of the fallout," he said. "You come into a community and when I leave, the letters come pouring in to them saying, 'I can't believe in what's happening at our school. The kids are literally walking down the

# BACHMAN

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hall, going, 'I love you man.'"

Throughout the schools are signs declaring, "Walk This Way," "Ronnie Rocks!," "We're a non-bullying school," "We're a school that Walks This Way."

"I'm flattered," Bachman said. "We all are entertainers. I'm a showman. You love that part of it. But to see the fall-out - that it really, really stopped a kid who was thinking of taking her life or stopped a young man whose vision of what was cool was to continually pound people in school verbally and beat up on the weaker. To see that kid stop ... it's goosebumps time, right?"

### Why that song?

Using a song titled *Walk This Way* may seem like an odd choice for a motivational speaker with no legs, but once one

learns why he chose it - or, rather, why it chose him - it makes perfect sense.

Closing in on 57 now, Bachman was just 4 when his legs were removed due to a congenital birth defect. To get around as a kid, he used to walk on his hands. But like most people of that era who are from Detroit, he was into rock music. It was a band out of Boston that spoke to him - Aerosmith.

"I was fortunate enough to meet Steven (Tyler)," Bachman said. "I was in his dressing room one night before the show. And I don't know who the person was, but he opened up the door to say something to Steven and looked over at me and said, 'Yeah, man, I still can't get over how you get around. That's so cool.' And Steven, without missing a beat, said, 'Well that's because we walk like this, but Ron walks this way. And me, all I heard (hums guitar lick intro to

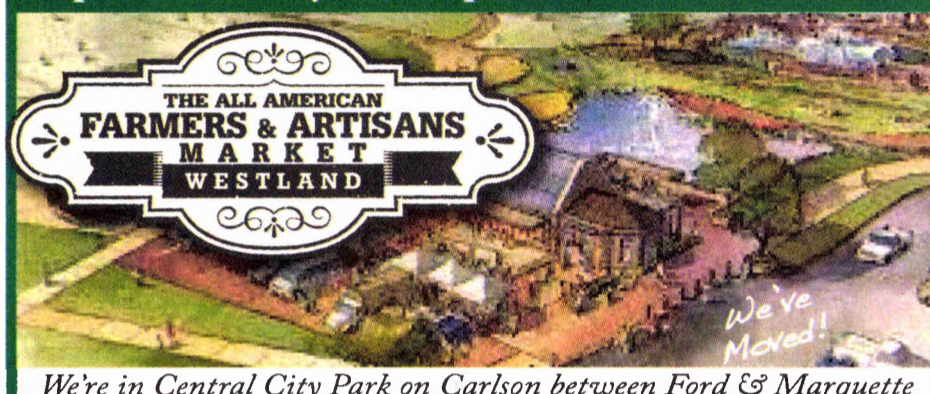
song), right? You're this big fan who's heard *Walk This Way* since you were 15 and all of the sudden at that moment, he had just branded me. My hero, the guy whose posters I had all over my room, just branded me without knowing it."

The two have kept in contact over the years. In fact, Tyler appears in a movie about Bachman titled, of course, *Walk This Way*.

"When he did the movie, Steven said some really nice things about me and my physical circumstances and his view of what I've been able to overcome and do," Bachman said.

Because he performs so much outside Michigan, many folks here are surprised to find out he's from this state and still lives here. But he's hoping that this year he's able to expand his reach across the Mississippi River and he believes his new book (see sidebar) will provide that opportunity - and more.

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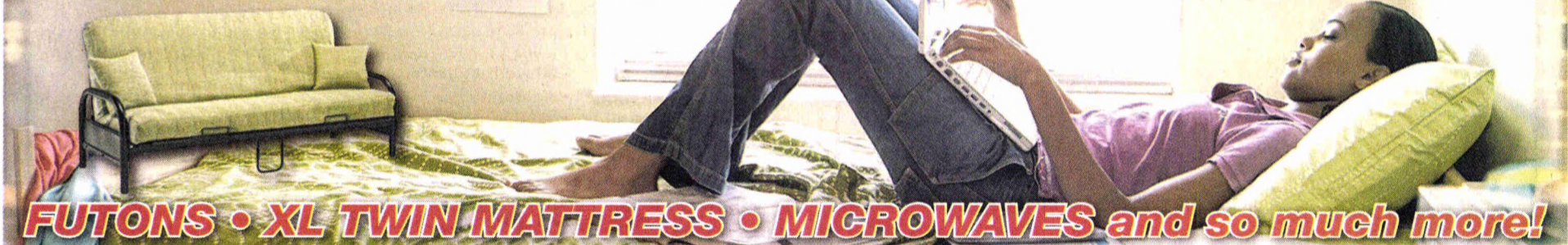
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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

# Fractured Prune preaches fresh

**Observer: Tell us about your business, including the products and services you offer.**

**Fractured Prune:** At Fractured Prune Doughnuts of Canton, we take pride in serving only the freshest doughnuts. We prep and mix our batter a minimum of every 45 minutes and every two-ounce yellow cake doughnut is made to order. We feature our "15 favorites" (i.e., banana cream pie, strawberry shortcake), along with our 16 glazes (i.e., blueberry, key lime) and 13 toppings (i.e., crumbled bacon, mini marshmallows) to "create your own."

After you choose your customized doughnut creations, you can watch them being made from start to finish. We drop batter from our batter depositor into our doughnut robot filled with 100-percent palm shortening, where it goes through a 120-second cycle to become a Plain Jane doughnut, with 0 trans fats. We then glaze

and top each doughnut by hand and serve them while they are still piping hot.

**Fractured Prune Doughnuts of Canton** has also partnered with Guernsey Farms Dairy of Northville and, along with offering their milk products and lemonade, we will top your doughnut with a scoop of Guernsey Farms natural vanilla or chocolate ice cream. We call it a "Hole in One" doughnut. Unlike other doughnut shops, we do guarantee that we are a completely peanut/tree nut free environment.

**Observer: How did you decide to start your business?**

**Fractured Prune:** We were looking into many franchise opportunities, but by chance we met the franchise owner of Fractured Prune Doughnuts and the concept couldn't have been more perfect for us. Always the best quality product and service, always as fresh as any product can be. And you can customize your doughnut, unlike

any other doughnut shop you've ever been to before. It's a completely unique and new concept for Michigan and we know it will do well here.

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

**Fractured Prune:** When it came to choosing the location to introduce the first Fractured Prune Doughnuts to Michigan, Canton was the obvious choice. With its ever-expanding, thriving and vibrant community, Canton has proven to be the perfect place to introduce and embrace our Fractured Prune Doughnuts philosophy: always high-quality, customized products and service.

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

**Fractured Prune:** Just like our product, our business is unique in the fact that we encourage each of our patrons to "channel their inner doughnut genius" and truly customize their doughnut creations. As we like to say, "You create 'em, we make 'em."

## DETAILS

**Name:** Fractured Prune Doughnuts of Canton  
**Address:** 47192 Michigan Ave., Canton

**Name and title:** SaraAnn Hales, marketing manager

**Hometown:** Canton

**Opened:** May 6

**Employees:** 14

**Hours:** 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday; 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday

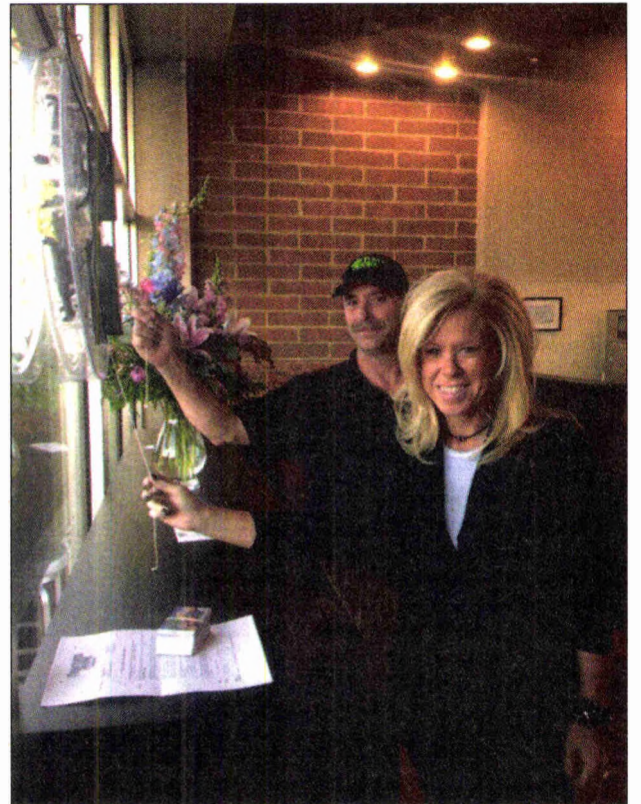
**Specialty:** Always hot doughnuts, all ways

**Contact:** 734-340-9145, canton@fracturedprune.com, www.fracturedprune.com

**Observer: How has the business changed since you opened?**

**Fractured Prune:** Since our grand opening May 6, business has increased steadily. People are hearing the story of our namesake, Prunella Shiek, and are becoming more receptive to the unique name, as well as our unique doughnuts.

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



Owner Lori Wigler and store manager Mark Eastman celebrate the opening of the Fractured Prune.

**Fractured Prune:** Within the next five years, we plan to open two to four more Frac-

**tured Prune Doughnut stores** through Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland counties.

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

### Old Village Crawl

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the 15th annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. They can be purchased at the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in downtown Plymouth. Tickets can also be purchased by calling 734-453-1540.

This year, the Crawl features five eateries. Last year's event was sold out and chamber officials are encouraging people to buy their tickets early.

Participating this year are Hermann's Olde Towne Grille, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Plymouth Fish & Seafood, Station 885 and AQUA.

Contact the contact the chamber at 734-453-1540 for more information.

### Member appreciation

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its Member Appreciation Day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford, in Canton.

The event will feature a classic car display, live art and a free lunch.

RSVPs are due to the chamber office at 734-453-4040 by Aug. 11.



### Happy anniversary

Forest Computers' Roz Spencer and Jayne Rossiter are celebrating their fifth year at 480 Forest Ave. They have been in business for 22 years and moved to Plymouth five years ago. They specialize in computer maintenance and are an A-plus Microsoft service repair facility. They are pictured here with the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, friends, office staff, Plymouth City Commissioner Diane Bogenrieder and state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township.

## Elder law series begins in September

The Plymouth Community United Way, in partnership with the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, will present a free Elder Law Series with Northville attorney Gary S. Allen, 10-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. each Monday in September at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty.

Allen is an estate planning and elder law attorney. Advance registration is required. To reserve a space, call Plymouth Community United Way at 734-453-6879, ext. 7.

Topics of the series include:

» Sept. 8: Estate Plan-

ning - Avoiding probate, discussion of wills and power of attorney for financial and health care purposes, Lady Bird deeds, changes to 2013 Federal Estate Tax.

» Sept. 15: Outliving Your Assets - Seventy percent of retirees need long-term care. Learn about long-term care insurance and combining it with life insurance, how to qualify for Medicaid, convert financial assets into guaranteed income. Create a guaranteed lifetime pension for you and your spouse.

» Sept. 22: Retirement

Accounts - Discussion will revolve around IRAs, 401(k), 403(b), etc. Avoid up to 40-percent taxation on accounts at death, 10-percent and 50-percent tax penalties for improper withdrawals from retirement accounts. Convert taxable IRA to tax-free inheritance.

» Sept. 29: Taxes - Income and estates taxes are expected to rise in the future. Convert taxable assets into tax-deferred or tax-free assets. Reduce taxes on social security income. Learn about gift taxes and using a charitable remainder trust to reduce taxes.

## Team launches Arbor Trust in Canton

Dynasty Financial Partners announced its partnership with Arbor Trust Wealth Advisors, the most recent independent investment advisory firm to leverage Dynasty Financial Partners' industry-leading platform of integrated wealth management services and technology.

Financial advisers Charles Waterhouse, James Winslow, Carol Sewell and Gary Haapala all join Arbor Trust Wealth Advisors from United Bank & Trust. The four advisers collectively advise on more than \$350 million in client assets.

"Arbor Trust Wealth Advisors was created to provide sophisticated investment and estate

planning advice to our highly educated community," Haapala said, opening up shop in Canton. "As an independent financial and investment planning firm, we want to provide our clients - professors and administrators, physicians, entrepreneurs and others - with complete objectivity and transparency."

The company will access Dynasty's groundbreaking investment and technology platform, which leverages Dynasty's investment committee and internal investment operations team. Dynasty's leading RIA middle office Core Services platform will provide turnkey marketing, CRM, financial planning, proposal support and

client reporting. Charles Schwab will provide primary clearing and custody services.

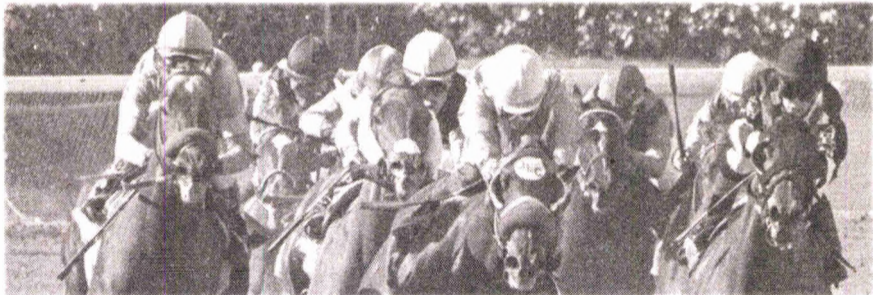
"Charlie, Jim, Carol and Gary are extraordinary investment advisers with a deep commitment to their unique southeast Michigan community," said Shirl Penney, president and CEO of Dynasty Financial Partners. "Dynasty has increased its commitment to the Midwest and devoted resources to support leading teams such as Arbor Trust who are seeking independence. We are excited to be their transition and growth partner, and we are proud to add them to our Dynasty Network of truly independent advisers."

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**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.

**BLUES FESTIVAL**

**Date/Time:** Sunday, Aug. 17, 12:30-8 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** The Elks Blues Summer Festival features Carl Henry, The BOA Constrictors, Greg Nagy Band, RJ's Kansas City Six, Thorntetta Davis and an all-star jam. Food and beverages will be available. Entry fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

**Contact:** For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit [www.plymouthannarborelks325.com](http://www.plymouthannarborelks325.com).

**JAZZ @ THE ELKS**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Jazz @ The Elks is \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Featured will be the Tommy Good Quartet with Tommy Good on vocals, Chuck Shermetero on keyboards, Ray Tini on bass and Jim Ryan on drums.

**Contact:** For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit [www.plymouthannarborelks325.com](http://www.plymouthannarborelks325.com).

**LUNCH AND LEARN**

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

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

**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 Copenhagen at [bgcopenhagen@yahoo.com](mailto:bgcopenhagen@yahoo.com) or 734-981-6023.

**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. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com).

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

**CRAFTERS 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 [debortellini@comcast.net](mailto:debortellini@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).



**CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 2014-06**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 55, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING PERSONAL PROPERTY SALES.**

**Section 1 The City of Plymouth Ordains:**

Chapter 55, "Personal Property Sales" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby added to include the following described text.

**Section 2 Add the following text to Chapter 55, Personal Property Sales**

**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

**Sections 55-1 -- 55-5 Reserved**

**ARTICLE II. PERSONAL PROPERTY SALES**

**Section 55-6. Short Title**

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Garage Sale Ordinance."

**Section 55-7. Statement of Purpose**

It is the intent of this chapter to regulate the term and frequency of personal property sales within residential areas so that the residential environment of such areas is not disturbed or disrupted.

**Section 55-8. - Definitions**

As used in this chapter, the term "garage sale" shall include the terms "basement sale," "attic sale," "estate sale," "yard sale," "rummage sale," "barn sale," or other types of so-called residential sales of tangible personal property such as repurposed furniture, clothing, household effects, tools, garden implements, toys, recreation equipment or other secondhand items customarily found in and about the home and advertised in a manner whereby the public at large is, or can be, aware of such sale. Such sales include sales that are open to the public and conducted from or on residential premises for the purpose of disposing of personal property.

A "calendar year" is defined as January 1 through December 31.

**Section 55-9. - Limitations**

- (1) No one but the homeowner or occupant of the residential property on which the sale is conducted may conduct a garage sale on the premises.
- (2) No merchandise of any nature shall be brought in from any other source in connection with such sale. Only personal property, as defined in this chapter, may be offered for sale.
- (3) No sale can be conducted for longer than three consecutive days.
- (4) Not more than three sales can be conducted on or at the same premises during any calendar year.
- (5) No sale shall begin prior to 7:00 a.m. nor continue later than 8:00 p.m.
- (6) Confines of the sale must remain on private property.
- (7) Excessive noise emanating from the area of any sale is expressly prohibited as prescribed by the City of Plymouth Noise Ordinance.

**Section 55-10 - Exceptions**

This chapter shall not apply to the homeowner or occupant who, during the normal course of housekeeping, advertises or otherwise offers for sale individual pieces of furniture, an automobile or an appliance being replaced or no longer needed. In addition, the limitations of this section shall not be applicable when a garage sale is registered and conducted by a church, school or other civic or charitable non-profit organization. Further, if the property has been transferred, the new property owner is entitled to one additional garage sale unless no sales have occurred as of the date of the transfer of the property.

**Section 55-11 - Registration**

Online registration of each sale must be completed prior to the commencement of the sale at the City's website address ([www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us)). There is no fee to register.

**Section 55-12 - Signs**

Signs advertising the garage sale may be posted, subject to the following:

- (1) Any allowable signs must comply with the City of Plymouth Sign Ordinance
- (2) One garage sale sign not to exceed four square feet in area may be located on the property where the garage sale is being held and shall be used to advertise the garage sale. Such sign shall be placed at least ten feet inside the property line of the premises on which said sale is conducted, and shall be removed immediately after the completion of the garage sale in accordance with the terms of registration and this ordinance
- (3) No more than three (3) signs advertising the garage sale shall be posted within the City limits and may only be posted on private property with the owner's permission
- (4) No signs shall be posted more than one day prior to the sale and must be removed within one day of the end of the sale
- (5) Signage shall not be illuminated in any manner whatsoever except incidentally by streetlights or house lights
- (6) Under no circumstances shall any signs be attached to or located on any tree, utility pole, traffic-control device or on any public land or right-of-way, either by nail, screw, wire, cord, tape or by any other manner whatsoever.

**Section 55-13 - Penalty for Violation of Ordinance**

Any homeowner or occupant who violates any provisions of this article, more than one time, during any given calendar year that person, and any other homeowner or occupants living in the home at the time of violation shall be prohibited from registering and holding a garage sale for the following calendar year. Further, any person who violates any of the provisions of this article shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction punishable by a civil fine of not more than \$250 for the first offense, \$500 for the second offense and \$750 for the third and all other offenses and the costs of prosecution. Any person found responsible for a municipal civil infraction for holding an "unregistered" sale the preceding year shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction equal to a third offense for any "unregistered" sales held the following calendar year. The City Commission may, by resolution, at any time, change the amount of the civil fine for the municipal civil infraction.

**Section 3 Rights and Duties**

Rights and Duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

**Section 4 Validity**

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part therefore, other than the part declared invalid.

**Section 5 Ordinances Repealed**

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

**Section 6 Effective Date**

This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

Introduced: 7-7-2014  
 Enacted: 7-21-2014  
 Published: 8-7-2014  
 Effective: 8-8-2011

Daniel Dwyer  
 Mayor

Linda Langmesser, CMC  
 City Clerk



**Play ball!**

The fall season for the Miracle League of Plymouth begins Saturday, Aug. 16, and the eight-team league can always use volunteers. Volunteers can serve as buddies to the players, as umpires or they can help check in the volunteers on game day. Familiar faces are reassuring to players and parents. Games are played at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Bilkie Field on Theodore in Plymouth. To volunteer or for more information, email [info@miracleleagueplymouth.org](mailto:info@miracleleagueplymouth.org).

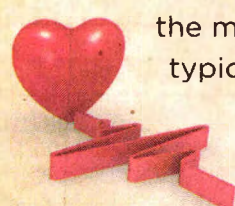


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minimally invasive surgical techniques like the minimaze procedure - a solution that typically allows patients to discontinue their anti-arrhythmic and anti-thrombotic medications within 120 days of surgery.



Please register to attend this event by calling **800.543.WELL** (9355) or visiting [oakwood.org](http://oakwood.org).



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**OFFICE OF THE WAYNE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER**  
**NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**  
**and**  
**NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS**

**Notice Is Hereby Given** that on **August 18, 2014**, the Wayne County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Department of Public Services Roads Division, Central Maintenance Yard, located at **29900 Goddard Road, Romulus, Michigan**, to hear the proofs and allegations and to carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Drainage Districts for the Drains listed below, and determine whether the addition and/or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Drains, and whether such addition and/or deletion of lands is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of the Michigan Drain Code (MCL 280.197).

