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LOCAL CAPTAIN SAILS TO ANOTHER VICTORY

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City looks for cash to add police officer

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

The Plymouth City Commission is looking for a bit of cash to add an officer to the Plymouth Police Department.

Beefing up the force, which now has 15 sworn officers, has been discussed for several years by city officials and was adopted by the current commission as one of its goals for 2014. The sticking point, however, has been finding the money – especially as city finances

emerge from the recession of 2007-09.

It would cost nearly \$76,000 in the first year to add an officer, Police Chief Al Cox told commissioners during their meeting Monday. By the third year, that would rise to nearly \$89,000. The figures include salary, benefits, training and equipment, the chief said. The police department's current annual budget is more than \$3.4 million.

With Plymouth becoming more of a destination for din-

ing, nightlife and entertainment, officials say, the need for another officer is pressing. The goal is to dedicate an officer to patrolling the city's bar scene, handling alcohol licensing issues and responding to complaints that stem from alcohol use. That, officials say, would free up other officers to spend more time in the city's parks and neighborhoods.

Officials pointed out the department had 21 officers about 30 years ago, when there wasn't much in the way of

nightlife.

"We only have 15 officers in a community that's one of the hottest towns in Michigan," Mayor Dan Dwyer told fellow commissioners.

Commissioners heard from Cox a presentation on options for increasing the force and for raising the money to do so. Cox strongly lobbied for adding a full-time officer rather than part-timers, saying the cost of three part-timers would be much higher than one full-timer and that the city would

likely end up with a revolving door, training young officers who would then leave for the first department that offered them full-time jobs.

Grant try

Cox has applied for a federal grant to fund an additional police officer, but said given that such applications have been turned down three times in the last six years, he isn't optimistic about Plymouth's

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Emma Decker (right) of Plymouth gets an archery lesson from instructor Carly Fogle, a volunteer from Mason.

Old Village hosts restaurant crawl

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Diners will hit the sidewalks of Plymouth's oldest neighborhood next week for the annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl.

The moveable feast – it's actually the feasters who move – is 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18.

This year's crawl, organized by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, will feature five food and drink establishments, from the neighborhood fish shop to a longtime Plymouth dining destination to a popular craft brewery to one of the newest additions to the city's restaurant scene.

For tickets of \$15 each (just \$5 for children under age 12), crawlers can stop by and sample the wares at Hermann's Olde Town Grille, Station 885, Plymouth Fish & Seafood, Liberty Street Brewing Co. and Aqua, a European-inspired fine-dining restaurant that opened in May at the site of the former Grecian Cafe at Main and Starkweather. Diners can make their stops in the order they choose.

"The ability of people to try Aqua for the first time as part of the crawl is of interest to people," chamber president Wes Graff said. "The price point of \$15, based on the volume of food put out by the participants, makes the crawl a great value."

There are up to 300 tickets available for the Old Village crawl; last year's event drew between 175 and 200 participants, Graff said.

The idea behind the crawl is to introduce people to the food and drink variety available in Old Village and to give restaurateurs there a chance for some good word-of-mouth marketing. Rob Costanza, owner of Station 885, a longtime crawl participant, said the event is "absolutely" a good marketing tool.

Tickets can be purchased at the chamber office in downtown Plymouth, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail. For more information about the crawl, call the chamber at 734-453-1540.

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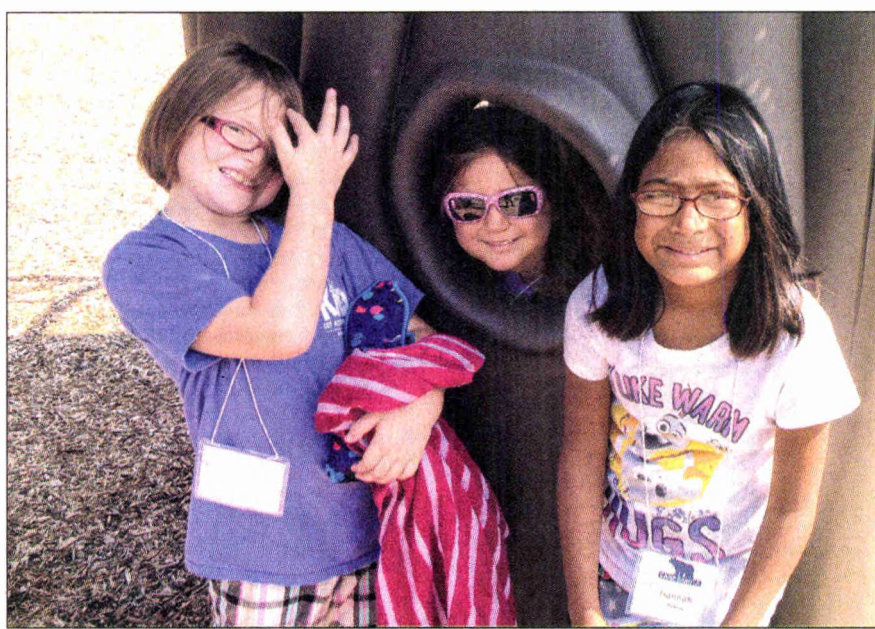
PEER PLEASURE

Arthritis camp helps kids see they're not alone

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Hampered a little bit by the fear of the unknown and struggling to deal with having been diagnosed with juvenile arthritis, Logan Bry last summer decided not to go to Camp Dakota, a medically supervised residential camp for kids who have arthritis.

But this summer, buoyed by another year living with juvenile polyarticular arthritis and encouragement from his parents, Logan was all set to attend the camp, located at Lions Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer. But the camp, scheduled to start July 28, was delayed a week by an outbreak



Alicia Salamay (left) of Plymouth and Hannah Moleski of Berkley play on the playground at Camp Dakota.

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Plymouth coffee bar wins magazine award

Espresso Elevado, a coffee bar and small-batch roaster in Plymouth, has been chosen by the readers of *EdibleWOW* magazine for a Local Hero award in the category of favorite beverage artisan.

Edible Communities Publications, since 2009, have given the awards in several categories, including chef/restaurant, food shop, food or beverage artisan and nonprofit organization. The magazines cover the local

food movements in regions across the United States and Canada, connecting communities, farmers, chefs and food artisans; *EdibleWOW* covers Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties.

Espresso Elevado founder Teresa Pilarz said the award recognizes the shop's goals of being connected, artistic, unconventional, sustainable and elevated – goals she summarizes with the acronym CAUSE.

"It seems that these val-

ues resonate with our customers as well," Pilarz said in a press release. "I think people that come to the shop enjoy reading *EdibleWOW* for similar reasons; because it connects them to local, sustainable food options in a beautiful way."

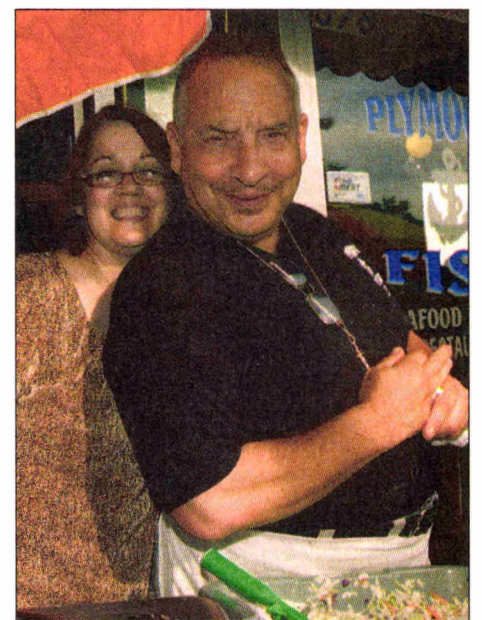
Opened in 2011, Espresso Elevado specializes in roasting fair trade and organic coffee beans selected from small farms and cooperatives. All of its brewed coffee is hand-poured, while

syrups are made from scratch.

The shop is located at 606 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

The other 2014 *EdibleWOW* Local Hero winners are the People's Food Co-op, The Ravens Club, Michigan Urban Farming Initiative and The Henry Ford/ Greenfield Village.

The winners will be recognized Sunday, Aug. 24, at the Greening of Detroit's Live Love Local event at Eastern Market.



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



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Bark for Life kicks off effort to fight cancer

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Bark for Life of Canton organizers and their tail-wagging canine companions are sprinting toward their September cancer-fighting rally after a committee spearheading the event had its kickoff session Wednesday evening.

Patterned after Relay for Life, Bark for Life brings together pet owners, their dogs, cancer survivors and event supporters for a fourth annual event set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, in Canton's Heritage Park. The money goes to the American Cancer Society.

"Bark for Life is the only American Cancer Society relay event where you can bring your dogs," committee member Jill Andra Young said Thursday. "That is the best part, bringing your best friend and in some cases your caregiver to an event and having everyone else see the dogs and the unconditional love they give to all of us."

Bark for Life of Canton features opening ceremonies, a survivor lap, numerous activities and a closing ceremony. It draws participants from across metro Detroit.

Young, a Plymouth business owner, became involved in Bark for Life of Canton after her mother survived colon cancer for 31 years.

Bark for Life organizers hope to organize as many teams as possible to raise as much money as possible for the American Cancer Society. Fundraising already has begun.

Bark for Life organizers say pets can offer the emotional support many cancer patients and survivors need. Those friendships are on full display during the event.

To learn more, go to www.relayforlife.org/barkcantonmi or find Bark for Life Canton on Facebook.

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of the noro-virus.

Logan, who lives with his parents in Northville, couldn't attend the rescheduled camp, which started Monday in the quiet wooded area where Bear Lake Camp resides. According to his mother, it was an opportunity missed.

"It's such a huge bummer," his mother Debbie said of Logan missing the camp. "We couldn't get (Logan) to go last year ... he didn't know anyone and didn't want to go. This year, he finally got up the courage to go and it gets canceled."

Leading cause

Logan's "whole situation" – living with one of the 100 forms of arthritis – is the same one facing some 300,000 children in the U.S., including more than 10,000 children in Michigan, according to the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan. The various forms of the disease cause slow and progressive deterioration of the body's joints – ligaments, tendons, cartilage and bone.

People who have arthritis – the foundation says it's the "leading cause of disability" in the U.S. – often experience significant pain and sometimes have difficulty doing simple things like walking, eating or brushing their teeth. As the disease progresses, pain increases and mobility declines.

To help children deal with that and to let them feel like and accomplish what non-arthritic kids do every day, the Arthritis Foundation in 2003 established Camp Dakota, a summer camp for kids. Its facilities are similar to those at most camps – a swimming and fishing pond, nature center, trails, activity fields and, of course, a large campfire pit suitable for any marshmallow roast and sing-along.

The camp accommodates some 65 kids per session – it has filled to capacity every year since it started – and many of them are attending a camp of any kind for the first time. Campers during the most recent session came from Plymouth, Canton and Farmington Hills, among other communities.



Logan Bry (second from right) initiated a 3-on-3 hoops tourney at Hillside Middle School last fall. Logan, here with "Randoms" teammates Ryan Humble, Shane McHugh and Zach Phillips, was raising money to help fight juvenile arthritis. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Emma Decker of Plymouth, just diagnosed with juvenile arthritis in May, paints the small flower pot she made during an arts-and-crafts session.

"For a lot of these kids, it's their first camp experience," said Kara Dorda, Camp Dakota's program director and the program director for the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan. "Coming here helps them learn new skills to give them independence. It's incredibly important. ... It helps them feel 'normal' for the week. They're with people who understand the disease, who know what they're going through."

Living with it

To accomplish this, the camp is set up to provide a variety of activities for the 65 campers. There's an archery range, a lake in which to swim and arts and crafts. There are arthritis education sessions and leadership

programs to teach the kids how to live with the disease.

There are nurses and physical therapists on-site 24/7 to help the campers deal with the medical issues they face, which are often considerable. Some of the campers are on as many as eight medications a day, many of them needing to be taken on a rigid schedule and more than once a day.

Amanda Murdock of Franklin is a physician's assistant who herself was diagnosed with juvenile arthritis as a teenager. She's volunteered at the camp for 10 years. She said she "can't imagine anything better" than the camp for these kids.

"There are no differences here," Murdock said. "(But) it's a challenge. Kids come here

with tens of thousands of dollars worth of medicine. There are special needs. You have to be careful, because the kids won't always tell you what they need. They might be hurting, but they're having fun and they don't really want to sit out."

Emma Decker of Plymouth was just diagnosed with juvenile arthritis in May. The girl they call "Penguin" because it's her favorite animal and because of the penguin socks she was wearing said she didn't want to come to camp at first.

But after the first day, she was glad she'd come. "I've never been away from my mom before," said the 13-year-old Emma, a student at South Pointe Scholars Charter Academy in Plymouth

Township. "But I'm having fun so far. I think it's going to help me get more comfortable with the fact I have arthritis. I've met some friends who understand your illness and who relate to you."

Peer pleasure

That's the whole reason Debbie Bry was hoping Logan could attend. And while he wasn't there this time, the camp is open to kids ages 7-16, so he's got a couple of more years to attend.

"We want (Logan) to get together with some other kids who know what he's going through," Debbie Bry said. "We want him to experience it with other kids. It would make a positive out of the whole situation."

Eight-year-old Alicia Salamaty, a student at Farrand Elementary School in Plymouth Township, said she had fun at the camp because "I got to go rock climbing and swimming." She said the counselors and the other campers "are really nice" and she doesn't think about her arthritis that much while she's here.

"It's really painful," Alicia said. "On the inside it hurts, but on the outside it doesn't."

Dorda said watching campers like Emma and Alicia make their way through all of the activities makes the week worthwhile for the campers and the staff.

"It's huge ... it builds their confidence," Dorda said of the campers. "It used to be, (kids with arthritis) were told, 'Go to bed and rest.' The smiles on their faces when they accomplish these things are priceless."

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chances. "I would love to be pleasantly surprised," he said. A decision on the application is not expected before next month, he said.

The chief mentioned

several other funding options, including a public safety property tax, which would have to be approved by voters; taking the money from the Downtown Development Authority, which is allowed under the DDA plan; and creating a special assessment district. The latter plan

would also require voter approval.

A tax of 0.25 mills, or 25 cents for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value, would raise more than \$100,000 annually, officials said, more than enough for an additional officer.

Commissioners said they want to engage

residents in the discussion of revenue and adding to the force.

The issue is expected to be on the agenda again for the commission meeting of Monday, Sept. 15.

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Families flock to Rally on Ridge fundraiser

Canton-area families came out in force Tuesday, July 29, for the Rally on Ridge fundraising event to benefit the Canton Farmers Market at the Cherry Hill School area on Ridge Road in Canton.

More than 2,000 people attended the inaugural event, which featured food trucks, live entertainment, an ice cream social and more. Five metro Detroit food trucks – Smokey Rhodes BBQ, The Rolling Stoves, Qais Truck, Shimmy Shack and The Mean Weenie – delighted hungry patrons with a variety of cuisines. Following dinner, guests were treated to ice cream sundaes from Carvel.

"It was just phenomenal for a first-time event and it was a great crowd," said Tina Lloyd, Canton Farmers Market manager. "People kept



Rally on Ridge participants showed up in droves to support the Canton Farmers Market.

saying, 'Please do this again!' and 'Get more trucks!' We really appreciated the folks that came out." Local food truck fan

Lisa Albrecht said the most challenging part of the evening was picking where to eat. "Everything sounded so good," said Albrecht,

who ended up with a sharp cheddar and braised leek hot dog from The Mean Weenie. "I wanted to try everything."

As part of fundraising efforts, a few lucky guests brought home drawing prizes, including a cooking class from Chef Paul Penney, an advocate of the Canton Farmers Market. Other prize donors included the Canton Historical Society, Grace Savory & Sweet, JKM Soy Candles, Farmington Soap Works, Cakes by Penny, Sansonetti Sauces, U.P. Pasties, Bobilin Honey, Zingerman's Creamery, Michigan Garlic, Lula Bre's Sweet Eats and Good-times Kettle Corn.

Attendees also enjoyed live music, lawn games and free tours of The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Lloyd said the large turnout and positive feedback could inspire more – and larger – rally events in the future.

"We liked the music and we had family

friendly activities and that was great," Lloyd said. "We'll just keep it simple and expand on the food truck end of it. I think with the kind of feedback we got, we'll hopefully do it again soon."

The Canton Farmers Market is currently celebrating its seventh season as a "buy local" option for Canton-area consumers. As such, the market continues to expand its offerings during market hours, which are held from p.a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday, rain or shine, through Oct. 19, in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge Road.

For more information about Canton's growing farmers market, visit Cantonfun.org under the community events tab or contact the Canton Farmers Market manager at cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org.

Author brings Canton history to farmers market

Author Kathleen Shepherd Sleek will sign copies of her book detailing Canton's early history Sunday, Aug. 17, at the Canton Farmers Market in Preservation Park, on Ridge north of Cherry Hill.

The market is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The book is titled *Ghost By The Side of the Road*. It details the legacy of an old saltbox farmhouse. It focuses on 1831-1973 and includes 222 pages of early Canton history.

"The stories are a light and run way to view farm life within each of the eras of the farmhouse's existence while sharing vital historical data," Sleek recently wrote in a letter to the Canton Historical Society.

Library offers loan, technology programs

Schoolcraft College partners with library

Canton Public Library officials announced a variety of opportunities for patrons to upgrade technology skills and a loan workshop in partnership with the Small Business Development Center at Schoolcraft College.

In the Loan Workshop at 10 a.m. Aug. 20, patrons will learn from small business consultants and financial institutions about the financial intricacies of a loan, including how to obtain a loan, the key elements of a loan and financing options.

This workshop is intended for individuals interested in

starting their own business or expanding an existing one. Participants must register through the Schoolcraft SBDC.

Brush up on important technology skills through the library's computer classes. Learn the basics of PowerPoint at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 20 or learn more about Excel at 10 a.m. Aug. 22; registration through the library is required for both sessions.

