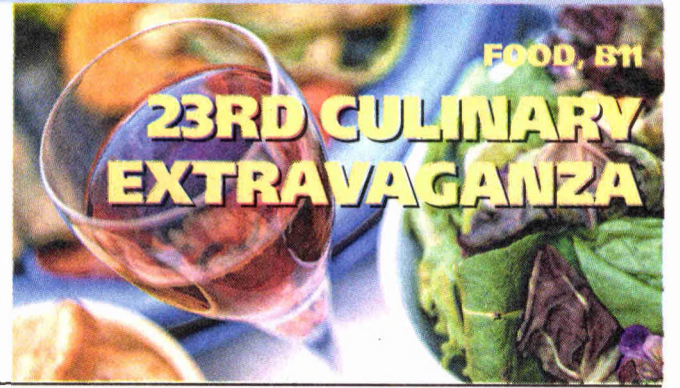


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## Bosch breaks ground on expansion

Plymouth Township firm will double size of facility by November 2015

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder joined Robert Bosch President Mike Mansuetti and other company executives Monday in a ceremonial groundbreaking to publicly announce a 220,500-square-foot expansion of Bosch's Technical Center in

Plymouth Township. Snyder trumpeted the expansion plan as a means of showing "Michigan truly is a great place to do business." "Michigan's business climate has improved dramatically, making our state a prime location for global companies like Bosch to expand and invest," Snyder said. "It is also exciting that Bosch is an advocate for preparing tomorrow's workforce through hands-on tech training. To-

gether, Bosch and Michigan are tapping into our talent potential and building a bright future."

### Double the size

The expansion, which is expected to be completed in November 2015, will nearly double the size of the existing technical center, which opened in 2007.

When complete, the total site, which is located on 75 acres on Haggerty, will have

more than 445,000 square feet and capacity for 1,400 people. The expansion will further enable the growth of several key technologies, including automotive electronics, start/stop motors, electrical drives and a variety of safety and driver assistance systems that will further advance automated driving.

In addition, the new site will provide Bosch with the needed laboratory and office space to co-locate certain

associates in southeast Michigan, some of whom currently work in different leased facilities, thereby fostering more innovation and greater collaboration.

Mansuetti told the group of government officials, community leaders and Bosch associates assembled at the ceremony the plan makes for "exciting times."

"For a company whose

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## SALEM GRAD TAKES LONG SHOT IN WAYNE COUNTY EXEC RACE

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Sure, John Dalton is only 23 and he's seeking his first political office.

But that doesn't mean he's naïve. Dalton, a Livonia resident who grew up in Plymouth and is a 2009 Salem High School graduate, knows the tough row he'll have to hoe as the Republican nominee for Wayne County executive.

He just doesn't care. What's more, he's willing to do it.

"I know it's a longshot, but I thought this would be a way to gain support and to show people someone actually has a message," Dalton said. "People are tired of the status quo. At the very least, we've got to show people we have options, we have answers. We're not just the party of no."

Dalton was born in Tuscon, Ariz., but his family moved to Plymouth when he was very young. He's a product of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, having gone to Fiegel Elementary, Central Middle and Salem High schools.

It was at Central when a history teacher first got him interested in politics. It's where he learned, he said, that a political career could allow him to do some good.

"It sparked an interest in me," Dalton said. "The ability to do something positive ... that you could have a positive impact on a lot of people."

### Early start

His taste for the political realm manifested itself in high school. Bill Keith, the station manager for 88.1 The Park, the student radio station where Dalton



John Dalton talks to supporters after winning the Republican nomination for Wayne County executive in the Aug. 5 primary.

worked in high school, said Dalton was "one of the few people who enjoyed" interviewing politicians and local officials.

"John was also one of the sharpest dressed people in the school," Keith said. "You never had to suggest to John to dress up for an event, that was just the way he did things. I always knew he

would get into politics. From the moment he ran a campaign for homecoming king and won, I knew he was destined for political office."

Dalton is studying political science at Schoolcraft College, where he actually finished fourth among seven candidates

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## Board eyes programs, boundary decisions

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Administrators are getting set to deliver a new study about how Plymouth-Canton school boundaries are going to look when the district opens its new middle school in Canton to start the 2015-16 school year.

Before that study can be completed, though, the Board of Education has program decisions to make that will shape the district physically and academically headed into the future. And those decisions revolve around a couple of the district's most popular programs - the Talented and Gifted program and the special-needs and early education programs at Tanger Center.

"Those are the key factors that will help drive" the study, Dr. Michael Meissen, the district's superintendent, told board members Tuesday.

Boundaries are being redrawn ahead of the opening of the new middle school at Cherry Hill and Canton Center in September 2015.

The district, which has been losing students the last several years, is also likely to close at least one school at the

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## O&E Media launches new website, apps

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## Light damage



Plymouth resident Ronald Shmyr and his dog Sunny walk past a fallen tree on Maple, across from Hough Park, after Tuesday's downpour. The fallen tree just missed hitting Shmyr's car by less than a minute. Plymouth officials said the area suffered light damage, with "maybe a dozen" fallen limbs of varying sizes and "two or three" lost trees. Other than a few minor power outages, the area escaped any major damage, officials said.



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heritage – and future – is based on innovation, breaking ground to begin the expansion of this technical center at a time when this market offers so much potential to grow is truly exciting,” Mansuetti said. “Our founder, Robert Bosch, believed that education and sustainability were both essential for the success, not only of his business, but of society. We are here today, continuing that philosophy and living our company imperative of ‘invented for life.’”

### Growing footprint

Currently, the Plymouth Technical Center houses 850 people. In Michigan, Bosch has approximately 3,200 associates in 15 cities, including Farmington Hills (which is the headquarters for Robert Bosch LLC), Plymouth Township, Ann Arbor, Bridgeport, Buchanan, Canton, Flat Rock, Kalamazoo, Kentwood, Orion, Novi, Rochester Hills, St. Joseph and Warren.

With this expansion and the co-location of certain groups, Bosch expects to add up to 200 new jobs in Michigan in the next three years, Mansuetti said.

During the groundbreaking ceremony, Mansuetti thanked community and government leaders and said Plymouth Township “offers the kind of environment” for attracting and retraining business.

“It has long been our hope to expand the technical center here,” he said. “As we built the business case for further expansion, the township allowed Bosch to construct a temporary building on site for about 160 associates, thereby enabling Bosch to keep these jobs in Plymouth Township.”



The Northville City Fire Department's new mini pumper cost some \$220,000.

## New truck replaces pumper lost in fire

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

The Northville City Fire Department, which also serves the city of Plymouth, took delivery earlier this month of a new mini pumper fire truck to replace the one destroyed in the June 2013 fire at Plymouth's downtown fire station.

The Spartan brand truck, on a Ford F-550 chassis, has a compressed-air foam firefighting system, as well as the same size water pump seen on larger trucks, but also greater maneuverability than larger trucks for navigating city streets.

The cost was about \$220,000. City Manager Paul Sincock said it will “take some time” to train the firefighters on the operations of the truck and the compressed-air foam system. In addition, new equipment, such as flashlights and radios, needs to be installed on the truck.

The truck is expected to be put into service next month; Northville also purchased an identical truck for its station.

The new trucks will carry the “Jaws of Life” to help firefighters rescue people who are trapped in vehicles because of traffic crashes.

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same time.

Ahead of those decisions, board members heard Meissen's recommendations for five key areas Tuesday, though no decisions were made. The board is expected to address – and perhaps decide on – those programs at its Sept. 11 meeting. The key areas:

» TAG – Long one of the district's most popular, and protected, programs, TAG could be in for a major change. Currently housed in magnet schools at Dodson and Miller elementaries and East Middle School, Meissen is recommending the program be changed to cluster TAG students in their home schools, starting in 2015.

That option met with a

little push-back from board members Tuesday.