A general description of the lands by section number proposed to be added or deleted from the Drainage Districts as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor for each of the Drains is as follows:

Drain Name	Municipalities	Portions of Sections or Private Claims (PC) Added	Portions of Sections or Private Claims (PC) Removed
Anglum Drain	City of Woodhaven	22	15, 22
Big Swan Creek Consolidated Drain	Sumpter Township	-	4-6
Blakely Drain	City of Romulus	19, 20, 28, 30, 31, 34, 35	19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 34
	Huron Twp.	1, 2, 4-6	1-6
	City of Taylor	29-34	30, 32-34
	Brownstown Twp.	7, 17, 18, 20, 21, 34, PC355	2, 7, 8, 17, 18, 21, 34, PC355
	City of Riverview	2, 11	2, 11
	City of Southgate	35	35
	City of Woodhaven	28	27
	City of Trenton	14, 26	23, 26
Brahmer Drain	City of Gibraltar	35, PC355, PC54	35, PC345, PC355
	Huron Twp.	13, 24	-
Breitmeyer Drain	Brownstown Twp.	18, 19, 20	18, 19, 20
	City of Rockwood	9, 16	9, 15, 16
Brown Drain	City of Romulus	34, 35	34, 35
	Huron Twp.	2	2
Bull Drain	Huron Twp.	23, 26	23, 26
Burns Drain	City of Taylor	30, 31	30, 31
Carr Drain	City of Romulus	29, 30, 31, 32	29, 31, 32, 33
	Huron Twp.	4, 5	-
Carsontown Drain	Brownstown Twp.	9, 11	3, 10, 11
Carter Drain*	Brownstown Twp.	18, 19, 20	18, 19
Carter Drain**	City of Romulus	28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34	28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34
Chase Drain	City of Flat Rock	4, 5, 32	5, 32, 33
Cicotte Drain	Huron Twp.	9	9
Clark No. 1 Drain	City of Taylor	-	34
	City of Southgate	-	35
	Brownstown Twp.	2, 11	2, 3, 11
	City of Riverview	2, 11	2, 11
Clark No. 2 Drain	City of Taylor	31, 32	31
	Huron Twp.	1	1
	Brownstown Twp.	5, 6	5, 6
Clark No. 3 Drain	City of Taylor	34	34
	City of Southgate	-	35
	Brownstown Twp.	-	2, 3, 11
	City of Riverview	-	2
Clee Drain	City of Woodhaven	15, 22, 23, 26, 27	15, 22
	Brownstown Twp.	10	10
Crane Drain	City of Romulus	28, 33	28, 33
Denton & Branch Drain	Canton Twp.	32	-
	Van Buren Twp.	4-6	5, 6
Ellward Drain	City of Romulus	36	36
	City of Taylor	31	31
English Drain	City of Romulus	36	36
	City of Taylor	31	-
	Huron Twp.	1	-
Evans Drain	City of Romulus	33	33, 34
	Huron Twp.	4	3, 4
Flowers Drain	City of Flat Rock	28, 33	28, 33
	Brownstown Twp.	20, 21, 28, 29	20, 21, 28, 29
	City of Woodhaven	21, 27, 28	21, 28
Goetske Drain	Huron Twp.	1, 2	1, 2
Gregory Drain	Brownstown Twp.	20	20
Groh Drain	Brownstown Twp.	3, 10, 11, PC 354	3, 10, 11, PC 354
	City of Gibraltar	2, PC 354	2, PC 354
	City of Rockwood	10, 15	10, 15
Gudith Drain	Brownstown Twp.	3, 9, 10, 11	10, 11
AA.Hale Drain	Huron Twp.	15, 22	15, 22
Hale Creek Drain	City of Romulus	29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35	17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35
	Huron Twp.	1	-
Hale Drain	Huron Twp.	9, 10, 15, 16	8, 9, 16
Hand Drain	Huron Twp.	11, 12, 13	11, 12, 13
	Brownstown Twp.	18	-
Holbert Drain	Huron Twp.	4, 5, 8, 9	4, 5, 8, 9
Hosmer Drain	Huron Twp.	5, 6	5, 6
Jewett Drain	Van Buren Twp.	28, 29, 30, 32, 33	28, 30, 32, 33, 34
Jones Drain	Brownstown Twp.	2, 11-14, 24, PC636	11-14, PC636
Kauffman Drain	Brownstown Twp.	4, 5, 6	4, 5
King Tile Drain	Brownstown Twp.	16, 17	16, 17
LeClair Storm Drain	Brownstown Twp.	34, PC 355	34, PC 355
Lee Drain	Brownstown Twp.	14, 23, PC636	13, 14, 23, PC636
Lindsay Drain	Brownstown Twp.	4, 5	4, 5, 6
Lindsay West Drain	Brownstown Twp.	5, 6	4, 5, 6
	Huron Twp.	1	1
Monroe Drain	Canton Twp.	35	35
Morrison Branch Drain	Brownstown Twp.	11, 14	11, 14
Morrison Drain	Brownstown Twp.	11, 14, 23	11, 14, PC354, PC355
	City of Gibraltar	2, PC354, PC355	2, PC354, PC355
Nowland Drain	Huron Twp.	9, 10, 15, 16	9, 10, 15, 16
Number One & Three Drain	City of Romulus	33	32, 33
	Huron Twp.	4	4
Olds Drain	City of Romulus	33, 34	33, 34
Olmstead Drain	City of Flat Rock	3, 4	3, 4
Peters Drain	City of Flat Rock	29	29
	Brownstown Twp.	28, 29	28, 29
Ray Drain	City of Woodhaven	14	14
Reh Drain	Brownstown Twp.	19, 20	19, 20
Reiser Drain	Huron Twp.	4, 5	4, 5
Richardson Drain	Huron Twp.	5, 6	5, 6
Richman Branch of Morrison Drain	Brownstown Twp.	2, 11	2, 11
	City of Gibraltar	PC354	-
Sanders Drain	Brownstown Twp.	20, 21	20, 21
	City of Woodhaven	21	21
Sherben Drain	City of Flat Rock	31	31
Sherman Drain	Huron Twp.	1, 2, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 11, 12
	Brownstown Twp.	7	7

# Public classes offered at Schoolcraft complex

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Officials at Schoolcraft College know their recently opened public safety academy isn't well-known to Livonia residents. That's something they're hoping to change.

"We get the public out here and they have no idea, none," said Michele Fuher, programming coordinator for continuing education. "They've lived in Livonia their entire lives and they have no idea."

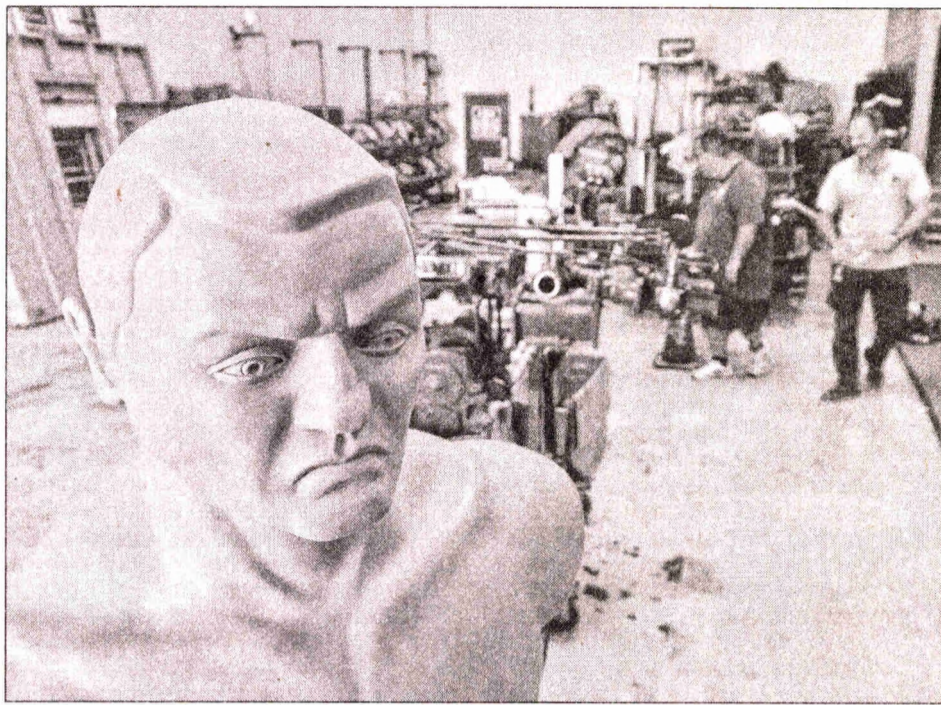
Nestled in Livonia's industrial park is a public safety training haven, one that boasts a gun range, a fire tower and a 10-acre parking lot to train police car and fire truck drivers. After several years of operating under the radar, the center, located at 31777 Industrial, has a wide range of public classes open this fall to those not with a police department or enrolled at the academy.

The facility, which opened in 2011 (the police academy opened in 2013 after moving from the Radcliff Center in Garden City), trains several dozen recruits during its academy and opens the facility to local law enforcement agencies to hone their skills. While it's taken a few years to get the center up and moving at full speed, officials say the center is ready to offer more to the public with classes that deal with emergency preparedness and firearms, among other topics.

A class teaching precision driving techniques is offered for the public. This course, designed to help teach driver confidence and maneuvers, is open to area residents, both young and old, looking to improve their driving.

The class, held on weekends, uses the academy's "skid cars" that have braces on them to prevent them from overturning.

"Some people, they get hysterical or they get nervous and what do they do? All of a sudden, they step on the brake,"



Training includes encounters with large, but fake, bad guys.

said Jerry Champagne, associate dean of public safety programs. "We're going to show them maneuvers that, you hit the brake instead of slamming through the floor with the brake, that you make these sudden maneuvers, corrective actions with that obstruction."

More offerings can be found on the college's website at schoolcraft.edu/cepd.

### Police, fire training facilities

In the complex exists areas specifically designed for first responders, including a room that has more than 100 panels that move along a grid and can create different room layouts, be it a kitchen, bedroom or office building.

There, police can practice doing raids or entering homes during a standoff, while fire agencies can practice rescue techniques. The building's materials allow the police departments to use their actual weapons, but with marking rounds, ammunition that will leave a paint-like substance on the walls that can be removed easily.

"We can configure any kind of room," Champagne said. "So what we can do is practice our tactics in here. And multiple agencies



Instructor Greg Brighton teaches cadets how to make a traffic stop. He's a retired deputy chief from Dearborn.

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use this room."

A practice home set up for fire rescue is also in the complex, allowing firefighters to practice entering dark homes with hazards, such as downed wires.

John Smilnak, fire technology programs coordinator, said furniture in the home, which is dark, can be rearranged so trainees never go through the same situation twice. It has downed beams and an area for participants to crawl through an entanglement of wires to simulate a drop ceiling.

"They actually have to go through here and find their way around here and find the victim," he said. "We've got different doors for different locks, inward swinging doors vs. outward swinging doors. There could be a difference in how the doors operate or the hinges go. So we teach them differ-

ent variations of that."

He said academy students will use the facility, but other fire departments, such as Livonia and Dearborn Heights, have used it or plan to use it.

At the college's fire tower, a five-story tower that can produce fire at several hundred degree temperatures, firefighters can practice entering a home with extreme heat blasting from a simulated oven or other utility.

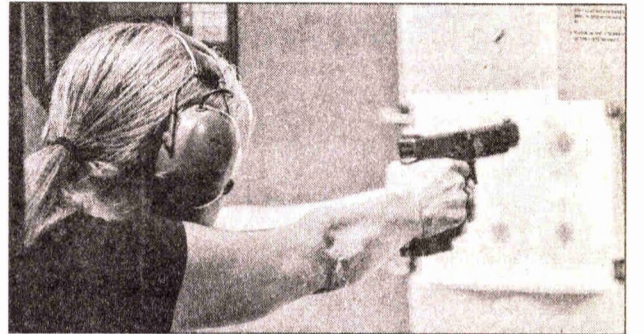
The school may have other, more indirect benefits to the community as well: helping to reduce blight and increase occupancy in the city's industrial area.

Champagne said it's been talked about at the college that the recent opening of the facility in the last few years has helped keep the industrial area of the city moving forward.

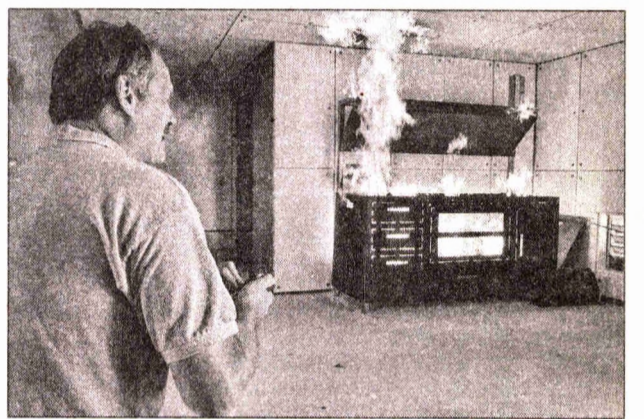
"Before I worked



Jerry Champagne, associate dean of public safety programs, describes the advantages of a training room with endlessly moveable walls, enabling trainers to set up different rooms, complete with moveable appliances and furniture.



Robin Boruta of Livonia on the gun range.



Using a remote control, fire technology programs coordinator John Smilnak ignites a simulated kitchen fire.

here, I didn't know this existed," Champagne said. "Now you don't have a bunch of vacant buildings."

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday, August 19, 2014

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a Public Hearing will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, on Tuesday, August 19, 2014, to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate request of ADVICS North America Inc., 45300 Polaris Court. The request is available for inspection from 8-4:30 daily in the Clerk's Office. During the public hearing which begins at 7:00 pm., any resident of Plymouth Township or representative of any affected taxing unit shall have the right to appear and be heard.

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	Brownstown Twp.	2,3, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17-21, 34, PC355	18, 19
	City of Woodhaven	26, 27, 34	-
	City of Flat Rock	28-34, 4, 5	29-33, 4, 5
	City of Gibraltar	PC354	-
	City of Rockwood	8-10, 15	9, 10
Smith Creek Drain	Huron Twp.	1-3, 11-13, 24	1-3, 11-13
	Brownstown Twp.	2, 3, 7, 11, 14, 17-21, 28-30, 34, PC355	2, 3, 7, 11, 17-21, 28-30, 34, PC355
	City of Woodhaven	27, 28	21, 27, 28
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Wallace Drain	Huron Twp.	30	-
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Warner Drain	Huron Twp.	14, 15, 22, 23, 26	14, 15, 22, 23, 26, 27
Waterman Drain	Huron Twp.	24-26	24-26
	Brownstown Twp.	19	-
Zink Drain	City of Romulus	19, 20, 29	19, 20, 29, 30

\*Carter Drain C010 - Located in Brownstown Township near West Road and Beech Daly Road  
\*\*Carter Drain C011 - Located in the City of Romulus near Eureka Road and Interstate 275

Maps depicting the proposed revisions to the boundaries of each Drainage District can be reviewed at [www.waynecounty.com/doe](http://www.waynecounty.com/doe).

**Notice Is Further Hereby Given** that on **August 25, 2014**, the Wayne County Drain Commissioner will also hold a Day of Review of Apportionments from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Department of Public Services Roads Division, Central Maintenance Yard, located at **29900 Goddard Road, Romulus, Michigan**, for the benefits of land within the Drainage Districts for the Drains listed above. Any property owner within the Drainage Districts, Road Commission representative, representative from the Michigan Department of Transportation, Township, City, Village or County wishing to be heard or wishing to inspect the computation of costs with respect to the special assessments may appear during the day and time specified.

The computation of costs for each of the Drains will also be available for review. The Drain Commissioner will have available to review the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within each of the Drainage Districts. Drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the collection period is greater than one year, the land owner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office at the number noted below (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

**You Are Further Notified** that persons aggrieved by the decisions of the Drain Commissioner as to the addition and/or deletion of lands to a Drainage District may seek judicial review in the Wayne County Circuit Court within ten (10) days of the decision. Persons aggrieved by the decisions of the Drain Commissioner as to the apportionment of benefits for a Drain may appeal to the Wayne County Probate Court within ten (10) days of the decisions.

Kenneth M. Kucel, P.E.  
Wayne County Drain Commissioner  
Telephone (313) 224-3620

## OUR VIEW

# Play nice

## Candidates should focus on issues, not personalities, in general election

The primary election is over and it's time for the winners to turn their attention to the Nov. 4 general election.

We hope they do so with more of a focus on issues and less on political bashing and gamesmanship.

Obfuscation is a mainstay of political campaigns and the primary season saw its share of such tactics. There was the use of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan's picture on a Wayne County executive campaign piece from Westland Mayor William Wild, a move that didn't bring the desired result but which political observers thought was a step too far.

While the piece indicated (in rather fine print) that it wasn't suggesting an endorsement by Duggan, it seemed out of place considering the new Detroit mayor had actually endorsed Wild's biggest competitor, former Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans.

There were the two lawsuits — both dismissed in Wayne County Circuit Court — claiming Evans didn't qualify to be on the ballot in the first place after changing his residency the same day he filed for the election. The first was filed by former Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, who told the *Observer* he was supporting Republican Fred Bolden, but also posted positive comments about Wild's qualifications. The second was filed by Democrat Phil Cavanagh, a futile filing that also came late in the game.

There was also the claim — this one part-truth, part-obfuscation — that state Sen. Pat Colbeck voted in favor of the senior pension tax legislation. While the claim — made in the literature of Colbeck's rival in the state Senate 7th District Republican primary, Matthew Edwards — didn't point it out, Colbeck's favorable vote actually came in allowing the legislation out of committee. When it came up for a vote in the Senate, Colbeck voted against it. Edwards' literature made no mention of that.

And there was the bashing that went on in the Republican primary for the U.S. House 11th District, where Dave Trott tried to spend incumbent Kerry Bentivolio into oblivion, focusing more on Bentivolio's shortcomings than on any plans or programs he himself would introduce.

There is plenty to debate in the general election, a lot of issues in Michigan to discuss. There are roads to be fixed, schools to be funded properly, jobs to be created. Those are far too important to allow the campaign to devolve into a negative round of character-bashing.

We believe voters want to talk about the issues, not the personalities. With the general election looming, we urge primary winners to focus on their own campaigns, on introducing their own solutions to the state's ills and on their own vision for Michigan's future.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Priorities straight

As a resident of Plymouth Township, I am urging the board to reconsider its decision to build an amphitheater in the township park.

It does not appear that there is support from the citizens for their tax dollars to be spent in this manner. To the contrary, there is considerable opposition to this project. We do not understand why this action is being taken without the support of the public. If they disagree with this assertion, I suggest that a survey be done that will ask the question: "Do you want an amphitheater built in the Township Park? Answer yes or no." Then there will no longer be a question over the matter; the numbers will be out there for all to see.

As far as the necessity of bond money being used exclusively for the amphitheater project, that is easily remedied with a transfer of funds allocated for the amphitheater to another account covering the maintenance of the park.

This should free up funds for additional fire protection, which is sorely needed in the township. The residents feel that public safety should take priority over an amphitheater.

Jackie Peters  
Plymouth Township

### Who's suing whom?

I read where Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives have voted to sue President Obama.

You know, there may be some merit to that. After all, the president gave millions of our fellow citizens the ebola virus. Oh, wait, that's wrong. He gave millions of our people health insurance. So scratch that.

All right, let's see what else they can sue him for. How about him pushing to make sure our auto industry didn't survive; he wanted our unemployed neighbors to lose benefits; he wanted college students to pay more for loans; he stalled the job and highway bills and, uh-oh, I have been informed that our president fought against all of those and it was the suers who own them. Now what?

OK, he certainly signed on to give billionaires lower taxes, allow corporate leaders to hide profits and ship jobs overseas, right? Nope, once again his suers are behind those actions.

Well, I guess I'll see if I can sue the right-wingers and Tea

Partiers in the U.S. House on behalf of all the sane people in this country that have been harmed. Also, gross incompetence and pandering for the rich should be included in the suit.

James Huddleston  
Canton

### The truth is ...

There are 1,600,000 abortions per annum.

That is one million, six hundred thousand terminated pregnancies each year. The abortionists accord it a right and a freedom to all women to terminate their pregnancy when they care to.

It is not limited to a danger to the mother or the fact that the child will die anyway or is dead or is the product of rape or incest — it is up to a choice by the woman.

There is no protection for that little thing. When the mother is "counseled" for abortion before the act, it is often to ensure she is not going to walk and so the fee to the clinic would be lost.

If there are truly a combination of pregnancies by rape and lost for medical reasons that are not being recorded elsewhere — as in the crime and health statistics — and the numbers are not showing up, then we have some problems in this society that are clearly not being addressed.

Having said that and considering the weight of these problems, why is our government invading other nations and attempting to literally change them to our ways?

Our "enemies" do not believe in abortion. It is common knowledge around the world that people in the United States routinely kill their own children.

Consider the plight of one soldier in Afghanistan who suddenly realized that he was guarding an abortion clinic.

There will be more than one coming home that knows the truth.

What will you do with truth?  
Alfred Brock  
Wayne

### Protect our rights

If the media reports about the National Security Agency's warrantless spying program are true, our Constitution and our republic are in serious danger.

The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution is non-negotiable. It protects Americans from being searched by the government without a warrant and for good reason. Before independence,

American colonists were subject to "general warrants" by the British government. The king's agents could search anyone whenever they felt like it, without suspicion of any wrongdoing.

The current NSA spying program is exactly the same. Government bureaucrats can spy on your phone calls, chats, Internet searches and emails. That's un-American.

State Rep. Tom McMillin, R-Auburn Hills, has a solution. His bill — HB 5420 — would protect the Fourth Amendment rights of Michiganders by banning Michigan state agencies from complying with the NSA's warrantless spying program.

Rep. McMillin's bill is a common sense way to protect our inalienable rights. But HB 5420 is stuck in the House Judiciary Committee. Our representatives should pass this bill and uphold their oath to the Constitution.

Government bureaucrats have no right to spy on me or any other American without a warrant. I encourage all my fellow Michiganders to pressure their representatives to pass HB 5420. Our Constitution hangs in the balance.  
Matthew Webb  
Westland

### Take submachine guns from bureaucrats

I object to the premise that bureaucrats need to be armed, especially with firepower that exceeds common reason. These untrained personnel have not been trained nor authorized to use weapons against the citizens of this state.

Even worse, is that bureaucrats are beholden to special interest groups that seek to criminalize the rights of the general public.

This smacks of the Nazi regime of the 1930s. History is repeating itself. And not in a good way.

Pointing out the foibles of politicians is akin to a perceived anarchy. We, as a free people, need to expose the abuses of those currently sitting in power. Of course, standing up for one's right will ultimately incur the wrath of paid-off judges and other politicians who have been bought and paid for by corporate interests.

Just look at the financial backing of those running for office in this election cycle. Follow the money, then ask who benefits from the financial contributions.

Randy Zeilinger  
Garden City

## GUEST COLUMN

# An overall look at the 13 metroparks

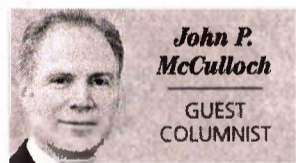
What is a metropark? The question itself is a lot easier asked than answered. With almost 25,000 acres of land stretching across five counties, serving approximately nine million visitors annually, a better question to ask would be, "What isn't a metropark?"

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, better known as the metroparks, is a regional special park district encompassing Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Livingston counties.

Currently, 13 metroparks make up the authority. The metroparks are located along the Huron and Clinton rivers, providing a greenbelt around the Detroit area.

Recreational facilities are provided at 12 sites stretching in a loop from Lake St. Clair to Lake Erie. The parks are generally more than 1,000 acres each, with Stony Creek, located in Shelby Township, and Kensington, located in Milford, being more than 4,400 acres.

The metroparks provide a natural oasis from urban and sub-



John P. McCulloch  
GUEST COLUMNIST

urban life and provide an ever-growing variety of outdoor recreational and educational activities year round in safe, clean environments. Picnicking, fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, nature study, biking, golf, disc golf, winter sports and a host of special outdoor programs and events are available within a short drive to southeast Michigan residents.

Extensive paved hike/bike trails and scenic golf courses make the metroparks easily distinguishable from other parks. More than 55 miles of paved hike/bike trails wind through the metroparks and some of these trails connect with many more miles of trails outside the metroparks. The system operates eight regulation golf courses and two par-3 courses.

With a strong commitment to environmental education and preservation, the metroparks operate nine

full-service interpretive centers — nature, farm and historical — that provide a variety of programs both on site and off site, for almost 1.75 million people annually.

A 10th interpretive center, the Mobile Learning Center, is a fully stocked vehicle filled with exhibits and hands-on activities that visits schools, community centers, fairs and other locations in southeast Michigan to conduct nature, farm and history programs to groups that may not have the means or opportunities to visit a metropark.

The metroparks are funded principally by a property tax levy, limited to 0.25 mills, and by revenues from vehicle entry fees and other user fees for various facilities such as golf courses. A vehicle entry permit is required to enter any metropark and is \$30 annually (\$20 for seniors) or \$7 daily.