For more information, visit www.cantonpl.org or ask any library staff.

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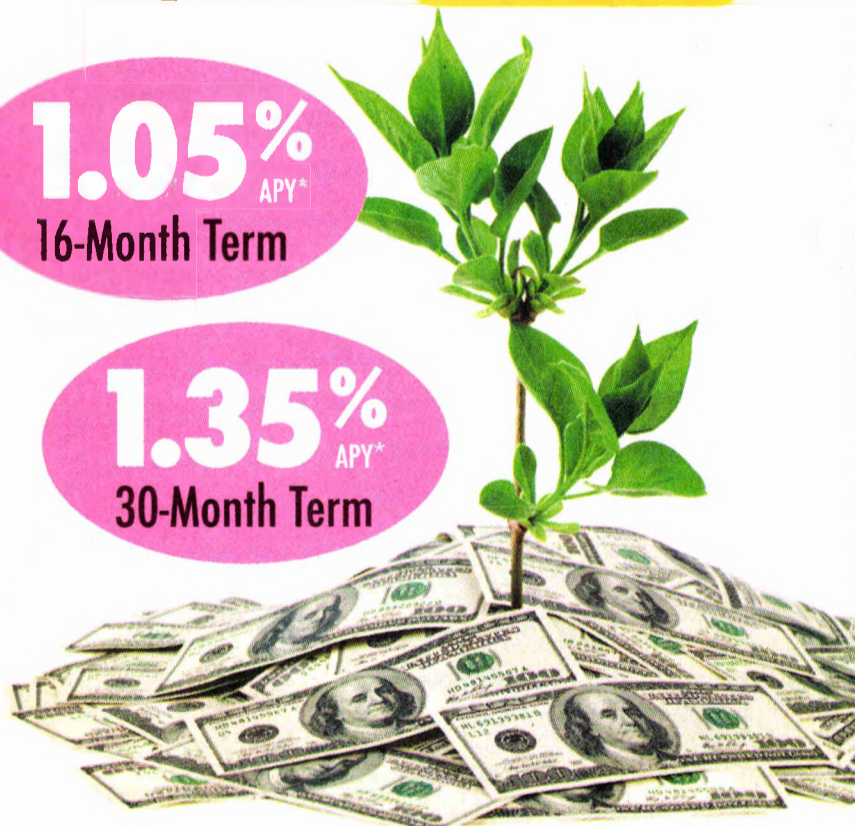
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Seattle Pacific

Tiffany Alicia Lumley of Plymouth graduated with a master's degree in management from Seattle Pacific University.

Founded in 1891, Seattle Pacific University is a Christian university with a comprehensive academic program that serves more than 4,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

Spring Arbor

Spring Arbor University announced local students who were granted bachelor's or master's degrees during commencement exercises Saturday, May 17.

Sandra Davis of Canton recently completed a master of art/counseling.

Michael Lesinski of Canton recently completed a bachelor of science in organizational management.

Jenni Natkin of Canton recently completed a bachelor of arts in special education. She is the daughter of Robert Natkin and Susan Teasdal.

Alexander Rahill of Canton recently completed a bachelor of arts in pastoral ministry. He is the son of Alexander and Marcie Rahill.

Richard Guttersohn of Plymouth recently completed a bachelor of social work.

Dane Staples of Plymouth recently completed a bachelor of arts in health and exercise science. He is the son of Robert and Laurie Staples.

Spring Arbor also released its spring 2014 academic honors list. Local students making the list included:

Ryan Liguori of

Canton, a sophomore English-education major and the son of Glenn and Tiffany Liguori.

Steven Murphy of Canton, a sophomore international business major. Murphy completed the spring 2014 semester with a 4.0 GPA. He is the son of Patrick and Michelle Murphy.

Alexa Wright of Canton, a junior social work major and the daughter of Randall and Adonna Wright.

Bryan Zinn of Canton, a junior philosophy major who maintains a cumulative 4.0 GPA. He is the son of Gregory and Pamela Zinn.

Laura Irving of Canton, a junior history major. She's the daughter of Bruce and Mary Irving.

Katelyn Rosevear of Canton, a senior elementary education Option 1 major. Rosevear, the daughter of Allen and Janet Rosevear, completed the spring 2014 semester with a 4.0 GPA.

Kayla Davis of Canton, a senior elementary education Option 2 major. Davis completed the spring 2014 semester with a 4.0 GPA. She is the daughter of Charles and Michelle Davis.

Laura Irving of Canton, a junior history major. She is the daughter of Bruce and Mary Irving.

Rebecca Weibel of Canton, a junior early childhood education major. Weibel, the daughter of Mike and Paula Weibel, completed the spring 2014 semester with a 4.0 GPA.

Spring Arbor University is a private, four-year Christian liberal arts university located eight miles west of Jackson.



Radio station manager Bill Keith and Mary Holaly, deputy director of communications, community relations and marketing, reward Liam Murphy of Royal Oak for answering a trivia question correctly at the Wayne County Fair. Liam was at the fair with his grandmother, Pat Murphy, of Riverview.

District pushes message at fair

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

A district that's trying to sell itself more than ever used an unusual — at least around here — means of getting its name out there this week.

Volunteer representatives of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools spent four days at the Wayne County Fair in Belleville, handing out information and entertaining kids with trivia games as a means of getting the district some exposure.

A variety of people, including a surprising number of Plymouth-Canton students and graduates, stopped by the district's booth in the Miracle of Life building to pick up information.

"I got to meet a lot of P-CCS grads and many of our students, too, and I was very impressed with the pride they had in their district," said Bobb Vergiels, the district's new director of communications, community relations and marketing. "We have a great story to tell and this is a very nice

way to share it in a non-intrusive way."

Vergiels came to Plymouth-Canton from the Monroe school district, where he said it was "unthinkable" to miss the county fair. The Monroe fair, he said, would draw some 200,000 people, so the scale is larger, but "you get the same kinds of people coming by your booth."

At the Monroe fair, Vergiels said, six or eight school districts would rent space. At this week's Wayne County Fair, Plymouth-Canton was the only school district there.

Vergiels said the timing would have been better if the district had been able to take advantage of the fair while it was taking limited schools of choice applications. Still, he said, "exposure is important." And while volunteers were there, they received suggestions from organizers of other events who would like to see the school represented, as well.

BREAKING GROUND

Officials from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will ceremoniously break ground Tuesday, Aug. 12, for the district's newest school, a middle school to be built on Cherry Hill west of Canton Center in Canton.

Short ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend; limited seating will be available. All guests are reminded to wear comfortable shoes for outside walking. Because the event is outside with no covering, attendees are urged to dress comfortably according to the weather forecast.

All visitors are asked to park at nearby Dodson Elementary School at Beck and Cherry Hill roads. A shuttle will transport guests to the new middle school site. The shuttles leave the Dodson parking lot at 4:40 p.m. and 4:50 p.m. and will return immediately following the groundbreaking ceremony.

The new school is the first built by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools since Workman Elementary School opened in 2006. When completed next year, the new school will replace Central Middle School, which opened nearly 100 years ago.

District volunteers showed videos, handed out information and had kids play a game that earned them candy if they answered trivia questions correctly. The whole thing, Vergiels said, cost the district "less than \$300" to set up.

"For the amount of people we shook hands with and shared stories with and enjoyed talking to, we received a good return on that investment," he said.

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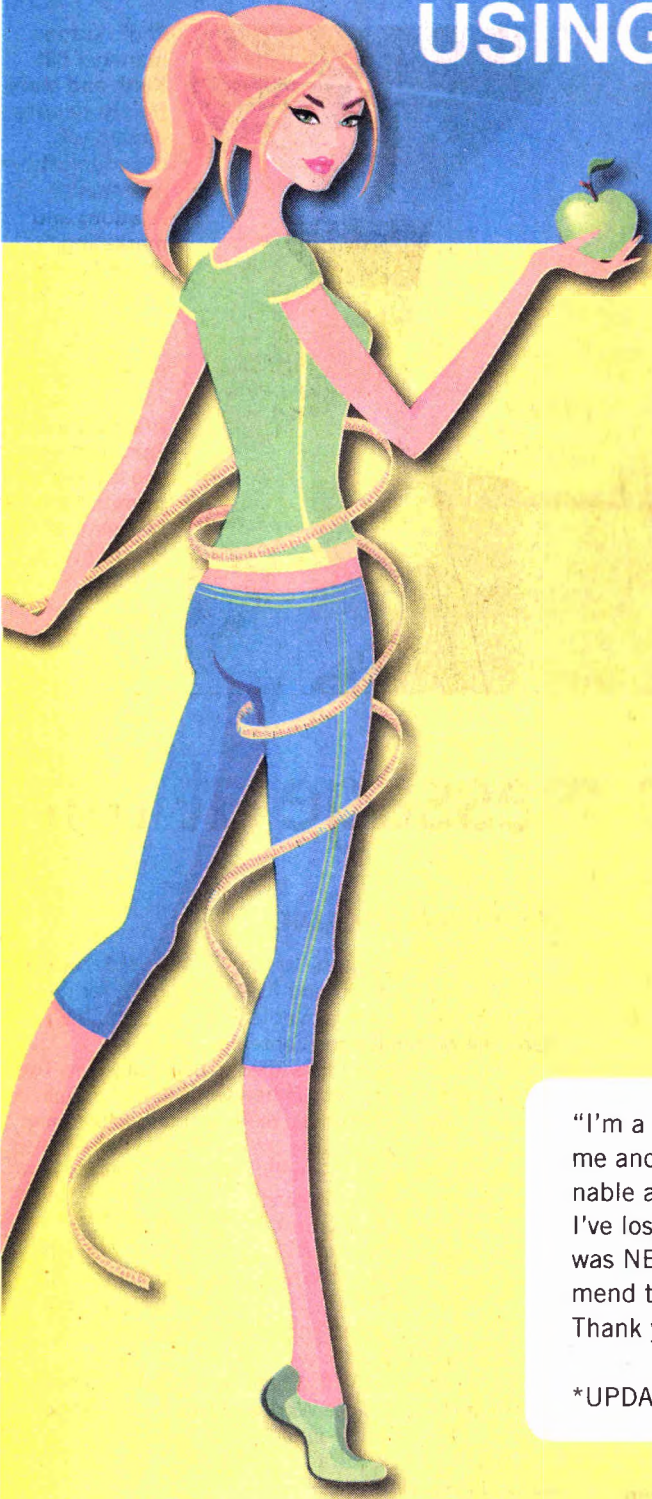


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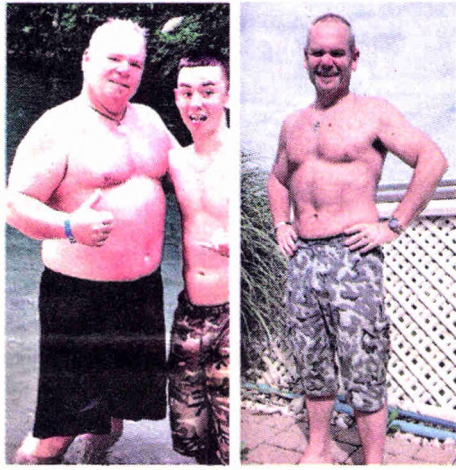
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Lions Club set for annual corn roast

The Canton Lions Club is getting ready for what club members call "the most enjoyable and fun event" of the summer – the annual corn roast.

The event is held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Cady/Boyer Barn, located in Preservation Park on Ridge Road, just north of Cherry Hill, in Canton.

The event will include:

» America's Most Wanted Car Club with classic cars from the past.

» Ascent Audiology and Hearing in Canton will check hearing of those in attendance.

» Canton Concert Band, official band of the Village Theater.

» Canton Historical Society will show life as it was in the past.

» Face painting and a balloon twister for the kids.

» Friends of the Bartlett/Travis House will provide a view of this historical beautiful house.

» Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind will advise about barrier-free living for the blind.

» Kids' bounce house.

» Leader Dog School will have puppies raisers and dogs for the

blind.

» Michigan Eye Bank who provide sight to four-plus people per day.

» Petting farm for the kids.

» Project Kids Sight will identify sight impairments of kids.

» Sisters of the Union will be wearing attire from the Victorian era.

» Village Wellness Center will provide massages for those tired backs.

» Wood Carvers sculpturing various woods.

All-you-can-eat roasted corn, hot dogs, baked beans, watermelon, ice cream, cotton candy, snow cones and a beverage will be available without charge to the public.

The Lions do, however, ask for a free-will donation. All funds raised through donations will be used to assist the charities the Lions support.

The Canton Lions are a diverse group who service the Belleville and Canton areas. The club meets once a month at Rose's Restaurant, 201 N. Canton Center, in Canton.

For information, call Lion Bill Van Winkle 734-254-9404, email govbill@wowway.com or visit Cantonlions.org.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

VETERANS BENEFIT

Date/Time: 5-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15

Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: The Southeastern Michigan Veterans and Stand Down Inc. are holding a steak dinner fundraiser to give a "hand up, not a hand out" to homeless and needy veterans. Tickets are \$10 and include a cook-to-order steak, salad, baked potato, corn on the cob and dessert. Beverages will be available and there also will be 50/50 drawings.

Contact: For tickets, call John Ries at 734-334-8428 or Dave Spiteri at 734-812-1518. For more information, go to www.4vets.org.

HEAD START ENROLLMENT

Date: Starts Sept. 8

Location: Plymouth-Canton Head Start, 5880 Canton Center, Suite 450, Canton

Details: Registration is now open for Plymouth-Canton's Head Start program. The program is open to children ages 2½ to 4 years old (must be 3 years old by Oct. 1). Head Start is a free preschool for low-income families and accepts children with disabilities/special needs.

Contact: For more information and to enroll, call 734-354-5196.

BAREFOOT AUDITIONS

Date/Time: Aug. 18-19, 7-9 p.m.

Location: Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: Barefoot Productions announced auditions for the official opening production to its 2014-15 season. Artistic Director/Founder Craig A. Hane will be directing *The Lights Are Warm and Coloured* by William Norfolk, a Victorian thriller based on the Lizzie Borden lore. There are roles for five women (ages 22-45) and two men (ages 27-55). Bring a resume and head shot, if available. Prepare a dramatic monologue (two minutes maximum), plus there will be cold readings from the script.

Contact: For more information, call Hane at 734-276-9075 or visit



Summit open house

Bartlett T. Beaver will be on hand as Canton Leisure Services helps families kick off fall and the back-to-school season by hosting an open house 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at Summit on the Park recreation center, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton. Attendees will learn about upcoming Canton Leisure Services fall classes, programs and events, take part in special offers and discounts and enjoy an evening of fun at Canton's fitness and community recreation destination. Families will also find plenty of free fun as Summit on the Park celebrates Bartlett T. Beaver's birthday with games, treats and activities. The first 50 kids in attendance will get to decorate a birthday cupcake and the first 75 kids to attend will receive a back-to-school goodie bag. For more information, call 734-394-5460 or visit Cantonfun.org.

Barefoot Productions at www.justgobarefoot.com

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 Banda, RJ's Kansas City Six, Thornetta 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.

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 Shermetaro on keyboards, Ray Tini on bass and Jim Ryan on drums.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit 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/cmv/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 Copenhaver at bgcopenhaver@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.

Contact: For more information, contact Colleen Brown at 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 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.

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FRI/SAT LS 11:30

INTO THE STORM (PG-13)
12:15, 2:25, 4:40, 6:50, 9:10
FRI/SAT LS 12:00

GET ON UP (PG-13)
12:00, 3:20, 6:20, 9:20

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Q: Dear Rick: Five years ago, I co-signed a loan for the daughter of my husband's previous marriage. I have since divorced him. Recently, I got notice from a court that the daughter had filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. At the time, I didn't give it much thought and ignored it. I just got a letter from a bank claiming that I am responsible for the outstanding balance of the loan and it is seeking payment. I've been told to ignore it because of my ex-stepdaughter's bankruptcy. Do I have anything to worry about? What should I do?

A: Unfortunately, you should be concerned. The bankruptcy that your ex-stepdaughter went through more likely than not discharged her obligation to the bank. Unfortunately it did not discharge your obligation. Your responsibility to the bank is separate from your ex-stepdaughter and, as a co-signer on the loan, the bank has every right to seek payment from you.

I recommend that you hire an experienced attorney.

There are a number of issues that potentially could relieve you of your obligation to repay the bank. It is important to determine whether the bank properly handled this loan.

In addition, if after the loan was executed there were changes made, that may be used to help you deal with the bank. An attorney can work out a better deal for you by negotiating with the bank.

I believe it would be a mistake to ignore the bank. Ignoring the bank is not going to make the problem go away. It will make the problem



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

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much more difficult to resolve.

I am frequently asked about guaranteeing or co-signing on a loan. It is a very difficult issue because, generally, it is a family member or friend who is asking you for the assistance. My advice is if you co-sign or guarantee a loan, you have to make the assumption that you will be held responsible.

Remember, there is a reason the bank is seeking a co-signer or a guarantor. It is because the bank is unsure the person will be able to repay the loan.

The bottom line - helping family and friends is wonderful, but you have to go into it with your eyes wide open and fully understand all the consequences financially and otherwise if things don't go according to plan.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

IN SERVICE

Naval honor

IS3 Kyle W. Hruska was awarded his enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist insignia during Electronic Attack Squadron 142's recent award ceremony.

The Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist insignia is a military badge of the United States Navy which was created in March 1980. This insignia recognizes those members of the Navy's enlisted force who have acquired the professional skills, knowledge and military experience that result in specific qualifications for service in the Naval aviation activities.

Petty Officer Hruska is currently assigned to Electronic Attack Squadron 142, also known as "The Gray Wolves," as an intelligence specialist. VAQ-142 is an EA-6B Prowler squadron that specializes in electronic warfare. They are currently stationed at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, in Oak Harbor, Wash.