“I've seen (examples) of a hybrid program in other districts that kept the magnet program and offered individual programs in home schools and that seemed to work well,” Trustee John Barrett said. “I hope that's the program we're going to go with.”

» Tanger Center – The district is considering whether to continue to operate the programs at Tanger or move them to another location. The problem, according to administrators, is that much of the special-needs operation at Tanger would have to move en masse because of the needs of the program and the need to keep the “core” classrooms together.

» Pre-K-4-year-old – The district currently offers a half-day, tuition-

based program, but could offer a funded half-day program if the state decides to fund it. If that happens, the district could merge it with Tanger.

» Schools of choice – The district earlier this year offered a limited schools of choice option to students from outside the district. The district opened 200 seats in grades K-2 and 115 families applied. Only 75 actually enrolled. The problem for some families, according to Kurt Tyszkiewicz, the district's executive director of staffing, student services and policy, was the question of older siblings who wanted to come, as well.

“Parents didn't want to separate them,” Tyszkiewicz told the board. “One option might be opening up some seats in higher grades” for those

siblings.

» PRA – The Parent Requested Assignment for Boundary Change was in effect eliminated this month, though the district is still trying to accommodate such requests. One option for 2015-16 would be to allow only fifth-grade students to remain at their current school if the boundary changes next year. Meissen recommended the continue with the elimination of the PRA program.

The district will continue to seek community input by hosting three community forums by the end of October. The boundary study advisory committee, made up of two-thirds staff and one-third community members, will be seeking input from the community and will pass that input on to the committee.

District officials will host community forums 7-9 p.m. Sept. 25, Oct. 16 and Oct. 30, at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

Trustee Mike Maloney said he'd like to see a higher level of community involvement in the process, despite the three community forums.

“I'm really nervous about the community involvement,” Maloney said, noting two-thirds of the advisory committee members are staff. “In the past, community members have been like ambassadors for us. I think it's a little light.”

The boundary study committee is slated to make regular reports to the board over the next couple of months, then present its final recommendations Nov. 11.

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## RACE

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for a spot on the college's board of trustees in 2012.

He's worked on other people's campaigns – Chris Roosen's campaign

for Northville Township supervisor and the campaign of former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter – and he was appointed a Human Resources commissioner for the city of Livonia by Mayor Jack Kirksey in 2012.

His failed Schoolcraft College board campaign

– he drew some 23,000 votes – taught him a lot, he said.

“I did really well and I learned a lot,” Dalton said. “I learned about grass-roots organizing, but there are other components, as well.”

### First a friend

Before getting himself into the Wayne County executive race, Dalton was trying to talk a friend into it “so we could get young people involved.”

After some consideration, though, Dalton decided he had something to say.

“I thought about it myself and I knew I had my own message I wanted to get out,” he said. “I ultimately decided it would be better if I ran and had my friends supporting and guide me.”

He's running the basic Republican playbook in Wayne County: change the status quo. He'll try to hammer home the idea that former sheriff and Detroit Police Chief Warren Evans, the Democratic nominee, is part of the system that corrupted the county in the first place.

He'll talk about the county's precarious financial position, the various scandals that have rocked the current administration and about fiscal responsibility.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, whom Dalton endorses, said those talking points, as well as Dalton's youthful exuberance, are his strong points.

### Steep hill

“I love his enthusiasm,” Colbeck said.

“He's been engaged and he sees a need for good, practical leadership. He's willing to step up and provide that.”

Colbeck, like Dalton, knows it's a pretty steep Democratic hill for a Republican to climb in Wayne County.

“The challenge ... is the election is tipped in favor of the Democrats,” Colbeck said. “But if you talk to people one-on-one and tell them the truth ... we can do a lot better. Wayne County is in worse shape than Detroit (financially). If he talks to them about that, I think that would be a positive.”

Keith said though Dalton has a tough road ahead, the experience will be good for him, win or lose.

“I'll just say it is uphill all the way for John

in this election,” Keith said.

“But if he isn't elected, I know the experience will lay the ground work for bigger and better things. John is definitely driven.”

For his part, Dalton thinks the Republicans too often almost concede the seat to a Democrat. He also thinks, though, that this could be the year for a change.

“People are fed up with the way things are and Warren Evans is really just more of the same,” Dalton said.

“I think that could bring out a lot more people. No one has really tried. Why not take a shot?”

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# Candidates for library board narrowed to five hopefuls

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Canton Public Library trustees have chosen to interview five candidates from a field of 14 applicants to replace departing board member Kim Schulz, who is leaving her position by late September due to an out-of-town move.

Laurie Golden, the library's community relations department head, said trustees plan to interview the candidates during a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at the library, 1200 S. Canton Center. The position is an unpaid, volunteer post.

Candidates include: » Mushir "Marshall" Khwaja, chief commercial officer/corporate planning strategist for EXO Dynamics, a start-up company in Ann Arbor. He is a 1997 graduate of Salem High School and has a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan Stephen M. Ross School of Business.

» Valerie Krimmer, a certified public accountant with Cole, Newton & Duran of Livonia. Her volunteer positions include serving on the Canton Leisure Services advisory committee and various posts with Fairways at Pheasant Run Homeowners Association. She is a graduate of Cleveland State University.

» Kelli Lauria, global account manager at

Avaya, Inc., with a background in developing and executing business and technology strategies. She has 25 years of corporate experience and is a graduate of Oakland University.

» Annie Rosinski, a middle school English and language arts intervention specialist for Wayne-Westland Community Schools who serves as secondary ELA district department head. She has a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University, a master's degree in literature from Eastern Michigan University and a master of education degree in educational leadership from Concordia University-Portland.

» Don Turner, a former Canton library trustee with community service experience for organizations such as Canton Lions, Carriage Hills Homeowners Association, First Step and various Plymouth-Canton Community Schools committees. He is owner of Mid-Michigan Meats and is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The trustee selected from the five candidates will replace Schulz, a trustee since 2009 who is stepping down nearly midway through her current four-year term. Her successor will join board holdovers Nancy Eggenberger, Michelle Farell, James Fausone, Sommer Foster and Thomas Hartnett.

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"Chalk Pastels" by Leonardo Savage is the first solo exhibit of the Plymouth Community Arts Council's 2014-15 season.



# Local artist opens 2015-16 PCAC season

The Plymouth Community Arts Council announced its first solo exhibit of the 2014-15 season, "Chalk Pastels," by Leonardo Savage. The public is invited to the opening reception

4-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6.

Most of the pieces in the show are available for sale. The Plymouth Community Arts Council is at 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

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# Food truck event draws crowds to Ford Field

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

There's just something about the food trucks that have a way of attracting large crowds to downtown Northville — especially when you throw in a little live music, a beer tent, classic car show and an outdoor movie.

Add it all up and you had another great downtown event Saturday when the Northville Chamber of Commerce held its 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival. The chamber did throw in a little wrinkle this year, moving the event down to Ford Field from Main Street where there was a little more room. The move allowed the chamber to expand the event, bringing in more than a dozen food trucks that served up a wide variety of food.

"I think the move down to Ford Field worked out really well," said Northville Chamber Executive Director Jody Humphries. "It was pretty busy all day. I think we had more people than we were expecting. We couldn't be happier about the turnout. Everyone really seemed to be having a great time."

Northville resident Vivian Batarse brought her two daughters — Nicole and Brittney — and their friend, Sydney Reed, to the event. One of the reasons she moved to the community, she said,

was due to all the downtown events put on during the course of the year.

"It seems there's something going on almost every weekend, especially during the summertime. It's really nice," Batarse said.

The move down to Ford Field didn't seem to hurt any of the downtown businesses. All of the restaurants were jammed packed for

much of the day.

The food truck vendors did pretty well, too, as most drew lengthy lines right to the end of the day.

Vanessa Domenick, who was manning the Kona Ice truck, said she was "crazy busy" all day.

"We did better than I was expecting, especially with all of the other trucks here," she said, estimating her sales in "the hundreds."