So next time instead of asking the question "What is a metropark?" head to the closest one and find out for yourself all of the amazing things it has to offer. You'll quickly realize that "What isn't a metropark?" is a much shorter answer.

For more information and for a list of amenities and attractions that each metropark has to offer, visit the website [www.metroparks.com](http://www.metroparks.com).

John P. McCulloch is the metroparks director.

## OUR VIEWS

# Farmers markets hook up suburbs with fresh produce, healthy food

On any given day of the week, somewhere, someplace in the Metro Detroit area, a farmers market is taking place. The markets are a way of bring the roadside farm stands to suburban communities. The stalls are filled with the farmers' fresh produce, baked goods, honey, home canned foods, flowers and crafts.

This week has been declared National Farmers Market Week, a time to celebrate all the good things that happen at those weekly gatherings. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack calls farmers markets "an important public face for agriculture and a critical part of our nation's food system. They provide benefits not only to the farmers looking for important income opportunities, but also help fill a growing consumer demand for fresh, healthy foods."

"Farmers markets play a key role in developing local and regional food systems that support family farms, and help grow rural economies," he said. "They bring communities together, connecting cities with the farms that support them and provide Americans across the country with fresh, healthy food."

The number of farmers markets in Michigan has grown from around 90 in 2001 to more than 300 today. In fact, Michigan ranks fourth in the country for having the

most farmers markets. California tops the list with 759 markets, followed by New York with 637, Illinois with 336, and Michigan with 331.

Farmers markets offer consumers fresh, affordable, convenient and healthful products sold directly from the farm. They also offer additional market opportunities for local producers, especially smaller or newer operations. Communities like Westland, Wayne, Livonia, Canton and Plymouth have markets happening every week. Some like Livonia and Plymouth have been around for years, while those in Wayne and Westland are building in popularity after starting a few years ago.

U.S.D.A. Marketing Administrator Anne Alonzo is correct in her observation that farmers markets "continue to be popular social events for families and communities."

The growing season is in full swing and it's not too late to check out a farmers market this week. A full list of markets can be found on the Michigan Farmers Market Association website at [www.mifma.org](http://www.mifma.org).

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The beauty of farmers markets is that they bring communities together and often act as a centerpiece of community vitality. They have become popular social events for families. Kids Days, concerts and activities are now as much a part of area markets as the fresh fruits, vegetables and food being sold. Dollars spent locally also circulate locally, supporting your community's economy and local businesses.

# CANTON OBSERVER

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# New rules on IRA rollovers

It seems that tax laws change faster than the weather in Michigan. In fact, if you look back over the last 10 years, we've had more than one tax law change per day.

Most of those tax laws don't affect consumers directly; however, many do. Tax law changes happen because of new legislation and new interpretations of existing rules. One new interpretation that will impact many is the rule on rollovers of IRAs.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Tax Court issued a ruling stating individuals are entitled to only one rollover in an IRA in any 365-day period. Previously, if you had two separate IRAs, each one of those IRAs was entitled to one rollover, according to the IRS interpretation.

It is important to understand the difference between a rollover and a transfer. A rollover is where your IRA



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

custodian issues you a check made out in your name for your IRA. Typically, you would then have 60 days from the time you receive the check to place that into a new IRA. If you met the 60-day requirement, then there would be no taxes due.

An example of a rollover is when an IRA, in a bank CD, matured and the bank wrote you a check for the total amount of the CD. You then deposited that check into your checking account and within 60 days you opened a new IRA in the same amount of money as the check that was issued to you.

In this situation, there would be no tax due. You would, however, have to report the transaction on your tax

return. Under the new rules, no matter how many IRAs you have, you would only be able to do one rollover for any 365-day period.

A transfer is different and the new rules don't affect those. A transfer is where you have money from an IRA directly transferred into a new IRA. For example, in the previous example, when the CD matured, as opposed to the bank issuing you a check, the bank directly transfers the money into a new IRA. That would be considered a transfer for tax purposes and nothing would have to be reported on your tax return. There are no limits on transfers and you can do an unlimited number of them without any issues.

Over the last few years, more people have done transfers versus rollovers because they are easier to accomplish. However,

rollovers are still popular.

The IRS has given taxpayers a bit of a reprieve. The IRS will not enforce the new provision until 2015. The problem, however, is when will the 365-day rollover period begin? For example, if you do a rollover in October 2014 this year and then another in June 2015, is the June rollover considered a second rollover within a 12-month period?

Unfortunately, the rules are unclear. My advice is to avoid rollovers when it comes to moving your IRA. Do it through direct transfers and avoid the new rules regarding rollovers.

Good luck.

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Farmington High School students Tony Sharpe, a senior, and Annika Andersson, a junior, rehearse choreography under the direction of Wendy Kwiatkowski, as Jordan Gagnon, a North Farmington sophomore, sings a Broadway tune.

## Musical theater students perform at Madonna

Ten area students are taking part in an intensive summer musical theater workshop at Madonna University in Livonia. Wendy Kwiatkowski is director of dance for the workshop and Barbara Wiltsie is the vocal music director.

The two-week training culminates in a "Take the Moment" production of film scenes and songs by Richard Rodgers and Stephen Sondheim at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, and Saturday, Aug. 9. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

The rehearsals and final productions are held at Madonna University's Kresge Hall at the corner of Schoolcraft and Levan roads in Livonia. They will sing such tunes as: *Some Enchanted Evening*, *Bewitched*, *Bothered and Bewildered*, *Nobody's Heart*, *Anyone Can Whistle*, *Old Friend* and a medley of Rodger and Hammerstein favorites.

Other musical theater students hail from Churchill and Walled Lake Central high schools.

# BeckRidge presents '25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee'

BeckRidge On-Stage presents the Tony Award-winning musical *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* Thursday, Aug. 7, through Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Made up of a stellar cast, organizers said audiences will find incredible laughs and ultimately relate to and love

all the characters in the show.

The story follows six pre-pubescent spellers as they vie for a trophy and a spot in the National Spelling Bee. Led by two equally quirky adults and a Comfort-Counselor on parole, each speller tries to overcome their individual challenges or quirks to become champion of the Bee! The

majority of the cast is made up of college-age actors, directed and choreographed by Olivia Rhoades, with music directed by Michael Gross.

Connor Rhoades, who plays William Barfee (it's pronounced Barf-AY!), spoke of the rehearsal process. "The actors worked off of each other very well, allowing really

excellent improvisation," he said.

Carla Gross, who plays Logainne Schwartzandgrubienerre, added, "Everyone in the cast already came into this show as friends. We have an extra level of comfort which makes us that much more free to really open up as comedic actors and singers." Dante Hill, who plays

a parental role in the show, had great things to say about *Spelling Bee's* director: "Olivia has a very sweet personality that makes a fantastic learning environment!"

Holly Platis, who plays Rona Lisa Perretti, added, "I love being a part of such a small, tight-knit cast! The level of talent is really impressive and the show is

hilarious."

Tickets can be purchased in advance at [www.beckridgechorale.org](http://www.beckridgechorale.org), by calling BeckRidge Productions at 734-667-3127 or at the door. *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is rated PG-13 for language and content.

For additional information, call 888-459-4887.

## Downtown Northville Sidewalk Sales

Friday Aug. 8th and Saturday Aug. 9th

Downtown Northville's Sidewalk Sale is a showcase of the businesses, restaurants, shops and everything else that makes life along Main and Center streets such an attraction.

Organized by the Northville Central Business Association this event has over 20 businesses participating and brings a food truck rally to Main Street. The retailers are offering their best deals of the year during the Sidewalk Sale and merchants will be open additional hours.

Loyal customers and business owners look forward to this.

"I love a good sidewalk sale!" said Goody Two Shoes owner Dan Argonis. "This will be our biggest in eight years of business in Northville. We'll have shoes, sandals and boots at more than 75 percent off plus our back to school shoes are in stock already."

Great sales will be found everywhere this weekend.

The businesses participating are: Loria's, The Northville Gallery, Healthy Jones, Goody Two Shoes, The Moon & Me Baby and Toddler Boutique, Bailey and Shamoun Interiors, Van Dam's, Rock On Main Clothing Company, Salvaged, Gardenviews, Pear-aphernalia, Orin Jewelers, Stefana Boutique, Utopia Salon, Edward's Cafe and Caterer, Baby Baby plus More, Pendelton, Celebrity Pets Co., Lulu By Design, Starring the Gallery, Your Michigan Connection, Stampeddler and D&D Bike Shop.

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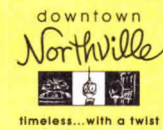
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- d - Northville Sidewalk Sale (various times): August 8-10
- e - Northville Food Truck Festival (11 a.m.): August 23

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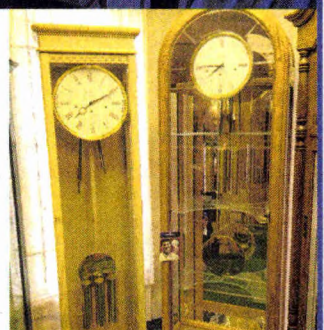
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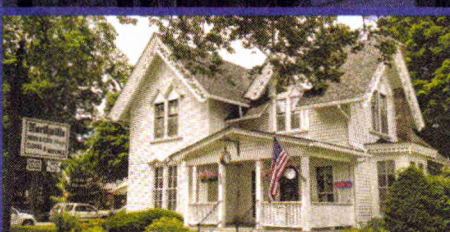
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Jordyn Shepler of Livonia shot 77 at Whispering Willows Golf Course to win the O&E women's tournament. MADONNA UNIVERSITY

## Shepler claims O&E women's title

Livonia golfer shoots 3-under-par on front nine at Whispering Willows, wins championship flight

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

It was only the second O&E tournament appearance for Shepler, who turned 20 last week and was third a year ago with an 83.

"Over the course of the last year, I've really been working on hitting greens and that's really helped," Shepler said.

"That made it easier to birdie and par. I started out with a birdie, so that sent me out in a good mood for the day."

### Highlight of the day

Shepler finished the front nine with an eagle on the par-4 ninth hole. Her second shot from 140 yards and the left rough went in the cup.

"There's a creek in front of the green, so most people lay up," she said, adding she did that and pushed the ball down a little to the left. "I was about 15 yards into a valley; I was behind a willow and had to punch it out."

"When I was walking up to the green, I couldn't find the ball. Somebody came running

down off the practice green and said: 'It's in the hole; it's in the hole.'

"I didn't even see it go in the hole. It was just kind of a luck shot. I just happened to hit it in the right spot to make it go in."

Shepler shot 44 on the back nine for the second straight year, but that was more than offset by her good play on the front side.

The eagle on No. 9 "just got me too amped up, too excited," she said. "I just kinda lost it. It added up to a good score, so I can't be mad about it."

Overall, it was a pretty solid day, according to Shepler, who

was an all-area player for Whispering Willows pro Paul Worley at Churchill High School.

"I was hitting the driver just perfect off the tee, which made it easier to hit approach shots to the green," Shepler said. "My putting on the front was pretty much on point."



Shepler

### Top competition

Shepler was paired with Jacobs, 58, for a second year, so she knew where she stood at all times in regard to the competition and the lead.

"After the front nine, I had a lot of confidence going into the back, knowing I had a pretty solid front nine. I was pretty sure not many shot 3-under,"

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# AREA SKIPPER GUIDES BOAT TO ANOTHER MACKINAC WIN



The members of the Limerick crew at the awards ceremony are (from left) Lee Sullivan, Steven Van Hoof, Brian Sullivan, Kerri Pearce, Dan Holley, Jacquie Pethick, Bob Pethick, Kevin Pearce, Darrell Cope and MacKenzie Pearce.

Plymouth's Darrell Cope, crew sail Limerick to Cruising B Class victory on Lake Huron

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

Darrell Cope and the veteran crew of the sailboat Limerick successfully dealt with high winds and rough seas to win going away last month in the annual Belle's Bayview Mackinac Race.

It was the second victory in three years for Cope, a Plymouth resident and co-owner of the boat with Kevin Pearce of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Limerick easily won the Cruising B Class and finished third overall in Division 3 Shore Course Cruising, receiving a flag for each one.

It marks the sixth straight year the boat has received a flag, which is the sailing equivalent of a trophy.

"You're always paying close attention to the weather and how it's going to

change," Cope said. "We did a good job at doing that. We worked the boat real hard, and everybody was committed to trying to win."

"We had a lot of changing weather this year. We had some storms come through. We had a lot of wind and then no wind. We worked hard to keep the boat where we thought it should be and it really paid off."

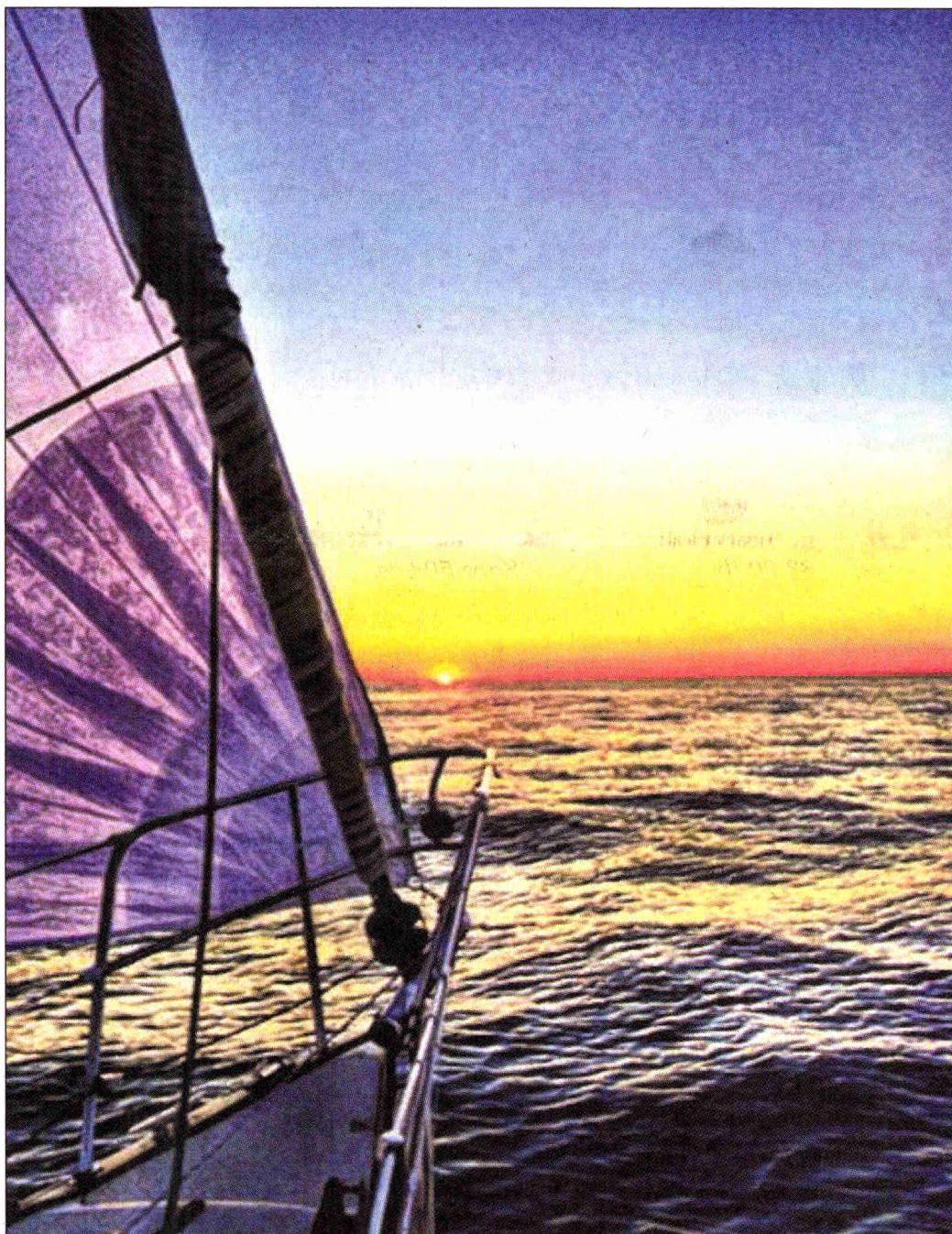
### 'A fast race'

Unlike two years ago when the Limerick won by a mere 19 seconds after accounting for handicap and corrected time, Cope and crew enjoyed a larger margin of victory.

They finished more than two hours ahead of the next boat in their class. Following the July 12 start in Port Huron, the Limerick reached Mackinac Island at 4:49 a.m. Monday; Knot Yours Too finished at 6:58 a.m.

The Phoenix, owned by John

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A member of the Limerick crew captures a sunrise over Lake Huron during the annual Port Huron to Mackinac sailboat race.

# Bucks hoist second PDL championship cup

U-M keeper Adam Grinwis has stellar performance in 1-0 win over Kitsap Pumas

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

A day after a U.S. record soccer crowd of 109,000 showed up to see two of Europe's premier club teams square off in Ann Arbor, University of Michigan goalkeeper Adam Grinwis made Sunday's Premier Development League championship match his own personal "Big House."

The fifth-year senior made four critical saves to post a shutout and lead the Michigan Bucks to their second PDL title in franchise history with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over the Kitsap (Wash.) Pumas at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

It may have not been quite as big as Real Madrid and



The Michigan Bucks celebrate Sunday at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas after winning the Premier Development League Cup. DAVE MCCAULEY

Manchester United, but the Grand Rapids Forest Hills High product from Ada got plenty of satisfaction afterward. The tournament MVP helped the Bucks become the third club in PDL history to register its second title since

the United Soccer Leagues launched the top 64-team developmental league in North America.

"Yesterday was a fantastic experience, those 100,000 fans with those two amazing clubs to support that," Grinwis said.



Michigan Bucks owner Dan Duggan (left) and assistant coach Nick O'Shea, both Livonia natives, hold the coveted Premier Development League Cup. BRAD EMONS

"But it's always good to be on the pitch for a win."

Tom Owens, who played at Notre Dame (Ohio) College, did not tally a goal during the Bucks' regular season, but became the unlikely hero offensively. The England native

deposited the game-winner past Pumas goalkeeper Matthew Grossey (Nebraska) in the 58th minute after a slight touch from Drexel (Pa.) University's Ken Tribbett.

"I'm not one to be scoring many goals and, when it went in, emotions took over," Owens said. "Very, very happy in the moment. I can't remember what I did, to be honest, so I'll have to watch on the tape ... just a very, very good day and very grateful to be a part of such a great group."

On two different occasions, Grinwis showed off his acrobatic skills in denying Kitsap's top goal scorer Miguel Gonzalez, the first on a sprawling save during the 39th minute, followed by a one-handed stab against Gonzalez again in the 75th minute.

Bucks defender Mo Kaba (University of South Carolina) also came up with a timely clear-out against Gonzalez in

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## Thunder heard loud and clear



The 14-and-under Livonia City Thunder concluded its tournament season by winning the End of Summer Slam held Aug. 2-3 in Monroe. The Thunder went 5-0, defeating the Huron Rams in the championship game, 7-1. The team members are (kneeling, from left) Jake Beaune, Craig Jakacki, Brendan Olepa, Carlos Beltran, Joe Kubeshesky, (standing, from left) Connor Beck, Carl Clapp, coach Joe Chops, Parker Graham, Connor Jakacki, coach Dave Kubeshesky, Spencer Weber, Zack Chops and coach Joe Jakacki.

## Blue Bombers fly high in finale



The 8-and-under South Farmington Blue Bombers concluded their tournament season by winning the Berkley Brawl July 26-27 at Community Field in Berkley. The Blue Bombers went 4-0 and won the championship with an 11-6 victory over the Orion Chargers. The team finished the tournament season with a 12-1 record. The Blue Bombers are (kneeling, from left) Josh Brenner, Ben Kazan, Andrew Van Akin, Joe Young, (standing, from left) Noah Cahill, T.J. Calleja, Cameron Pettaway, Rece Linn, Josh Young, Owen Matteson and Dylan Dinkins. The coaches are (back row, from left) Tom Brenner, Kurt Linn, Joe Gjebic and Rob Young. Not pictured are coach Rich Hanks and Ryan Hanks.

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## Madonna University adds to baseball recruiting class

Crusaders sign six more players to help in the 2015 season

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger announced the addition of five recruits to his 2014 class with the signings of Zack Byron (Dexter), Mitch Hudvagner (Cottam, Ontario Essex), Todd Jones (Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central), Kohl Roberts (Napoleon) and Jacob Rogers (Sterling Heights Stevenson).

Also in the fold is Redford Union's Pat Wierimaa, who committed earlier this spring to the Crusaders.

The six join the pitching duo of Cliff Landess and Jack Zimmerman, who also signed earlier this spring.

Byron is a speedy outfielder who hit .357 with a .458 on-base percentage for Macomb Community College,

where he earned team MVP and all-MCCA honors.

"Zack was a very impactful switch hitting outfielder this season for Macomb," Haeger said. "He's great on the base paths and defensively. Offensively, Zack is a keep the ball in play type of guy."

Hudvagner, a teammate of Zimmerman, enters MU after a tremendous summer season with the Windsor Selects where he hit .415 with five homers and 60 RBI.

"Mitch is a left-handed hitting catcher who has the opportunity to play a multitude of positions," Haeger said. "From a swing potential, he has a college swing right now. Hopefully, he can continue to expand that."

Jones, a 6-foot-4 right-handed pitcher, earned All-Huron League honors on the mound as a senior while all-district, all-region and all-county

honors for St. Mary CC.

"Todd is in the mold of a lot of the pitchers we have signed here, another big bodied kid," Haeger said. "He spent most of his time in high school golfing, and baseball is kind of new."

"He came in for a workout and we liked the way he threw because the potential is there with his size."

Roberts took Senior Athlete of the Year honors at Napoleon, capping his baseball career with All-Cascades Conference honors for the second straight season.

"Kohl one of the two new catchers we have added this year and is kind of in the mold of a catcher we had in the past, Drew Adamiec, a tall, lanky kid who receives the ball very well," Haeger said.

"He has a little swing work to do, but he had a very successful high school career, and guys that have had success in

one venue have a desire to reach that success at the next venue."

Rogers comes to MU following success as both a position player and a pitcher.

He helped the Titans to the Macomb Area Conference Red, Division 1 district and regional titles as a junior, making second-team all-MAC.

"On the mound, Jacob is a mid-80s type of guy," Haeger said. "At the plate, the potential is there to be another guy who can stretch the field with some power."

Weirimaa, a three-sport athlete at RU, earned team MVP and all-Western Wayne Athletic Conference honors as a junior and senior twice in baseball.

The 6-1 right-hander, Weirimaa went 10-2 on the mound as a junior and 4-1 as a senior in leading the Panthers to the program's first league crown in 15 years.

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Draft pick Nicholas Caamano, formerly of the Hamilton Jr. Bulldogs, will be with the Whalers when preseason camp starts. BRIAN WATTS | OHL IMAGES

## Whalers' second-round selection will join team

Plymouth Whalers general manager Mark Craig announced the commitment of 15-year-old right wing Nicholas Caamano, who was drafted in the second round (27th overall) of the 2014 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection.