Hruska is a 2011 graduate of Plymouth High School.

Couple retires

Lt. Col. David J. Anason has retired from the U.S. Air Force after serving honorably for 22 years. His wife, Lt. Col. Stacey L. (Oswald) Anason, also retired this month after serving honorably for 21 years.

Anason was last serving as chief, Energy Program Development Division with Air Force Civil Engineer Center, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. He was born in Ann Arbor and is the son of Marilyn Anason and Anthony Anason (deceased) of Rockford, brother to Kathryn Mekaru of Big Rapids, Mark Anason of Brighton and Roger Anason of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

He graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1986 and Michi-

gan State University in 1991 with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He was commissioned into the United States Air Force and entered active duty in July 1992 at Falcon Air Force Base, Colo.

Basic training grads

» Air Force Airman 1st Class Jameson G. Tate graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Tate is the son of Michael Tate of Canton and the brother of Anna Es-sendrup of Edina.

He is a 2007 graduate of Edina High School.

» Air Force 1st Class Airman Steven M. Zommermaand graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

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Zommermaand earned distinction as an honor graduate. A 2013 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, he is the son of Michael Zommermaand of Canton.

» Air Force Airman



Lt. Col. David J. Anason and his wife Lt. Col. Stacey L. Anason both recently retired after Air Force careers that spanned more than 20 years.



Petty Officer Kyle W. Hruska gets his enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist insignia from Cmdr. C. Medina during Electronic Attack Squadron 142's recent award ceremony.

1st Class Breck R. Waggoner graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

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Waggoner is the son of Breck A. and Regina A. Waggoner of Canton and grandson of Paul and Erika Flammersfeld and Glenn and Suzanne Waggoner, all of Brighton. He is a 2013 graduate of Salem High

School. » Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Grant L. Schooley graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Schooley earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the son of Karen Schooley-Sova of Canton and a 2008 graduate of Canton High School.

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More than 200 volunteers showed up Aug. 2 for the Canton Gurdwara's Day of Seva.

Service day honors victims of shooting

Volunteers flooded the Canton Gurdwara Sahib, Singh Sabha on Saturday, Aug. 2, the Gurdwara's Day of Seva (service), designed to remember and honor the victims in the Aug. 5, 2012, mass shooting at Oak Creek, Wis.

Organizers and the army of volunteers hoped to pack 20,000 meals in partnership with Kids Against Hunger.

"It's a good initiative for people to be aware of," said Harpeet Kaur, a

Michigan State student from Canton Gurdwara Sahib, Singh Sabha. "There is a sense of community regardless of their culture. It also helps to eradicate hunger."

Parvinder Mehta, a Sienna Heights University student, was glad to see such a crowd show up to help others.

"We like to get involved and see a lot of people working together," Mehta said. "It's amazing how many peo-

ple showed up today to pack food for others."

Organizers had hoped to get 150 volunteers; more than 200 turned out. In addition to packing the meals, the event had hoped to raise some \$6,000 to help offset the cost of the food.

"It brings the community together and gives back to the community," said Jaspreet Kaur, a medical student at Michigan State. "It's a good way to bring the community closer."

NorthRidge joins restoration project

More than 10,000 of the expected 20,000 volunteers are signed up for a restoration project happening this month in the city of Detroit. Among the ranks will be NorthRidge Church of Plymouth.

Life Remodeled, a nonprofit organization devoted to "remodeling lives - one neighborhood at a time," will focus its 2014 efforts on Cody High School and the surrounding Detroit area neighborhoods during the week of Aug. 11-17.

NorthRidge Church volunteers will provide and serve the food for all volunteers during the six-day event, as well as participate in general areas. The church plans to have 900 volunteers dedicated to food efforts alone.

"We love the idea of NorthRidge attenders serving the Detroit community and Life Remodeled is helping make this more possible," said Michael Miller, director of stewardship and outreach for NorthRidge

Church. "Our hope is to see something sustainable come from this. We want to see our spiritual influence continue well beyond just this week."

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Anderson introduces bills regulating fireworks

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, has gone ahead to introduce legislation to restore Michigan's pre-2011 fireworks regulations.

Anderson last week introduced Senate Bills 1023 and 1024 to re-establish the ban on aerial and explosive fireworks, which account for the vast majority of noise complaints and serious injuries. In 2011, Anderson was the only senator to vote against the fireworks law change.

"Something must be done to get this under control," Anderson said. "Since the law was changed, in addition to the disturbance of the peace, Michigan residents have endured property damage and injuries, even deaths, related to these higher powered explosives now available. On top of that, the revenue that was promised by sponsors just hasn't materialized. The burden of

inspecting all of the new firework sale locations is virtually impossible and is costing the state more than licensing fees bring in."

In the wake of Anderson's initial announcement that legislation would be introduced, hundreds of citizens from across the state contacted his office with stories of sleepless nights during the work week, traumatized pets that have to be sedated for the holidays and fire damage from launches in dense urban communities.

Anderson has also heard from numerous veterans suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder who found the endless bombardment of fireworks to severely intensify their anxiety.

"For some of these veterans who served our country, the non-stop fireworks explosions in their neighborhoods cause symptoms so debilitating that they can't leave their own homes. It's completely unacceptable," Anderson said.

Current law

Current state law allows for the use of aerial and explosive fireworks the day before, day of and day after a national holiday. Communities are granted the authority to regulate the time frame that fireworks are allowed on those days, but users are totally disregarding the currently permitted days and hours. Most communities have had little success in dealing with the problems the new law has created. With fireworks available on virtually every corner, fireworks use has skyrocketed, leaving numerous local police departments without the resources to address the problem.

"The National Fire Protection Association collects data every year that shows fireworks hurt a lot of people and start a lot of fires," said Northville Township Deputy Fire Chief Richard Marinucci, former president of the Southeast Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs and a

vocal opponent of the 2011 changes. "We're in the business of safety and fire prevention, so these products cause a serious problem for us."

Many local communities have protested the firework deregulation since 2011 and have become more vocal with each passing holiday season and some have taken steps to pass resolutions calling on the Legislature to repeal the changes made in 2011.

Completely independent of Anderson's efforts, a citizen-initiated petition started on the activist site MoveOn.org calls for the "members of the Michigan Legislature to immediately repeal the Fireworks Safety Act 256 of 2011 and for the governor to sign that repeal, in the interest of the safety and well-being of the citizens of Michigan." The petition currently has more than 11,000 citizen signatures, with a stated goal of 15,000.

Proponents of the 2011 law have argued that surrounding states, such as Indiana, were stealing

revenue from Michigan as citizens crossed the border to purchase prohibited fireworks. Some have suggested that changing the law to allow local cities and townships to decide for themselves whether or not to ban the higher-powered fireworks would be preferred over a statewide ban. Critics of this approach, however, argue that any option that leaves these fireworks readily available to the public will not solve the problem.

'Keep the peace'

"I am all for empowering local communities with more tools to help protect their citizens and keep the peace, but a half-measure like this won't make the difference needed to regulate these fireworks," Anderson said. "If we give a city the power to ban the fireworks and they take that step, then citizens are just going to drive to a neighboring community where the fireworks aren't illegal, stock their arsenal and bring them

home. The key to addressing this problem is limiting accessibility by a statewide ban.

"Giving locals the ability to ban the fireworks won't do anything to provide police and fire the resources they need to deal with the problem and ends up creating a confusing patchwork across the state," he added. "I love to celebrate Independence Day as much as anyone and the freedom to do so responsibly is important, but no one should be given a license to terrorize their neighborhood and deny people the peaceful enjoyment of their own homes."

The bill is expected to be referred to committee Wednesday, when the state Senate meets again for session.

Anderson represents the state Senate 6th District, which includes the communities of Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford Township. He also serves as the Democratic vice chair of the Appropriations Committee.

Barefoot shows a little 'Southern Hospitality'

Barefoot Productions is cooking up a mess of "Southern-fried laughs" as it prepares for *Southern Hospitality*, a play officials are calling a "zany comedy" written by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten.

This trio wrote last summer's sold out hit *The Hallelujah Girls*. *Southern Hospitality* will again be directed by Mike Cuba.

Southern Hospitality is a comedy about the small Texas town of Fayro, a town on its last legs. The two major businesses have closed and folks are leaving while the

leaving is good. The four Futrelle sisters are not going to give up without a fight, though, and hatch a scheme to entice a salsa factory to relocate in Fayro.

To do this, they invent "Fayro Days," complete with a petting zoo, a beauty contest and a huge Civil War re-enactment. Complicating matters is the plight of the young interim pastor who is likely to lose his home, car and pulpit unless there is a miracle. A reluctant groom and a rich, devious old aunt add to the confusion.

The cast includes



Lanna Collins (from left), Gary Turnquist, Barbara Bloom, Julie Evans Herbert and Griffin Burke star in Barefoot Productions' presentation of "Southern Hospitality."

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Evans Herbert (Garden City) and Steve Cook (Canton).

The show runs at 8 p.m. Aug. 15-16 and 22-23 and at 2 p.m. Aug. 17 and 24. Barefoot Productions Theatre is at 240 N. Main in Plymouth. Seats are \$15 and can be reserved by calling the box office at 734-560-1493 or online at www.justgobarefoot.com.

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Appeals court rules in favor of former McCotter staffers

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled a decision by a Wayne County circuit judge to throw out felony charges against two former staffers for then-U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter was correct.

The court ruled Wednesday the decision to dismiss two charges of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner filed against Livonia resident Paul Seewald and Farmington Hills resident Don Yowchuang was the correct decision by circuit Judge Margie Braxton.

The case, which stemmed from the petition fraud scandal two years ago that left McCotter off the ballot and led him to resign his position in Congress, had been appealed by the state attorney general to the court of appeals in 2013.

The three-judge panel ruled 2-1 that the charge was improperly levied on the pair, saying the act they were accused of — signing nominating petition forms when they themselves did not circulate the forms — was illegal in nature and did not fit the charge of conspiring to do a legal act in an illegal manner.

“The prosecution attempts to circumvent this rather obvious fact through citation of defendants’ admission that their ultimate goal was to place McCotter’s name on the primary ballot, which the prosecution says, in and of itself, is a ‘legal act.’ This expands the scope of the conspira-

cy beyond all reason,” the majority ruling reads. “It also ignores the fact that had McCotter actually been placed on the ballot, it would not have been a ‘legal act’ at all, because it would have been made possible by defendant’s defrauding of the Secretary of State.”

Secretary of State officials determined the petitions had some photocopies of signatures on them and disqualified enough signatures that left McCotter off the ballot in 2012 to represent the U.S. House 11th District, which includes portions of western Wayne and western Oakland counties. McCotter resigned, prompting state officials to call a special election to fill his seat for less than two months, an election won by Democrat David Curson of Belleville.

Current U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford, went on to win the full two-year term in the general election. He was defeated Tuesday in the Republican primary by Birmingham Republican Dave Trott.

Seewald and Yowchuang pleaded no contest to several counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator in 2012. They were sentenced to community service and placed on probation.

The two were originally bound over on the felony charges out of Livonia’s 16th District Court after a preliminary examination that saw McCotter, who had resigned from Congress, testify.

FRIENDS UNITE TO HELP CHILDREN AFTER MOTHER DIES

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Julie Roberts’ life changed forever July 8, when her daughter Heather Lilley died after suffering a placental abruption.

Forty weeks pregnant, the 26-year-old Lilley was rushed to Botsford Hospital, where doctors rushed to save her son. However, a lack of oxygen has left Anthony with brain damage. He is currently at Children’s Hospital, where he is showing signs of improving. He hasn’t been able to feed, but Thursday, Roberts was told that Anthony had finally suckled.

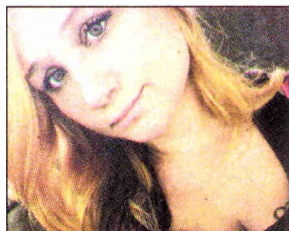
In addition to Anthony, Lilley also leaves behind a son, Gabe, 5, and a daughter, Hannah, 1. Now Roberts, a Westland resident, is working on providing for and getting guardianship of her grandchildren.

“I run a Helping Hands group to help people in need; little did I know I would need the help,” said Roberts, who wants to see her grandchildren “thrive and go on.”

Roberts is hoping to gain donations that will go to cover legal costs and support the children. She has a fundraising page, www.giveforward.com, and several fundraisers are planned.

Benefit dinner

The first is a lasagna dinner Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Palmer Road Baptist Church, 33740 Palmer, east of Wayne Road, Westland. The dinner will be served 4:30-7:30 p.m. and costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. A pizza dinner also will be available, plus there will be 50/50 raffles and a silent auction. Donations are being



Friends are stepping in to help Julie Roberts in her mission to help the three children of her late daughter, Heather Lilley.

sought for the raffle and silent auction.

The second is Heather’s Legacy craft and vendor show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Designer Duds and Infant Treasures Children’s Boutique, 815 N. Wayne Road, also in Westland. It will be hosted by Kelly Taylor, who meet Roberts through Facebook when she was trying to help elderly neighbors find homes for some kittens.

The show and swap meet “blossomed” after Roberts stopped by her store to drop off a donation canister.

“I want to be a listening ear for her,” said Taylor, who took a kitten and joined the Helping Hands Facebook group.

Show space costs \$25 and vendors will need to bring their own table and/or tent and provide an item that will be raffled off. So far, Younique, Chair Massages, Scentsy, Arbonne, South Hill Designs, WildTree and ItWorks have booked spaces. To secure a space, vendors can send their payment via Paypal (as a gift) to taylorlorkkt@gmail.com.

Taylor also plans to have food and beverages to purchase and is looking for someone to do face painting and perhaps some arts and crafts with kids.

Information is available by contacting Taylor

or Jennifer Basco at 734-331-2519.

Caring for the kids

Roberts has Crohn’s disease and is on disability. With a limited income, she has turned to family members to help with Hannah and Gabe. Her son Dan and his fiancée plan to raise Gabe and have taken him to their home in Nashville, Tenn., where he started school this past week.

Gabe had been present when his mother died and after the funeral, Roberts sat down to talk to him about what had happened, telling him his mother was in heaven and that she was angel watching over him.

“He asked if he would be an orphan; I thought, you’ve been watching too much TV,” Roberts said. “I asked who he wanted to be with and he said Nana. We talked about my being sick and I asked who his second choice would be and he said Uncle Dan. He said he wanted to go back and live with them.”

“He’s thriving there; he’s so excited and happy,” added Roberts, who stays connected with him through Skype.

Help with Hannah, who turned 1 just six days after her mother died, came from Roberts’ brother Greg. He and his wife offered to raise Hannah. They live in Hillsdale and are in the area weekly, so Roberts will be able to see her often.

“Going with my brother couldn’t have been a better decision,” she said. “Hannah doesn’t need to be yanked from the people she knows.”

The final piece of the puzzle is Anthony. Lilley had planned to have him adopted by a couple who couldn’t have children.

But the adoption couldn’t be completed until he was born. Roberts has decided to honor her daughter’s wishes and is going for guardianship to be able to sign the adoption papers.

Initially, the couple had thought of not going through with it, but after they talked with Roberts, they changed their mind. The adoption will be open, so Roberts will be able to see and be a part of her grandson’s life.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands members have also come to her assistance. The Facebook community is made up of “moms who have come together to help kids and car for their neighbors in Wayne and Westland and neighboring communities,” according to Taylor.

“We try to work together to help others who are less fortunate,” Taylor said. “We found out what happened when she canceled our meeting because her daughter had died.”

“What my group has done for me brings tears to my eyes,” Roberts said. “It makes me so happy that what I started this group for is happening and it’s happening to me. I have told them that ‘I will be there for you, if you need anything.’”

Roberts and Taylor are in the process of opening a bank account to accept donations for the children. Until then, monetary gifts can be sent in the name of Eric Roberts to Designer Duds and Infant Treasures Children’s Boutique, 815 N. Wayne Road, Westland MI 48186, with a notation of Heather’s Legacy in the memo section.

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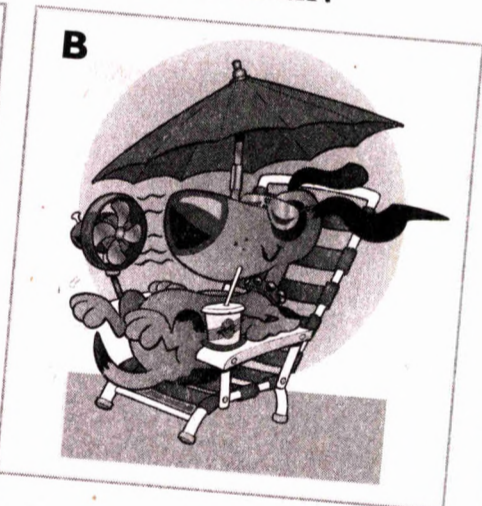
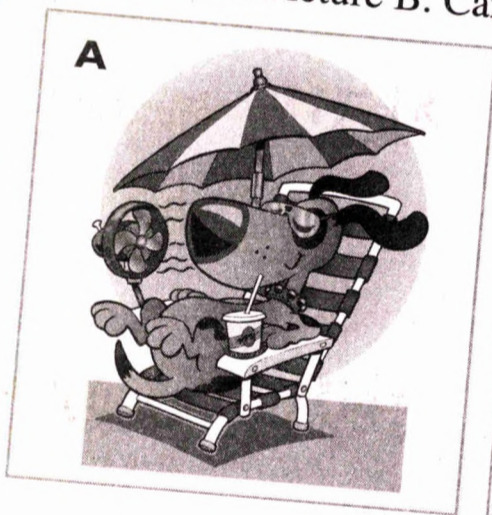
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Directed by Mel Sheatzley, *Seussical* is a lively musical caper featuring more than 30 local actors that's sure to entertain audiences of all ages. The play by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty debuted on Broadway in 2000 with Dr. Seuss's best-loved characters from his popular books, including *The Cat in the Hat*, *Horton Hears a Who* and *Green Eggs and Ham*. The musical tells stories about the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community featuring Dr. Seuss's famous characters.