Other food trucks included The Pita Post, Jacques' Tacos, Shimmy Shack, The Rolling Stoves, Concrete Cuisine, Rollin Stone Pizza, Mystic Kettle, Qais Truck, Treat Dreams, Dago Joe's, Ol' Tyme Good Humor Ice Cream, Stewards for Strangers, Time2Chill and Wooden Spork.

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## Employer jailed for firing worker at gunpoint

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A Canton gas station employer has been sentenced to three months in the Wayne County Jail after police say he threatened a worker at gunpoint, fired him and accused him of giving away merchandise to his friends.

Adel Yasser Berry, 25, also has been placed on probation for two years by Wayne County Circuit Judge Dana Margaret Hathaway after Berry pleaded no contest to a charge

of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Hathaway's courtroom clerk confirmed the details of his sentencing.

Berry's sentencing came last week after he accepted a plea deal that averted a trial in June. Authorities agreed to dismiss other charges of felony firearm and misdemeanor assault stemming from an incident that happened Feb. 24 inside the BP gas station at Ford and Haggerty roads.

Berry could serve some of his jail time through super-

vised outings to perform community service as part of a work-release program, court documents show. He also received credit for three days he spent behind bars prior to his sentencing.

Berry, who police say has an Oscoda address, could have faced penalties ranging up to four years in prison if he had been convicted as charged. He was sentenced Wednesday by Hathaway after the judge referred the case to probation officials for a report prior to sentencing.

Canton police arrested Berry after a 23-year-old worker claimed he was taken into a back office of the BP gas station. The worker told police Berry climbed a ladder, concealed a surveillance video camera and pointed a handgun at him.

The worker alleged he was pushed in the chest before he was fired and ordered out of the gas station. No shots were fired.

According to police, Berry made the initial contact with police, saying he had received

harassing text messages after he fired the worker.

Police say Berry claimed he fired the worker for giving away food and lottery tickets while on the job. The worker told authorities he only gave a container of Muscle Milk to his brother.

Berry had initially denied he threatened the worker at gunpoint. Police found an unloaded gun in a filing cabinet at the gas station.

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Police say this woman is a suspect in the July 15 theft of a stuffed animal puppet from the Genuine Toy Co. in downtown Plymouth.

### Plymouth police seek help identifying suspect in puppet theft

Plymouth police are looking for help identifying a suspect in a theft from a downtown toy store last month.

Police want to talk to the woman captured in surveillance photos July 15 about the theft of a stuffed animal puppet from the Genuine Toy Co.

The suspect is described as a white female with blonde hair and glasses.

Anyone with information about the incident can contact Detective Lt. Jamie Grabowski at 734-453-1234, ext.272, or jgrabowski@ci.plymouth.mi.us.



Plymouth police are looking for help identifying this woman, captured on surveillance photos at the Genuine Toy Co.

### CANTON CRIME WATCH

#### Child neglect

A 37-year-old Canton woman was issued a citation for child neglect after police say she left her three children – crying and sweating – in her car late Monday morning as temperatures topped the 80-degree mark, a police report said.

The children were ages 7 and 5 years and 11 months. Only one window was slightly open, the report said.

A witness saw the children alone in a Honda Civic outside the Office Max store on Ford, west of Morton Taylor. She notified police.

The mother told police she was only inside the store a couple of minutes, but the police report indicated an officer obtained video from a surveillance camera indicating the children had been left alone closer to 20 minutes.

The incident happened as the temperature had reached 81 degrees and the humidity 87 percent. It wasn't immediately known if Child Protective Services had become involved in the case.

#### Disorderly conduct

A 21-year-old man was cited by Canton police for being

disorderly after he broke out a window after his father locked him out of their residence in Sherwood Village, a mobile home community near Michigan Avenue and Haggerty.

Police arriving on the scene noticed the suspect, heavily intoxicated, had cut his right hand. He told police his father locked him out, so he broke a window to get inside, a police report said. The incident unfolded about 11:20 p.m. Monday.

The father came outside and told police he and his son had argued after his son allowed a "crackhead" inside the residence while the father was gone for a few days. The father also told police he believes his son has been stealing from him, allegedly because his son has a heroin problem.

As police investigated, the son fell and hit his head on the ground, prompting officers to call Canton firefighter paramedics. The son was taken to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital for treatment.

#### Home intruder

A Canton public works employee mowing grass outside an abandoned home in the 3600 block of South Sheldon notified police after noticing the rear

door had been pried open sometime prior to Friday.

A police report indicated someone had tampered with ceilings in the kitchen and basement, though nothing appeared missing. The report said pipes and wires had been exposed as though perhaps an intruder had been prepping the house to return later, possibly to steal scrap metal.

#### Bad checks

An employee of Canton Cinema, on Ford west of Morton Taylor, summoned police Monday to report two fraudulent checks had been passed at the theater over the weekend. One check totaled \$20; the other, \$10.

#### Inmate injury

A 26-year-old Garden City man was taken from a Canton jail cell to an Oakwood Hospital facility after he told authorities he rolled off a bench and injured his left shoulder. The incident happened shortly before midnight Saturday.

The inmate told police he was asleep and rolled off the bench. He said his shoulder had been previously injured during an unrelated incident.

— By Darrell Clem

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Klassic Haulers (from left) Buck and Sue Sobolewski of Livonia, Randy Bastion of Canton, Bob Mroz of Livonia, Mark Laskosky of South Lyon and Gary Michalak and his son Kevin of South Lyon were among people at Cruisin' Hines.



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The Klassic Haulers showed off a few of their Ford pickup trucks along Hines Drive.



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Ron and Sheila Wahl of Grosse Ile (left) and Larry and Mary Ligenza of Farmington Hills parked their cars by Nankin Mills to watch the cruise.

# CLASSICS, HOT RODS TAKE OVER HINES DRIVE FOR ANNUAL CRUISE

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Ask people what they don't want to see at a car cruise and they say minivans – but that doesn't put off Gary and Joyce Swain.

The Westland couple sat under an awning Sunday along Hines Drive with their 1992 Chevy Lumina minivan, which they've named Westland's Largest Hot Wheels. And the blue and gray minivan does look like an oversized kid's toy with flames covering the front end.

"I was at Toys R Us and heard a kid tell his parents that it looked like a big Hot Wheels. That's where I got the idea," Gary Swain said.

The Swains were among thousands of cruisers and spectators who converged Sunday on Hines Drive for the fourth annual Cruisin' Hines. Spectators and cars lined the roadway from Outer Drive in Dearborn to Ann Arbor Trail in Westland to see and be seen in a cruise that has become a popular event for car buffs.

"We love the Hines cruise," said Ron Wahl of Grosse Ile, who was there with his wife Sheila and Larry and Mary Ligenza of Farmington Hills. "You can actually cruise and not get jammed up in traffic."

"This year, we came in off of Ford Road. I don't know who thought of that, but it was great," Larry Ligenza said. "I waited on Merriman Road to get in last year."

The two couples staked out a spot near Nankin Mills to show off their vehicles – Wahl's 1964 Ford Fairlane 500 and Ligenza's 1969 Ford Mustang Mach 1 – and watch the car show.

"We do as many



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Classics mixed with hot rods and even a few minivans Sunday at the fourth annual Cruisin' Hines event.

cruises as we can," Ligenza said. "We did the Woodward Dream Cruise and a Mustang cruise last weekend after Labor Day we'll do the Frankenmuth cruise."

### Grandfather's car

Wahl was a senior in high school when his grandfather bought the Fairlane. When he died in 1968, his grandmother drove it for a few years, then parked it in a garage in Texas. In 1974, she came to visit at Christmas and gave Wahl the title as a present.

"He bought a car with a small block V-8 engine and a stick shift," Wahl said. "My wife and I dated in that car."

"He likes to say, 'Same care, same gal,'" his wife said.

Ligenza's car wasn't quite as clean.