Caamano, who hails from Ancaster, Ontario, will turn 16 on Sept. 7. He will attend school at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Caamano scored 22 goals with 22 assists for 44 points in 40 games last season for the Hamilton Jr. Bulldogs minor midgets.

He also scored a goal in five games in the 2014 OHL Cup tournament last spring and added an assist in two games last weekend in the Hockey Canada U-17 Development Camp in Calgary.

"We're very excited to have Nicholas in Plymouth," Whalers head coach Don Elland said. "He has good size and an excellent overall skill set. Given time, we look forward to seeing Nicholas develop into a top-six forward."

Central Scouting has this assessment of Caamano:

"Nicholas has made huge strides forward this season in all aspects of his game. He is playing with a lot more confidence with the puck and is trying to do more things than he did at the beginning of the season."

"He is carrying the puck more, attacking with speed and being more creative. Nicholas has a nice, long fluid stride, and he plays the game at a high tempo with the ability to make plays at full speed. He is not afraid to take on a defender one-on-one."

Earlier this off-season, the Whalers announced the commitment of first-round choice Will Bitten, a skilled center taken seventh overall from Ottawa.

Caamano and Bitten join a young and improving Whalers team that made the OHL Playoffs last season for the 23rd consecutive year – a league record.

Plymouth brings back six National Hockey League draft choices in 2014-15, including goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic and defenseman Josh Wesley (both with Carolina), defenseman Alex Peters (Dallas), right wing Connor Chatham (New Jersey), left wing Matt Mistele (Los Angeles) and center Victor Crus Rydberg (New York Islanders).

Alumni game: Plymouth's fourth alumni game is set for 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Compuware Arena.

Thirty-one alumni have committed, including current NHL players Tyler Seguin (Dallas), David Legwand (Ottawa), Brett Bellemore (Carolina) and Matt Hackett (Buffalo).

The Whalers alumni will meet the fans in an autograph session before the game from 2-3:30 p.m.

Billed "Whalers Alumni Give a Miracle on Ice," proceeds of the game – in the form of a \$10 donation – will go to the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

Tickets for the game can be purchased online at [www.plymouthwhalers.com](http://www.plymouthwhalers.com) or at the Compuware Arena box office. Please call the box office at (734) 453-8400.

### Generals softball

The Michigan Generals will have softball tryouts from 6-8 p.m. at North Farmington High School, according to the following schedule:

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.

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## SPORTS TRYOUTS

### Unified girls golf team

Tryouts for the North Farmington-Harrison girls golf team will be 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Farmington Hills Golf Range.

For more information, contact coach Bruce Sutton at [indy-500@earthlink.net](mailto:indy-500@earthlink.net).

### Riversharks baseball

The Motor City Riversharks 2015 14U travel baseball team will hold tryouts Saturday and Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Players must be willing to

commit to 40-50 games, which include league play and weekend tournaments, from April through July.

For questions or to pre-register, email [motorcityriversharks@gmail.com](mailto:motorcityriversharks@gmail.com).

### Redford Union soccer

Redford Union boys soccer tryouts will be held Aug. 13-15 from 5-7 p.m. at MacGowan Elementary. 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.

## SHEPLER

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she said.

"With that in mind, maybe I eased up on the back nine. Playing with (Jacobs), I knew what I had to shoot to beat her. I think that helped to keep me calm and focused."

Shepler was not intimidated by the older and more experienced golfer either.

"I'm used to playing with a lot of competitive people," she said. "Janina was great competition because she doesn't play bad. It was nice to play with someone like that. She's a great golfer, too."

Shepler also works at Whispering Willows and knows the course well. That was her home course during her high school years.

"I'm sure I had a huge advantage because the course can be difficult if you don't know where to hit it," she said. "That definitely helped."

### Fall season nears

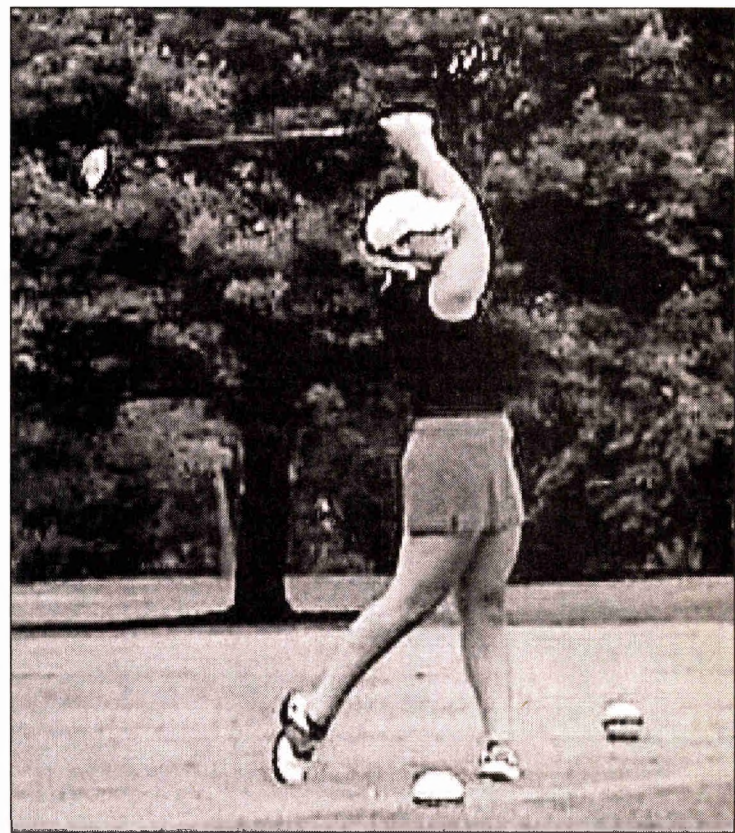
Shepler began practicing with her Madonna teammates for the fall season Tuesday. She will play in the Michigan Amateur next week at the University of Michigan.

Madonna's first tournament will be the Crusader Invitational at the end of the month. Shepler shot a school-record 69 in that event last year.

"That set the standard extremely high for the season, which I didn't quite fulfill," she said. "That's why I took time this summer and focused on my game and approach shots."

"I'm striking the ball a lot better and hoping to come closer to the record and beat it. We really want to make it to nationals, because last year we missed by a few shots, which was a real disappointment."

Livonia's Alethea VanGorp won the first flight championship, defeating Royal Oak's Ann Mikek in a playoff. Both shot 86 in regulation play. **OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNEY**



O&E golf champion Jordyn Shepler follows through on a tee shot Saturday at Whispering Willows Golf Course.



Kathy Stella of Wayne won low-net and closest-to-the-pin honors in the O&E championship flight.

### CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

1. Jordyn Shepler, Livonia, 77; 2. Janina Jacobs, St. Clair, 82; 3. Kathy Stella, Wayne, 86 (first low net, 71, and closest to the pin); 4. Deb Homing, Livonia, 91; 5. Cindy Hill, Ypsilanti, 93; 6. Ellen Howell, 94.

### FIRST FLIGHT RESULTS

1. Alethea VanGorp, Livonia, 86 (first low gross, playoff winner); 2. Ann Mikek, Royal Oak, 86 (second low gross); 3. Yvette Gagnon, Bloomfield Hills, 88 (second low net, 71); 4. Kathy Konkol, Northville, 89; 5. Arezell Brown, Detroit, 90; 6. Mary Warrick, Sterling Heights, 92; 7. Judy Petere, Canton, 94; 8. Rosalyn Leflore Burton, 97; 9. Donna Haagala, Hartland, 98; 10. Cynthia Pinkard, Southfield, 104; 11. Patty Moran, Rochester Hills, 104 (closest to the pin); 12. Gail Cooper, Farmington Hills, 104; 13. Monica Oliver, Farmington, 107; 14. Denise Buechel, Walled Lake, 107 (first low net, 68).

## LIMERICK

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Gabriel of Farmington Hills, was third and the Pirate, which came so close to winning two years ago, was fifth.

The Limerick was on Lake Huron for 40:39.19; Knot Yours Too had an elapsed time of 42:48.32. Even on corrected time, the Limerick still won by more than two hours.

"It was a fast race," Cope said. "We had a lot of work with the spinnaker (large sail). We had a lot of wind toward the end. We had some big waves and winds of 20-22 knots. I thought we did pretty well with it."

"When those storms come through, it's all about how you handle it. We were able to get the spinnaker down in time and get the smaller sail up. It paid off for us."

### Anxious moments

While it appears there was less anxiety in this year's race due to the margin of victory, there were difficult times for Limerick, however.

"When the storms came through, we had some challenges just like everybody else," Cope said. "The spinnaker was in the water at one point. I was up there pulling it in hand over hand."

"When the weather gets rough, everything you do is a challenge. (The sail in the water) can cause problems; it can drag the whole boat back. We were able to get it out of the water and get back on our feet, luckily."

"It reminds you how little



The sailboat Limerick, co-skipped by Darrell Cope of Plymouth, makes its way up Lake Huron under ideal sailing conditions.

you are and how big Lake Huron is. Lake Huron will humble you. I'm glad nobody got hurt and nothing got broken. We had a really fun race."

That was due to a lot of good sailing by the 10-person crew, Cope added. Two teams of four crewmen changed shifts every four hours, and two crew members were designated floaters, available to go on deck at any time.

### Race veterans

The crew included four young females — three of whom (Kerri and McKenzie Pearce and Mary Elizabeth Sullivan) were veterans of previous Mackinac races.

Jacquie Pethick and her father, Bob Pethick, of Bloomfield Hills joined the crew this year. Steve Van Hoof of Plymouth, Dan Holley and Brian Sullivan had sailed on the Limerick previously.

"We did a good job of sticking to the routine," Cope said. "Everybody got along so well and that's what was so nice. Everybody jelled well and had a great attitude, and we went out there and kicked some butt."

"We probably could have used a little more weight on the rail, but it all worked out. I was really proud of the girls."

"They put their foul-weather gear on and sailed up on the rail in pouring rain. We had a lot of challenging conditions, but everybody stepped up and did his or her job."

### Right calls made

Cope and his team made a couple good tactical decisions that benefited them greatly, choosing to stay near shore around Thunder Bay and to sail in open water as they neared the Straits of Mackinac.

"Boats think they're going to get the shore breeze," Cope said, regarding the latter.

"When the new wind came in, it was stronger in the middle of the straits. That was a decision we consciously made."

"We saw boats going toward shore. We all discussed the pros and cons. When the wind filled in, we were in the right spot and set sail straight for the island."

"We finished with some big boats that we don't normally finish with. We finished with the big boys. We knew we had toasted anybody that went toward shore."

Though it ended up being an easy win, you never really know where you stand until the race is over due to the handicapped rating system, according to Cope.

"You just have to keep pushing the boat hard and working hard to keep it out in front when you think you are," he said. "We had a solid crew and good tactics."

"It proved out that we got a pretty fare rating. We owed time, which means we should be the first boat across the line. We showed we sailed the boat fast and went about it the right way."

### Natural beauty

After a rough first night, the Limerick crew experienced the thrill and splendor of being on the lake in good weather the next night.

"The first night was real cloudy, pretty rainy and nasty cold," Cope said. "The second night was beautiful. We had a super moon. Sunday night coming into the island was just gorgeous."

"You smell the pine from the island. It's just a whole other experience when you're up past Thunder Bay coming around the corner to the straits."

"That moon just lit the whole course up. It was so bright you didn't even need a light."

This year's victory, which was the fourth in 30 years for the Limerick, had additional significance for Cope.

His father, Art, who bought the boat in 1983, was a race regular ever since and sold it to his son and Pearce 20 years ago, died in December.

"Up on the podium (at the awards ceremony on the island), the whole crew made a cheer to Art," Cope said. "It was really special. He would have been so proud of us."

SPORTS  
ROUNDUP

## Field hockey signup

Registration for the Farmington United high school field hockey team is under way through the Costick Center (activity 110541) in Farmington Hills.

No field hockey experience is necessary. Practice begins Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Costick Center. The practice time will be 4:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Farmington United is a combined team of eighth-through 12th-grade players in Farmington Public Schools.

For more information, contact farmingtonunitedfieldhockey@gmail.com.

## Keen wins Junior Amateur

Oakland University incoming freshman Jake Kneen made a 30-foot putt to maintain a 2-up lead and went on to defeat 15-year-old James Piot of Canton 1-up to capture the 36th Michigan Junior Amateur Championship at Battle Creek Country Club Aug. 31.

Kneen, a native of White Lake and graduate of Lakeland High School, led for 17 holes and shot 145 (72-73) during stroke play to advance to match play competition.

He defeated Alex Scott of Traverse City 3-and-2 in a semifinal match, and he beat defending champion Donnie Trosper of Canton in 19 holes in the quarterfinals on Wednesday to earn his spot in the title match.

## National baseball champ

The Farmington-based Warriors Baseball Club of Michigan's Midwest Elite team won the 18-and-under Perfect Game BCS tournament last month in Fort Meyers, Fla.

Competing against 87 of the best teams in the United States, Midwest Elite defeated Next Level Upperclass from Tallahassee, in the final game, 5-2, for their third tournament championship in a row and second consecutive Perfect Game national title.

The team's Randy Righter was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, and Karl Kauffmann was named the Most Valuable Pitcher.

## Softball players needed

The 18-and-over Michigan Diamonds women's fastpitch softball team is looking for two players to join the roster. The team needs a pitcher and a utility player.

The team is composed of college players and will compete in four tournaments during the 2015 summer season.

If interested or for more information, contact Jeff Combs at jtcombs@netscape.com or 810-417-1192.

## Bucks rally to reach PDL final, 2-1

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The Michigan Bucks advanced to the Premier Development League championship game with a come-from-behind, 2-1 semifinal victory Friday over Eastern Conference and Mid-Atlantic Division champion Jersey Express.

The Bucks, who last played for the PDL title match in 2007 after winning it all in 2006, defeated the Kitsap Pumas, based in Bremerton, Wash., in the final Sunday at air-conditioned Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Butler University's Zach Steinberger tallied the game-winning goal in the 78th minute for the Bucks, the PDL's Central Conference and Great Lakes Division champs.

"I believe it was David Goldsmith who played me through," Steinberger said of the England native and Butler teammate. "It was a great ball, on the outside of his

foot.

"He found me right in my path. I just took a touch, pulled the goalkeeper (Matthew Turner) out and put it past him in the far corner."

Things, however, didn't go as well during the first 45 minutes as the Express, who are based in Newark, N.J., got an unassisted goal from Kene Eze (Rutgers) in the 38th minute to take a 1-0 halftime advantage.

"It's apparent why they're the No. 1 scoring team in the nation," Steinberger said. "They've got so much speed and talent going forward. Fortunately, our back line was up to the challenge today and we snuck two past them."

The Bucks tied it in the 54th minute when Ken Tribbett (Drexel University) perfectly time a header off a feed from Thomas Ownens (Notre Dame College).

That seemed to awaken the Bucks after a sluggish first half.

"I think it was just a matter of us feeling a little more

comfortable," Bucks coach Demir Muftari said. "The guys want this so bad. They work so hard for it. And we were a little cautious early."

"We were working hard, but we were a little tentative. We needed a little bit more. We needed a little encouragement to see, 'Hey, we're good; we deserve to be here and we're good enough to win this game.'"

Muftari said there were no real adjustments made at intermission.

"It was unfortunate that we gave up that goal late in half. But what a great response. That's all we talked about at halftime is that, 'Hey, you're playing against a fantastic team, but there's no reason why you can't go out there and do what we train about every single day of the year. And if we're going to lose to a really good team, that's OK, but let's give them our best effort.'"

And the Bucks heeded Muftari's call.

"At halftime there was only one thing that needed to

be said," Steinberger said. "We just needed to bring more energy. There's 45 minutes left in our season and we weren't ready to be done, so we turned it around in the second half."

The Express did put the clamps on Bucks striker Dzenan Catic, the PDL's scoring champion (35 points) and Golden Boot winner (16 goals in 14 regular season matches).

Express coach George Vichniakov thought his team was more effective in the second half despite giving up the tying and winning goals.

"I thought we actually dominated a little more in the second half and then got killed off a set piece early on," he said.

"I was really happy with the boys bouncing back, creating chances and not giving up much. Michigan's efficiency was great. They had a couple of chances down there and - bang, bang - they take care of you."

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## Despite cool temps, MHSAA offers help to schools to deal with heat

EAST LANSING – Despite unseasonably cool temperatures this summer in Michigan, high school athletes should prepare for the heat that usually accompanies August and the beginning of fall practices next week.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association provides information to its member schools each year to help them prepare for hot weather practice and game conditions in the late summer and early fall.

Football practice can begin at MHSAA schools on Monday, Aug. 11, followed by first practices for all other fall sports Aug. 13.

The topic of heat-related injuries receives a lot of attention at this time of year when deaths at the professional, collegiate and inter-scholastic levels occur, especially since they are preventable in most cases with the proper precautions.

In football, data from the National Federation of State High School Associations shows 41 high school players died nationwide from heat stroke between 1995 and 2013. Many MHSAA schools this

fall are expected to again follow the MHSAA's Model Policy for Managing Heat & Humidity that directs schools to monitor heat index prior to and during activity and recommends actions based on those readings.

For the first time, the MHSAA is requiring all assistant and sub-varsity coaches at the high school level to complete the same rules and risk minimization meeting requirement as varsity head coaches. An alternative is one of several online courses designated for this purpose on mhsaa.com.

"It's not an accident that causes severe heat illness and death," Jack Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA, said. "It's a lack of attention to what should have been taking place, a lack of preparation."

"We're trying to communicate to our constituents, if we make the precautions that we should and plan as we should, we will have none of these tragedies in school sports."

The MHSAA Representative Council adopted in 2013 the Model Policy for Managing Heat & Humidity that,

while not mandated for member schools, has been adopted by many at the local level.

The plan directs schools to begin monitoring the heat index at the activity site once the air temperature reaches 80 degrees and provides recommendations when the heat index reaches certain points, including ceasing activities when it rises above 104 degrees.

The model policy is outlined in a number of places, including the publication Heat Ways, which is available for download from the MHSAA website.

Heat Ways not only provides the model policy but addresses the need for proper acclimatization in hot weather.

Heat, hydration and acclimatization also are again focuses of the MHSAA's required preseason rules meetings for coaches and officials.

The online presentation discusses the need for good hydration in sports, regardless of the activity or time of year.

The Health & Safety Resources page of the MHSAA website has a number of links

to different publications and information and a free online presentation from the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Visit mhsaa.com, click on "Schools" and then on "Health & Safety Resources" to find the information. The direct link is www.mhsaa.com/Schools/HealthSafetyResources.aspx.

Roberts said the first days of formal practices in hot weather should be more for heat acclimatization than the conditioning of athletes. Practices in such conditions need planning to become longer and more strenuous over a gradual progression of time.

He added schools also must consider moving practices to different times of day, different locations or change practice plans to include different activities depending on the conditions.

"I think all schools need to prepare themselves in these ways," Roberts said. "They need to educate participants, parents and coaches about proper hydration and the dangers of practicing and competing when the heat and humidity are too high."

## BUCKS

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the 86th minute as the Pumas desperately tried to push up and score the equalizer.

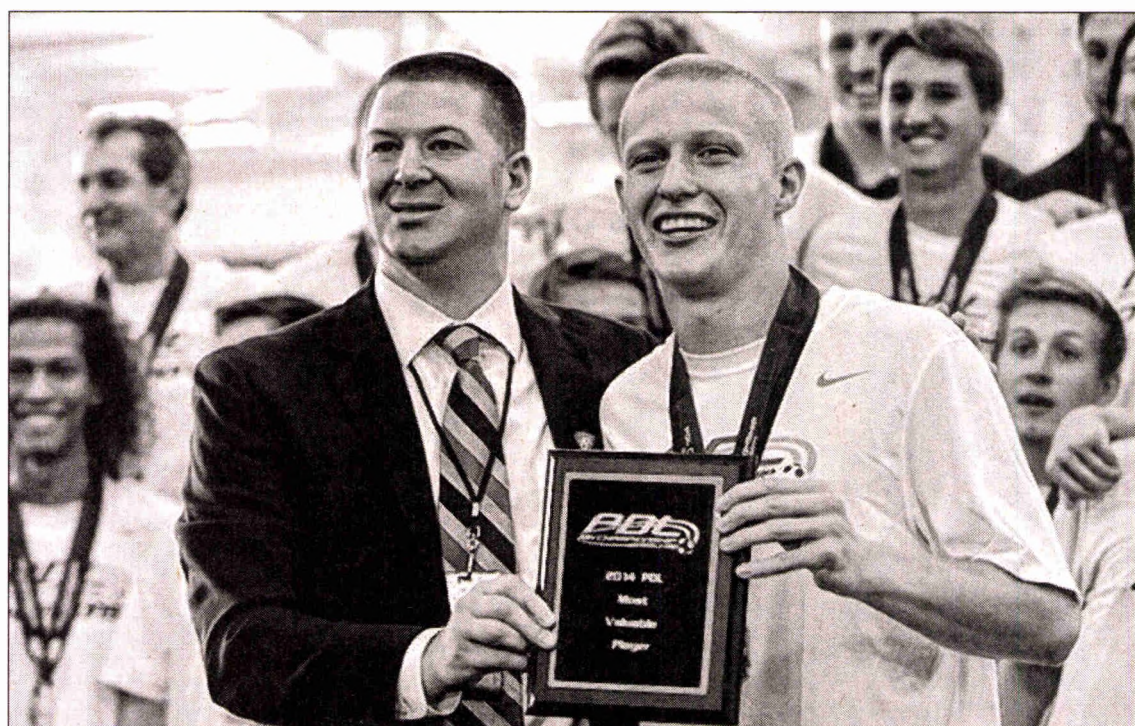
"I think the defense did a really good job, the back line helped me out a lot," said the 6-foot-2, 195-pound Grinwis, who was a second team All-Big Ten selection in 2012. "They didn't have a lot of opportunities. And they (the defense) have done that this whole season. They've made my job very easy and I give a lot of credit ... to them."

The Pumas, who captured the PDL title in 2011 and made it to the semifinals this season as the Western Conference champs, featured two Michigan players: three-year Bucks player Tommy Catalano and lead defender Cory Kreitz.

"It was a well-played match, worthy of two champions," Pumas coach Andrew Chapman said. "When you have a 1-0 game, that means it's close and you have the right two people here. We were just making some foolish mistakes that would have been nice to not have made."

Nobody was more pleased with the outcome than second-year Bucks coach Demir Muftari.

"This is a big as it gets," he said. "The whole reason we started putting this team together last fall and getting all the guys together. We got a great selection process from the top down, with Dan Duggan (the owner) and Gary Parsons (the general manager), trying to identify players that we think are quality players with this goal in mind. The Bucks are a fantastic organization — 20 years, we've never had a losing season. And this is



Premier Development League president Tim Holt hands the MVP award to Bucks goaltender Adam Grinwis. DAVE MCCAULEY

what it's about for us.