"This production takes all the fantastical characters from the classic Dr. Seuss books and brings them to life," said Armand Banooni, who plays the role of Mr. Mayor. "The songs are catchy and I find myself, as I'm sure you will too, singing them long after the show is over."

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The cast includes (back row, from left) Sanyu Lukwago, Blake Velick, Tiffany Love, Ally Nathan, Gerryana Luscri, Jennifer Hollander, Armand Banooni, Amanda Rasak, Angela Luscri, Bailey Allshouse, Olivia Chandler, Justin Cayao and Brooke Campbell and (front row, from left) Amelia Carlson, Daryl Tregger and Marleigh Tregger.



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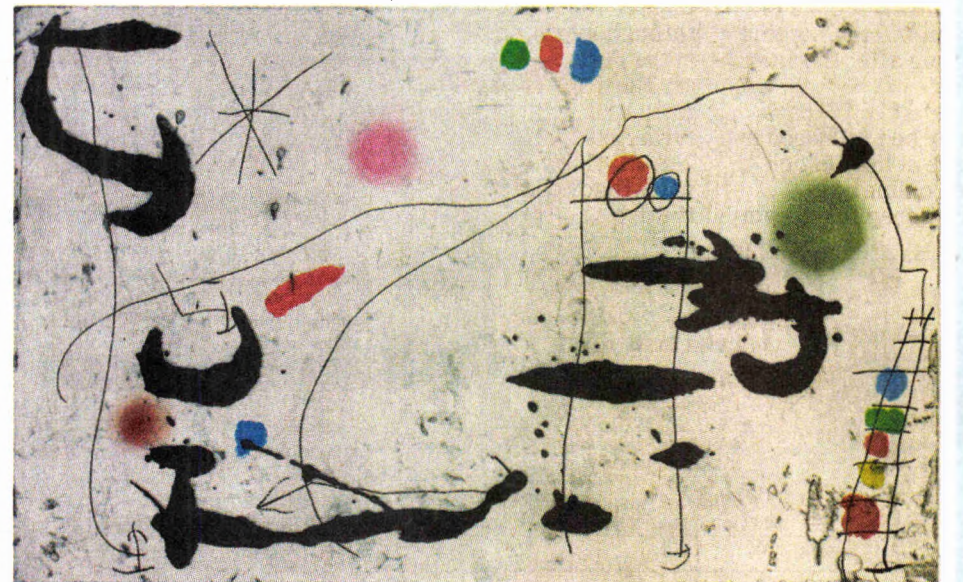
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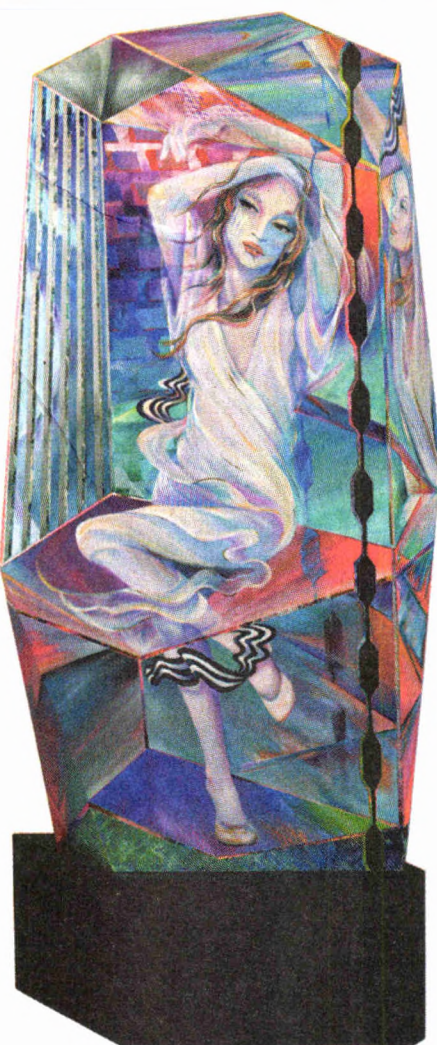
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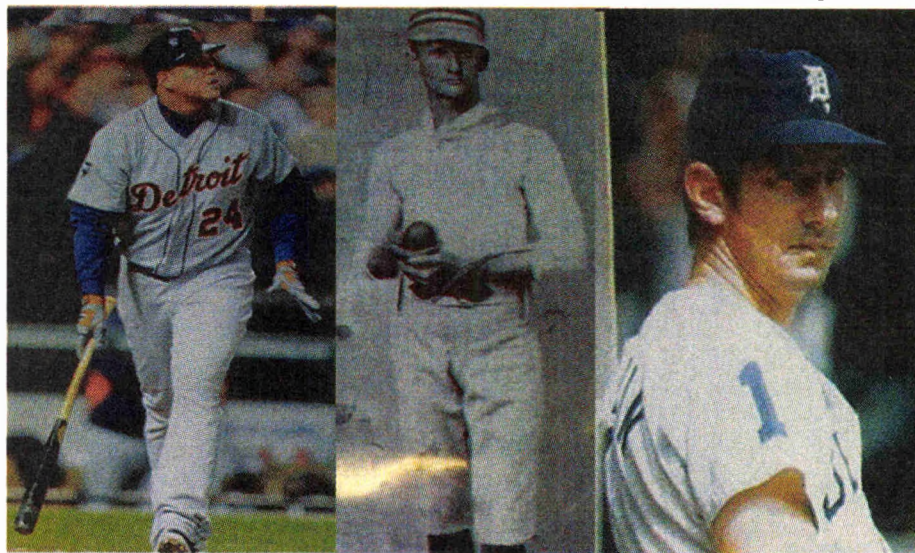
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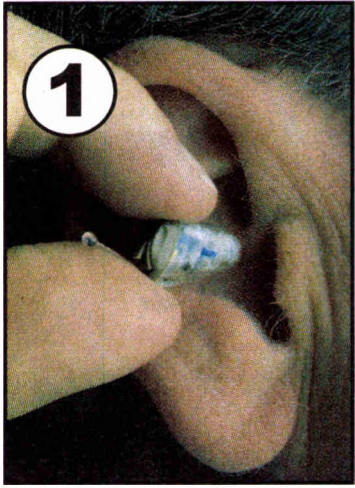
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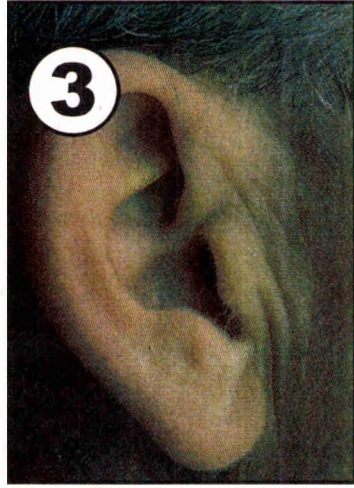
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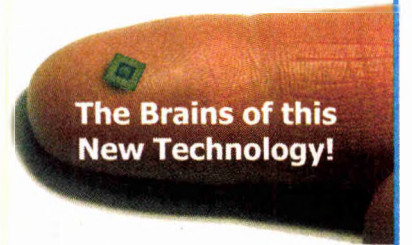


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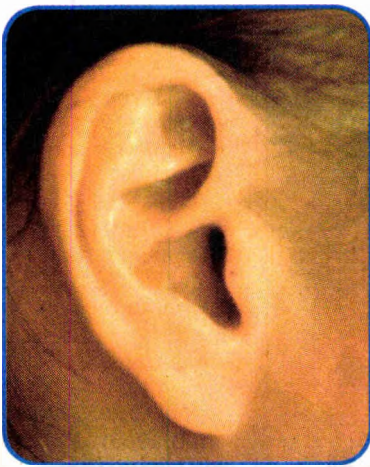
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Brubaker selected for ASA honor

North Farmington's longtime softball coach was a standout player in modified fast-pitch

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Dave Brubaker is best known as the longtime coach of the North Farmington High School varsity softball team, but his involvement with the game goes far beyond that.

People who have followed the sport at all levels will recall Brubaker also was an outstanding player in the men's modified fast-pitch ranks.

Brubaker, 59, played for a variety of teams in metro Detroit during a 29-year career that began in 1973 when he

graduated from high school.

Having received numerous All-America and tournament MVP honors during that time, Brubaker is set to add another accolade to his resume.

He will be inducted Tuesday, Oct. 7, into the Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame at the San Marino Club in Troy.

Brubaker will be only the second modified fast-pitch player in the hall. The first was teammate Al White, the former Madonna University and current Canton High School coach.

"To be selected is kind of overwhelming," Brubaker said. "It's a dream come true, no doubt. People who saw me play knew, when I came to the ballpark, I was all business."

"I played the game like I was a kid until I was 47. That was the secret right there. Play like a kid and you don't get old."

Time to retire

Brubaker knew it was time to retire in 2001, however. In his last at-bat, he hit an inside-the-park home run to win a league championship.

"I said: 'That's it, boys; I'm done,'" he said.

Brubaker was a catcher for

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Dave Brubaker has a talk with his North Farmington players between innings. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GREAT LAKES SAILING



Fourteen-year-old Arianna Lee is a veteran member of the Genesis crew, having participated in five Port Huron-to-Mackinac races.

Veteran sailor maintains edge over competition

Paul Lee of Farmington Hills skippers sailboat to victory in race to Mackinac

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Paul Lee and his crew are on a roll in the Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race, having established themselves as perennial contenders in the annual event on Lake Huron.

The Farmington Hills sailor and owner of Genesis has led his team and sailboat to victory in three of the last four years.

Lee's boat won the Shore Course PHRF F Class this year and also finished second in Division II Shore Course Racing, earning two flags. PHRF is a sailing acronym for Performance Handicap

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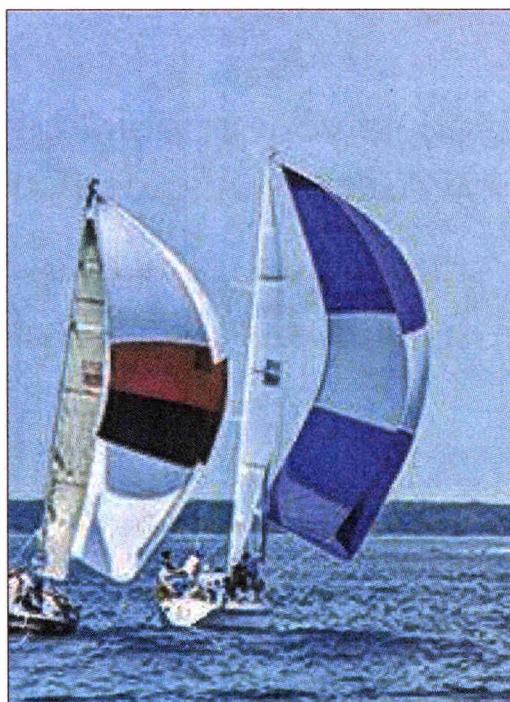
"We have really good sailors on the boat," Lee said. "That's the primary reason (for the sustained success). If we're not first, we're going to get second or third, because we have a lot of good sailors."

Half of the dozen crew members who sailed in this year's race are 18 or younger. Three of them are Lee's children - Elliot, 18; Rhys, 16; and Adrianna, 14.

"We've got a lot of kids, but they're not kids anymore," Lee said. "Each one of my kids did their first Mack at age 10."

"Elliot is involved in junior

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Genesis (right) and another boat harness the wind during the race on Lake Huron.

"We have really good sailors on the boat."

PAUL LEE
captain of
Genesis

AAU TRACK AND FIELD

Rockets' Flournoy stars at Jr. Olympics

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Firmly established as one of Observerland's top track athletes, Jaron Flournoy had the opportunity to put his talents on display at the national level recently.

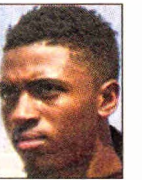
The senior-to-be at Westland John Glenn High School made the finals in the 100- and 200-meter dashes at the AAU Junior Olympics in late July.

Competing for the Maximum Output Track Club, Flournoy also helped his 400 relay team finish fourth in the nation in the 17-18 age group.

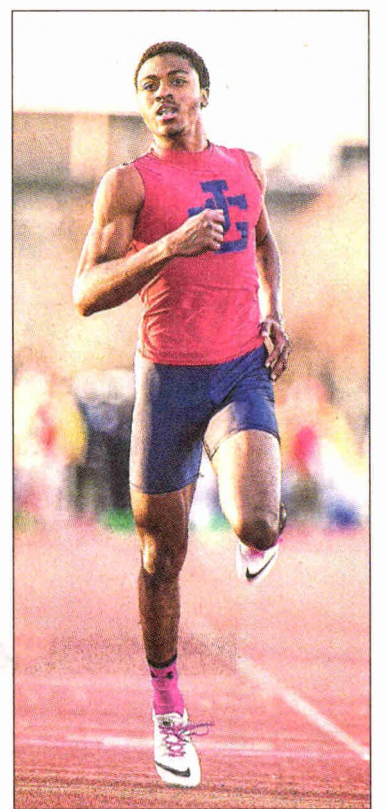
Flournoy set a personal record in the 100 prelims, running 10.53 seconds at Drake University Stadium in Des Moines, Iowa.

After qualifying for the final in 10.71, he had a setback at the start of that race, however. He slipped coming out of

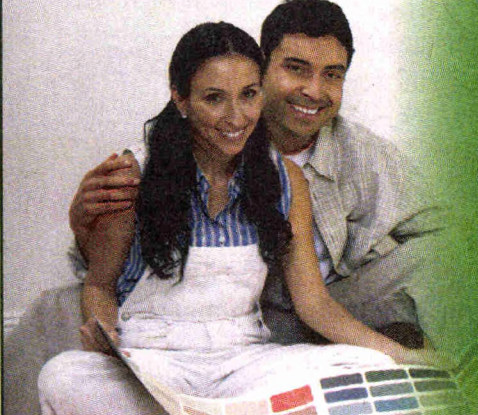
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Flournoy




Jaron Flournoy won the 100-meter dash at the Observerland Relays in May.



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PUBLINX SENIOR GOLF

Mike Phillips of Bloomfield Hills shot a 1-under-par 71 for the low round of the day and won first place in his flight in the Michigan Publinx Senior Golf Association's 11th tournament July 24 at Cherry Creek Golf Club in Shelby Township.

The tourney produced 23 winners from a handicapped field of 103 players in the men's 50-and-older event.

The first-place prize winners are as follows: Flight A – Mike Phillips, Bloomfield Hills; Flight B – Nelson Greaves, Waterford; Flight C – Everett Winters, Royal Oak; Flight D (tie) Morris DeFever, Shelby Township; Mark Miller, Livonia.

In the previous tour-

namment, Mark Iovan of West Bloomfield shot par 72 and won first place in his flight July 19 at Dunham Hills Golf Club in Hartland.

The tournament produced 28 winners from a handicapped field of 103 players.

The first-place prize winners by flight were: Flight A – Mark Iovan, West Bloomfield (72 gross/63 net); Flight B – (tie) Thom Bales, Ann Arbor (81/66); Tom Hollander, Ann Arbor (81/66); Flight C – David Salters, Melvindale (84/67); Flight D – (tie) Dan Pavlat, Livonia (88/66); Walter Tarnowski, St. Clair (98/66).

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OHL HOCKEY

Whalers name new head scout

Dave McParlan has been appointed to the position of head scout for the Plymouth Whalers, general manager Mark Craig announced Thursday.

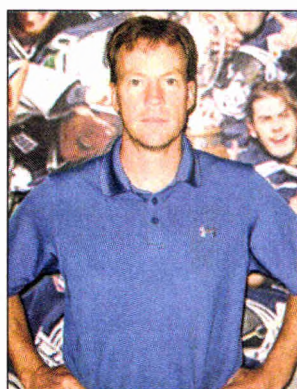
McParlan, who is based in Kingston, Ontario, has been part of the Whalers' scouting staff for nine seasons. He is starting his 20th year in scouting this season.

"We're fortunate to have a scouting staff that has been with the Whalers for a few years now," Craig said. "They know the players in their territories, are passionate about speaking up for them and know what we are looking for."

"Our scouts are an integral part of our success. Going forward, I'm sure Dave will work well with (Whalers assistant general manager) Joe Stefan."

McParlan has an excellent eye for talent, according to Stefan.

"He's very organized and is never shy about putting the time or the miles in to evaluate players," Stefan said. "I'm



Dave McParlan will be in charge of the Whalers' search for new talent.

looking forward to working with Dave in his expanded role."

Other than McParlan's appointment, the Whalers' scouting staff remains intact. It includes Don Harkins, Rick Boyle, Joe McCann, Gary Kay, Norm Robert, Rick Stahl and Tom Watson.

"I'm very excited," McParlan said of the promotion. "It's a privilege to be a head scout in the OHL, let alone for such a respected organization like the Plymouth Whalers."

"I'm very grateful to

Mr. (Peter) Karmanos, Mike Vellucci, Mark Craig, Joe Stefan and Don Elland for giving me this opportunity.

"I am honored to follow many great people before me, in particular three men I have learned so much from – Brian Sommariva, Jim Debenham and Don Harkins."

McParlan added he looks forward to working with the rest of the scouts.

"We have been together for a while," he said. "I am very fortunate to be able to work with these guys. They are all great scouts with a lot of experience, some of them as head scouts themselves."

"Most importantly, they are very respectful of each other and a lot of fun to be around. I think that's what sets us apart from some teams."

Indeed, sit in a Whalers' scouting meeting and – with all the experience in the room – it's a college education in talent evaluation.

Plymouth has a history of finding productive talent in later rounds of

the Ontario Hockey League draft.