"It was a mess," he said. "The original owner drove it for 20 years and I don't think he ever washed it. He bought it right out of the showroom and drove it. He was in a carpool and a guy bought it for his son, who had it one month and got in trouble, so he sold it. We got it in 1992."

Further down the road, the Klassic Haulers

were watching the show with their pickup trucks lined up beside them. The club draws members from throughout southeast Michigan and uses Rotary Park in Livonia as its meeting spot.

"We're about Ford trucks, 25 years and older, specifically the 1948-56 trucks," said Mark Laskosky of South Lyon.

Joining him were Buck and Sue Sobolewski of Livonia, Randy Bastion of Canton, Bob Mroz of Livonia and Gary Michalak and his son Kevin of South Lyon. They started at Ford Road in the morning and decided to park for a while near Nankin Mills.

"After lunch, we'll go cruise back and forth," Laskosky said.

### Taking a walk

Gene and Fran Lucier of Westland had parked their 1985 Corvette and were walking along the parkway to see the other cars.

"We enjoy seeing the old cars here," Fran Lucier said. "This is the only place you see the nice cars. At the other cruises, you have to wait seven or eight cars before you see a nice one."

In 1985, the Luciers couldn't afford a Corvette – they were busy raising five children – but eight years ago, Gene Lucier brought the Corvette. It surprised their sons.

"When he bought it, we had a picnic and my one son came up (and) he asked who owned the Corvette," Fran Lucier said. "Our other son said, 'Dad' and he replied, 'No, I'm serious. Whose is it?'"

The cruise weekend started Saturday at Crosswinds Church in Wayne, which hosted the pre-cruise kickoff party as part of its Family Day. More than 500 cars showed up for the event.

"We went to look at the cars," Gene Lucier said. "It was really good."

Matt and Julie Burns and their three children used their bikes to get around the park to see the cars. Son Brandon rode his own bike, while sons Shawn, 6, and Zachary, 3, rode in a pull-

along cart.

"We come every year. I enjoy it," Matt Burns said.

"He loves it; it's in his blood," his wife added. "When he smells that smell, he has to come. He

and his dad go to cruises and car shows."

Matt Burns had a 1973 Camaro, but sold it years ago.

"I was young and didn't realize its value," he said. "It's like everyone says, I wish I hadn't."

Spectators and cruisers alike took photos of the cars and the crowd. Some even had video cameras set up along the road to record the event.

"This is going to be the best cruise ever," Gary Swain said. "It's slow enough you can see the cars and cut across the road."

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Matt and Julie Burns of Westland and their children Brandon (right), Shawn and Zachary used their bicycles to get to the cruise.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**THRIFT STORE SALE**

**Date/Time:** Monday, Sept. 1, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Location:** Salvation Army Thrift Store, Canton

**Details:** The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center family thrift stores host their annual Labor Day sale. In addition to 50-percent savings on clothing, shoppers will have opportunities to pick up deals on accessories, home goods and other items during bonus sales announced each hour. Proceeds from all stores benefit The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Centers, independently funded, 180-day residential rehabilitation program for adults.

**Contact:** Call 734-416-1925 for more information.

**PETE THE CAT PARTY**

**Dates/Times:** Friday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 30, 11 a.m.

**Location:** Barnes and Noble, 17111 Haggerty (at Six Mile), Northville

**Details:** A special event for kids who love a popular story character "Pete the Cat." There will be a costumed Pete there to take photos with the kids. The Friday night event is a pajama party, so kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas. There will be games and activities, along with a photo op with Pete.

**Contact:** Call 248-348-0696 for more information.

**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 [www.plymouthhistory.org/cm/dpl/downloads/events/117/craft\\_show.pdf](http://www.plymouthhistory.org/cm/dpl/downloads/events/117/craft_show.pdf).

**TASTE FEST**

**Date/Time:** Friday, Sept. 5, 6-8 p.m.

**Location:** Station 885, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth's Old Village

**Details:** The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club and Station 885 are sponsoring the Taste Fest, which will offer great food and wine tasting. Participants include Bahama Breeze, Claddagh Pub, Cupcake Station, Elite Catering, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizza & Ribs, LaBistecca Italian Grille, Max & Erma's Plymouth, Mitchell's Fish Market, Noodles & Company, Plymouth Roc, Rocky's of Northville, Rusty Bucket, Station 885, Vintner's Canton Winery and Zoup Soup, Salad & Sandwiches. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. There's a live band, cash bar and more food and tables. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Station 885 and at U.P. Pasties on Main Street.

**Contact:** Call 734-459-1896 for more information.

**FALL FEST CRAFTERS**

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

**Location:** Downtown Plymouth

**Details:** It's not too late to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com).

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

**SENIOR FITNESS**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, Sept. 3, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Friendship Station Senior Center, 42375 Schoolcraft, Plymouth Township

**Details:** The Plymouth YMCA offers an open house and demonstrations of fitness classes offered by the center. The Silver Sneakers yoga classes feature a modified version of yoga designed for adults 65 and older. Zumba Gold is a specialty dance-inspired fitness class that takes the Zumba flavor and modifies the moves and pace to suit the needs of active older adults, baby boomers and the beginning fitness person. Six-week sessions start Sept. 9. Classes are free with participating Health Plans or \$39 annual YMCA fee or \$25 per session.

**Contact:** Registration will be available at the open house. For more information, contact the Plymouth YMCA at 734-453-2904.

**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



**Bucket challenge**

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board members (from left) John Barrett, Kim Crouch, Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen and Sheila Paton took the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge last week. Doing the pouring are Erin MacGregor, Nancy Laws, John Stewart and Kurt Tyszkiewicz.

donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Featured will be the Tommy Good Quartet with Tommy Good on vocals, Chuck Shermetero on keyboards, Ray Tini on bass and Jim Ryan on drums.

**Contact:** For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit [www.plymouthannarbor.org/elks325.com](http://www.plymouthannarbor.org/elks325.com).

**BLOOD DRIVES**

**Dates/Times/Locations:**

» Thursday, Aug. 28, 2-7:45 p.m., Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive

» Thursday, Aug. 28, 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main

» Friday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Canton Library, 1200 Canton Center

» Friday, Aug. 29, noon to 6 p.m., Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck

» Wednesday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Biggy Coffee, 44601 Five Mile, Plymouth

**Details:** The American Red Cross sponsors a series of blood drives in the Plymouth-Canton area. Appointments can be made and walk-ins are wel-

come. **Contact:** Call Diane Risko to set up an appointment at 313-549-7052.

**PERENNIAL EXCHANGE**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Sept. 6, 9-11 a.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Fall Festival, east end of Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth

**Details:** The Trailwood Garden Club sponsors a Perennial Exchange at the Plymouth Fall Festival. This is open to the community without charge; bring something (healthy plants only), take something or just stop by and see what is available. Members will be available to answer questions. Trailwood Garden Club is a member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association.

**Contact:** For further information, call 734-459-7146.

**MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, Sept. 17, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

**Details:** United Home Health

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

**Contact:** Heather Pinage, 734-727-2063. Please specify you are requesting an appointment for the United Home Health location. For MMAP information visit [www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html](http://www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html)

**OLGC ALPHA SERIES**

**Date/Time:** Courses begin week of Sept. 9 and end week of Nov. 18. Times vary.

**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

**Details:** Registration is now open for the parish's Alpha Course. The 11-week program involves interactive sessions exploring the basics of the

Christian faith. Each session includes a meal, short talk and informal group discussion. Our Lady of Good Counsel launched Alpha September 2013. By the end of the winter session in 2014, a total of 1,500 people completed the course.

**Contact:** To register or for more information, go to [www.olgc-parish.net/events/alpha](http://www.olgc-parish.net/events/alpha) or call 734-453-0326. Open to all, Alpha is free to anyone living in the OLGC Parish boundaries and not registered at another parish.

**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 2 1/2 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.

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District teachers and staff gathered in the stadium for the rally.

# ANNUAL RALLY DAY KICKS OFF NEW SCHOOL YEAR

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

The 2014-15 school year starts Tuesday for the students.