"What a goal Tom Owens comes up with. It's a special group of guys. We talk about this every day. There's been lots of really good Bucks teams, but there's only been a couple of special ones, and that's what we wanted to be. And the guys bought in. They set their goals and they wanted to separate themselves from other Bucks teams."

And it didn't hurt to have Grinwis as the last line of defense.

"This is his fifth year with us," Muftari said. "We know what we can expect out of Adam. He is a talented, driven, determined guy. We all are very confident that we're going to be watching Adam on TV someday pretty soon. He's just a leader. He works hard, he works hard on his craft. He

works hard to be part of the team. He's a big part of it and the guys look to him being a part of this organization so long. He gets it, he gets the mentality and he gets the focus that has to go in to be a part of something like this."

Several substitutions were made on both sides during the final 25 minutes. The Bucks were looking for fresh legs and the Pumas were looking for a goal.

Kitsap directed even more pressure at Grinwis during the waning moments, which included four minutes of stoppage time.

"It was intense; you live for those moments," the U-M keeper said. "It was very exciting. They were just trying to throw everything they had toward the goal. And credit to the back line and credit to our

team for standing strong."

Chapman went with a different alignment down the stretch.

"We went to a 3-4-5, changed some things up and put some players in there to give us some pace up front to keep the pressure up," he said. "We got some guys out that had some tired legs. We made those changes to do all we could do."

"Their goalkeeper did well. He made some great saves there to keep them going. Hats off to him, for sure."

Meanwhile, longtime Bucks owner Dan Duggan, a Livonia native, was pleased to win the championship in front of the home fans.

"We had a long road trip to Des Moines (Iowa) last week-end," Duggan said. "We were with the boys 13 hours on the bus and they said, 'Is there any

chance we can host?' Just the look on their faces when I came to practice Tuesday when I said, 'Guys, we're hosting.' These guys jumped through the gym. They literally were so excited that a fire was lit under them. Sometimes you don't know if it's that much of an advantage, but in here, it really was."

And despite taking a financial hit to host the PDL's final four, Duggan said it was worth the cost.

"We got to the spot where we deserved to be," he said. "Nineteen years we've been doing this. We've gotten to the final four six times. We won it only once, so this makes two. When you play a team like Kitsap, you got to get a little lucky, but you've got to work hard. These guys deserve it."

"We expect to be back next year in the final four. The guys come from all over the world to play for this team and expect to be in a championship. That's why they're here. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. But this is a special team and this year I think they deserved it."

The Bucks' longtime formula for success this summer was never more evident, according to Owens.

"It's huge for any program to win the PDL," he said. "It's such a condensed season and I think one thing that stood out about our team this season is we had a lot of depth. We could have put anyone out there and gotten the job done."

"Throughout the season we had knocks and injuries, but we've been lucky enough to put people in from the bench and they've come through. They're hard-working players, a great coaching staff and just a great recipe for success."

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## Include fire safety planning in off-to-college schedule

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Keith Bo, fire inspector with the Livonia Fire Department, is dad to two young adult children commuting to the University of Michigan-Dearborn. They live at home, so he hasn't had to discuss college fire safety with them much.

"They get to hear it enough," said Bo, a 25-year fire service veteran with 20 years in Livonia.

College fire safety is a serious subject worthy of attention of students off to school this fall and their parents, however. "A lot of them are cooking," Bo said of fires following use of hot plates or toaster ovens. "You have to check the regulations on the college dorms."

Some cooking equipment is banned.

You should check right away your escape plans from the dorm room, with fire drills usually held by college/university officials to remind students. "Make sure you know the fire escape route," Bo said.

"Most colleges, the dorms are smoke-free," he said. For those in off-campus housing who smoke, it's important never to smoke in bed and to use a deep ashtray, making sure cigarettes and cigars are

fully extinguished.

Fire extinguishers are usually mounted on dorm walls, Bo said, and that's the route he recommends, as those extinguishers are inspected. For off-campus housing, a fire extinguisher is a good idea - and students need to know how to use it.

You should watch open flames like candles and space heater use, even the deeper-bottom Yankee brand candles, he said. "It's still an open flame. Something could fall on them. Any open flame you want to be careful."

Curtains can fall on open flames, causing a fire that can spread quickly.

Bo recommends families contact the college or university on fire safety concerns and regulations, which can also be done if you have a deaf student or other disabled student in the family. Off-campus housing isn't as well

inspected in many cases, but parents can look it over, Bo said. A barbecue on a balcony is a bad idea, he said, as it can cause a fire.

As with any home, working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are vital. "A fire extinguisher in there wouldn't hurt either," Bo said of off-campus dwellers.

Again, those in off-campus housing should know their escape routes.

Bo agreed use of alarms, detectors and early notification have made college students safer. "There's quite a few more safety regulations for the schools now," he said.

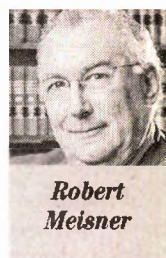
Retrofitting of dorms with sprinkler systems and fire alarms has improved campus fire safety.

As with any fire, once you're out you should stay out. The door may lock you out when you're safely out, but should never lock you indoors.

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## Ladder fall liability has its limits legally

**Q: Our homeowner association board is being threatened to be sued by a person who was contracted by our contractor who fell off a ladder in one of our buildings. He is claiming that the association was negligent in failing to provide him with a safe means to access the areas that he was painting, and in refusing to allow him to tie his ladder to the building. Do you think we have any responsibility?**



Robert Meisner

**A:** There are two possible theories under which the association could be liable to your contractor. The first is under a premises liability theory that a property owner may be liable for physical harm caused to his guests by the condition on the land. The second possible approach is based on employer liability. As a general rule, one who employs an independent contractor is not liable for the contractor's acts or omissions. A recognized exception to this rule is the retained control exception which provides that one who hires an independent contractor, but retains control of the work is liable for injuries to others. However, the employer must retain some degree of control over how the work is done for the retained control exception to apply. If your association had no control over this gentleman's work, you may not have any liability.

**Q: We live in a community that is restricted to single family residential use and prohibits industrial or commercial use. Certain residents have rented their homes on a short-term basis for decades without controversy, however, a number of homes have become available for short term rental and the association is concerned about members doing vacation rentals. The association voted to amend the documents to stop rentals for less than one month or 30 consecutive days. Do you think that is enforceable?**

**A:** It is, obviously, fact-intensive; however, that well may be enforceable and it may be that you are not able to rent those units on a short term basis. Again, it depends upon the overall review of the documents. You are best to consult with a community association attorney who can talk to you about the various cases involving these issues in various states, and the difficulty of defining "transient" tenants or enforcing 30-day limitations.

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### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

#### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to

their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

#### Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

#### Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 24-28, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### BEVERLY HILLS

16214 Locherbie Ave \$303,000  
31176 Old Stage Rd \$358,000  
17 Riverbank Dr \$590,000

#### BIRMINGHAM

845 Fairfax St \$950,000  
1411 Humphrey Ave \$158,000  
572 Pierce St \$965,000  
1350 Villa Rd \$321,000  
600 W Brown St # 401 \$205,000  
4955 Malibu Dr \$465,000

#### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

2049 E Hammond Lake Dr \$252,000

#### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

570 Roanoke Dr \$866,000  
4130 Meadow Way \$447,000  
3110 Middlebury Ln \$210,000  
1429 Ravineview Ct \$325,000  
1580 Rockwell Ave \$120,000  
4200 Surrey Cross \$580,000  
185 Westwood Dr \$1,160,000

#### COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

5735 Carroll Lake Rd \$82,000  
211 Havana St \$119,000  
8242 Hearthstone Ct \$260,000  
310 Longspur Ln \$103,000  
3315 Tiquewood \$185,000

#### FARMINGTON

36219 Smithfield Rd \$230,000

#### FARMINGTON HILLS

29218 Earth Ln \$95,000  
21232 Flanders St \$58,000

#### LATHRUP VILLAGE

17617 Avilla Blvd \$86,000

#### MILFORD

2296 Carriage Way \$270,000  
1370 Valley Crest Ct \$635,000

#### NORTHVILLE

42105 Roscommon St \$124,000  
878 Yorktown Ct \$168,000

#### NOVI

23458 Danberry Ln \$116,000  
24224 Hampton Hill St \$214,000  
23243 Laurel Dr \$100,000

#### SOUTH LYON

1086 Chestnut Ln \$285,000  
52069 Copperwood Dr S \$421,000  
54786 Grenelefe Cir E \$265,000  
1132 Paddock Dr \$253,000  
298 Stryker St \$155,000

#### SOUTHFIELD

26804 Franklin Pointe Dr \$77,000  
21871 Hidden Rivers Dr N \$39,000  
19225 Magnolia Pkwy \$90,000  
21175 W Nine Mile Rd \$60,000  
24095 Wildbrook Ct # 102 \$75,000

#### WHITE LAKE

841 Ennest Blvd \$60,000  
573 Farnsworth Rd \$98,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 14-18, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### CANTON

6976 Chadwick Dr \$253,000  
8271 Chatham Dr \$685,000  
41687 Glade Rd \$180,000  
7615 Kingsbridge Rd \$195,000  
6028 Meadowview Dr \$355,000  
600 Merrimac Rd \$160,000  
44040 N UMBERLAND CIR \$194,000  
3708 Shepherd Ct # 74 \$216,000

#### GARDEN CITY

33340 Alvin St \$100,000  
6724 Elizabeth St \$60,000

#### LIVONIA

14998 Auburndale St \$115,000  
31782 Fonville St \$105,000  
17181 Golfview St \$175,000  
15850 Harrison St \$163,000  
14230 Ingram St \$187,000  
35458 Leon St \$170,000  
11222 Middlebelt Rd \$53,000  
35486 Orangelawn St \$125,000  
20121 Saint Francis St \$23,000  
28285 W Chicago St \$136,000

#### NORTHVILLE

32045 Wyoming St \$169,000  
50556 Livingston Dr \$450,000  
350 N Rogers St \$695,000  
48835 Rainbow Ln S \$403,000  
18549 Steep Hollow Ct \$615,000  
46301 W Main St \$433,000  
327 Yerkes St \$380,000

#### PLYMOUTH

703 Adams St \$210,000  
11511 Brownell Ave \$170,000  
12721 Essex Ct \$453,000  
14460 Robinwood Dr \$185,000

#### REDFORD

#### WESTLAND

13571 Centralia \$40,000  
8898 Dale \$51,000  
9050 Hemingway \$85,000  
19782 Negaunee \$58,000  
33026 Audreys Way \$240,000  
31816 Bay Ct \$10,000  
267 Daniel Ave \$97,000  
32132 Glen St \$82,000  
30713 Grandview Ave \$105,000  
38457 Milton St \$118,000  
7436 N Wildwood St \$95,000  
32501 Parkwood St \$85,000  
36111 Traditions Dr \$154,000

# HOMES

apartments.com HomeFinder

### FARMINGTON HILLS

31989 W. 12 Mile  
House/Property  
1/2 acre, 2.5 car detached garage  
3 bdrm home. Ideal for person  
operating home business.  
Jonathan Brateman Properties  
(248) 477-5000

### LIVONIA

Open House Sun.  
Aug. 10 12-4pm  
Located btwn Middlebelt &  
Merriman, Schoolcraft & 5  
Mile. 29535 Barkley, 3 bdrm,  
2.5 ba ranch, finished bsmt, 2  
car gar. Call: 734-612-7231

# RENTALS

apartments.com HomeFinder

### No RENT until October 1, 2014

Rentals starting at \$799  
3 bed, 2 bath, all  
appliances including  
washer & dryer.

### CHILD'S LAKE ESTATES

4377 Old Plank Road,  
Milford  
248-820-5836  
www.childslake.com

### WESTLAND

2 bdrm condo  
for rent, 7494 Manor Circle,  
walk-in closets, beautiful  
furnished overlooking pool  
\$850/mo. 248-991-4776

### CONDOS & TOWNHOUSES

### Homes For Rent

## No RENT until October 1, 2014

CHILD'S LAKE ESTATES  
Rentals starting at \$799  
3 bed, 2 bath, all  
appliances plus washer  
and dryer  
4377 Old Plank Road,  
Milford  
248-820-5836  
www.childslake.com

### DETROIT

Ford/Evergreen  
Clean 2 BR, bsmt, new carpet  
Nice yard \$600/mo. w/option  
to buy. 313-820-2255

### LIVONIA

3 bdrm, brick ranch,  
appl's, air, fin. bsmt, \$1450/  
negotiable. 313-550-8119

### LIVONIA

Plymouth/Inkster Rd.  
3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, brick, air,  
carpet, garage, excellent bsmt.  
\$960/mo. 865-458-8506

### REDFORD

Ply / Beech Daly,  
clean, 2 BR, 1.5 bath, fire-  
place, basement, central air, 1  
car detached garage, fenced  
yard, \$950 month.  
(248) 840-6081

### Mobile Home Rentals

It's RAINING DEALS!  
FARMINGTON HILLS  
OWN OR LEASE  
\$585/MO OR LESS  
• Site Rent Included  
• 2/3 bdrm, 2 full baths  
All Appl.  
• New & Pre-owned avail.  
Little Valley  
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www.LVHomes.net

### FARMINGTON HILLS

Professional to share immaculate,  
furnished house. Safe,  
\$425 incl. util, cable, W/D,  
Wi-Fi, maid. 813-205-9926

### LIVONIA

Furnished, kitchen  
privileges, cable, washer &  
dryer, all utilities. Retired man  
preferred. \$370/mo + \$100  
dep., one of the larger rooms.  
313-885-3766

### NORTHVILLE OR PLYMOUTH DOWNTOWN

1st week with full deposit.  
Furnished sleeping  
rooms. Newly decorated.  
\$90/week. Security deposit.  
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248-305-9944

### PLYMOUTH

Downtown  
1600 sq. ft.  
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### Looking to Buy A New Car? Need to sell the old one first?

Place an ad with  
Observer & Eccentric Media,  
and let the Classifieds  
Sell It For You!  
800-579-7355

# SERVICES

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### Drywall

COMPLETE DRYWALL SRV.  
Plaster Repair. All jobs wel-  
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yrs exp. Mark: 313-363-6738

### PAINTING BY ROBERT

• Wallpaper Removal • Int  
• Ext • Plaster/Drywall Repair  
• Staining 25 yrs exp. Free est.  
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• Ext • Plaster/Drywall Repair  
• Staining 25 yrs exp. Free est.  
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### QUALITY PAINTING

Interior/Exterior. Work myself.  
Reasonable. (248) 225-7165

# JOBS

careerbuilder.com

### ACCOUNTANT

Established Real Estate Firm  
looking for Full-Time  
Accounting/Bookkeeper to  
join our team! Requirements:  
• Entrepreneurial mindset  
• Work well with a team  
• Maintain precise  
bookkeeping accuracy  
while meeting deadlines  
• Competitive salary  
Send resume to:  
adam.oberks@gmail.com

### Auto Body Tech/Painter

with tools for Canton Collision.  
37550 Michigan Ave., Wayne  
Call 734-729-2805

### CHILD CARE ASSISTANTS

Part-Time for Christian Early  
Childhood Center in Plymouth.  
Experience is helpful.  
Call: 734-455-3196

### CUSTODIAN PART-TIME

Our Lady of Victory Parish,  
Northville, seeks a part-time  
custodian (15-19 hrs/week)  
to provide janitorial services,  
minor maintenance duties,  
and set-up of facilities in and  
around the school building.  
Submit resume to:  
oloffice@olnorthville.net

### CLAIMS DEVELOPER

Entry Level  
Teachers, Social Workers,  
Journalists: This could be a  
perfect fit for you!  
Legal help for Veterans, lo-  
cated in Northville, Michigan  
has a full or part-time posi-  
tion available. Writing skills  
a must. We need you to re-  
view medical and service re-  
cords to develop disability  
claims. Knowledge of legal,  
military or medical is help-  
ful, but not necessary. Good  
pay and benefits.  
Please send resume to  
psaugars@fb-firm.com  
Or fax: (248) 380-3434

### Cleaning Specialists

Part-Time Evenings  
Must pass drug screen &  
criminal background check  
able to complete  
all aspects of cleaning.  
506-759-3700

### CPA

CPA with strong entrepre-  
neurial spirit needed full time for  
Northville CPA tax practice.  
Candidate needs a minimum  
two years public accounting  
experience, preparation of  
business and personal tax re-  
turns, hands-on QuickBooks  
Please send resume and  
salary requirements to:  
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### DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL SERVICES

Full time for medicare certified  
home care agency in Com-  
merce Twp. Minimum 2 years  
experience. Kinser software  
experience is a plus!  
Call 248-245-3392; email:  
homebound6@gmail.com

### GENERAL LABOR - NOVI AREA

Varying Hours  
Call for information:  
248-380-0643  
detroit@artcraftdisplay.com  
Equal Opportunity Employer

### -Kennel Technician - Veterinary Asst w/Exp. - Doggy Daycare Help

is looking for motivated, reliable  
people to work in our ex-  
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doggy daycare. Veterinary Assis-  
tants must have exp to apply  
Fax resume: 734-326-3234  
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38150 Ford Rd., Westland.

### LEGAL COLLECTOR

For law firm  
Legal collectors experience  
preferred, but not required.  
Pay commensurate  
with experience.  
Please fax resume to:  
(734) 254-1025

### MEDICAL BILLER/OFFICE MANAGER

Exp & billing background req'd.  
Must have QuickBooks, Excel  
Full time, \$16-\$20/hr. and  
benefits. No Email resume  
kimayrand@comcast.net

### MIG WELDER

Experienced for Heavy Plate  
Steel Fabricating Company.  
Benefits after 90 days.  
Pay based on Experience.  
Call: 313.533.5277

### OD Grinder & Machinist

Experienced. New Hudson.  
Apply by email to:  
jeilsworth@gcylinders.com

### PRESSER (DRY CLEANER)

For dry cleaner in Northville.  
Experience, good pay & ben-  
efits. Call 248-207-6434

### Cash in with Classifieds

800-579-SELL

### Help Wanted - General

## PRESSMAN

Ann Arbor book manufacturer  
seeking pressman trainee for  
offset sheet-fed perfecter, single  
color. Full-time, 4-day  
work week, Monday-Thursday.  
Benefit package. Apply at:  
1350 N. Main St., Ann Arbor  
or via email to  
ljbratton@cushing-malloy.com

### ROUTE SALES REP

For Schwans Home Service Div-  
ision of Canton, OH. Retail  
Sales exp. preferred. Routing &  
Customer Service exp. helpful.  
We offer very few weekends &  
regular shift hrs. Estimated first  
year salary of \$45K.  
Please call from 2-7 daily.  
734-397-0353

### SALES & CUSTOMER SERVICE REP

For Ann Arbor book manufac-  
turer. Experience preferred, but  
not necessary. Full-time 8am-  
5pm, Mon-Fri. Benefit package  
included. Please apply in per-  
son at 1350 North Main Street,  
Ann Arbor or email resume to:  
ljbratton@cushing-malloy.com  
All applications must be  
received by August 8, 2014

### Help Wanted - Office Clerical

## BOOKKEEPER

Immediate Opening  
Full-Time "full charge"  
bookkeeper for management  
office in Plymouth.  
Must know Quick Books &  
Excel. Send resume &  
salary requirements:  
kellie-premier@yahoo.com

### Human Resource Assistant

Candidate will perform all basic  
administrative assistant  
duties as well as assist with  
payroll records, orientations,  
processing associate docu-  
ments and maintaining HR da-  
tabases. Candidates interest-  
ed in this position should have  
Administrative Assistant exp.,  
have an intermediate  
proficiency in MS Office pro-  
grams & strong written/ver-  
bal communication skills.  
Part-Time, 25 hrs/wk & an  
exc. opportunity with a grow-  
ing organization. Resume to:  
MasterAutomatic  
40485 Schoolcraft Rd.  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
hr@masterautomatic.com  
Fax: 734-459-4598

### Help Wanted - Dental

## FRONT DESK

Needed for our busy dental  
office in Canton. Checking  
insurance, answering  
phones, scheduling appts &  
filing. Dental or medical  
background a plus.  
Please send resume to  
ajance@cantondentists.com

### Help Wanted - Medical

## Histotechnologist

Mohs surgeon seeks Histo  
Tech with frozen section ex-  
perience to process fresh tis-  
sue with Mohs frozen sec-  
tion techniques in his ex-  
panding, private practice.  
Background in histology,  
cryostat preparation and  
maintenance, and histo-  
chemical staining is essen-  
tial. Full or part-time, excel-  
lent pay and benefits.  
Ann Arbor area.  
Email or Fax Resume to:  
a2edem@aol.com  
(734) 996-8767

### MANAGER

External Financial Reporting  
and Audit wanted to lead  
monthly/quarterly closing  
and consolidation.  
Participate in preparation of  
internal/external reporting  
package and related duties.  
Work location:  
Southfield, MI  
Send resume:  
Mr. Woolsey, HR  
Beaumont HEALTH SYSTEM  
16500 W. 12 Mile Rd.  
Southfield, MI 48076  
An Equal  
Opportunity Employer

### MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Full-Time for busy internal  
medicine office in Troy. Must  
have excellent computer skills,  
be able to multi-task &  
good communication skills.  
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### Medical Biller

Full-Time Position  
Excellent Salary &  
Benefits Cover Letter,  
Resume & References  
Email to:  
mailergym@comcast.net

### RN, LPN or MA

with DERMATOLOGY  
EXPERIENCE preferred,  
for a growing dermatology  
practice in Ann Arbor/  
Plymouth area. Full-time,  
excellent pay & benefits.  
Email or Fax resume:  
a2edem@aol.com  
734-996-8767

### Food - Beverage

## COOKS & WAITSTAFF

Exp'd. & Full-Time  
Short Order Cooking.  
All Shifts.  
Apply within.  
Rams Horn  
8590 Middlebelt, Westland.

### KITCHEN, WAIT & BEVERAGE CART STAFF

Part-Time  
Apply at Salem Hills Golf Club,  
8810 W. 6 Mile, Northville  
or call: 248-437-2152

### LIVONIA - COMMUNITY YARD SALE!

T.O.P.S. FUNDRAISER  
Aug 7-9, 9am-5pm  
36814 Angeline Circle,  
Newburgh & Ann Arbor Trl.

### LIVONIA

Large family garage  
sale items to be sold: tools,  
Lodge/Bear brand, kitchen  
utensils, upperware, glass-  
ware, books misc. coins &  
comics. Thurs-Sat. 9a-4p.  
14679 PARK ST.  
S/S Mile, E. Levan corner of  
Park and Meadowbrook

### Milford: MOVING SALE

3 bedroom set, kitchen  
set and hutch, patio set, enter-  
tainment center, misc home  
goods. No clothes. August 14,  
15 and 16, 9 am - 4 pm  
18502 Gill Road, Livonia

### Milford: 3 FAMILY SALE

AUGUST 7, 8 & 9 9:00-4:00  
764 Manor Drive, Milford  
HUGE Garage Sale! Furniture,  
Wii Game Console & Games,  
HP Printer, Chest Freezer, Exer-  
cise Bike, Kitchenware and  
Dishes, Tools, Clothes, Toys,  
more!