Those finds include current players Liam Dunda (sixth round, 2013), Alex DiCarlo (seventh round, 2013), Tyler Sensky (12th round, 2013), Alex Nedeljkovic (sixth round, 2012), Mathieu Henderson (seventh round, 2012), Danny Vandierwiel (eighth round, 2011), Connor Sills (ninth round, 2011) and Mitch Jones (11th round, 2011).

Because of this success, McParlan was asked if there is a secret to projecting players in their near future. How does he look at intangibles traits that make a player more valuable?

"There is no real science to scouting," McParlan said. "I think most scouts know what they like when they see it. Certainly, the 'unteachable' traits are important, such as hockey sense and level of compete."

McParlan starts his new position immediately as the Whalers prepare for their 25th season in the OHL.

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Crusaders earn AVCA volleyball award

The Madonna University volleyball team was honored by the American Volleyball Coaches Association last week for its academic excellence.

The Crusaders, coached by Jerry Abraham, were one of 33 NAIA volleyball teams and the only Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference squad to earn the AVCA Academic Award for the 2013-14 school year.

The award, which was initiated in the 1992-93 academic year, honors collegiate and high school volleyball teams that display excellence in the classroom by maintaining

a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average or better.



Abraham

this stereotype is simply false when it comes to volleyball," AVCA Executive Director Kathy DeBoer said. "Couple the smarts represented by these teams with the competitive experience and team-focused training gained on the court and

we have a potent formula for future leadership. What a significant contribution that is by their coaches and schools."

The Team Academic Award has become one of the AVCA's fastest growing awards programs, seeing an impressive surge in teams honored over the past several years.

Since the 2000-01 season, the number of recipients has increased every year but one, while amassing an overall increase of 500 percent over the last decade.

Since the award's inception, the number of

award winners has increased from 62 to its current number of 676.

Madonna won the 2013 WHAC regular season and tournament championships, advancing to the NAIA's final eight teams at the national championship.

A total of four Crusaders earned all-WHAC academic honors, while three also took home Daktronics/NAIA Scholar-Athlete accolades in 2013.

Preseason camp started for the Crusaders, who will have their annual alumni match Friday, Aug. 15, at the Activities Center.

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Members of the Genesis crew celebrate a successful race during the awards ceremony on Mackinac Island.

SAILOR

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sailing and he's a really good sailor. Anybody would be glad to have him.

"Adrianna is only 14 years old, but she's done five Mackinacs. Although they're kids, they're seasoned sailors now."

The other kids are 15-year-old twins Nick and Sam Brusilow of Grosse Pointe and David Cockell of St. Joseph.

The big picture

The crew includes Lee's brother Thom from New Jersey, Farmington Hills residents Ben Clayton and Phil Bagley and Bill Brusilow and Keith Seddon from England.

"A lot of these people are small-boat sailors," Lee said. "They have a better overall perspective on what needs to be done."

"Anybody who was brought into racing on big boats, they're like cogs in a machine. They have a job and they know their job."

"If you're in a small boat, it's two people doing all the work. All the sails need to be trimmed and the boat needs to be driven and it's only two people doing everything."

"Small-boat people need to see the big picture. There are a lot more jobs to do on a big boat, but you don't have the overall perspective of what the boat should be doing."

Lee, who sailed in his 19th Mackinac race, knows boats well, since they're also his livelihood. As the owner of Waterfront Boatworks, he specializes in engine repair, but he can do whatever needs to be fixed on a boat.

Bigger crew

Genesis usually has a crew of 10, but Lee went with 12 this year. Two teams of six worked six-hour shifts during the day and switched to a four-hour schedule at night.

"By the end of the Mack race, you should be totally rested," Lee said. "You don't want people getting exhausted. You want people to be able to tough it out if things get worse."

"I was awakened once when I was off watch. The wind was blowing at 30 knots and they wanted an extra body on deck. I was happy to get out of my bunk. I did the jib (small sail) and went back to bed."

The second-place finish in the division was actually a bigger deal and more gratifying for Lee than winning the 19-boat class.

"If you're second overall, you beat 167 other boats," he said. "That's huge. And they give you a second flag for it. We got two flags for the same race."

Convincing win

Genesis won by a wider margin than it did two years ago, when it won on corrected time over the Lib-



Genesis (left) and its crew get under way at the start of the race.

erty, a boat owned by Robert Bent of North Street.

Lee's boat crossed the finish line at 12:45 a.m. Monday, July 14, well ahead of third-place Absolute at 3:49 a.m.

Second-place Sorceress was later still, but placed ahead of Absolute after handicaps were taken into account.

Genesis had an elapsed time of 36 hours, 25 minutes and 44 seconds, finishing two hours, eight minutes ahead of Sorceress on corrected time.

"I don't know if I'd say it was easier to sail," Lee said. "It was as challenging and probably more so than two years ago. I don't know why we got so far out in front. We sailed the boat well and kept moving."

"There were a lot of big boats that should have been going faster than us and they weren't. The only explanation is luck. We must have had better conditions than they did."

"There were some 50-plus boats that, for whatever reason, didn't catch us. By all measure, they should have."

"Sometimes, there's a big difference if you're a mile away from somebody. You can have great wind and they don't have any."

Improved time

Genesis, a 40-foot Islander, had a faster race and lowered its elapsed time by about eight hours this year.

"I've sailed Macks where we sat for eight hours and didn't move a bit," Lee said. "In this Mack, we were moving the whole time. We got really slow for maybe a half hour."

"Other boats that were farther behind us sat for two hours and we never saw that. Part of the reason boats behind us never caught up was because they had worse conditions in lighter air."

It would appear Genesis, for the most part, was in the right place at the right time throughout the race.

"Nothing really defined the race for us," Lee said. "We had a really good start. We got out in front and stayed there. That was important."

"It's important to get a good start and stay out in front, because it energizes the crew. If the competition is in front of you and pulling away, it's

sort of demoralizing (for other boats)."

Rough first night

On the first night, Genesis sailed through a bad storm with wind gusts of 35 mph and rough seas.

"We were on the border line between in control and out of control for a while," Lee said. "It was just a bit much, but everybody else had to deal with the storm, too."

"Nothing broke. There was nothing major as far as taking stupid risks like we did two years ago (sailing through a shallow channel to save time). We pretty much sailed as fast as we could to the finish line."

Lee said he and his crew had hoped for a clear sky the first night, because it's easier to steer the boat under a full moon, when the helmsman can see other lights and points of reference.

"Basically, it's pitch black and you can't see anything," Lee said. "That's one disadvantage to being in front of everybody. You can't steer on anything. There's no light in front of you."

"It helps to see where you're going relative to a light or star in front of you, so you can steer on something as opposed to looking at a compass."

No repeat of error

At the end of the race, there was no repeat of a technical violation that might have cost Genesis its victory two years ago.

Near the finish line, Genesis passed the Round Island Lighthouse to the port side instead of the starboard as required under a 2012 rules change.

Race officials assessed a 10-minute penalty to Genesis, which still won on corrected time.

In a show of sportsmanship, Lee and Bent agreed to cut their flags in half and stitch the opposing pieces together. Thus, each had half a first- and second-place flag.

"Since then, everyone is well aware you have to keep the lighthouse starboard," Lee said. "Nobody is going to make that mistake again."

"Well, I shouldn't say nobody. One boat went around it incorrectly. We learned our lesson, however."

FLOURNOY

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the blocks and finished in eighth place at 11.10.

The all-Observer sprinter had another PR in the semifinals of the 200 meters, when he ran 21.68. He finished sixth in the final with a time of 21.89.

Flournoy and teammates Devin McLeod, Blake Washington and Cherrard Cohen went 41.61 in the final of the 400 relay, while Flournoy also ran a split time of 47.7 in the 1,600 relay.

It was the first time at the AAU nationals for Flournoy, who chalked it up as a good experience and is looking forward to going back in 2015.

"I feel like I got better and faster from all the workouts I put in," he said. "I think I can actually compete for the top places. I'll try to get that goal."

Flournoy was encouraged to run track by his mother, Charnell Lynn-Flournoy, who was a standout sprinter and state champion in the 100, 200 and 400 at Willow Run High School.

John Glenn coach Jason Dixon said Flournoy has his sights set on winning a state championship in high school track next year, too.

"I'm just going to work hard, be coachable and take any advice I can get on how to improve," Flournoy said. "My main goal is to come out on top in my senior year. If you want to



Jaron Flournoy (right) races against Jayveon Taylor of Las Vegas in the 100-meter dash.

be the best, you've got to train like the best."

Flournoy was third in the 200 at the Division 1 state meet this year, 10th in the 100 and 12th in the 400. His best times from the spring season were 10.78, 21.84 and 48.59.

When the school year ended, Flournoy continued to train with his club team coached by Stan Edwards, the former Michigan football player and all-state runner at Detroit Kettering.

"He did a lot of work with coach Stan," Lynn-Flournoy said, "because he thinks he can be one of the best next year in the Junior Olympics once he gets his start times down."

"He's still really young in the sport. He's running off nothing but pure talent and genes. Once he learns the technical side of the sport, he's going to get a lot faster."

Despite all of his success and ability in track, Flournoy is really a football guy at heart, according to

his mother.

"That's his first love," she said. "I knew he was a track runner. I ran track from a young age with the Inkster Track Club. I knew he was fast. I got him going with the high school for track and field."

The 6-foot, 155-pound Flournoy is a wide receiver for the Rockets. His hope and immediate objective is to make some big plays on the gridiron and help John Glenn to a successful season.

"I just love football," he said. "I love the toughness about it. It's a boys sport, a rough sport. I like to be physical and stuff."

Michigan State University has shown interest in Flournoy for track, but he's leaving the door open for now in regard to college offers.

"I could see myself getting a few offers for football, but I think I'll get more of a variety of different colleges in track," he said. "I would love to play college football, though."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Border Classic game

The second annual 2015 Border Classic All-Star Football Game will be played June 13, 2015, at Wayne State University's Tom Adams Field.

The inaugural game, matching 40 of the top graduating high school seniors from Michigan and Ohio, was played last June at the University of Findlay in Ohio. Michigan won the game, 27-14.

The game is a cooperative event between the football coaches associations in each state. A time has not been set for the 2015 kickoff.

Team Michigan coaches will be named later this summer and the Michigan roster will be announced after the NCAA signing date in February.

For more information, visit www.mhsfca.com.

First hole-in-one

Ken Shively has been playing golf since he was 12 years old. After 65 years, the Troy resident achieved his first hole-in-one Aug. 4 at Farmington Hills Golf Club.

Shively used an 8-iron to ace the 128-yard No. 13 hole. The feat was witnessed by Brad Shively, Norm Vesprini and Robert Vesprini.

Field hockey sign-up

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.

The team competes at the varsity level in Division 2 of the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association.

For more information, contact farming-tonunitedfieldhockey@gmail.com.

'Meet the Team' night

Livonia Churchill High School's annual "Meet the Team" night will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, in the James P. Carli Auditorium.

All athletes who plan on participating in at least one sport during the 2014-15 school year and at least one of their parents are asked to attend.

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

Plymouth YMCA offerings

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

The programs include leagues, clinics and instructional classes.

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

YMCA co-ed soccer leagues are forming for children ages 3-11. The season will run from Sept. 8 through Oct. 25. There will be one practice per week and one game per week each Saturday morning.

Basketball leagues are available for boys and girls ages 3-12. A fall session runs from Oct. 20 to Dec. 12.

Participants will have one practice night during the week and one game each Friday evening. Registration opens Tuesday, Sept. 2.

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

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

GCYAA football sign-up

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

For more information, visit www.gcyaa-football.com. The GCYAA is a certified USA Football Heads Up tackling program.

CYO soccer sign-up

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

The program is open to those who attend St. Edith, St. Colette, St. Aidan and St. Kenneth parishes. There is also a program for boys and girls in kindergarten through third grade.

For more information, contact Ron Wollenweber at stedithsoccer@gmail.com or visit www.stedithcyo.com.

Golf to help veterans

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

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

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

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

Golfers can register at worldslargestgolfouting.com or fellowscreekgolf.com. For more information, call Fellows Creek at 734-728-1300.

Churchill gymnastics camp

The Churchill gymnastics camp for ages 11 and up will be 6-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Aug. 11-14, at the high school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The fee is \$71.

For more information, email coach-director Kelly Grodzicki at kgradzic@gmail.com or assistant coach Sara Wilchowski at sarawilchowski@gmail.com.

For more information, call Grodzicki at 248-880-0198.

SPORTS TRYOUTS

Unified girls golf

Tryouts for the North Farmington-Harrison girls golf team will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Farmington Hills Golf Range. For more information, contact coach Bruce Sutton at indy-500@earthlink.net.

Riversharks baseball

The Motor City Riversharks 2015 14U travel baseball team will hold tryouts 2-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 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.

Redford Union soccer

Redford Union boys soccer tryouts will be 5-7 p.m. Aug. 13-15 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.

Churchill fall sports

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

- Boys cross country: Aug. 13 from 9-11 a.m. at Cass Benton Park (off Hines Drive between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads). For more information, contact coach John McGreevy at jmcgreevy@yahoo.com.
- Girls cross country: Aug. 13 from 9-11 a.m. at Cass Benton Park. For more information, contact coach Sue Tatro at statigia2@livoniapublicschools.org or 734-744-2650.
- Football: Aug. 8, at Churchill football field. Workouts and conditioning will be held 6-8 p.m. For more information, contact coach Bill DeFillippo at wdefillip@livoniapublicschools.org or 734-812-3033.
- Girls golf: Aug. 15 at 3 p.m., Aug. 16 at 3 p.m. and Aug. 17 at 10 a.m. at Whispering Willows Golf Course. Bring golf equipment and be prepared to pay an \$8.50 green fee for each day of tryouts. For more information, contact coach Paul Worley at paulworley@pga.com or call 734-748-6250.
- Boys soccer: Aug. 13 at Churchill track at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact coach Matt Grod, mgrodzic@livoniapublicschools.org or call 734-744-2650.
- Girls swimming and diving: Aug. 13 at Churchill High pool 7-10 a.m. For more information, contact Coach Aaron Rieder, arieder@livoniapublicschools.org or call 734-744-2650.
- Boys tennis: Aug. 13 at Churchill tennis courts from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring water and be prepared for conditioning. For more information, contact coach John Webster at jwebster2@livoniapublicschools.org or call 734-788-8211.
- Volleyball: Aug. 13 at Churchill competitive gym 3-6 p.m. For more information, contact coach Anna Gatt at amkgatt17@yahoo.com or 734-306-3793.

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

Thunder 15U baseball

The 15U Livonia City Thunder baseball team will have tryouts 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Bicentennial Park (field No. 3). The team will play in seven to eight tournaments in 2015 after the high school baseball season is over. Players are asked to arrive 15-30 minutes early for registration. For more information, email jakackifamily5@aol.com.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

D.J. LeMahieu climbing peaks with Rockies

By Marty Budner
Staff Writer

D.J. LeMahieu's progression through the baseball ranks has been a steady climb.

After an all-state high school career at Birmingham Brother Rice, LeMahieu went on to lead Louisiana State University to an NCAA championship and is now in the midst of his fourth season of Major League Baseball.

LeMahieu was in town last weekend as a member of the Colorado Rockies. It marks his third full season with the Rockies after working his way through the Chicago Cubs organization and finally making his professional debut in 2011 before being traded to the Rockies.

The 26-year-old infielder's passion to succeed continues to grow at each level.

"When I was at Brother Rice, I just wanted to play college baseball," LeMahieu said. "And when I got to college, all I wanted to do was play pro baseball. Now that I'm in pro baseball, I just want to stay in the major leagues as long as I can."

"It's funny how that works," he added. "Obviously I'm there, but definitely not satisfied with where I am."

Breakout season

In many ways, this has been a record-breaking season for LeMahieu.

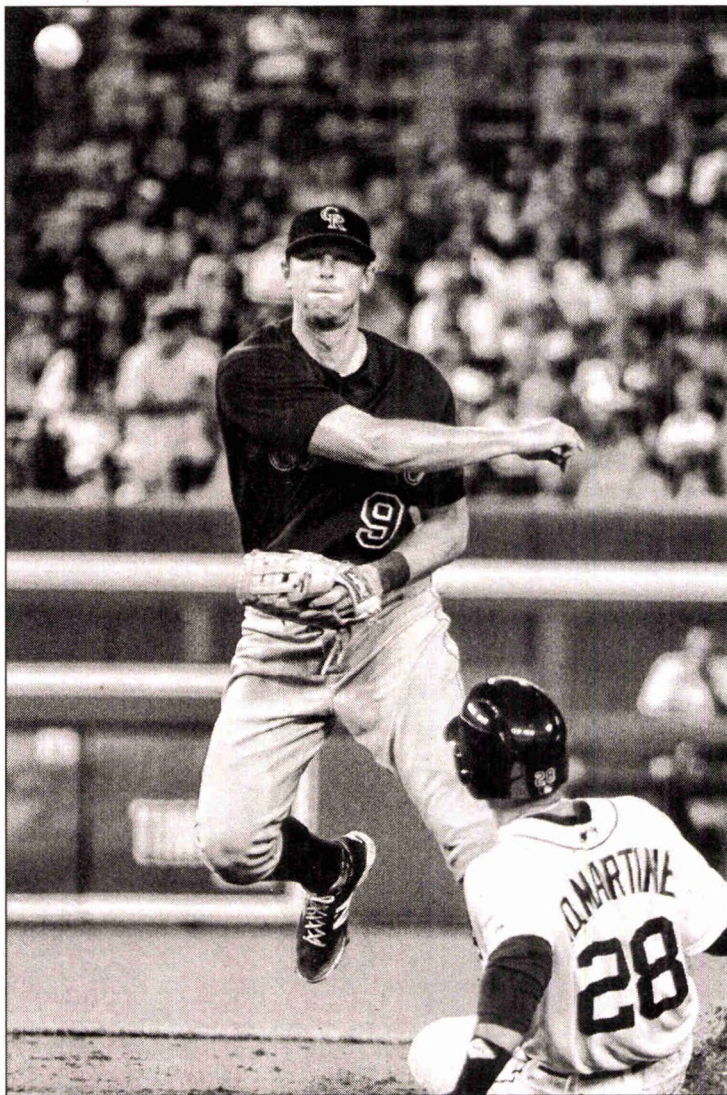
He has earned a starring spot at second base for the Rockies and will likely appear in the most games in any season of his young career. He already has surpassed his single-season totals for runs scored and figures to amass career highs in a number of other categories as well.