For Plymouth-Canton Community Schools teachers, administrators and staff, it started this past Monday, with the district's annual Rally Day at the varsity football field.

Hundreds of teachers and staff gathered in the bleachers to hear Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen welcome them back and to listen to a variety of speeches designed to kick the school year off with an energetic start.

"It's critical to celebrate the greatest assets in the community ... the teachers, students and support team," Meissen said, headlining his second rally day at the start of his second year at the district's helm. "We have a tradition of excellence here that needs to be celebrated."

In addition to speeches by former teacher Tom Williams, who retired last year after 40 years in the district, Board of Education President Judy Mar-digian and Carole Kody, head of the district's Educational Excellence Foundation, the audience was treated to speeches from two students.

Central Middle School eighth-grader Marcellus Gaines, whose family just moved to the district last year, hailed his school's "welcoming spirit" for helping him adjust to his new surroundings.

"I started the school year not really knowing what to expect and kind of nervous about being the new kid," said Gaines, who said he hopes to go to a Big Ten school and play collegiate football. "To my surprise, before long, I was well-adjusted and had lots of new friends. That kind of welcoming spirit is just one of the things that makes Central such a unique and wonderful school."

Plymouth High School senior Ethan Hopper blended humor - "I would only be half-lying if I said this is the first time in August I've been awake early enough to say 'good morning' to someone," he said - with appreciation in addressing the teachers.

"There is no other place I'd rather be going to school ... I am grateful for your expertise, professionalism, respect and dedication," Hopper told teachers and staff. "Until I started thinking about this speech, I hadn't really considered some of the more subtle things that staff do every day for students."

The event also featured performances from the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, the Canton Chieftettes, the Salem Rockettes and the Plymouth Wildcats cheer/pom teams.

It was an event designed to get the staff jazzed for the new year and it seemed to work.

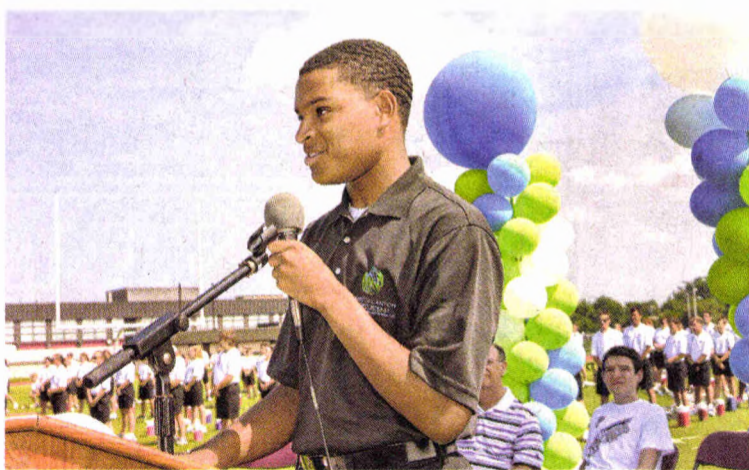
"(Rally Day) is a great idea," said Canton High School teacher Joanna McLean, whose team won the first Rally Day Spirit Trophy. "We never get to see everyone. ... It brings us together as a whole."

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The rally closes with high-flying cheers.

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Marcellus Gaines, a student at Central Middle School, thanks staff and teachers.

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The Canton staff earned the first Spirit Award.

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Superhero Diane Klupacs, a paraprofessional at Field Elementary, got into the spirit of the day.

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The P-CEP Marching Band, here standing at parade rest, provided the entertainment for Rally Day.

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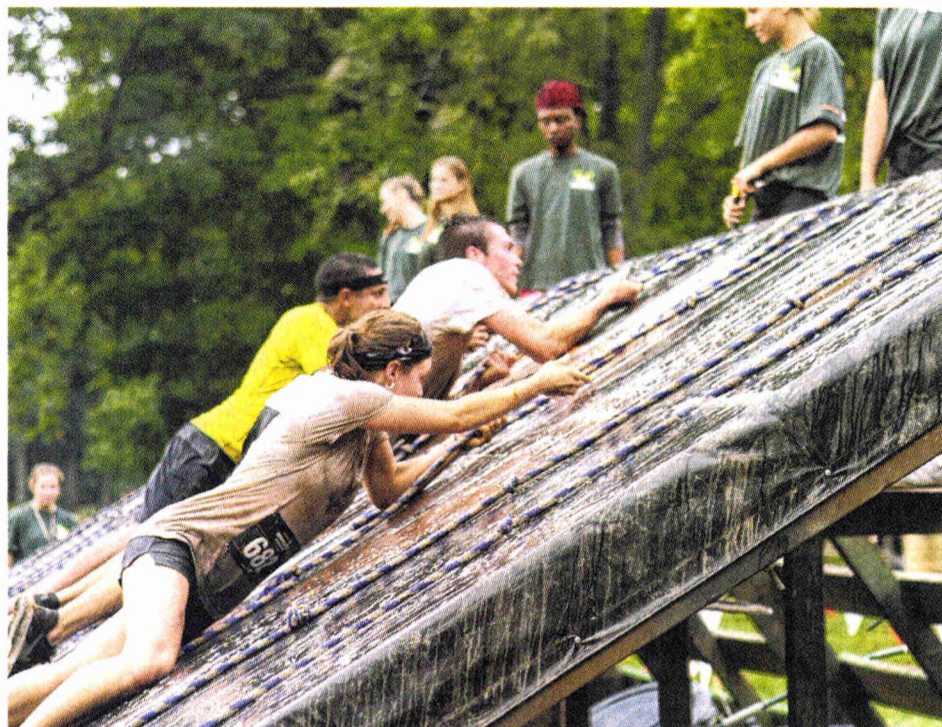
# Fun time: Getting 'Down & Dirty'



LAURA COLVIN  
Steve Katz, 48, of Farmington Hills finished the six-mile course with a time of 58:30.



LAURA COLVIN  
Joe Lang, 23, of Westland finished the six-mile race third overall, crossing the finish line with a time of 48:49.



LAURA COLVIN  
Natascha Young, 20, of South Lyon makes her way up a slippery slope in the six-mile race. She finished with a time of 1:14:41.



LAURA COLVIN  
Ryan Rivamonte, 23, of Royal Oak placed first overall in the six-mile course with a time of 45:38.



LAURA COLVIN  
Brien Baumgartner, 28, of Canton finished the race with a time of 57:14.

Racers came in clean and went out dirty Sunday after participating in the Merrell Down & Dirty Obstacle Race at Kensington Metropark in Milford.

Participants ran, climbed, crawled, jumped and splashed through muddy pits during the six- and three-mile courses.

More than 3,000 racers – including nearly 500 kids who participated in the Adventure Kids one-mile race – completed the course.

The Merrell Down & Dirty Obstacle Race partners with Operation Gratitude, a charity organization that sends care packages filled with snacks, entertainment items and letters of appreciation addressed to U.S. service members deployed in hostile regions such as Iraq and Afghanistan and on naval ships at sea.