### Milford: FRIDAY ONLY 9-4

Moving & downsizing house-  
hold items garage, John Deere  
tractor, Jet table saw, books,  
bedding & bath, kitchen glass-  
ware, furniture, (248)705-  
4072 1772 Hidden Valley Drive  
jenmhome@comcast.net

# BUY & SELL

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### Free 33" Sony Trinitron TV

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ating instructions incl. South  
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Headboard for two  
beds. Medium wood single,  
dark wood double/queen. Good  
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### RUGS

8x12 Biege rug. 2 Rug  
Pads 6x9.5 and 8x12. All like  
new. Call 248-477-2333

### WARREN

Free Kittens - 6  
kittens, approx. 6 wks old.  
Needs shots and safe home.  
Call: 313-753-2990

### Antiques & Collectibles

Antique & Collectible Dolls  
3' and smaller.  
248-224-8299

### BEANIE BABIES

OVER 1700  
in large glass cabinet. \$200.  
for all. 941-626-3736

### Arts & Crafts

## STAIN GLASS SUPPLIES

with grinders and lots of glass  
& Tools \$50. 941-626-3736

### Rummage Sales & Flea Markets

## CHURCH RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Aug 7, 8, 9, 9-4pm.  
Lighthouse Worship Center,  
19627 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia

### Estates Sales

BIRMINGHAM - August 8 & 9,  
9am-4pm 1130 Washington  
Blvd., S. of Lincoln, W. of  
Woodward Bds, sofas, tables,  
chairs, stools, art.

### CANTON

46394 Bartlett:  
Sat 9-4 & Sun 11-3. Leather  
sofa, Office desk & supplies,  
Vintage to antique golf clubs,  
Tools, Vintage games, Comic  
book collection, Clothing, Jew-  
elry, Waterford, Lenox dish set,  
Curio cabinet, and More!  
For photos and details  
please visit:  
suchafindestateliquidation.com

### WESTLAND ESTATE SALE

Everything must be sold! Appli-  
cations, household items  
Fri. Aug. 8, 8am-2pm. Sat. Aug.  
9, 8am-noon. 35245 Barton,  
btwn Cherry Hill &  
Marquette off Wayne Rd.

### Garage/Moving Sales

Canton-Rummage Sale  
1843 Morrison Blvd  
Thurs 8/7-Sat 8/9 10-4pm Sat  
8/9 2pm-4pm \$2 Bag. Sale  
Toys, Furniture, Household  
Items, Crafts, Etc. All pro-  
ceeds for non-profit organiza-  
tion Howie's Angels

### DEARBORN HEIGHTS

6255  
Kimmer, Ann Arbor Trail Joy  
Rd, 2 bks E of Beech Daley  
Aug 7-9, 9-5pm. Fabric fur-  
niture, holiday craft & supplies,  
clothing, household & misc.

### DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE!

August 9, 9-4 pm  
Call 313-791-3600 for info!!!  
150 Veterans & Free Parking!!  
1801 N. Beach Daley Rd.

### Farmington: ESTATE SALE

One day only! Everything  
goes Thursday 8/7/14 from  
8:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Clothing, toys, electronics,  
very nice furniture, dining  
set, treadmill, kitchen items,  
household items.  
23947 Wesley  
Farmington MI 48335

### FARMINGTON HILLS

Community Yard Sale!  
Farmington Brook subdivision  
in Farmington Hills located off  
Haggerty Road between 12  
and 13 Mile Road. Friday,  
August 8 through Sunday,  
August 10th. Times: 9am-4pm

### Farmington Hills: Subdivision

Garage Sale - Independence  
Hills, 11 Mile and Drake  
August 14-16, 9:00-4:00

### Garage/Moving Sales

MILFORD VILLAGE - Large  
multi family garage sale, lots  
of items incl. antiques, kids,  
household. Something for ev-  
eryone. NO EARLY BIRDS.  
Wed-Fri. 8-4pm 331 Franklin

### NORTHVILLE: Estate Sale

Furniture, gourmet kitchen-  
ware, pewter, numbered local  
art, antiques, Mustang items.  
50's serving sets, tools, music  
books, dining set, king iron bed  
and set, wood book cases,  
milk glass, dishes, glassware,  
20530 E. Chingwidden Fri-Sun,  
Aug. 8-1, 9AM-4PM

### Northville: Garage Sale

17350 Rolling Woods Cr 9-4  
August 7 & 9-1 Aug 8th  
Furniture, Clothing, Shoes, China  
Purses and wallets. Named  
Brands include: Coach, Donald  
Piner, Hawland Golf Leaf 6  
pc set, Playmobile and Fossil.  
(248)880-8367  
eseri@sbclubqai.net

### NORTHVILLE

Garage sale  
Fri-Sat 8-5pm Sun 8-2pm  
Dickens Village pcs, girls' doll  
bed, household items adult  
clothes 17175 Tall Pines Ct.

### NORTHVILLE

Great prices for  
everyone! Aug. 8th, 8-6pm &  
Aug 9th, 9-3pm, 16899 Abby  
Cir. Designer clothing, jewelry,  
home decor & so much more!

### Plymouth: Multi-Family

Garage Sale at 1 location!  
Fri. & Sat. 9-4 pm  
762 Blunk St. Household  
items, furniture, clothes. Large  
variety of infant, toddler toys,  
clothes. Sgregeja@yahoo.com

### Plymouth: WE'RE BACK

again! 9275 McClumpha Rd,  
Plymouth. Wednesday, August  
6 and Thursday, August 7 -  
opening at 9am. Lots of men's  
clothing, women's clothing,  
wore clothing, Christmas de-  
cor and much more. 17540  
Metrose, Sat. Aug. 9th 9a-5p  
& Sun. Aug. 10th from 9a-4p.

### South Lyon: 1317 Coach

House Ln. Furniture, Photogra-  
phy, Home Theater, Wine racks  
Tools, Golf, Boating, Art Car-  
riage Trace Sub. Thurs-Sat 8-5

### SOUTH LYON

Aug 7-9 &  
Aug 14-16, 9am-5pm.  
62850 Hickory Hill Court,  
off of Dixboro & Silver  
Lake. Tools, antiques,  
household misc.

### SOUTH LYON:

Multi family  
Sale. Huge, huge, huge!  
586 Covington, Thurs-Sat,  
Aug 7-9 9-6. Something  
for everybody!

### WEST BLOOMFIELD

6754  
Putnam Dr. Aug. 7-9, 12-7pm.  
20 yrs of accumulation! We are  
selling furniture, antiques,  
sports equipment, games,  
toys, clothing & accessories.  
All kinds of stuff that are in  
great shape! Some stuff was  
purchased but never taken out  
of the box. 248-621-0990

### WESTLAND

Coca Cola, NASCAR collectible,  
7ft. pool table, janitorial sup-  
plies, new items daily! Thurs-  
Sun., 10-6pm. 2104 S Harvey  
Ave., S. of Palmer, W. of Wayne

### Westland: Greenview

Community Yard Sales  
Thurs. Aug 7 - Sun. Aug 10  
1818 Ackley Ave & Steber St  
9am - 4pm Daily  
Palmer Rd & E. of Wayne Rd

### WESTLAND

Huge 2 Family  
Rearing Sale! Aug 7-10, 9am-  
5pm. \$63 & 551 Worcester St,  
S. of Cherry Hill & E. John Hester  
Antiques, craft items, tools,  
dishes, patio, yard tools, toys  
decorator items & household.

### WESTLAND

Th. F. Sat 8/14-8/16  
(248)449-2242. Great home  
service for 8, books, Amer. hist.  
old Hollywood (many table top),  
furniture, household goods,  
Amerciana, women's acces-  
sories, guitar hero guitars/  
drums. 37216 Norene St.

### BELLEVILLE

Vintage 1956  
barber chair, four other barber  
chairs, sale equipment, etc.  
734.732.9295

### Ormate solid light oak din

ing table and 6 chairs with or-  
nate backs and cloth seats. Ta-  
ble is 66" by 41" with Two  
leaves 12"x24" each. Opens to  
96" by 72". Excellent condition.  
\$575.00 call 734-259-3341  
(734)259-3341

### WOOD SWING AND PICNIC TABLE

\$150 for both, good cond.  
Call: 734-422-2149

### Tools

TOOLS: Craftsman Table Saw,  
\$75. Disk/belt sander \$50.  
Call: 734-425-0079

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CASH PAID OR CONSIGNMENT  
for Vintage, Antique and Other  
Valuable Items. Single items to  
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and estates sales. Professional,  
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creet older gentleman. I drive  
to you. Coins, costume and  
fine jewelry, knick knacks,  
military, collections, toys,  
books, stereos, instruments,  
ephemera clothing, Christmas  
more. References: Richard,  
BSE, MBA (248)795-0362  
richard.preston48@yahoo.com

### Looking for 2x & 3x

Women's Clothing,  
Moonies, Reasonable  
(Livonia area) 734.387.0556

### Cats

Registered Siamese/  
Balinese and rare Tibetan kit-  
tens w/shots, health guaran-  
tee www.thaideanew.com  
(248)214-6125

### Dogs

GoldenDoodle pups (2)  
Beautiful! \$1300/peg  
golddoodlepups.weebly.com  
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### Shih Tzu Pups, AKC, Vet.

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CHK'D, SHOTS, HOME RAISED,  
READY 2 GO! \$450 FEMALES  
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### YORKIE T-Cup

Absolutely  
gorgeous, male & female, 13  
weeks old for \$500. Potty  
trained, shots up to date,  
AKC reg. papers.  
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jovopets@yahoo.com

### RV/Campers/Trailers

2009 Travel Trailer  
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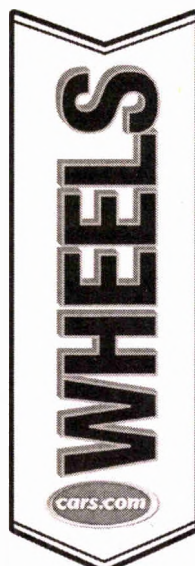
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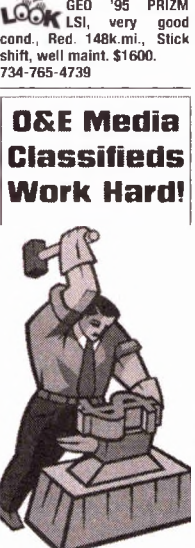
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- 6 Sumptuous meal
- 11 Classical hunk
- 13 Baked —
- 14 They, in Calais
- 15 Self-confidence
- 17 Owns
- 18 Grandfather clock numeral
- 19 Ragtime's — Blake
- 20 Homer hitter Mel —
- 21 Bridge bldr.
- 23 Glove leather
- 24 Manitoba tribe
- 25 Chew like a beaver
- 27 Waterproof
- 29 Apprehend a suspect
- 31 Drag into court
- 32 Hyde's alter ego
- 35 — morgana
- 38 Chignons

**DOWN**

- 39 Admirer's sound
- 41 Mathematician — Descartes
- 43 Compilation
- 44 Ruminated
- 46 Midnight teller
- 47 Rights-movement word
- 48 Kind of physicist
- 49 Not guzzle
- 50 Bond film "Quantum of —"
- 52 Influence
- 54 Geographical regions
- 55 Meticulous

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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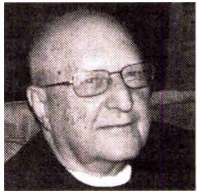
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### BRENNAN, THOMAS CHARLES

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. 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



### ELDER, MARILYN

Age 86. Wife of the late Robert. Beloved mother of Robert (Bess), Richard (Laura), Ronald (Sue), Randal (Betsy) and Roy (Samantha). Loving grandmother of Katie, Joe, Kara, Jackie, Stephanie, Theresa, Rob, Maggie and Jenny. Dear sister of Joseph Eckhoff and Vi (Sr. Imelda O.P.) and the late Evelyn Hitchingham and Carole Russell. Daughter of the late Joseph and Viola Eckhoff. Marilyn was a long time member of Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church and was active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society and many other organizations. Visiting Wednesday 2-8 p.m. at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (btwn. 6-7 Mile). In state Thursday 10:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Mass, Our Lady of Loretto Church (6 Mile at Beech Daly). Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Donations to the Adrian Dominican Sisters appreciated. Condolences to: charlesstepfuneralhome.com

### KISH, BARBARA ANN (Nee MILLER)

Age 79, August 4, 2014 of Cadillac (Formerly of Livonia). Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Judith (Patrick) Kennedy, John Albert (Elaine) Kish, Jr., Henry William (Laura) Kish and Cheri (Paul) Strauch. Dear grandmother of Sean and Alexa Rae Kennedy; and Joel, Kyle and John Kish. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. (in state at 12 noon) at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Interment in Great Lakes National Cemetery. Donations to Michigan Humane Society or American Cancer Society. Please share a memory at rggfharris.com



### AUGUST BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 16

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Backpacks with basic school supplies will be given to anyone in need

Contact: 734-522-6830; christoursavior.org

### CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 9

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: School clothing

Contact: 734-427-3660

### MOVIE ON THE LAWN

Time/Date: 8:30 p.m. Aug. 30

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Bring a lawn chair or blanket to watch *God's Not Dead*. Movie starts at sunset. Admission, popcorn and ices are free. Movie will be shown indoors in inclement weather

Contact: Steve Morgan at 313-377-0832

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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

### RUMMAGE SALE

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

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

Details: Rent a table or space and sell your own stuff. Rental fee is \$20, with proceeds supporting Older N Wiser senior group

Contact: 734-453-5464, ext. 24

### SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19

Location: St. Paul's, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: Daycare, preschool, Young Fives programs, and grades K-8

Contact: 248-767-4806

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Men's Bible study

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

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

Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

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

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

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

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

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

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

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

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

Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

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

Contact: 248-374-5920

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

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

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

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

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

» Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

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

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

» Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

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

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

» Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

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

» Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry offers an activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

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

Contact: 734-421-8451

» St. John Neumann

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Overeaters Anonymous meets

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

» St. Thomas a' Becket Church

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

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good.

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

» Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

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

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

» Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

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

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

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# Take a seat on stage for one-act play showcase

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Every ticket-holder will get the best seat in the house at the Random Acts of Theatre show this month in Dearborn. The audience will sit on the stage for the showcase of one-act plays and songs.

"You are on stage with the actors/musicians, so it's a more intimate experience. You get to see the action of the performance better. You get to see the actors' expressions better," said Cory Chambless, a Plymouth resident who is assistant directing. "It's also a bare bones production, so you get to see what's going on behind the scenes as well. The patrons become part of the show."

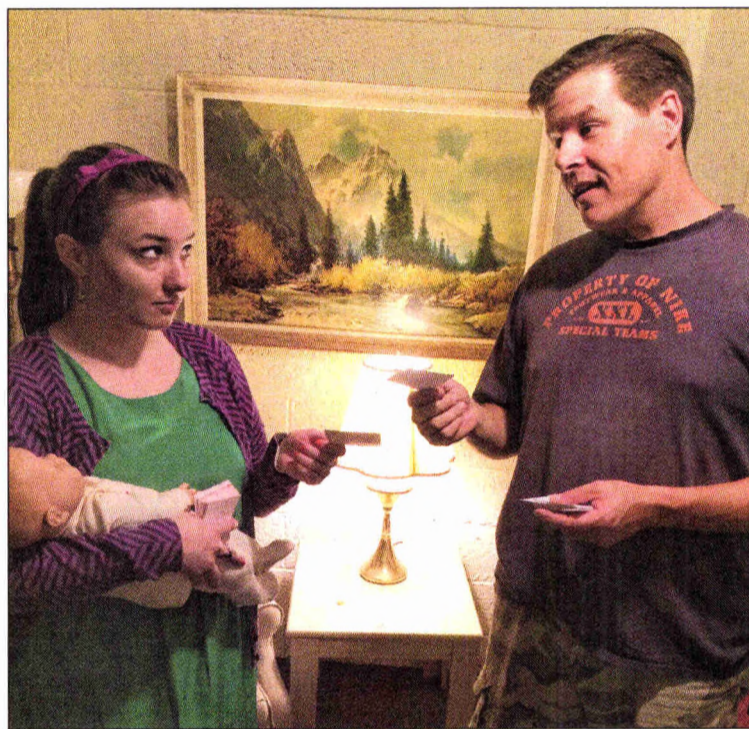
Dearborn Area Theatre Association created Random Acts of Theatre last year as a scholarship fundraiser for high school seniors active in school and community theater. Shows start at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 15-16, at the Michael A. Guido Theatre in the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for seniors and students. To order tickets, visit or call the theater box office at 313-943-2354.

"There will be five one-act plays this year along with some great music by some awesome vocalists. I was at a rehearsal two weeks ago with the vocalists and was getting chills. They are wonderful," said Chambless, who is assisting with the production of *Promenade, All*. "I am not working on any original works, but we have two directors this year who are directing one-act plays they wrote. Collette Cullen (of Dearborn) wrote and is directing *Between the Thorns* and Brian Trippel (of Romulus) wrote and is directing *The Shape of Her Curves*. Their works are are wonderful. Their passion for their work is inspiring."

Other directors are Marc Walentowicz of Garden City, Dianne Bernick of Armada and Stan Guarnelo of Dearborn. The casts also feature several local actors including Carissa Madley of Redford, Brian Plater, from Plymouth, Kori Bielaniec of from West-



"Promenade All!" features Michele Devins (left) of Southgate, Richard Bulleri of Dearborn and Chris Washburn of Garden City. Cory Chambless of Plymouth is assistant directing the play for Random Acts of Theatre, Aug. 15-16 in Dearborn.



Kori Bielaniec (left) from Westland and Chris Boudreau of Dearborn work on a scene from "Post Its: Notes on a Marriage."

land and Chris Washburn of Garden City.

#### Acting, directing

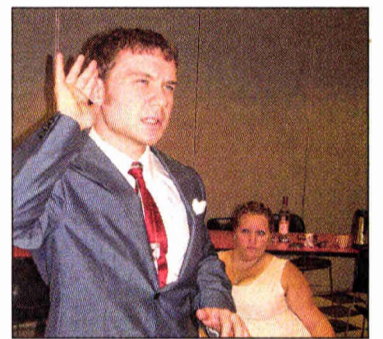
Chambless, co-secretary of the Dearborn Area Theatre Association Board, played

Broderick Williams in *The Ballad of 423 & 424* last year during for the first Random Acts of Theatre show.

"I enjoyed the experience last year, so I was more than happy to be a part of the pro-



Carissa Madley of Redford will perform in "Between the Thorns," a one-act play staged Aug. 15-16 during the Random Acts of Theatre show in Dearborn.



Brian Plater of Plymouth rehearses in "The Shape of Her Curves" with Monica Moline from Dearborn Heights.

gram again this year," he said.

Chambless is a secretary at Tonda Elementary School in Canton by day, and a community theater devotee at night. He previously assistant directed *I Love You, You're Perfect* for Spotlight Players in Canton and will assistant direct *Rumors* for the Players Guild of Dearborn, beginning with rehearsals in November. He also plans to produce *Young Frankenstein* for Spotlight Players in April 2015.

He became involved in community theater two years ago when a friend posted an audition notice on Facebook

for *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*. "I always wanted to perform, but was afraid to do so," Chambless said. "I was a nervous wreck, but I made it through the auditions and was offered the role of Schroeder."

"Most of what I have done in theater has actually been on stage. I am enjoying working behind the scenes. I have a lot to learn and I think it makes you appreciate everything everyone does to make a play/musical happen."

For more information about Random Acts of Theatre visit [freewebs.com/dearbornareatheatreassociation](http://freewebs.com/dearbornareatheatreassociation).

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ANIMALS

#### DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day, with closing time at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in August

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

**Details:** Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking.

**Wild Summer Nights:** Concerts run 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, through Aug. 27, in the Main Picnic Grove and are free with zoo admission, which is reduced to \$6 after 6 p.m. on concert nights. Performers are The Ragbirds, folk rock, Aug. 13; Candy Band, children's, Aug. 20; and Joe Reilly and the Community Gardeners, children's, Aug. 27

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

#### CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, through Aug. 14

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

**Details:** "Kids Gone Creative" exhibits artwork from Farmington Hills' summer art camps

**Contact:** 248-473-1859

#### JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

**Time/Date:** Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sept. 11

**Location:** Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** "Daily Grattitudes: Art, Sport and Cupcakes," features the work of Jessica Kovan. Also on exhibit are works by glass artists and Teresa Petersen, who creates art from thrift store and hardware shop finds

**Contact:** 248-432-5448

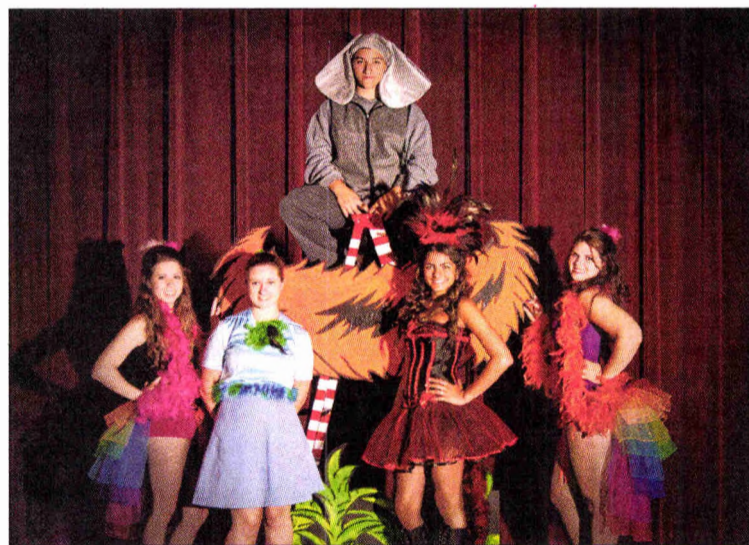
#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Aug. 23

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** "DongFeng" solo show by WanChuan Kesler

**Contact:** 248-344-0497



"Bird Girls" Cara Bertucci (left), Samantha Cannon, Catherine Dickow and Katherine Gearnis surround Nick Serafa, who plays Horton the elephant in the Farmington Hills Youth Theatre's production of *Seussical*.