However, LeMahieu knows full well pro baseball is a game where consistency is needed.

For instance, LeMahieu ended June and began July with a 10-game hitting streak, including an impressive stretch where he was 11-for-23 with two triples and four runs scored. He hiked his average to .291 and was leading all National League players in inter-league batting average at a whopping .450 clip. He had hit safely in six straight inter-league games with 10 hits in 19 trips before the Detroit series.

Against the Tigers, though, LeMahieu struggled offensively in the two games he played. The only time he reached base was on a ninth-inning walk against Detroit reliever Joe Nathan, when he gamely fought back from a 0-2 count. He finished 0-for-7 in the series, which extended a five-game hitless streak.

"I'm excited to play and I've been playing quite a bit this year and hopefully the numbers will follow," LeMahieu said Aug. 1 following a



Defense has always been a staple of D.J. LeMahieu's game. In a recent game against the Tigers, the versatile infielder made a perfect throw to complete a double play.

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D.J. LEMAHIEU
Colorado's versatile infielder who starred at Brother Rice

4-2 loss to Detroit. "Our manager is giving me a lot of opportunities and I'm very thankful to be here."

"I was in a groove and seeing the ball well and was in one of those good streaks. And I've caught the opposite of that the last three or four games. So you learn very, very quickly that if you're not on your 'A' game, it can slide very quickly."

"Hopefully, I can get back in the groove and continue to swing it and continue to compete," he added.

Top-notch glove

LeMahieu's strengths are his outstanding defensive

ability and his versatility. Already in his career, he's played every infield position, including seven games this year at third base for Rockies manager Walt Weiss. LeMahieu was involved in a pair of double-pays against the Tigers - starting one with a neat back-handed toss to shortstop Josh Rutledge and turning over another despite a strong slide from runner J.D. Martinez.

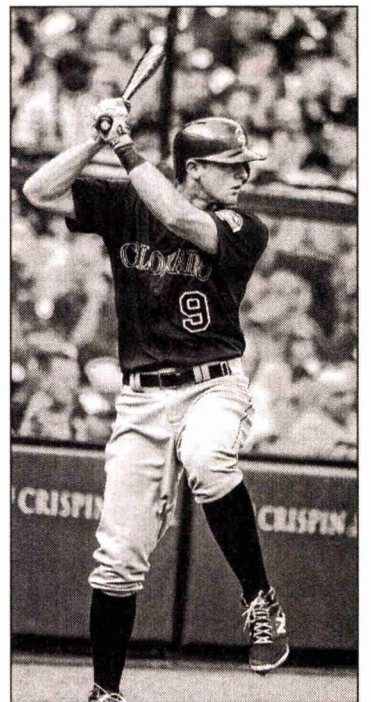
"My defense has always been good and that's what keeps me in the lineup," he said. "I know I have to improve my hitting, but I love being around the game. I've learned so much the last three years."

"I thought I knew everything at every level, but you keep moving up and keep learning new things," he added. "The longer I can stay here, the more I'm going to learn and that's always the goal."

Comerica revisited

LeMahieu started at Comerica for the first time as a professional. His only other playing time at Comerica was with Brother Rice, when he helped lead the Warriors to a pair of Catholic League championship games against Dearborn Divine Child.

LeMahieu said his nerves settled down once he got into the flow of action.



D.J. LeMahieu started at Comerica Park for the first time as a Major League player in a recent game against the Tigers. PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"I was here two years ago (with Colorado), but didn't play," LeMahieu said. "I felt like before the game that it brought back a lot of memories because I've watched a ton of games here, but once the game started, it was just another baseball game."

"But it's pretty cool to play here," he added. "When I played here with Rice, we lost the first game (against Divine Child) and won the second one."

Brother Rice proved a key stop along LeMahieu's path to the major leagues.

"Obviously at Brother Rice, it starts with the coaches," he said. "Brian Kalczynski, Bob Riker and Ron Kalczynski, they set a foundation there and you come to work every day. When you are on the field, you work hard and do things the right way."

"To this day, I will never forget my days there and what I learned there. There are a lot of guys at this level who get caught up in a lot of things, whatever it is. But I feel like it's the guys who have that mentality (work hard and do things right) are the ones who stick around the longest."

"I've learned that the guys who do it the right way are the ones who have succeeded," he added. "That's what they teach at Rice and that's what I've carried with me."

The 26-year-old infielder, who lives in downtown Denver not far from the Coors Field, is grateful to be a professional in a sport he's always loved.

"I love Denver. There are really good people there," he said. "I can get to the park pretty quickly and I really enjoy it there. I can see how when we win in Denver, it will be a lot of fun."

BRUBAKER

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the vast majority of his career, which he began as a second baseman.

In his first year, the starting catcher was injured in a play at home plate. Brubaker volunteered to fill the need and never played another position.

"I got run over; I got hung out to dry a few times at the plate, but that's part of the game," he said. "The part of the game I liked the best were the plays at the plate. If I got hold of the ball, I wasn't letting go of it."

"When you're catching, you're in every play. Whether you're catching a perfect game Al White throws or making plays at the plate, it was exciting. With every pitch, you're in the game."

Brubaker always wore a face mask, but that was the only piece of equipment he used for the first 10 years. His teammates finally convinced him to wear shin guards, too.

"I never wore a chest protector, although I should have," he said, adding he caught some of the best pitchers in the modified game.

In addition to White, his teammates included notable pitchers Curt Richards, Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger, Jerry Stazel and Pete Lynn.

Well deserving of hall

White recalled playing against Brubaker in a 1982 national qualifier in Spokane, Wash.

"He hit a triple and goes



Coach Dave Brubaker gives a sign to the batter. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

sliding into third base," White said. "I'm over there covering the throw and he was all rah-ha-ha and fired up. I said, 'God almighty, who is this kid?'"

The two talked afterward and White invited Brubaker to join his Compuware team for the 1983 season, which he did.

"That was the year we finished third in the nation and he was All-American and we've

been friends every since," White said.

"He plays a very intense, high-emotion game of softball. I just liked the way he played. It comes from his heart."

He added Brubaker has done so much for softball as a player, coach and administrator. Brubaker also started the Girls Incredible League for area high school players in the

summer in the 1980s.

"He's well-deserving of the hall of fame as an ambassador to the game of softball and as a player who showed his love for the game," White said.

History as a player

Brubaker's teams won more than 100 league and tournament championships. He played in 19 ASA national tournaments, hitting better than .600 and being named the all-tournament catcher in at least five.

He batted .645 and was named the tournament MVP, helping his team win the 1991 ASA Class A 10-man national tournament in Stevens Point, Wis.

Brubaker's teams included Livonia Lanes, Hummer Bar, Compuware, FGS Radiator, Pat Boyle Chevrolet, All-American Sports Shop, TC Gators, Team Budweiser and Primo Pizza.

A Livonia native who played baseball at Churchill High School, he was a men's modified player-coach for a number of years and also was an ASA premier-level girls fast-pitch coach for 23 years.

Brubaker retired after 30 years with Farmington Public Schools, but he remains the North Farmington varsity coach - a position he has had for 28 years.

'Very humbled by it'

When he received a letter from the ASA, he thought it had to do with an entrance fee for his 12-and-under Michigan Generals team.

"I opened it and saw it was for me as an inductee," he said. "I thought, 'Wow, this is quite an honor, to be the second mod-

ified player.'

"When I started playing in 1973, my dad and I played on the same team in a church league. We went 9-0. We had 60 some teams in the area. (The playoffs were) a big deal. We ended up losing to the Class A team, 5-2."

"Playing with my dad that first year was quite a highlight. That, making All-American and winning a national championship were probably the three biggest thrills I had playing ball."

"I was never pondering (the hall of fame). When I did get it, it was quite a surprise. I'm very humbled by it because it does mean a lot to make it."

The ASA Hall of Fame is located at Victory Park in Canton, the former Canton Softball Complex. It includes players from all levels of the game that are sponsored by the ASA.

Ticket information

Tickets are \$35 in advance. A limited number will be available at the door for \$40. There will be a cash bar.

For a ticket order form, go to www.metrodetroitasa.com. For more information, email Stu Alderman at mdetroitasa@gmail.com.

The other inductees are former Canton High School and U-M pitcher Kelly Holmes, slow-pitch player Steve Bienkowski, former CMU coach Margo Yonker for meritorious service and umpire Bob Lawson.

The event begins at 6:15 p.m. with a cocktail hour. Dinner is at 7:15 p.m. followed by the awards program.

Church collects books for library in Africa

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Helping Hands Touching Hearts, a Farmington Hills-based nonprofit, clothed an entire African village a few years ago.

Now, with the help of Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia and the surrounding community, it has collected enough books to fill an entire school library in Zimbabwe. One hundred and one boxes containing more than 2,500 donated books will be shipped to the Dadane School in a remote area of the African country.

"My heart just about bursts thinking about them opening those books," said Sidney Bonvallet, a member of the church and founder of Helping Hands Touching Hearts, an organization that works with Shangaan and Venda tribes in southern Africa. Its mission is to empower impoverished villagers through sustainability projects, education, health and hope. "You cannot imagine the joy and sheer wonder that will be for them."

Bonvallet toured the Dadane School and met its headmaster, Alick Sonke Kumalo, on one of her annual trips to Africa. He showed Helping Hands volunteers the school library with shelves, but no books for his 198 students. He asked if Helping Hands could help.

"He had the faith to build it and then asked until he got to the right person to help fill it," Bonvallet said. "We sent emails and asked our friends to send books and he received 150. He was so excited, he invited the community in to use 'the library.'"

Bigger book drive

But Bonvallet didn't want to stop at 150 books. She asked her church to help with a book drive last month. The Rev. Todd Lackie put out a collection bin under the church's front canopy and spent the last few weeks frequently unloading it and moving books indoors. Last week he and Bonvallet, her family members, along with church members, Luke Maggard, Dennis Fletcher, Debbie Ryan, Ginny Thompson and Eve Gyabaah, sorted, packed and weighed boxes.

"They got everything from textbooks to novels to encyclopedias, you name it," Lackie said.

Bonvallet said it would have cost approximately \$20,000 to buy similar books. Shipping will cost a little over \$5,000. In



The Rev. Todd Lackie of Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia, sorts through books with Wayne Bonvallet of Farmington Hills.



Members of Kenwood Church in Livonia helped sew 250 school tote bags in conjunction with a book drive for a school library in Zimbabwe.

addition to the 101 boxes of books, Helping Hands Touching Hearts will send 60 boxes of clothing, shoes, and medical and school supplies.

"The church and the com-

munity were so generous," Bonvallet said. "It was so overwhelming. That room was filled with books."

"I want (Kumalo's) dream to come true. We were looking for



Sidney Bonvallet (left), her husband, Wayne, the Rev. Todd Lackie of Kenwood Church of Christ and CJ Christopher show some of the 101 boxes of books bound for Zimbabwe.

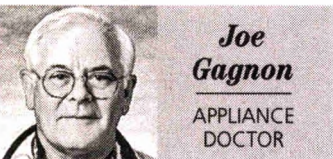
worthy things to do when we were there. There can't be anything better than to help save lives from poverty."

Bonvallet and other Helping Hands Touching hearts mem-

bers will return to Africa in January 2015.

Visit the organization's website at clothevillagenow.com. Kenwood Church of Christ's website is kenwoodchurch.org.

Should you rinse dinnerware before loading the dishwasher?



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

The following email prompted my reply and hopefully the end of an argument between brother and sister.

Marilyn wrote: My brother and I disagree on whether or not it is necessary to pre-rinse dishes before loading them into the dishwasher. I insist that pre-rinsing is important, as it reduces the possibility of clogging drains. My brother states that everything he has read (on the Internet), including the *Consumer Reports* test results, state that not only is it unnecessary to pre-rinse, it is wasteful of water and energy, as well. I am pretty certain that I read an article in your column which supported pre-rinsing. Could you please settle this friendly debate between my brother and me?

My reply to Marilyn: It is true that the detergent needs a dirty plate or two to combat during the washing process but to advertise that you need not rinse the dishes is wrong. It is a huge advertising ploy to cause consumers to purchase that particular brand. It used to be that Frigidaire would show a person on TV throw-

ing a whole Bundt cake into the dishwasher. With that ad came a huge surge in service calls where a technician would take out the cutters installed on the top of the motor. These were to act as a garbage disposer and made so cheaply they would bend and jam the motor from working. The service industry is constantly telling consumers to rinse the dishes or expect a service call. Rinse them with cold water but get the heavy particles off of them. And then, when a person gets into the habit of not rinsing, low and behold some plastic piece of something jams the impellers on the motor and service is required. A statement from the service industry is: Let the manufacturers keep telling consumers not to rinse, the work sure keeps us busy.

No phosphates

I'm only half way through this column and I'm never one short for words, so I'll help educate with more information. I continue to get calls and emails on the question of why dishes, especially glasses, come out with a coating of white film that won't come off. It goes back just a few years ago when manufacturers of detergents had to remove phosphates from their products. This was done to help save the environment. Once

again, watching a piece on television I heard a voice of authority telling homeowners to stop using the liquid dishwashing detergent and switch to powder. The liquid simply doesn't do the job like it should. Is it possible that detergent without phosphates is not as tough as our past detergent and that is why so many people tell us to rinse the dishes first?

Like so many of you, I rinse the dishes every time I turn on the dishwasher but I don't scrub them with hot water. If I did that, I would just put them away in the cupboard and my darling Valorie wouldn't know the difference. In good conscience I can't do that because I am more concerned with bacteria than anything else. I have read of the studies going on concerning bacteria growth in dishwashers and clothes washers. I don't put baseball caps or tennis shoes in our dishwasher because that is not what it is designed to clean. I believe the dishwasher in the American home is the most appreciated appliance we can own. Just think of the free time given us to do other constructive things besides washing and drying dishes. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com

'Jaws' is coming to a home aquarium near you

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

It's Shark Week! The Discovery Channel kicks off a week-long celebration of all things shark on Sunday, Aug. 10. This year programming includes 13 Shark Week shows and a nightly live talk show, *Shark After Dark*.

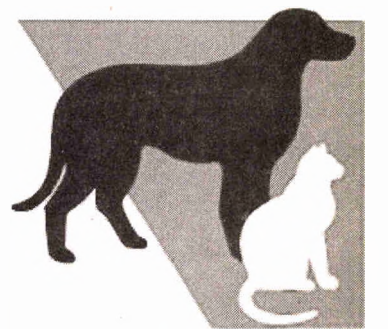
Shark fans can visit Discovery's website (www.discovery.com) to buy fin-filled swag and watch live shark cams.

But why visit a web cam when you can watch your very own shark swim around at home?

I asked Dale Ernst II, co-owner of Fantastic Fins in Livonia if fish owners can buy sharks for their salt-water tanks. He said there are varieties available that grow no longer than 2 feet in home aquariums — 3 feet in the wild. "They come here in the egg," said Ernst, who runs a fish hatchery from the store. "We get shark eggs. They are half size of man's hand. You can hold them up and they're translucent and you can see state the shark is in."

In the wild, the mother shark lays the eggs on the ocean floor, occasionally brushing them with her belly to squeeze water out, Ernst said.

He said shark eggs aren't in huge demand at the store but "people ask for them." He generally keeps one in stock until it is sold and then buys



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another.

"Some people want to hatch it themselves. And some want it hatched and already feeding." He said eggs cost \$50 and the hatched shark is \$100.

The coral banded sharks eat shrimp and generally "are friendly." "I keep freshwater fish myself, but to each his own," he added.

Ernst said adding a shark to the home aquarium generally is for the "advanced" fish keeper.

PetMD.com reminds pet owners to "think hard" before adding a shark to their home tanks. It suggests starting out with easier-to-handle fish and to "work your way up to shark owner status."

For advanced fish keepers it recommends the wobbegong, bamboo or epaulette sharks.

Visit Fantastic Fins at 38131 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia; 734-464-3523.

Road to motherhood includes forgiveness



Sarah Davies
GUEST COLUMN

I don't know exactly at what point it hit me, but sometime during the last seven months my views on a lot of things have changed. I am suddenly very focused on trying to be the best person I can be, more so than ever before in my life. I have found peace about things that brought me a lot of discomfort in the past, and have found joy in the littlest things. But most importantly, I have truly learned about forgiveness.

forgetting about things from my past that haunted me. I have forgiven the friends who I felt betrayed me, forgiven my family for having differing opinions, and the hardest part of all ... I have forgiven myself. I have forgiven myself for not living the life I always wanted to, for not always doing the "right things" and for saying things to people that I shouldn't have said. I have found that as I am becoming a mother, I care more about learning from my mistakes than I did in the past, and I have found that just coming to terms with things can make all the difference in the world.

Role model

I am not a perfect person. I certainly have made my share of mistakes in my life, but only just recently have I totally accepted them all and forgiven myself for the wrong I have done. I have found peace in knowing that my mistakes have helped me to become a stronger woman, and truly believe that I will be able to take the lessons I have learned and teach them to my daughter as she grows up.

I have thought about the people in my life who have taught me well, and have tried to take pieces of their own personalities to bring into my life, so that I, too, can become a person who can teach others. I am focused

much more on the reality that I am going to be a role model to the most important person in the world to me, and am trying very hard to be a person that my daughter will look up to and respect.