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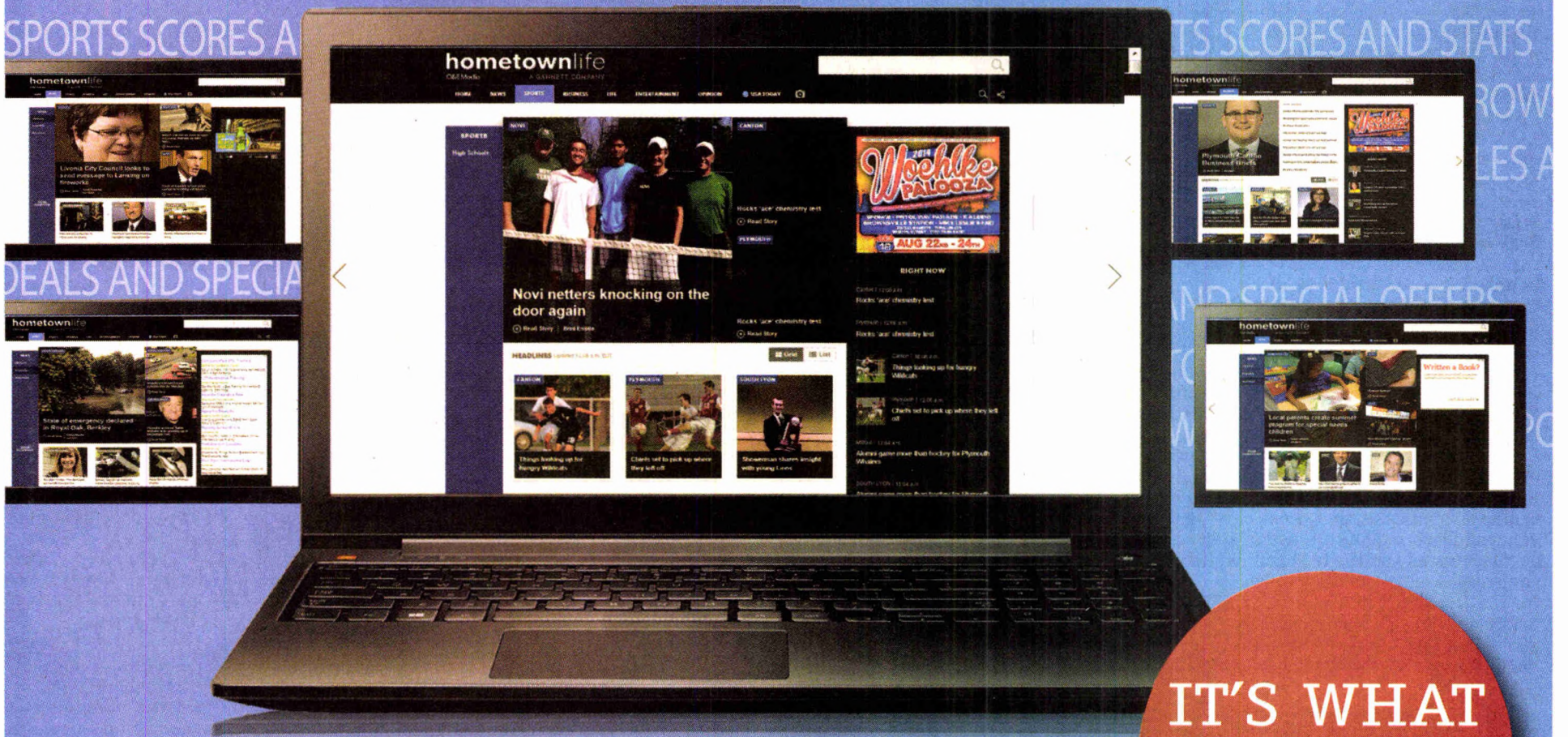
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## Kids 'Kick Butt' for good cause, clean up downtown Plymouth

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Beckett and Noah Watson are 15-year-old twin brothers and sophomores at Plymouth Canton High School. They were eager to take to their longboards and pick up trash the morning of Sunday, Aug. 24, in the city of Plymouth.

"It's fun and it's great for the community," Beckett said inside the sponsoring Sun & Snow store in downtown Plymouth. Young people showed up in droves that morning to ride their longboards through Plymouth and pick up trash in the "Kick Butt" event.

"I think it is a cool thing we're doing," Noah said. They've been using longboards some two years, according to Beckett. "It's a lot different from skateboarding."

The "Kick Butt" concept evolved from Andy Bihn, 21, an Eastern Michigan University senior who's worked about two years at Sun & Snow.

"We put it on so the kids can come down and skate downtown for the one day," said Bihn, who's studying environmental geology at EMU and graduated from Plymouth High School in 2011. "We're just trying to let people know we're not out here ruining stuff. We can be helpful."

For safety reasons, the event was held Sunday and much of it beyond the immediate downtown area. Bihn, whose family lives in Canton, noted about 1,200 pounds of trash got picked up last year.

"Last year turned out really well for us," he said. "It's really good to see all of them come together for something like this."

Helmet use was also emphasized for safety, Bihn said. He appreciates support from city of Plymouth folks, including police, as well as the Downtown Development Authority.

"They appreciate and respect what we were doing," he said.

He estimated the corps of young people Sunday at around 100. A "Kick Butt" event was also held in early June.

Susan Watson of Plymouth Township is mom to Beckett and Noah. "I'm proud of them for being part of this," she said. "There's sort of been a bad rap about the kids. They're all super great kids. I just love it. And it's good to see all these younger kids, too."

She regularly has a number of great teen boys who are her



Young people showed up in droves for the Sunday, Aug. 24, trash pickup in Plymouth.

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Sun & Snow staffer Andy Bihn, 21, takes a break from organizing duties at Sunday's "Kick Butt" trash pickup. He's a 2011 Plymouth High graduate and a senior in environmental geology at Eastern Michigan University.

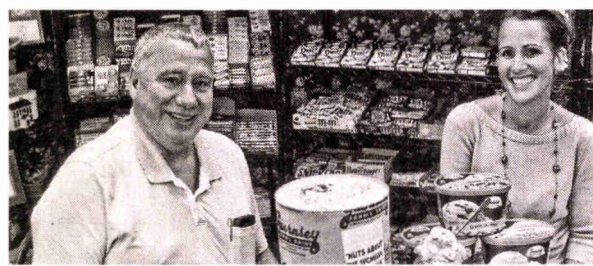
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sons' friends at their home. Her sons are both in Canton High's Arts Academy.

"They're very solid students," she said. Sun & Snow's Bihn agreed the event boosts

the image of boarders.

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Guernsey president Marty McGuire and manager Colleen Ortman are excited about debuting a special ice cream strictly for the state fair. Novi Mayor Bob Gatt was behind the ingredients for this ice cream that will be served all weekend at the state fair.

### Guernsey going for record at fair

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

A big happening at the Michigan State Fair will be Guernsey Farms Dairy attempting to become part of the Guinness Book of World Records.

This local favorite in the Novi/Northville community is working with Sanders Chocolate to serve around 3,000 people dessert at the fair to break the record of nearly 800. Today's event is part of the kick-off for the state fair's VIP Charity Preview Night. A lot of Guernsey ice cream and Sanders hot fudge will be served.

"This should be a lot of fun and interesting to see," said Marty McGuire, president of Guernsey Farms Dairy.

Guernsey has become an even bigger part of the fair this year, with a larger booth to go along with this role. It will again offer "Endless Chocolate Milk"

which has fair-goers able to try their hand at milking Darla the virtual cow and receiving a half-pint. This can be replaced as many times as they wish during their time at the fair.

It will also be featuring more food items like its famous broasted chicken.

The dairy's role has grown more with the help of the renewed partnership with Sanders. At the Guernsey fair booth, attendees will find some classic treats being served, including Sanders Hot Fudge Cream Puffs and Bumpy Cake.

"We're excited to be part of this," McGuire said. "We always want to be involved with the community that supports us and introduce ourselves to new people. This is a great way for us to do those things."

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## Charity walk to fight cancer

Quick Lane of Plymouth, located at Blackwell Ford, is thinking pink come September for the inaugural Walk for the Cure of Breast Cancer 5K.

The tire and auto center will host its first ever charity walk Sept. 13 at the dealership in Plymouth.

The walk/run will take off from the parking lot of Blackwell Ford at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Participants can enjoy refreshments at the starting point before the race starts.

Honorary chair Linda Pond, a breast cancer survivor and Ford Warriors in Pink model of courage, will speak during the opening ceremony. International recording artist Steve Acho will open the event as well.

Quick Lane of Plymouth is accepting registrations for run/walk spots and donations now at [BlackwellFord.com/Events](http://BlackwellFord.com/Events).