### AUDITIONS

#### BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Aug. 18-19

**Location:** 240 N. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** There are roles for five women and two men in the Victorian thriller, *The Lights Are Warm and Coloured*. Prepare a dramatic monologue no longer than two minutes and be prepared to read from the script. Craig Hane will direct the show, which will run Oct. 17-26

**Contact:** 734-276-9075

### COMEDY

#### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 8-9

**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Dave Landau; tickets are \$12 show only, \$22 with dinner on Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday

**Contact:** joeyscomeclub.net; 734-261-0555

#### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

**Time/Date:** 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8 and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9

**Location:** Fourth and Troy Streets in downtown Royal Oak

**Details:** Nathan Trimmel performs; tickets \$18

**Coming up:** Phil Johnson performs stand-up comedy and music, 8 p.m.

Thursday, July 31; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2; tickets are \$10 for Thursday and \$18 for Friday-Saturday

**Contact:** 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

### DANCE

#### MOTOR CITY TAP FEST

**Time/Date:** Aug. 13-16

**Location:** Old Main Building on the Wayne State University campus in Detroit

**Details:** Four days of tap classes and tap jam sessions. Teachers include Cloe Arnold, of *So You Think You Can Dance*, and Michigan native, Eric Gutman, who performed on Broadway. The Motor City Soles show caps the festival, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. It will include performances by faculty and leading tap dancers

**Contact:** 917-687-4811 for the festival and 313-576-5111 for Motor City Soles

### FILM

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 9-10

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** *Earth to Echo*, admission \$3

**Summer Cinema Series:** All shows at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday.; seats \$3.

*Back to the Future III*, Aug. 7; *The Nutty*



Thornetta Davis will perform Aug. 17 at The Elks Blues Summer Festival in Plymouth.

**Professor**, Aug. 14; **Abbott & Costello in Buck Privates**, Aug. 21; **Ferris Bueller's Day Off**, Aug. 28

**Contact:** 734-453-0870; [www.penn-theatre.com](http://www.penn-theatre.com)

#### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Aug. 8 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 9

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

**Details:** *Some Like it Hot*, \$5

**Contact:** 313-898-1481

### FUNDRAISER

#### FASH BASH 2014

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14

**Location:** Detroit Institute of Art (DIA), 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit

**Details:** Includes an outdoor cocktail party, the Neiman Marcus "Art of Fashion" runway show in the DIA's Great Hall, followed by the Audi After Party. Tickets are \$500 for front row seating at the fashion show and a \$100 gift card with purchase of two tickets; \$250 includes priority reserved seating in the second row of the fashion show; \$175 per ticket includes priority reserved seating in the third row for the fashion show; and \$85 provides access to the Audi After Party on the steps of the DIA. Proceeds benefit the museum's operating endowment

#### BREAKING THE CHAINS

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9

**Location:** Nafas Fitness, 811 N. Main, Royal Oak

**Details:** The fitness studio will offer a "Booty Bunz" class, 6-6:30 p.m. and Zumba class, 6:30-7 p.m. followed by refreshments and sharing stories. Donations will be accepted for Breaking the Chains, (BTC) an organization focused on raising awareness of eating



Cloe Arnold, who was featured on *So You Think You Can Dance*, will teach at the 7th Annual Motor City Tap Festival, Aug. 13-16 in Detroit.

disorders. BTC is raising money to create a music video starring its spokeswoman, Jillian Rose Reed, former Northville resident and .MTV's *Awkward* star

**Contact:** 248-677-0723

### HISTORY

#### COLONIAL KENSINGTON

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10

**Location:** Kensington Metropark, 2240 W. Buno, Milford

**Details:** More than 200 American Indian, French, British and American reenactors, dressed in costume, will show what life was like in the 1700s. Demonstrations include carpentry, cooking, blacksmithing, woodcarving and more

**Contact:** 810-227-8917

#### KELSEY MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Sept. 7

**Location:** 434 State St., Ann Arbor

**Details:** The exhibit, "Ancient/Modern: The Design of Everyday Things," examines how inhabitants of the ancient Mediterranean and Near East both resembled and differed from contemporary Americans

**Contact:** 734-764-9304

#### PLYMOUTH MUSEUM

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

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

**Details:** *Wheels of Summer*, an exhibit of toys with wheels, runs through Nov. 2. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

**Contact:** 734-455-8940

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Peanut butter lovers nationwide submitted their recipes, from spicy stuffed peppers inspired by the Southwest to decadent chocolate bars in the Northeast. These are the top regional peanut butter-powered recipes in our "United States of Peanut Butter."

For more recipes, visit [www.peanutbutterlovers.com](http://www.peanutbutterlovers.com).

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## EASY PB & J BREAKFAST TARTS

Recipe contributed from West region  
Servings: 8 tarts

**2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling**  
**½ cup whole wheat pastry flour**  
**6 tablespoons sugar**  
**1 teaspoon sea salt**  
**½ cup shortening**  
**6 tablespoons peanut butter plus 4 heaping teaspoons for filling (½ teaspoon per tart)**  
**½ cup cold water**  
**5 tablespoons jam (strawberry works well)**  
**Drizzle option 1:**  
**½ cup powdered sugar**  
**1 tablespoon jam**  
**1 tablespoon milk**  
**Drizzle option 2:**  
**½ cup powdered sugar**  
**¼ teaspoon strawberry extract, optional**  
**1 tablespoon milk**

Preheat oven to 350°F. In medium bowl mix together flours, sugar and sea salt.

Using pastry cutter, cut-in shortening and peanut butter, until mixture resembles small peas. Drizzle mixture with cold water until mixture is moist and holds together. Roll out on floured surface to at least ¼ of an inch thickness.

Using 3-by-5-inch index (recipe) card for template, cut into 16 3-by-5-inch shapes. Re-rolling works fine. In middle of eight shapes, smear ½ heaping teaspoon peanut butter and heaping teaspoon of jam on top. Be careful not to go to edges. Using fingers, wet edges with water and place another piece of pastry on top. Press all sides well, and using fork press all edges to secure. Using fork, gently poke tops in four places so steam can escape.

Place inch apart on parchment lined baking sheet. Bake for 13–14 minutes until starting to brown around edges. Cool on rack.

Whisk together drizzle of choice in small bowl. Drizzle over cooled tarts.

Note: This pastry is very user-friendly and delicate. Freeze tarts up to one month and defrost at room temperature before serving.



## CAROLINA DREAMING APPETIZER MEATBALLS

Recipe contributed from the Southeast region  
Servings: 24 meatballs

**½ cup peanut butter**  
**¼ cup fig preserves**  
**2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce**  
**2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice**  
**1 tablespoon minced or grated fresh ginger**  
**½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper**  
**¼ teaspoon ground red pepper**  
**1 ½ pounds ground turkey**  
**4 green onions, finely chopped (including green tops)**  
**¼ cup chopped fresh parsley**  
**1 large egg**  
**1 teaspoon salt**  
**Diced green onion tops or chopped parsley (optional)**

Preheat oven to 425°F. Whisk together peanut butter, preserves, Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice until well blended. Add ginger, black and red pepper, mixing well. Reserve.

Place approximately half peanut butter mixture into mixing bowl (reserve remainder for later). Add turkey, green onions, parsley, egg and salt to mixing bowl and mix lightly but thoroughly.

Roll mixture into 1-inch balls and place 1 inch apart on lightly greased, rimmed baking sheet.

Place into oven and bake for 15 minutes. Remove pan from oven and brush tops of meatballs with remaining peanut butter mixture.

Return pan to oven and bake for about 5–8 minutes more, or until nicely browned.

Remove from oven. Arrange on serving plate and sprinkle with diced green onion tops or parsley, if desired.

Note: Use with decorative toothpicks placed in each meatball for easy consumption.



## PENNSYLVANIA PB & C BARS

Recipe contributed from the Northeast region  
Servings: 12 bars

**Crust:**  
**1 cup melted butter**  
**2 cups peanut butter**  
**¼ cup brown sugar**  
**2 ¼ cups granulated sugar**  
**¼ teaspoon salt**  
**5 eggs**  
**2 teaspoons vanilla extract**  
**3 cups flour**  
**1 teaspoon baking powder**  
**½ cup chopped peanuts**  
**Topping:**  
**1 ½ tubs chocolate frosting**  
**1 cup peanut butter, melted**  
**1 cup salted peanuts, chopped**

Preheat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, mix butter, peanut butter, sugars, salt, eggs and vanilla until well mixed. Add flour and baking powder and mix thoroughly. Spread on a 10-by-15-by-2-inch ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 12–15 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool. Spread frosting over crust. Drizzle melted peanut butter over chocolate. Sprinkle chopped peanuts on top of peanut butter and chocolate. Let set until topping is firm.

You can refrigerate cookie sheet to speed firming process, if desired. Cut into desired size bars.



## AFTER SCHOOL PEANUT BUTTER APPLE PIE

Recipe contributed from Midwest region  
Servings: 8 pieces

**Prepared pie crust**  
**Chopped peanuts (optional)**  
**Filling:**  
**7 apples, peeled cored and sliced**  
**½ cup sugar**  
**3 tablespoons flour**

**1 teaspoon lemon juice**

**Crumble:**

**¼ cup rolled oats**  
**¼ cup butter**  
**¼ cup peanut butter**  
**½ cup brown sugar**  
**½ cup flour**

Place crust in 9-inch pie pan and crimp edges. Use dried beans to weigh down bottom. Bake crust for 10–15 minutes, or until crust is lightly browned.

Mix all filling ingredients together and put in crust. Using hands, mix crumble ingredients until in pea-sized pieces. Top apples with crumble. Don't worry if sky high, apples will cook down and pie will be perfectly proportioned.

Bake at 350°F for 40–50 minutes. Keep edges covered with foil until last 15 minutes. Garnish with chopped peanuts.



## NUTTY JALAPENO-CHICKEN STUFFED PEPPERS

Recipe contributed from the Southwest region  
Servings: 12 peppers

**12 large jalapeno peppers, split open (not all the way through) and seeded**  
**½ cup peanut butter**  
**1 cup shredded cooked chicken**  
**1 3-ounce package cooked bacon pieces**  
**½ cup shredded cheddar cheese**  
**½ cup mayonnaise**  
**1 cup crushed cornflakes**

Preheat oven to 350°F. Place peppers in medium bowl and cover with boiling water 2 minutes. Drain and pat dry.

In medium bowl, mix together peanut butter, chicken, bacon and cheese. Fill each jalapeno with mixture. Smear each pepper with a little mayonnaise and roll in cornflakes in shallow dish to cover.

Place jalapeno on non-stick baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven until golden, about 15–20 minutes.



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# Look 10 years younger in 1 hour

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

“The result will last between five and 10 years, depending upon the patient.”

Dr. Eric Seiger  
Skin & Vein Center in Fenton

BY SALLY RUMMEL

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

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

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

Dr. Seiger estimates he has done between 2,500 and 3,000 of these procedures, on women as young as 24 and for a couple who was each 86 years old. "I'd say the median age for this surgery is about 58, and 95 percent of my patients are women. The result will last between five and 10

years, depending on the patient."

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

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

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

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



Thinking about having 'The Hour Lift'?

## Here's what to expect:

### Q: What happens before the procedure?

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

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

A: One to 1½ hours.

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

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

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

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

### Q: Does it hurt? Will I bruise or swell?

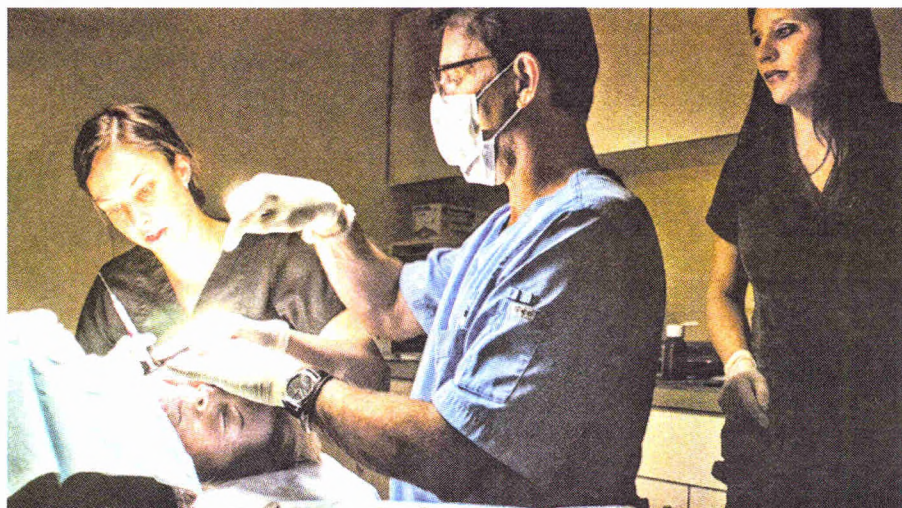
A: Approximately 85 percent of patients experience no bruising. There is minimal pain, controlled with oral medication.

### Q: How long will the results last?

A: Look five to 10 years younger, with results lasting usually five to 10 years.

### Q: Can I talk to anyone who has had the procedure?

A: The Skin and Vein Center can arrange for a contact with someone who has had the procedure and agrees to speak to prospective patients.



A patient is prepped for a mini-facelift at the Skin & Vein Center in Fenton. Dr. Eric Seiger is assisted by nurse Amy Sowers and resident physician Kate Johnson.

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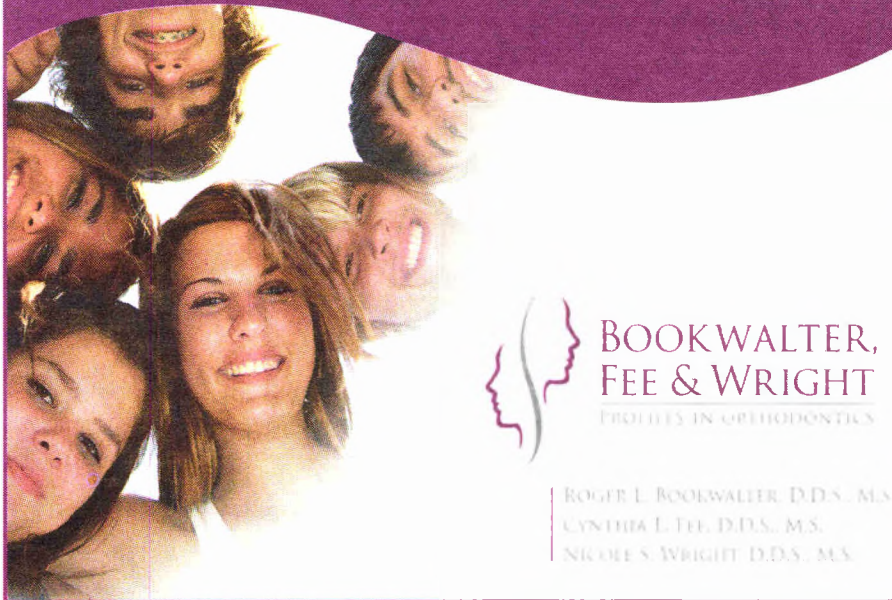


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## Biker chicks, resale gems, fall art show and more

Today's *Woman* features our  
fifth annual story on local  
resale and consignment stores.  
Half the fun of resale is finding  
that designer dress, shoes or home  
décor item for a  
bargain.



**Susan  
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Area shops offer  
upscale resale for  
women, kids and  
babies. And see  
how resale stores  
are offering great  
prices on some  
hard-to-find quality  
home furnishings.

Then turn the  
page and check out this month's  
main feature by Robin D'Angelo on  
biker chicks. Lots of women ride  
these days and enjoy the freedom  
of the open road. Read about the  
women who ride and the women  
who sell motorcycles, biker apparel  
and equipment to this growing cus-  
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# UPSCALE RESALE: A SHOPPER'S PARADISE

By Jill Halpin, Contributing Writer

Quality items  
at bargain  
prices attract  
consumers

**S**topped by a resale or consignment store lately? If not, you may be in for a big surprise.

A subtle shift in consumer thinking, combined with a thriving resale market, has created a shopper's paradise for local fashionistas – not just locally, but across the country.

More consumers have begun to appreciate the value of a good bargain, resale and consignment retailers say, and they are also realizing their ability to make some extra cash on items they are no longer using.

The combination has led to an industry-wide upgrade in inventory. Gone are the tired racks of yesterday's fashions and outdated styles. Most resale and consignment stores now offer like-new high-end luxury and other on-trend clothing and home décor items at half of the price of new.

According to the National Association of Resale and Thrift Shops, resale shops, including for-profit consignment shops and nonprofit thrift shops, are among the fastest-growing in retail sales.

Resale-shop revenue was estimated at nearly \$13 billion in 2013 and the segment has posted 7-percent growth in each of the past two years.

## Quality at a great price

"Shopping at resale or consignment stores offers people a great opportunity to buy higher-end items for a fraction of the original price," said Kathy Bolton of Consign and Design in Canton Township, a consignment store focused on upscale furniture and home décor. "They are able to pick up things they might not usually be able to afford."

"It's really a win-win situation for everyone," said Linda Muirhead of the South Lyon Resale Shop. "Smart shoppers know what to look for and like that fact that they can save money and those selling their items appreciate the chance to get some cash back on their quality items," she added.

The opportunity to snag high-end togs and designers bags at a fraction of their regular retail price is what draws in many shoppers, said Toni Morgan of Clothes Mentor in Novi, a resale shop that pays sellers for their merchandise up front.

"St. John knits, Louis Vuitton, we get those brands in fairly frequently. We also have a strong inventory of popular mall brands such as Free People, J Jill, Chico's, J Crew and Banana Republic," Morgan said, "and they sell at 70 percent below regular retail."

Morgan said she both understands and relates to her customers.

"When I go out, I want to wear something unique,



Most resale and consignment stores now offer like-new high-end luxury and other on-trend clothing

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something that is in style and current, but different from what everyone else has on," she said.

Dora's Place in Livonia also offers a wide variety of current, in-season designer clothes, Mary Martin said.

"We have everything from high-end couture to Eileen Fisher," Martin said, adding that she has some consignors who purchase their clothing in New York or Chicago and then bring them to her store when they are finished with them.

## Home décor

"Consignment is a great way to reuse, renew and restyle your home," said Jeri Brand, who co-owns Tootie and Tallulah's with Sally Crostwaithe.

"The value is there with old furniture; shoppers can get pieces - like hard woods- that will last a lifetime."

"We get people who are downsizing and home stagers with barely-used items as consignors. Some pieces are just too valuable for a garage sale and people may not feel like using Ebay or Craigslist to sell their items- this is a nice alternative. Plus, shoppers get the benefit of buying high quality furniture at a much lower price," she added.

Tootie and Tallulah's, in Berkley, also has consigned art pieces as well as new gift items for sale.

Furniture and home décor aren't the only household items you'll find in resale stores.

## Tools, too

Tools – everything from yard implements to power saws and even machine-shop gadgets – are in stock at The Tool Shop in Canton, said Jason Lipmyer, son of store owners Bev and Bob Lipmyer.

"It's so cool to see this stuff get a second life," Lipmyer said.

"Ninety-five percent of our stuff is consigned and the stuff customers bring in is really amazing," he said. "We had one person who was disassembling his woodworking shop. We bought the whole thing, including the machines and the woodworking instruments.

"Some of the metal-working and machine shop stuff is way too expensive for anyone to purchase new – and this stuff was built to last. It's in great working condition," he said, adding that the store frequently stocks Craftsman Atlas tools, a much sought-after brand.

Minimizing waste is just one of the pluses of consignment and resale, said Tawuann Gray of Green and Glamorous in Canton.

"It is beneficial for our landfills and it is also allows the owners of items to feel good about making a profit," Gray said. "Of course, it's also great for people to be able to purchase some fantastic items at an affordable price. Everyone wins."

Resale isn't just for adults. Children's items such as clothing, books, toys and baby equipment are also gaining an afterlife, according to Cindy Begarowicz of Once Upon A Child in Canton.

"Business is up 21 percent this month," she said. "Kids grow so fast they wear and use things so minimally. Parents have realized that resale is the way to go."

Back to school is the busiest time of the year for children's resale, she added: "Why pay full price for something that is only going to be used a few time before the kids outgrow it? It doesn't make sense when you can purchase it like new for less than half the price."

# Yard sale trails and more

By Jill Halpin  
Contributing Writer

For dedicated garage sale shoppers, the idea of miles and miles of treasures and trinkets – all yours for the taking – may have you running for your purse.

Area residents can consider themselves lucky: two well-known “yard sale” trails scheduled for August are within driving distance and promise to yield a host of bargains.

The M-29 to M-25 Blue Water Area Antique Yard Sale Trail, set for Aug. 8-10, begins in Algonac. The route follows the banks of the St. Clair River before continuing along the shoreline of Lake Huron.

The event offers 150-plus miles of antiques, yard sales and much more to explore. Local communities located on the trail even get into the event and offer special entertainment: St. Clair Township’s Palmer Park will feature a “Will on the Water” Shakespeare Festival.

The Aug. 8-10 weekend is also the

U.S. 12 Heritage Trail’s “World’s Longest Garage Sale,” stretching from Ypsilanti to New Buffalo in southwest Michigan.

Everything from antiques, collectables, furniture, dishware, fresh garden produce, homemade jams and jellies and live entertainment are available throughout the event.

According to event organizers, the sales can be found along the highway at homes, farms, businesses, parking lots and fields. Some areas will have large numbers of vendors, while others may be scattered. In some instances, a traveler will have to go several miles or more without seeing a yard sale because of the rural nature of the highway.

For more information, including maps of the sales, go to: <http://www.us12heritagetrail.org/> or <http://www.yardsaletrail.com>.

## Hold a garage sale

Planning your garage sale? Advertising in the *Observer & Eccen-*

*tric Media* offers some of the best exposure for garage and estate sales.

It also provides an excellent tool for finding garage sales in your area, as well as planning an efficient route to ensure you won’t miss out on any bargains, said Charolette Wilson, a sales manager in the call center.

“All readers need to do is go to [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com) and look for the garage sale icon on the right hand side of the website,” Wilson said.

That will take you directly to an interactive garage sale map that allows you to search for sales and then map a route, she added.

“We have had excellent feedback from our readers on this feature; it’s the first place they go,” Wilson said. “Most are aware of it and use it regularly to plan their routes before heading out to the sales.”

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# Biker gals

Women riders enjoy freedom, excitement on two wheels



Vickie Yargeau is club in the state.

By Robin D'Angelo, Contributing Writer

**Y**ou're never lost when you're on a motorcycle – you're just on a different route than you had planned to be.

Vickie Yargeau decided to start her own route when she was 40 years old, after spending years as a passenger.

"I'm a pretty independent woman," said Yargeau, a Birmingham native. "I started seeing more and more women riding on their own and it just hit me one day. I thought, 'I could do that.'"

After completing her Motorcycle Safety Foundation class, however, she discovered that taking to the road by herself on her purple Honda Shadow 600, even riding around the block, was more challenging than she'd first thought.

"I was scared to death on my own, but one day I ran into what turned out to be a very longtime friend and mentor. She began riding with me and made me push my comfort levels," she said. "Every time she'd come get me, we'd do something she knew I was afraid to do."

Soon after, Yargeau joined the Free Spirit Chapter of Southeast Michigan, the largest independent ladies motorcycle club in the state. Founded in 1995, the club now boasts

more than 70 members from Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, Washtenaw and Livingston counties.

The ladies of the Free Spirit Chapter ride every type of bike, from Harley-Davidsons to Suzukis to Yamahas, and are encouraged to do so. Yargeau now rides a Yamaha V-Star Classic 1100, which she says is more suited to traveling long distances than smaller bikes.

"It's very easy to handle. It's a big bike, but it's friendly. It loves the curves," she said.