Good in everyone

I do not want my daughter to think I am a saint, but I also don't want her to know all my flaws. I think it is important that she recognize that we are all human and we have all made mistakes, but also know that it is just as significant to learn from those mistakes and grow into a better person. It is very important to be nice to people, even when it is the most difficult thing in the world to do. I struggle

with this every day, but also pray nightly that tomorrow will be easier. I remember being taught to look for the good in everyone, to treat everyone — including yourself — with genuine kindness. And although I remember this now, somehow over my life I have forgotten these lessons time and time again and have had to relearn them along the way. I hope that my daughter can find peace in her life and not struggle with this as much as I have.

The forgiveness part is the hardest, yet most humbling thing I have gone through in a long, long while. It has helped me to rebuild lost friendships and relationships, and to become closer with the people in my life

that I know will always be there. I have grown up, in a way, and have become calmer, more rational, and even more independent. My faith has grown stronger, and I have found happiness and peace in even the most still of moments.

I finally understand why forgiveness is so important. It is easy to forget, but much harder to forgive. And with great accomplishments, come many great rewards. If you can find forgiveness and beauty within yourself and those around you, you can find the world to be very beautiful.

Sarah Davies of Livonia writes about the ups, downs and lessons she learns on the path to motherhood.

To market, to market



Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE

Eastern Market Shed 3 is a great go-to spot for hosting events and the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan's (CLFM) fundraiser Friday, Aug. 1 was no exception.

While there's nothing casual about leukemia, the party was a hang out, let loose, TGIF event, complete with craft cocktails and hand-crafted cuisine stations from many of the area's top restaurants and distilleries.

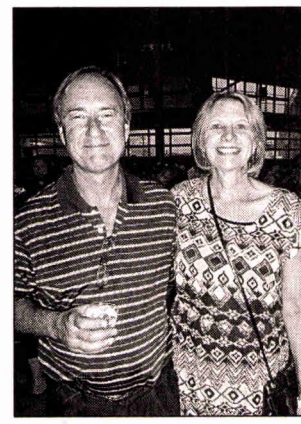
Next up on Sat. Sept. 27, CLFM goes from casual to cocktail chic at CRUSH Birmingham at the Townsend Hotel. The 2014 Wine & Food Classic begins at 6:30 p.m. Go to crushmichigan.com.



Above: Livonia residents Jessica and Charlie Pepper. **Top right:** Dawn Hyvonen of Whitmore Lake (left) and Donna Hollis of Farmington. **Below right:** Joe and Jan Holowicki of Plymouth

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GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Butterflies

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association presents "Movie Night," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Learn about SEMBA co-founder Brenda Dziedzic's butterfly adventures in the State of Michoacán, Mexico. Parking on Hines Dr. or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 fee for non-members. 734-223-5510, or visit www.sembabutterfly.org.

Preserving the garden

Discover how to preserve summer squashes at a garden workshop led by organic gardener Jean Smith of the Old Winery Farmer's Mar-

ket, 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Farmington Hills Nature Center, located in Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$5. Register at least three days before the event at recreg.fhgov.com. For more information call 248-477-1135 or email asmith@fhgov.com.

English Gardens

» Summer Soiree will include live music, food, wine-tasting, shopping and garden inspirations, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road; 248-851-7506. Cost is \$10 with proceeds benefiting Forgotten Harvest. Pre-registration required.

» The floral design staff will show how to create beautiful arrangements, 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 16, at all stores except Ann Arbor

and Eastpointe. Free. » Learn about plants for screening at a free presentation, 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 23, at all stores.

» Perennial Garden 101 shows how to bring color and texture to the garden. The free presentation is at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 30, at all stores.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

Friends of the Rouge

Train to become a leader for the fall bug hunt, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 Haggerty. Bring waders. www.the-rouge.org.

Guide to Employment

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American Axle & Manufacturing has an opening for a Senior Analyst Global Cost Estimating at its facility in Detroit, MI
Job duties include:
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3. Use of ABC costing processes, and application to business decisions
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Employer will accept any suitable combinations of education, training or experience. Experience may be determined by an independent credential and work experience evaluator.

Applicants should send Resumes to American Axle & Manufacturing, One Dauch Drive, Detroit, MI 48211, ATTN Susan Novak

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If you have the successful track record we are seeking and are ready to make an impact with the most respected dealership group in the industry, send your resume and salary history for immediate consideration, in confidence, to:

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MILESTONES

ANNIVERSARY



Gerald and Valerie Stroup on their wedding day in 1964



Valerie and Gerald Stroup of Livonia

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Gerald Walter and Valerie Ann (Wilbourn) Stroup of Livonia marked their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 8. They were married in 1964 at Saint Mary Magdalen Church in Hazel Park, followed by a reception at Topinka's Country House in Detroit.

Gerald is retired from the Wayne County Health Department, Disease Division, where he worked as a department head. Valerie was

employed in the lab and pathology department at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

The couple enjoys family-time, gym fitness, group travels, investing, and cooking.

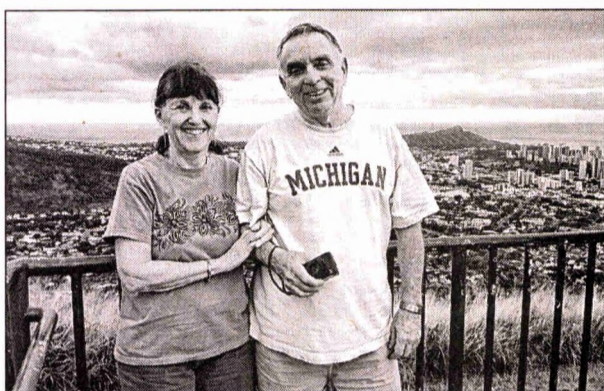
The Stroups have a son, Craig (Holly) Stroup and quadruplet grandchildren, Alec, Rachel, Connor and Kate, of Maryville, Ill.

They celebrated their milestone anniversary with family while vacationing in North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

ANNIVERSARY



John C. and F. Susan Harrison on their wedding day



F. Susan and John C. Harrison of Northport celebrate their golden wedding anniversary this year. Susan graduated from Plymouth High School.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

John C. and F. Susan (Neal) Harrison of Northport will mark their 50th wedding anniversary on August 15. The couple married in 1964 at the Martha-Mary Chapel, Greenfield Village, Dearborn.

Susan grew up in Plymouth and graduated from Plymouth High School. She lived in the community until her husband joined the Air Force. John is from Detroit and both graduated from the University of Michigan, where they met.

John retired 12 years ago from Delta Air Lines, where he worked as a B-767 captain. Susan, retired for 18 years, worked as deputy director of finance and administration for the County of Sacramento Department of Airports in California.

They enjoy playing golf and tennis and are avid Wolverine fans. They also volunteer for ShareCare of Leelanau.

The couple plans a quiet celebration at home on their special day, and a river cruise from Paris to Normandy in France next month.

ENGAGEMENT



Jennifer Broniak and Andrew Herron

BRONIAK-HERRON

Jennifer Lynn Broniak and Andrew Scott Herron announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Lynn M. Broniak of Plymouth and Frederick Broniak

of Livonia. Her fiancé's parents are Shanon and Christy Herron of Garden City.

An October 2014 wedding is planned at the Martha Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village, Dearborn.

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BALMER, HELEN HOWICK

Of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, and Okemos, Michigan. Died peacefully August 1, 2014 with family at her side. Born Helen Harris Howick on June 19, 1926 in Louisville, Kentucky, she moved to Detroit with her family during the Great Depression. Helen graduated from Highland Park High School at the age of 16, studied at Highland Park Community College and worked in Detroit as a young professional. It was there, under the Kern clock, that she met her beloved husband James G. Balmer, Jr. On August 12, 1950 they married and had 62 years together before Jim's passing in December 2012. Helen was an accomplished public relations professional and event planner, as well as an organizer of writer's conferences and other professional activities. She worked for many years at the Birmingham Community House, creating programs that are still in place today. In the 1970s, she established Helen Balmer and Associates and served the promotion and marketing needs of countless clients, especially in the restaurant and catering industry. She was a member of The Public Relations Society of America and Adcraft. She was an active member of The Village Club, and a long-time member of both The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center and the Village Players of Birmingham, where she was a past president and a frequent social chair and party planner. Helen was an extraordinary hostess and cook who entertained with unmatched poise and style. She was known for both intimate dinner parties as well as large events. No one liked a party more. She was a gracious and kindhearted friend and matriarch of her family. Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in the mid-1970s, Helen refused to submit to a disease that could easily have broken her spirit. Helen is survived by her children; Janet Quiring (John), Jim Balmer (Martha) and Lindsay Hinz (Randy); beloved grandchildren Carrie, Alison, Adam, Nick, Gretchen, Grace, Benjamin, Clara, Mallory and Jamie; eleven great-grandchildren and her best friend Joyce Contrucci. A family burial will be held, and at her request a small party will be hosted later in the Fall to celebrate her life and spirit. Memorial contributions can be made to the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center or the Village Players of Birmingham. The family is being served by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, East Lansing. On line condolences may be shared with the family at www.greastlansing.com

KOPCAK, PAUL WILLIAM JR.

August 4, 2014, Age 67 of Westland. Beloved husband of Sandra. Loving father of Paul W. III, Jason Allen, and Michael R. (Karen). Dear grandfather of six. Brother of Barbara Brown. Memorial service Saturday, August 16th, 10 a.m. at St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer Rd., Westland, MI 48186. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com



THOMPSON, CHARLES HAROLD

Age 97, died on August 6, 2014 in his home of 60 years on James Street in Garden City, MI. He was predeceased by his much loved wife Anita E. Thompson. Loving father to Averill King (Robert), Adrienne Thompson (Matt Knickerbocker), Mary Ellen Thompson, and Brian Thompson (Diane). He will be greatly missed by his eight grandchildren - David King, Alicia King, Alyssa Knickerbocker, Devin Knickerbocker, Meredith Davis, Ross Davis, Zachary Thompson and Matt Thompson and two great-grandchildren Rowan Steele and Charles Oehlschlaeger. A complex individual, he was a construction engineer; WWII Paratrooper (82nd Airborne); student of history; raconteur; lover of books, music and wine; eccentric exerciser and singer of old songs. He appreciated an elegant turn of phrase, a nice breeze and the sun on his legs. He will also be missed by his extended James Street family and anyone else who ever heard his signature phrase, "Keep your wits."

WHEELER, MARION (CURRIER)

Died August 3, 2014, at age 85. Marion was born in Detroit, MI on December 17, 1928, to Frank and Agnes (Tallon) Currier. She attended St. Cecilia grade school in Detroit and was valedictorian of her Sudbury, Ontario high school graduating class. After earning a B.S. in Mathematics from Marygrove College, Ford Motor Company hired her as its first female financial analyst. She also worked at Our Lady of Good Counsel and ACT Computer Company in Michigan before moving to Oklahoma to accept a management position with Lear Siegler, Inc. She retired from LSI after 20 years and returned to Plymouth, MI to live with her daughter's family. She later moved to Waltonwood of Cherry Hill and Devonshire Manor in Brighton, MI due to Alzheimer's disease. Marion was predeceased by her parents, all of her siblings and daughter-in-law Katie (Mark's wife). She is survived by children, Warren (Theresa) Wheeler, Laura (James) Humphries and Mark Wheeler and six grandchildren (Leah, Elise, Kevin, Davis, Joey and Andrea). Marion was a life-long learner who attended the University of Central Oklahoma and Elderserve in Ann Arbor. She earned numerous professional certifications and had a keen interest in Shakespeare and Native American culture. She was multi-lingual, well-traveled, and philanthropic within her means. She loved music and theatre and attended the Stratford Festival in Canada for more than 50 years. She was a remarkable woman who will be missed by all who knew her. A Memorial Service will be held at the Red Olive Banquet Center in Plymouth, MI on Sunday, August 17, from 2 - 5 p.m. Donations in memory of Marion can be made to the Alzheimer's Association and Doctors Without Borders.

A loving tribute.

BIRTH



Audrina June Holton

Audrina June Holton was born July 18, 2014 at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township.

Parents are Natalie and Steve Holton of Farmington. Grandparents are Patty and Rob Holton of Farmington

Hills, Lynda and Mark Pietka of Livonia, and Brenda and Mark Morris of Ann Arbor. Great-grandparents are Eileen and Jack Jeffrey of Roswell, Ga.

BIRTH



Liam Owen Sowders

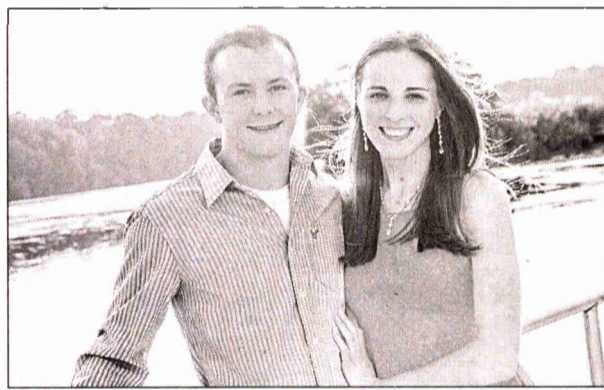
LIAM OWEN SOWDERS

Liam Owen Sowders was born June 3, 2014 at Novi Providence Park Hospital.

Proud parents are Jason and Erica Sowders of Novi. Grandparents

are Richard and Katherine Brown of Livonia, Duane and Vicki Sowders of Melvindale, and Karen DeVito and Chris Canfield of Northville.

ENGAGEMENT



Tony Todd Rodriguez and Christine Anne Saatio

SAATIO-RODRIGUEZ

Christine Anne Saatio and Tony Todd Rodriguez announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Ellen and David Saatio of Livonia, graduated in 2012 with a BBA degree in finance and mathematics from The University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed as an actuarial assistant at AAA Life

Insurance Company. Her fiancé, son of Tina and Rick Rodriguez of Livonia, graduated in 2013 with BA degree in economics and finance from The University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as an associate recruiter at Custom Business Solutions.

An April 2015 wedding is planned at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

REUNIONS

Send school reunion information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

DEARBORN EDEL FORD CLASS OF 1964

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

DEARBORN FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 1952

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

DEARBORN HEIGHTS HASTON CLASSES OF 1963-64

Reunion organizers seek alumni, teachers and staff from 1963-64 and also friends from Brainard Elementary and Haston Jr. High who may have left school before the classes graduated at Haston. The main event is a dinner party Saturday, Sept. 20, at Andiamo Restaurant, Bloomfield Hills. Advance tickets are required. Email Diane Jones at diane-jones816@gmail.com or by phone at 610-436-4915.

DETROIT CODY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964

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



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Born April 19, 1965 has left this earth July 28, 2014. Preceded in death by her parents: Sheldon W. Bleyle and Lily M. (Weeks) Bleyle. Survived by all she touched with her "UNCONDITIONAL LOVE & SPIRIT". Graveside Service will be August 16, 2014 1p.m. at the New Bay Port Cemetery M-147 (Pigeon Rd) and M-25 (N Unionville Rd.) in Huron County, MI. All welcome to attend.

Obesity patients more likely to survive infection

University of Michigan Health System researchers have discovered that obesity is connected with better health outcomes when it comes to older Americans suffering from sepsis.

In a study of 1,404 Medicare beneficiaries, heavier patients were more likely to survive sepsis, a life-threatening infection that can lead to a stay in a hospital's intensive care unit.

The findings, published in the August issue of *Critical Care Medicine*, raise questions about how obesity impacts the body's response to infection.

"Physicians expect obese patients to do poorly and this belief can affect the care and counseling they provide to patients and their families," says lead author Hallie C. Prescott, M.D., a pulmonary and critical care medicine clinical lecturer at the U-M Health System. "Our study indicates obese sepsis patients actually have lower mortality and similar functional outcomes as normal weight patients."

The focus of the study was to investigate the association of body mass index to survival, health care use and functional deficiencies following a severe

sepsis hospitalization.

Sepsis increase

The incidence of sepsis has doubled in the past 15 years leading to an increased focus on research and Medicare spending. Severe sepsis causes a million hospitalizations yearly among Medicare beneficiaries.

These hospitalizations cost more than \$16 billion annually, which is roughly four times the cost of hospitalizations for heart attacks. Half of patients hospitalized with severe sepsis die within a year.

The patients who survive

often become debilitated during their hospital stay and need to spend time in a rehabilitation facility.

"Obese patients who survive their sepsis hospitalization use more health care resources and require more Medicare spending — but this apparent increase in resource use is a result of living longer, not increased use per day alive," says senior author Theodore Iwashyna, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of internal medicine at the U-M Health System.

The researchers note there are many health benefits to

maintaining a normal weight, but the findings suggest that excess weight may cause the body to respond differently to critical illness. A better understanding of this difference may help health care providers improve care for all patients with sepsis and other critical illnesses.

The study was conducted with participants of the Health and Retirement Study, a nationally representative sample of older Americans that is run by the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research on behalf of the National Institute of Aging.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Upcoming

A-Fib 101

A-Fib 101 is a free class that will teach the causes and symptoms of atrial fibrillation, along with the leading surgical and nonsurgical treatment options available. The next A-Fib 101 Class will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 12 at Oakwood Hospital - Dearborn, 18101 Oakwood Blvd. Registration is required by visiting Oakwood.org or calling 800-543-9355.