Registration is free and the first 500 registrants will receive a complimentary T-shirt.

Proceeds raised from the event will benefit the Detroit Komen Race for the Cure in 2015. Together, Quick Lane of Plymouth and Blackwell Ford support Susan G. Komen for the Cure in many of its local organizations and events. Susan G. Komen for the Cure has invested more than \$2.5 billion to fulfill the



Quick Lane of Plymouth, located at Blackwell Ford, hosts its first Walk for the Cure of Breast Cancer 5K in Plymouth on Sept. 13.

promise of working to end breast cancer in the U.S. and throughout the world.

The dealership and service center's goal is to help Susan G. Komen for the Cure with that promise and raise \$10,000 during its maiden Walk for the Cure of Breast Cancer 5K.

"Our staff at Quick Lane of Plymouth is so

excited to host a new event that benefits cancer research," said Steve Colwell, manager of Quick Lane of Plymouth. "We can't wait to get everyone out here to walk for the cure!"

To sign up to run or walk in the 5K, sponsor the event or to find out more information, visit [BlackwellFord.com/Events](http://BlackwellFord.com/Events).

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for **Purchase of Technology Education Lockers with Tools**. Specifications of the Request for Proposal (RFP) are available by contacting Kristen Hennessey, Director of Procurement, Plymouth Canton Community Schools at [kristen.hennessey@pcck12.com](mailto:kristen.hennessey@pcck12.com) or (734) 416-3013. Details of the proposal are also available on Bid4Michigan.com. Proposals will be accepted as specified in the Request for Proposals at PCCS - E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before **Friday, September 12, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.** The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
Adrienne Davis, Secretary

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### New Esquire location

Locally owned Esquire Interiors of Ann Arbor is opening a second store in downtown Plymouth.

The new store location is reported to be next to Starbucks and Panera Bread, across from the Ironwood Grille, on Ann Arbor Trail.

Esquire Interiors moved its main location eight years ago to 5863 Jackson, across from Lowe's, in Ann Arbor and has reported an average of 10-percent growth, even through recession, company officials said. Esquire has been nominated by Hunter Douglas Blinds and Shades as a Gallery Centurion Store, one of six in Michigan, and has consistently been one of the most successful Hunter-Douglas retailers in the state.

Owner Ted Barron explains why the extraordinary growth in tough market.

"I believe having a no-commission sales staff that concentrates on doing the right thing - not selling, but helping - is one of the keys," he said. "Also standing behind our best-priced promise, even when we go up against the Internet, helps, too."

Esquire is a full-service home fashions retailer. Featuring upholstered furniture from Norwalk, custom window fashions, flooring and kitchen and bath remodeling. More information is available at [www.esquireinteriors.com](http://www.esquireinteriors.com)

#### Fish Window honors

Bridget and Joe Lang, owners of the local Fish Window Cleaning, were recognized Aug. 2 for top sales at the annual Fish Window Cleaning Convention in St. Louis, Mo.

"We had a great year," Bridget Lang said. "We are thankful for our customers - old and new - for helping us reach this milestone."

The Langs were recognized for adding more than 500 accounts to their customer base in 2013.

"The top sales recognition identifies franchise owners who are committed to growing their business," said Mike Merrick, CEO, Fish Window Cleaning.

"Success doesn't happen overnight and meeting people daily and building relationships in the community is what makes Fish owners so successful."

The Langs opened their business in 2003 and their office provides service to commercial and residential customers in Detroit, Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, Novi, Wixom, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Royal Oak, Birmingham, Troy and Rochester Hills.

To contact Fish Window Cleaning, visit [www.fishwindowcleaning.com/540](http://www.fishwindowcleaning.com/540) or call 248-354-3340.

## OUR VIEW

# Pay tribute to nation's workers on Labor Day

## Holiday more than just long weekend

Come Monday, the nation will celebrate Labor Day. Like other holidays that have been transformed into long weekends, the meaning of Labor Day has been lost on many Americans.

For them, Labor Day is typically a day spent with friends and family, making one last trip to the pool, beach or amusement park. Little consideration is given to why they have a day off from work.

Labor Day was created as a day to celebrate, acknowledge and pay tribute to the contributions that American workers have provided for the country as a whole. Workers are given the day off as a way for the nation to show appreciation for their work.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union.

**The accomplishments of the labor movement are often forgotten with our celebration of Labor Day.**

The holiday was part of the overall labor movement of the late 19th century, which sought greater recognition for fair labor practices for people working in blue-collar jobs. The proposal was for a holiday that included a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and *esprit de corps* of the trade and labor organizations" of the community.

It took the 1894 Pullman strike to get Labor Day to be recognized as a holiday. Organized by labor leader Eugene V. Debs, the strike included dozens of labor unions and 270,000 workers from 27 states. To keep the trains running, President Grover Cleveland ordered the U.S. military to break up picketing. It resulted in 34 deaths and score of injuries. As a result of the political fallout, Cleveland signed into law an act making Labor Day a mandatory legal holiday.

The accomplishments of the labor movement are often forgotten with our celebration of Labor Day. The union movement has been dedicated to improving working conditions and creating a better standard of living for workers – and it has done that.

In the late 1800s, the average American worked 12-hour days, seven days a week. Children as young as 5 and 6 years old worked in factories and mines. It is because of labor's efforts that we have the eight-hour work day and a five-day work week, plus holidays as days off, vacation and sick time, health care, pensions and child labor laws.

We have all benefited from the efforts of those who fought for good, safe working conditions and a decent wage. Those battles continue to today. It took protests by fast food workers to get the state Legislature to change the minimum wage. The change may not be the \$15 an hour they wanted, but as of Sept. 1, Michigan workers will see an increase in the minimum wage from \$7.40 to \$8.15. That's the first increase in six years and marks the beginning of a gradual 25-percent increase of the minimum wage, resulting in \$9.25 per hour by 2018.

Labor Day was the creation of the labor movement and dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. Today, it recognizes the contributions and achievements of the 155 million men and women who are in the U.S. workforce.

So whatever your plans are for Labor Day, take a moment to think about those who took a stand to make things better in the workplace. Labor Day is your day because of them.



LEWIS HINE

Among the accomplishments of the labor movement often forgotten with our celebration of Labor Day is the passage of child labor laws.

## LETTERS

### Compromise lost

Trustee Mike Kelly presented the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees with a very simple opportunity to compromise on the ongoing controversial approval process for an amphitheater at the west township park.

As he had to make a motion to solicit citizen input for this project, it seems obvious that despite claims to the contrary, this input does not exist. Otherwise, all trustees would have been given the evidence. If it does exist, perhaps a request under the Freedom of Information Act to produce it could be a next step.

The opportunity for compromise was lost as a result of what has become a predictable bloc voting, with the majority digging in their heels even further. What they need to remember is without data backing up their vote, they are just another opinion. Granted, some of it is a higher-paid opinion – in one case, with a gavel, and in the case of one of the trustees, a back pocket vote who does not seem to have any independent opinion other than "go along to get along."

**Bonnie Jost**  
Plymouth Township

### Why the difference?

Stephen Utash was beat to a bloody pulp April 2 in Detroit; there was no rioting, no violence.

He simply stopped to render aid in a minor traffic accident.

Now, Michael Brown is killed in an altercation with police officers in Ferguson, Mo. Looting and violence has followed.

Why? Can you answer that, Rev. Al Sharpton?

**Tom Kelly**  
Plymouth

### Negative focus

I was disappointed to read in last Thursday's *Observer* a letter disparaging Rep. Dian Slavens. I am not surprised, though.

The entire focus of state Sen. Patrick Colbeck has been negative in this campaign so far. He does not campaign on what he has done.

I have known Dian Slavens for over 20 years. We were fellow church members. Dian gave generously of her time to teach Sunday school. She is one of the



The amphitheater project in Plymouth Township Park continues to be a controversial issue.

most ethical persons I know. That is why I was not surprised when it was reported in Sunday's (Aug. 24) *Observer* that the Michigan Department of State reported that she had not violated any campaign laws.