"Men and women alike should ride what's comfortable for them, not what someone else told them they needed to ride. If you really want to travel, you need something bigger and more comfortable. I don't want to see women afraid to ride the larger models. The smaller bikes will really beat you up."

She adds, "I don't have to ride a Harley to be cool, I'm a chick on a bike! I'm as cool as I need to be."

## Rules of the road

However, riding isn't just about looking good, as the former West Bloomfield emergency dispatcher will tell you. Yargeau also serves as one of the chapter's road captains, tasked with ensuring the safety of all of the club's riders during outings.

All road captains are CPR and first-aid trained, with first-aid packets and members' emergency contact info.

The group travels in packs of more than eight at a time, with a captain riding both in the front and the rear. In addition to being prepared for any mishap that might occur, road captains are responsible for helping new riders increase their comfort level and "getting used to" the speed with how we ride.

"It's a huge commitment. We take my job very seriously. We who ride between us trust the captains 100 percent to get us where they're going safely,

"We cannot teach you to ride a motorcycle, but we can absolutely help you get that comfort level. We plan the routes and the many times the girls in the pack won't even know the route – they go; they're happy."

Road captains are also responsible for addressing any other issues that members might be struggling with on the road.

"If there's a problem, the road captains and the rider go for a 'walk and talk,' as in, 'let's just talk about this,'" Yargeau said.

The road captains comp

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## TAKE A RIDE

### Interested in riding a motorcycle?

The first step is to complete an MSF New Rider Course, which is offered at various schools and dealerships throughout the region such as Motor City Harley-Davidson of Farmington Hills, Harley-Davidson of Brighton, Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Wayne County Community College in Detroit.

Harley-Davidson Riding Academy coach Tracy Eikner said the class consists of four days (about 15 combined hours) of classroom and range instruction. To attend, students must bring a Department of Transportation-approved helmet, shatterproof sunglasses, full-finger gloves and sturdy over-the-ankle boots. At completion, students receive an MSF Basic Course completion card, which can exempt them from the rider portion of the state license exam.

"Riding is all about multi-tasking and, as women, we multi-task all the time. Sometimes I see the guys struggling with things that the ladies don't," Eikner said. "You have to use both brakes, squeeze

the clutch, shift. We've learned to cook with a baby on our hip, a phone on our shoulder, washing dishes. It's the same concept."

**Eikner**, who said she grew up on dirt bikes, said she repeats the same mantra to her students throughout the four-day class.

"Practice!" she said.

"What do pro athletes do? They practice, every day. There are times when we can all be our own worst enemy, so you also need to relax, listen to your coaches, ask questions and don't be so hard on yourself. It's all brand-new, so give yourself a break. If you really want to do it, you'll do it."

**For more information** on how to become licensed to ride a motorcycle or for information on safety classes and locations, visit the Michigan Secretary of State at [www.michigan.gov/SOS](http://www.michigan.gov/SOS) and click on the Driver's License and State ID tab. Or visit the Motorcycle Safety Foundation at [www.msfsa.org](http://www.msfsa.org).

## JOIN THE CLUB

There are just two requirements for one to join the Free Spirit Chapter – be a woman and have your own motorcycle.

"Men are welcome to come out and be supportive. The guys that are involved with us are very proud of their women," Yargeau said.

The next scheduled Free Spirit trip is what's known as a sunrise-sunset ride, which Yargeau said involves a leisurely trip to northern Michigan.

"We're going to ride up to Oscoda on a Friday, then sit on the beach and watch the sun rise over Lake Huron," she said. "The next day, we'll ride across the state to Petoskey, have dinner on the upper terrace level of a really cool restaurant and watch the sun set over Lake Michigan."

"One year, we all stood in line to see the opening of *Pirates of the Caribbean* in Oscoda and everybody was staring at us, this bunch of biker chicks standing in line to see a Disney movie. We also like to stop and play putt-putt golf in our chaps and leather jackets."

Her other favorite routes include the 17-mile historic Hines Drive route from Dearborn to Northville, M-22 through the Leelanau Peninsula and the rural Jackson County roads

near her Grass Lake home.

"Oh, and I absolutely love going over the Mackinac Bridge. I ride on the grate every chance I get," she said. "If you're going 35 mph, you can still see the grating, but if you go up to 40, it disappears ... and it's like you're flying. It's just beautiful."

Adds Yargeau, "I love not knowing where I am. I've never not made it home yet. It might take me an extra day, but keep riding and you'll hit water and have to turn around at some point."

While she is both an experienced rider and teacher, Yargeau said she is more than happy to take the back seat from time to time.

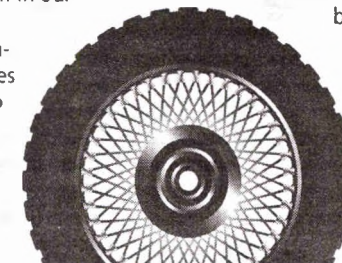
"I'm not one of those girls who will never get on the back," she said. "I just enjoy riding, whether the back or the front."

"The girls I ride with are all professional women, they all have jobs and lives, they're all moms and grandmas, we all have families. Some ladies go to yoga or

knitting and that's great,

but this is what we do

for fun. So when you see us out on the road, beep or wave at us and we'll wave right back!"



member of the Free Spirit Chapter of Southeast Michigan, the largest independent ladies motorcycle club has ridden as far west as Wyoming, as far east as Pennsylvania and as far south as Georgia.

skills brush-up course every year in order to break the bad habits long-time riders often develop – sloppy U-turns, riding the brake or not using it enough.

"There are certain things you can get sloppy about while riding and you can never, ever be sloppy," Yargeau said. "You have to know what's going on around you, in between the row, in traffic, animals. You want to be able to ride circles around the gas pumps instead of duck-walking."

While Michigan law now allows motorcycle riders over age 21 to forego helmets, Yargeau said she "absolutely" wears hers on every ride.

"If I fall down or get hit on the freeway, with or without (a helmet), it's not going to be pretty. I'm not going to win that argument," she said. "But if I forget to put my kickstand down and fall over or I get bumped at a traffic light, I'd rather not crack my head open. I'm more afraid of dying of embarrassment."

Yargeau has ridden as far west as Wyoming, as far east as Pennsylvania and as far south as Georgia. A trip to the southwest is next on her list – and she isn't afraid to take to the road by herself.

"A lot of people ask me, 'Aren't you afraid to go alone?' In 20 years, I

have never, ever felt threatened by anybody on the road," she said. "I just laugh and tell them I'm a chick on a bike with license plates from three states away. Nobody's going to bother me – they already know I'm some kind of crazy!"

Her most memorable trip was a solo ride to Missouri to attend the funeral of an uncle. As a nursing home patient, he had loved to receive her letters and read her motorcycle stories to his friends.

"It was really important that I got there on the bike," she said. "So I went – and it was horrible weather. There were three tornadoes and two hail storms along the way."

Forced to pull into a Wendy's restaurant due to the hail, Yargeau was in the restroom attempting to clean herself up when an elderly woman approached her.

"She said, 'Are you the lady who was on that bike on the freeway in the hail? My son looked at you and said, 'That person is a dead woman,'" Yargeau said. "I said, 'Ma'am, I do not plan to die today, I'm on my way to a funeral.' And as wet and nasty as I was, she reached out and gave me a big hug."

Curiously, the kindness of strang-

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# BIKER

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ers happens to be a perk of riding a motorcycle.

"People are really nice when you're traveling," she said. "They want to stop and talk to you. They wouldn't have the time of day for me if I was in a car, but gas stops seem to take a lot longer on a bike because everyone wants to chat."

## Changing perceptions

Yargeau said she's seen a noticeable change in the number of women who ride their own bikes, as opposed to riding on the back.

"Women account for 49 percent of all motorcycle sales now. Every year, there are more and more who want to join," she said. "I ran into a 90-year-old woman who told me she was so proud of me, because in her day, women weren't allowed to ride bikes. She told me to always be grateful that women have the opportunities that they do now."

Although she and her fellow female bikers still receive their share of stares during their travels, Yargeau said she doesn't take it personally. Instead, she is determined to enlighten others and dispel the negative perceptions others may have about bikers.

"I am a mom and a grandma and an

aunt, not just an expendable person on a motorcycle," she said.

"We're important to somebody. I was an emergency dispatcher for years and people would call and want me to solve their problems, but on the weekend when I put on my leathers, they would grab their children and run in the opposite direction. I've been in conversations where people have told me they hate bikers and motorcycles and I say, 'You seem to like me OK. Would you believe I'm the president of a women's riding club?' They're shocked. But it's been my goal to make my town more biker-friendly."

And when it comes to biker-friendly, retailers have also caught on to the fact that female riders want their garb to make them look and feel like women, rather than women riding in men's clothing.

"When I first started riding and I wanted some chaps, I went into a store and asked where I could find a pair made for a woman," Yargeau said. "The clerk told me to just buy a men's small and I was thinking, 'I'm not a small man, I don't want to look like a small man on my bike and I'm not buying men's small chaps.'"

"Finally, the manufacturers have gotten on board."

Enter Cher Bell, creator of Rebel Girl and American Rebel clothing lines for men and women bikers. Bell, also a member of the Free Spirit Chapter, owned a

floral shop years ago before transitioning into the motorcycle and fashion industry.

"When my husband passed away to cancer, my three kids and I decided we wanted to do something together, so in 2000 we started a motorcycle shop out of a little garage in Washington Township," said Bell, 57.

Their small shop was bursting at the seams within two years, then moved into a 4,000-square-foot facility known as Leather Works at 26 Mile and Van Dyke. Around the same time, Bell also noticed that the industry held little appeal for women in terms of fashion.

"We looked like boxy boys. There was just nothing out there for women," she said. "Our shop had four seamstresses, so we started making our own patterns and clothing that would fit the lifestyle, but sexier and edgier. That was how Rebel Girl began ... and Barbie needed a Ken doll, so we made American Rebel for men."

Bell later decided to close Leather Works in order to devote her full attention to design and manufacturing. The Rebel Girl line now features everything from designer shirts to leather corsets, hoodies to leather jackets, patches, jewelry, handbags, children's clothing and accessories available in more than 30 states and three countries, as well as online at Rebelgirl.com.

As for her own love of riding, she

said, "There's nothing like the camaraderie of women who ride together. It's a great companionship found nowhere else but on the road."

Most recently, Bell traveled to Woodland Hills, Calif., to launch a new Rebel Girl showroom and added her own line of motorcycle angels and figurines from the Hamilton Collection, creators of Precious Moments.

"You can't be in this industry without being a rebel. I think it speaks to every woman who walks," she said. "I feel truly blessed to be able to work and play in this addiction I have such a passion for."

Suzanne Canu has owned the Triumph Detroit dealership for 10 years, with locations on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township and Shelby Township. She says women riders need to feel like they are important when they walk into the showroom.

"You know how when you're in a car dealership and the salesperson looks to the guy? We don't look to the guy," she said. "Women are just as important to us. We don't make them feel inadequate. We'll help them along the way and we won't put them on a bike they shouldn't be on just for profit."

The Triumph dealership has been in her family for 20 years, she added, and is an equal opportunity employer.

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One of the great things about street food is that it's typically an easy way to sample a variety of dishes and global flavors without having to travel far or sit down to a formal meal, which is what makes these on-the-go options the perfect choice for your next tailgate, especially if juicy, tender pork is on your menu.

Whether at the game or in your backyard, a tailgate party is the perfect opportunity to share small but tasty plates with your neighbors, friends and family – perfect bites to enjoy while keeping a close eye on the action on the field.

Spicy Korean Pork Skewers de-

liver snack-sized game-winning flavor without a lot of preparation time and, without messy plates and silverware, the clean-up is something to cheer about, too. Marinated in an Asian sauce that gets a bold kick from chili garlic, soy and fresh ginger, bite-sized cubes of pork ribs are skewered and then grilled for an unbeatable addition to your game-day spread.

If you want to keep your menu authentic, serve these Korean pork skewers with white rice. Combine them with other small-plate pork dishes to offer your guests a variety of great-tasting choices.

Need more pork inspiration? Visit [www.PorkBucketList.com](http://www.PorkBucketList.com) to learn how to create a personal #PorkBucketList and see what tasty adventures pork fans across the country are taking with pork. You can also find more ways to integrate flavorful, juicy pork into your next tailgate or backyard gathering at [www.PorkBeinspired.com](http://www.PorkBeinspired.com) and [www.Pinterest.com/PorkBeinspired](http://www.Pinterest.com/PorkBeinspired).

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2 pounds boneless country-style pork ribs, cut into 1-inch cubes  
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 4 tablespoons filtered sake or dry sherry (optional)  
 2 tablespoons sesame oil\*  
 3 tablespoons brown sugar

In large bowl combine chili garlic sauce, soy sauce, ginger, sake, sesame oil and brown sugar and whisk to form a marinade. Add pork to marinade and let sit for 20 minutes.

Heat indoor grill pan or outdoor grill to medium-high heat.

Thread marinated pork on skewers, about four to five pieces per skewer. Transfer skewers to grill and cook uncovered, turning to brown evenly every two to three minutes until tender, about 10 minutes total. Serve immediately.



Spicy Korean Pork Skewers

\*You can find chili garlic sauce and sesame oil in the ethnic or Asian section of most major supermarkets.

**Quick Tip:** Make sure to leave plenty of room on the grill between each skewer to avoid overcrowding the meat and to ensure even cooking.

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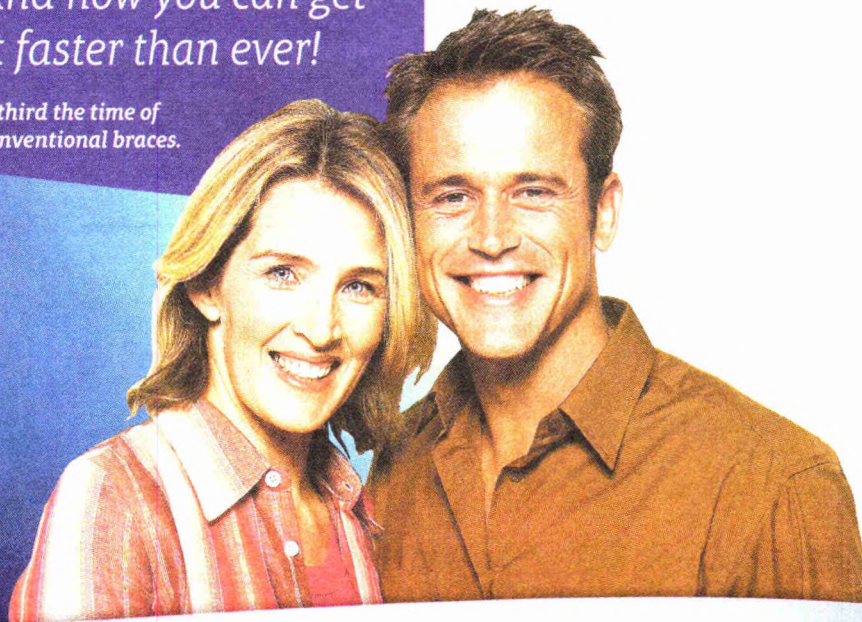
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**W**hen I look back at my financial life, I am disappointed with how much more money I could have saved if I only I had known what I know now. I know, I know ... hindsight.

In my 20s, I graduated from college, got married, bought a house, had two children and got divorced. I had no money to save – at least that's what I told myself. Even with all that going on in my life, could I have saved 5 or 10 percent of my income? I bet I could have if I had it taken directly from my paycheck. If I never received it and couldn't spend it, how much would I have today? The proof is in the numbers.

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What if I continued until I turned 65, what I would have? I would have invested \$129,000 and it would have grown to \$1,954,922.41. Double wow! Why didn't I starting saving earlier?

I don't care how old you are. If you haven't started saving, just start. I know it can be hard, so start small and increase it a little every year. Before you know it, you will be looking at your account and going "Wow!"

When it comes to saving for long-term goals, time can be your most powerful ally because of a concept called compounding. The idea behind compounding is simple – when your investment earns money, this amount is reinvested in your account and potentially generates more earnings. Over time, this process can increase

the growth potential of your original investment.

Let's look at an example: \$1,000 earns 10-percent return (\$100) so at the end of the year your balance would equal \$1,100.

Next year: \$1,000 earns 10 percent (\$100) and your earnings of \$100 earn 10 percent (\$10) so at the end of the year your balance would equal \$1,210.

An employer-sponsored plan may be one of the most convenient ways to make compounding work for you. Every paycheck, you have an opportunity to add to your account.

If you don't have access to an employer-sponsored plan, there are several other options. You can open a savings account, brokerage account or possibly a traditional IRA or Roth IRA.

Of course, you can't benefit from compounding if you don't stay invested, so try not to withdraw any money. Don't procrastinate any longer. Start saving as soon as possible and take advantage of what compounding can do for you.

My message in life and through this column is aimed at women in this readership area. I am dedicated to walking you through the steps needed to take control of your financial future and help prepare for a secure retirement.

Women spend so much time as caretakers, worrying about how to meet the needs of everyone else. Now it is the time to start focusing on your needs – including your financial needs.

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# FEAR FACTOR

'I'm just a girl with a pair of tweezers and a powder brush'

I had two lovely new clients come see me recently and they told me they have been reading my column since I started it. They both discovered in talking to each other that, apparently, they both tear out my articles and save them. Hearing this makes me very happy. I enjoy writing (I was a journalism major in college) and to know others enjoy reading my column makes me smile.



Barbara Deyo

Christina called and made an appointment and, when she told Diane, she confessed she had always wanted to come see me, but she was afraid. She was intimidated.

Fortunately, I was able to squeeze her in and they came in together. Time to face her fears. Which I find surprising, actually. Anyone who knows me knows I am the farthest thing from intimidating.

I have always said, coming to my studio is like coming to my home. I welcome all with open arms and, honestly, I am humbled when I hear things like this. I'm just a girl with a pair of tweezers and a powder brush. I love what I do and have been blessed with an amazing career for 27 years.

My clients are important to me and they become much more than that. I have watched many of them grow up, get married (and divorced), have babies. I even have those babies as clients now. We have laughed together, cried together and many have been there for me as I have gone through my own trials and tribulations.

Having said that, I want to get back to this intimidation thing. Diane confessed her fear to me after we were finished with her service. She teared up because she was so happy that she finally came in – she loved her new brows and lashes – and discovered I really am a nice,

down-to-earth person. Which, of course, made me tear up.

Why is it we feel intimidated? We won't go somewhere because we are afraid of being judged. We can't go to the gym until we get in shape. We won't try (insert activity here) because we are afraid we aren't good enough.

I'm guilty of it myself. I practically destroy myself working out before a vacation or high school friends get together because I'm so worried of what people will think of me. And then I get there and wonder, "What the heck was I worried about?"

I also don't like to try things I am not good at. Maybe that's the perfectionist in me. But I've come to learn that, for one: Who cares? And two: I'm human and so is everyone else; more than likely, they are feeling the same insecurities I am.

We are missing out on so many things in life because we are scared. It's funny, because sometimes when I am writing these articles to help other people, it actually helps me. I have to remember the advice I got once – when you are afraid, ask yourself, "What is the worst thing that can possibly happen?" Because it's probably something you can handle. Maybe Diane was afraid that I would be an egotistical meanie and destroy her image of me.

Thank goodness I'm not, but what is the worst thing that would have happened if I was? And what they don't know is, I am just as insecure sometimes. I'm afraid I am going to disappoint someone and they won't be happy with my work.



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# Pottery, sock boutique opens in South Lyon

By Jill Halpin  
Contributing Writer

Exquisite hand-painted Polish pottery and fun, funky socks may not sound like they belong together, but they make a perfect pair in a new South Lyon boutique set to open this month.

Polish Pottery and Beyond, located at the corner of North Lafayette and Whipple Street in downtown South Lyon, will feature handcrafted pottery imported from Poland and Solmate socks, said owner Jim Richardson, who co-owns the retail outlet with his wife Diane.

The special pottery comes from Boleslawiec, a small town in the southwest region of Poland, Richardson said.

"There is a river bed that flows through the area and contains a special combination of sand and clay. When the pottery is fired, it comes



Solmate socks for kids are sold in packs of three – "pair and a spare."

out a creamy white color that is very beautiful," he said." It is very much in demand."

The pottery is then hand-painted and is also very usable and is oven and dishwasher safe, Richardson said.

Solmate socks are also unique and have developed a strong following among fans, he added.

Made in America and purposefully mismatched in an array of bright colors, the socks come with a catchy slogan, Richardson said.

"Life is too short for matched socks," he said.



Michael Belanger (center), 48, died late last month of complications from cancer. This photo was taken at the grand opening party for The Boxing Rink, a new gym owned by Barbara Deyo and her fiancé Michael Martelli (with microphone). Also pictured are Deyo and Shelby Belanger (right), Michael's 16-year-old daughter. The gym's grand opening was also a fundraiser for Michael's cancer treatment.

## DEYO

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So, ladies, I hope you know that you helped me, too. It's always nice to be

validated. And obviously, I am still thinking about it because I am writing about it.

Another thing on my mind, as I am writing this – I lost a good friend late last month to cancer. He was 48 years old, diagnosed at the end of May and passed away July 26. It was fast and furious and took an amazing man's life, leaving his two young daughters, many family members and tons of friends already missing him greatly.

Rest in peace Michael Belanger. You will forever be in our hearts. It was a smack-in-the-face reminder of how short life really is. And we can't spend our time on this Earth worrying – about anything.

"The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, worry about the future or anticipate troubles, but to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly" – Buddha

We are exactly where we are supposed to be. And you know that quote "Dance like nobody's watching"? Yeah, do that.

Barbara Deyo, owner of Deyo Studio for face and body is an internationally acclaimed makeup artist, having groomed the faces of Paul McCartney, Bob Seger, Kerrie Washington, Shaun Robinson, Erin Cummings and many more. Deyo has been named Best of the Best by Allure, BRIDES, Hour, Real Detroit and WDIV. Deyo Studio is located at 576 N. Old Woodward Ave, 2nd floor, downtown Birmingham. Contact Deyo at 248-203-1222 or visit [www.deyostudio.com](http://www.deyostudio.com).



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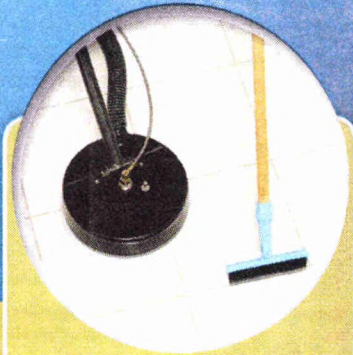


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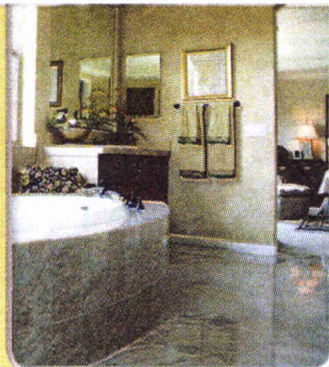
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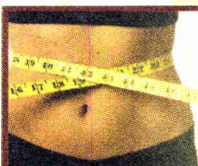
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