American Red Cross

Upcoming blood drives:
Canton — 2-7:45 p.m. Aug. 28, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive; 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Aug. 29, Canton Public Library, 1200 Canton Center Road

Farmington Hills — 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Aug. 22, Community Choice Credit Union, 31155 Northwestern Highway

Livonia — 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Aug. 17, St. Michael Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard; 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Aug. 21, Community Choice Credit Union, 15420 Farmington Road; 1-6:45 p.m. Aug. 21, Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard; noon-5:45 p.m. Aug. 24, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Far-

mington Road

Plymouth — 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Aug. 24, St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty; 1-6:45 p.m. Aug. 25, Plymouth Library, 223 South Main Street; 1:30-7:15 p.m. Aug. 25, VFW Post 6695 Plymouth, 1426 South Mill; 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Aug. 28, Plymouth City Hall, 201 South Main Street; noon to 5:45 p.m. Aug. 29, Computware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck Road

Redford — 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Aug. 31, Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church, 17116 Olympia Street
Call 800-RED CROSS to make an appointment.

Hearing support

Hearing Loss Association of America will hold an "open mic" for sharing and learning 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Contact Tony at 734-664-3297, afcrack@comcast.net

Managing pain

Linda Vanni, RN, will talk about diagnostic and treatment techniques that can help to manage or relieve pain, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, in Conference Room A at Providence Park Hospital Outpatient Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. Register by calling 888-

751-5465.

Nutrition workshop

Learn ways to make desserts and still stay on track with your health goals in an interactive workshop with a Botsford Hospital dietitian, 6-7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Busch's Fresh Foods Market, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$5 and includes a Busch's coupon, recipes and samples. Register by calling or visiting the Guest Service Counter at Busch's; 734-779-6100.

Ongoing

Anorexics and Bulimics Anonymous

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

Aquatic classes

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

Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of each month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth

Thursdays of each month at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, at Wayne Road in Westland; 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City; and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

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Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

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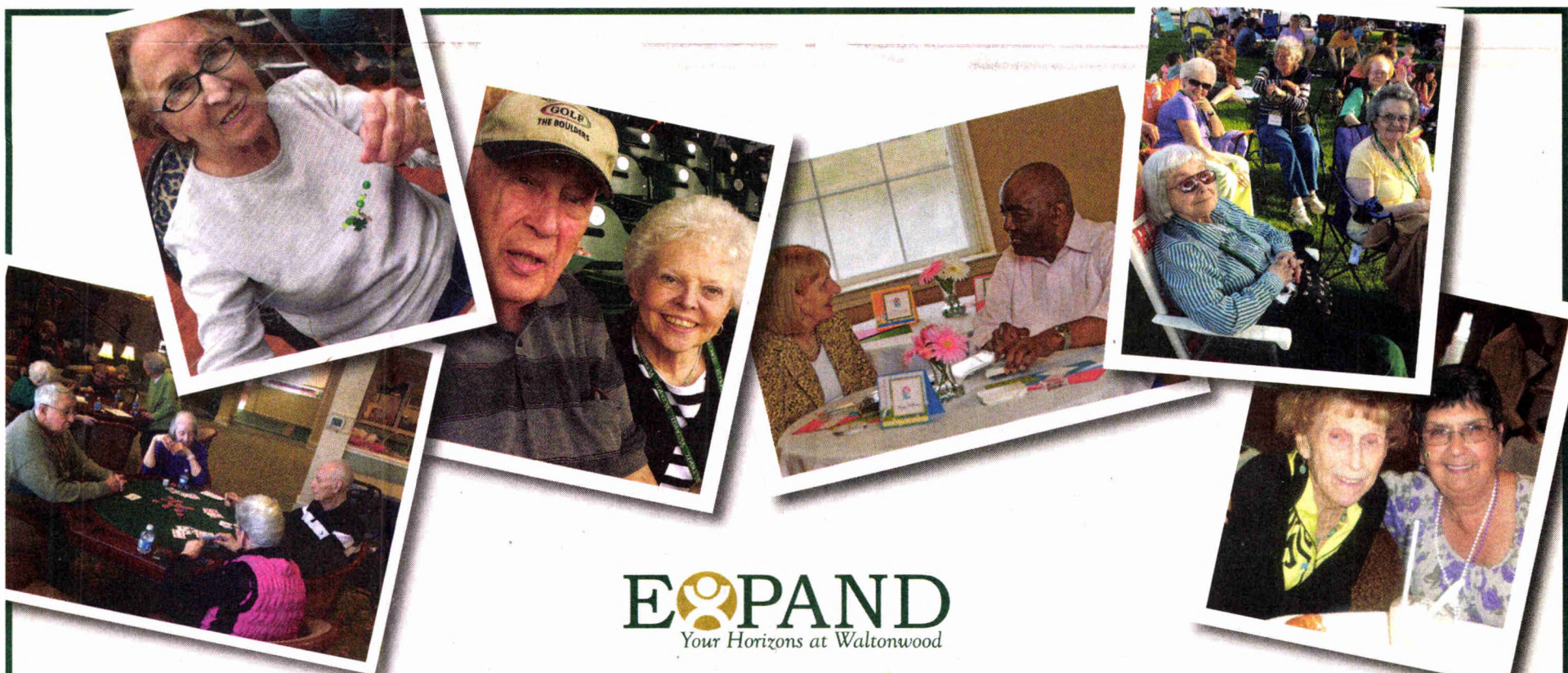
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Candidates must be more passionate and energetic than ever

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Over the years, hiring managers have born witness to every hiring, interviewing, resume, cover letter and negotiation mistake there is.

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From those who see your mistakes over and over, here are 16 common job search mistakes to avoid, and some of them may surprise you.

1. Keep your options open

"Candidates tend to think that if they interview for a job they will get an offer, so they do not apply and interview for multiple positions," says Joanie Spain, director of public relations and career services, School of Advertising Art, a graphic design college. "They wait until one plays out completely, putting their job search on hold until knowing for sure they didn't get the offer."

"By having many more irons in the fire, you diversify the risk and disappointment that is inevitable when any single opportunity disappears," adds Roy Cohen, author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide: Success Secrets of a Career Coach."

"You also present yourself as a more passionate and energetic candidate. You're in the 'zone' a point where you're in the flow of information and ideas, and that makes you more valuable."

2. You turn up your nose at job descriptions

"Entry-level candidates are reluctant to apply for a position unless the job sounds like their 'dream job' or they have all qualifications listed," Spain says. "Rather than going on an interview to get more information, they base decisions about applying on the job description alone. They fail to see that all interview experience is good experience, or that, until

there is an offer on the table, there is no decision to make."

3. Perfect a thank-you note

"Don't be too verbose with a thank-you note after an interview. Sending out a version of "War and Peace" can come across as desperate and needy for a job. However, sending a one or two sentence thank-you note comes across as flippant, not well thought-out and potentially shows indifference regarding the job to the employer," says Mike Barefoot, senior account manager at Red Zone Resources, a recruitment firm. "We encourage candidates to keep them to four to eight sentences."

4. Check your references

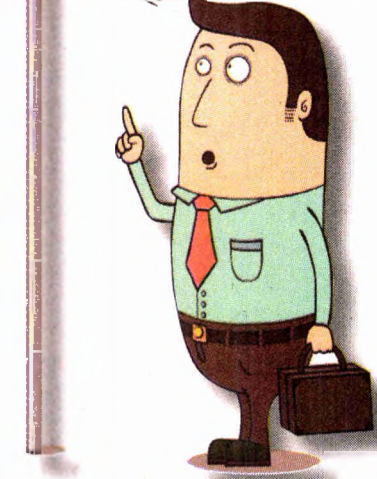
"Always give out references that you've pre-screened. We sometimes see candidates give out references that were never checked with and the references feedback isn't always kind," Barefoot says. "Also, make sure they're predominantly managers. An occasional colleague is okay, but contemporaries and friends really don't carry that much weight in helping you land a position."

5. You've got poor business acumen

"Managers are becoming more savvy and are taking candidates out to lunch for interviews. They want to see how you treat a restaurant staff and see the 'real' you. If you're rude to them or don't seem appreciative for their hard work to make your meal pleasurable, managers wonder how you'll treat contemporaries you work with," Barefoot says.

6. You have a messy briefcase

"A messy briefcase can imply the person is unorganized, messy and unprepared, and that their work will be less than optimal," says Ronald Kaufman, author of "Anatomy of Success." "Someone who is neat, clean, organized and prepared in all areas conveys



they're serious about getting a job and working."

7. Temporary positions

"Many employers coming out of a recession want to hire on a temporary or temp- to perm- basis. We have already seen several contractors be offered permanent positions after they have proven themselves," says Jeffrey Weinstock, Esq. president, Rhodes & Weinstock, a recruiting firm. "Not only will the temporary position pay some bills, think of it as an audition for a potential perm position, or at least a way to get a good reference for another position."

8. You have a bad attitude

"Poor attitudes come through in telephone calls and in interviews. If you are not positive, why would a potential employer want to hire you?" asks Weinstock. "It may take some time, but by being positive, by doing all the right things, by seeing each position as an opportunity, it will happen."

9. You include too much work history

"Many job seekers over 40 think that they have to take their work history back to their first job out of college," says Cheryl E. Palmer, career coach and resume writer. "All that is needed is the last 10-15 years of your work history."

10. Use your personal resume

"Some people do not regularly check their personal email, so they use their employers' email instead," Palmer says. "This sends a negative message to potential employers that the job seekers will not hesitate to use their equipment for personal use."

11. "No" is not final

"No" usually only means "no" for that position, says Bruce Hurwitz, president and CEO, Hurwitz Strategic Staffing, LTD.

"If you are rejected for a job you should send a thank-you note, thank the employer for the opportunity, and wish them well. No one does that. When the next opening comes around, he'll remember you," says Hurwitz.

12. You lack tact

"Be determined without being pushy. Calling or emailing to ask about the status of your resume or interview can be a double-edged sword," says Rod Hughes, director of communications, Oxford Communications. "A tactful follow up can place you top of mind with the hiring manager, while incessant calling or emailing can push your resume right off the table."

13. You don't search for yourself on the Internet

"Your would-be employer is probably going to look you up online, so you should know what is out there," says Amanda O'Brien, vice president of marketing, Hall Web Services. "Clean up what you can, check your privacy settings on social networks and if it is something you can't get down off the internet, you may want to consider talking to the company about it."

14. You have a 'death by bullets' resume

"Bullets are great but they need context. Keep them to one line, focused on a result and include a figure like a fact, percentage or number," says Adriana Llamas, author of "Career Sudoku: 9 Ways

to Win the Job Search Game." "Or, put the information in a short summary of the position."

15. You've got a scattered strategy

"Looking for a job in any industry and with two or three resumes is going to get the same result as the strategy: scattered," Llamas says. "Job seekers with a clearly defined, focused and organized strategic approach to their job search end up with clear results and a new job."

16. You think it's... about you

It is not about you and your need for a job, it is about the prospective employer and their need to run a successful business and make money, says Lori B. Rassas, employment attorney and author of "Employment Law: A Guide to Hiring, Managing and Firing for Employers and Employees."

"Many applicants mistakenly believe they will be an appealing candidate if they explain they will accept any type of job offer at any because they have been laid off, unemployed for an extended period of time, have children in college, or are having difficulty making the mortgage payments," she says. "Even if all of those circumstances are true, candidates need to craft a different message, focusing on how they can benefit the employer by saving them money, streamlining processes, creating additional sources of revenue and bringing overall value to the company."

Rachel Farrell researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues for CareerBuilder. Follow @Careerbuilder on Twitter.

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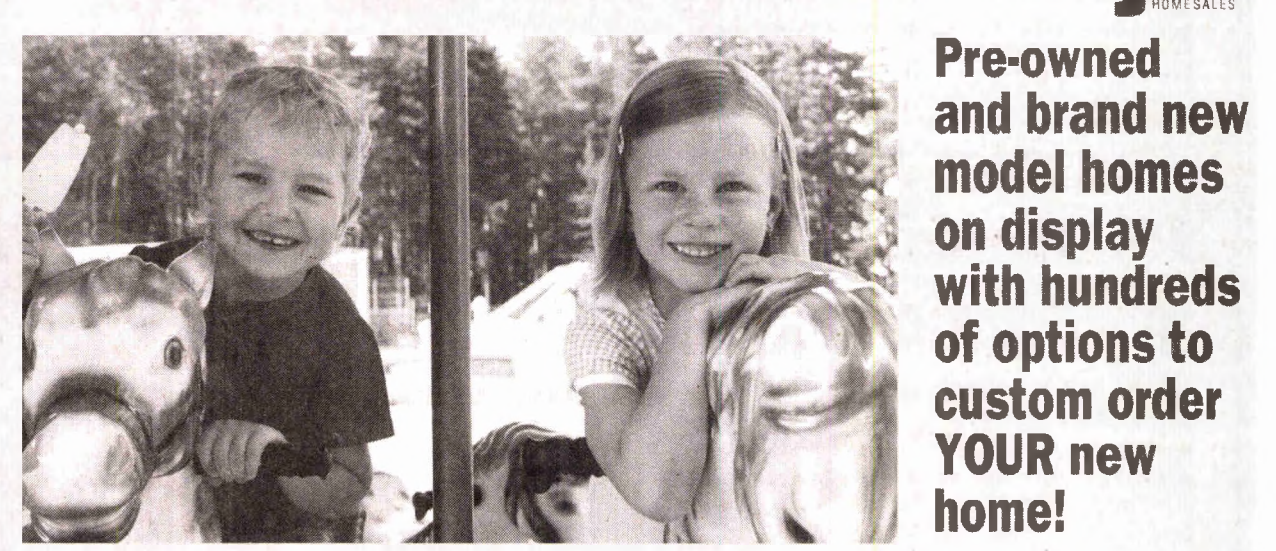
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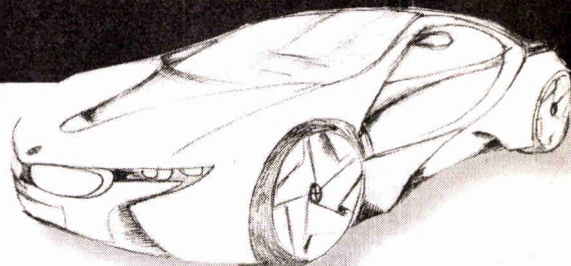
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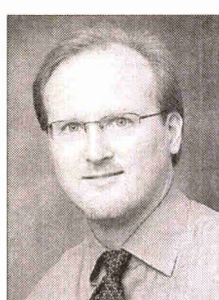
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Transit Connect, In Its Many Versions, Becomes Versatile Hit For Ford



By Dale Buss

Cleverly, Ford has managed to create a unique niche with its Transit Connect line of tall-ceilinged, fuel-efficient vans and wagons, helping it evolve from an attractive and intriguing but purely commercial vehicle into the sort of uber-mover of things and people that is designed for the way that so many Americans live – and travel – today.

Cases in point include a few of the individuals who recently became buyers of the Transit Connect Wagon. Such as a geology professor who uses his Transit Connect Wagon to haul his rock collections as well as his family. And dog-show aficionados who haul their hounds. And urban farmers. And band members with their stuff.

The reasons for this broad adoption of Transit Connect are obvious.

The van and wagon are completely open to customization by aftermarket outfitters that can adapt the space to just about any commercial need or combination of

business and personal preferences. Transit Connect before alterations are all priced beginning below \$25,000, and as typically equipped cost a few thousand dollars less than the traditional business-van entries such as Ford's own E-Series and the Chevrolet Express.

And at a time when gasoline prices have been stuck between \$3.50 and \$4 a gallon, one of Transit Connect's biggest advantages has been the kind of fuel economy that commercial-van drivers simply weren't used to. Standard power in the 2014 versions is provided by a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine with 169 horsepower and 171 pound-feet of torque. A turbocharged EcoBoost 1.6-liter four-cylinder with 178 horsepower and 184 pound feet of torque is optional on some versions. They all get combined fuel economy ranging from 23 to 25 mpg.

Befitting a vehicle that is based on the same mechanical

platform as the Ford Escape and Ford Focus, Transit Connect also handles exceedingly well compared with any other small commercial vehicle. Car-like handling is a huge plus for the line and, along with fuel economy advantages, an important characteristic for Transit Connect to hit the sweet spot of individual small-business owners that it has been attracting.

For the florists, dog groomers, caterers and other mom-and-pop operations who flocked to the original Transit Connect Van when it came out five years ago, Ford also has struck very close and helpful partnerships with outfitters who can design the interior of the van for just about any small-business need at prices that begin at several hundred dollars and stretch to several thousand dollars.

Put an advertising wrap around the outside of Transit Connect, and you've got a vehicle that meets many of the needs of many small businesses from cargo hauling to marketing. The fact that its footprint is smaller than that of many large SUVs and minivans – and especially compared with traditional commercial vans – and Transit Connect also has become the preferred vehicle of many entrepreneurs who must maneuver and park in cities and deal with urban traffic.

In fact, Ford has deliberately tapped into the reshaping of American lifestyles and trans-



The 2014 Ford Transit Connect Wagon is catching on.

portation needs and preferences with how it has changed Transit Connect beginning with the 2014 models. It added five- and seven-passenger wagon versions, as well as stretch wheel bases and a choice of engines for the first time.

"We introduced the wagon based on customer research," Minyang Jiang, brand manager for Transit Connect, told me. "A lot of people really liked the van but they said if you just give us a few more features, it could be a great people-mover alternative as well. So we created the wagon version."

And while competitors such as Ram, with its new ProMaster City based on a Fiat platform, and Nissan, with its NV200, have entered the same space, none of the rivals to the Transit Connect Wagon offer seven-passenger seating, she said. Neither can ProMaster be ordered with some of the creature comforts offered in Transit Connect Wagon, such

as leather seats. As a result, sales of the Transit Connect brand are building nicely. In June, they rose by nearly 42 percent over a year earlier, to more than 4,000 units nationwide. For the year, Transit Connect sales were only up marginally through the first half compared with 2013. But Jiang explained that result largely reflected the fact that Ford experienced a long and disruptive production changeover to the new versions of the nameplate early this year and that it took a few months to fill dealer pipelines.

Now that the supply pipeline is unobstructed, Jiang said, about 35 percent of Transit Connect sales are the Wagon version compared with just 13 percent last year when it was introduced.



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