Sen. Colbeck should examine why he has little support from the education community and why Rep. Slavens has substantial support from that community. Perhaps it is because Colbeck has voted to raise the cap on charter schools. Also, he is working tirelessly to dismantle the Michigan Education Association.

Dian Slavens opposes cuts to our public educational system. Please join with me and other 7th District voters in electing Rep. Diane Slavens as our next state senator from the 7th District.

**Thomas M. Hartnett**  
Canton

### Mud-slinging starts

Last year, I warned our voters to stock up on hip boots because of the BS that was coming from the right-wing politicians and their lackeys. I now suggest raincoats to protect against becoming collateral damage from the mud being thrown by these same hacks.

According to a letter in this paper (Aug. 21), Patrick Colbeck's apologist, groupie fan or whatever he considers himself, Republican spokesman Michael Hansel has fired the opening salvo of mud-slinging. In his letter, he is calling on everybody short of the National Guard to investigate our Demo-

cratic Rep. Dian Slavens over email letters.

Rep. Slavens has been most vocal in opposing, and voting against, all the tax breaks for rich corporate leaders that were paid for by the middle class, the poor, retirees, school districts and local governments. That is one of the reasons she is running for the state Senate 7th District seat, currently occupied by Colbeck.

Colbeck and his minions can throw all the mud they want, but when it washes off, the voting records will show who is a shill for the rich and who works for the rest of us.

**James Huddleston**  
Canton

### Ignoring the voices

The recent decision by the Plymouth Township board to proceed with the building of an amphitheater at Plymouth Township Park in spite of large opposition by the township residents only shows what has been happening with our governments lately. This includes local, county, state and federal branches.

Our elected representatives constantly ignore the voices of their constituents who protest either through board meetings or petition and vote to proceed with projects or change laws as they (or their campaign contributors) see fit. What a sham.

Voters in November, and in future elections, beware of who you elect and then hold them accountable for their actions.

**Thomas Marunich**  
Plymouth

## GUEST COLUMN

# Great Lakes restoration bill gets committee hearing

In July, the Water and Wildlife Subcommittee of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee held a hearing on the Great Lakes Ecological and Economic Protection Act, which I introduced along with a bipartisan group of eight Senate co-sponsors, including Illinois Sen. Mark Kirk, my co-chair on the Senate Great Lakes Task Force, and Michigan Sen. Debbie Stabenow.

This legislation would help restore and protect the Great Lakes, the largest source of surface freshwater on the planet. It would target the most significant problems facing the Great Lakes and ensure that we implement these projects cost-effectively.

The Great Lakes are one of the world's great treasures, providing drinking water to more than 40 million people; supporting 1.5 million U.S. jobs and \$62 billion in wages; transporting critical supplies for manufacturing, electricity generation and food for the world; and supporting the region's \$4.6 trillion economy.

The Great Lakes brought industrial and natural resource development to the region, which resulted in tremendous economic development and population growth. This development, however, also resulted in toxic substances polluting the waters and sediments, untreated waste water threatening public health and polluted runoff choking habitats and killing aquatic life. The recent toxic algae bloom on Lake Erie that cut off drinking water to a half a million residents is just one example of how much we depend on our lakes.

The Great Lakes Ecological and Economic Protection Act, also known as GLEPPA, would tackle problems from past pollution and protect the lakes



**Carl Levin**

GUEST COLUMNIST

from current and future threats.

GLEPPA would formally authorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, an inter-agency program launched by President Obama in 2009 to implement a regional collaboration strategy developed in 2005 through a process established in an executive order by President George W. Bush.

The history of the restoration strategy clearly shows the work of restoring and protecting the Great Lakes is founded on a plan that reflects a broad range of viewpoints and has strong bipartisan support.

GLEPPA would focus federal resources on the areas of highest priority identified in the collaborative plan, which would be further refined as new science and information become available. While the GLRI is broadly authorized in the Clean Water Act, passing this legislation would help ensure the program has clear congressional direction and goals, is results-driven and transparent and implements the most cost-effective solutions.

The bill would also formally establish the Great Lakes Advisory Board to provide advice and recommendations concerning restoration and protection. The board would reflect many different viewpoints, including local, state and tribal governments; environmental, agricultural and business organizations; hunters and anglers; and academia.

Finally, the bill would formally establish a 10-member

inter-agency task force to coordinate restoration efforts, ensure projects are not duplicated and that they use existing successful programs. GLEPPA also would accelerate progress toward the goals of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, a formal agreement between the U.S. and Canadian governments establishing shared goals for protecting and improving water quality of the Great Lakes.

The GLRI has achieved real progress: cleanup of more than 1.3 million cubic yards of contaminated sediment; control of the destructive sea lamprey and restoration of sturgeon, trout and other important fish species; construction and improvement of barriers to prevent an invasion by destructive Asian carp and planning for additional measures to keep these fish out of the lakes; protection of tens of thousands of vital habitat acreage; and restoration of thousands of miles of rivers for fish passage. GLEPPA would help ensure that progress continues to be made using a solid framework for achieving measurable and outcome-based results.

The Great Lakes are precious and irreplaceable. As temporary stewards of this invaluable resource, we must do all we can to restore and protect the Great Lakes for the millions of people who depend on them today and the millions more who will in the future.

I'm glad the Water and Wildlife Subcommittee held an important hearing on this vital legislation and I'm hopeful it can receive approval from the full committee and move on to a vote in the Senate.

*Carl Levin is a U.S. senator from Michigan and co-chair of the Senate Great Lakes Task Force.*

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# State Fair: 20 more acres of fun for 2014

The Michigan State Fair rolls into the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi over Labor Day weekend, Aug. 29 through Sept. 1.

Now produced as a private enterprise and with Fifth Third Bank as the presenting sponsor for the second year, the fair continues to honor all of the great traditions and legacy of the treasured event, but with a 21st century twist.

The fair, which welcomed 80,000 folks in 2013, will expand by 20 acres westward along I-96 this year, featuring the famous agriculture, tourism and products of Michigan in the clean, modern environment of the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue (between Novi and Beck roads).

"What makes the fair better this year is its size and expansion," said Blair Bowman, manager of the fair and owner of the Showplace. "Literally every area of the fair has expanded. We have more animals with over a 60-percent increase in livestock participants. The home arts area doubled in size from last year."

The Detroit Shrine Circus, presented by Bright House Networks, returns for 2014 with three of the world's largest circus tents. It includes the world famous Flying Wallendas high wire act, featuring Rietta and Lyric Wallenda. The majestic and stunning equine steeds also return with the Zoppee-Zamperla Riders. Plus, visitors will see the Wheel of Thrills featuring Joseph Dominic Bauer. The Shrine Circus features lions, horses and a host of thrilling circus acts.

Fair-goers will also enjoy an expanded Arnold Amusements Midway featuring a giant Ferris wheel and popular Freak Out ride, Tilt-a-Whirl, Groovy Bus and Shock Drop, along with giant slides, bumper cars and much more. There is also a special area of the fairgrounds equipped with rides just for the little ones; Tiny Totville offers parents a place for their toddlers to play, with rides and play-capes just for them.

Another new addition is the Kroger Michigan-Made Pavilion, which offers exhibits and sampling for a broad array of food, beverage and other products manufactured within the state. "Kroger is proud to be a presenting sponsor of the Michigan-Made Pavilion at the Michigan State Fair," says Jayne Homco, president of The Kroger Co. of Michigan.

"Everything has truly expanded this year and about 80 percent of the fair is under cover and the weather has a minimal effect on the fair goer experience," said Steve Masters, the fair's executive director.

There is also a new Guernsey Dairy and Sanders Candy collaboration being churned up. The two iconic Michigan companies have entered into a sweet new partnership which will debut at the fair. Guernsey is now slated to produce Sanders ice cream, bringing back some of Sanders' most popular flavors - using original recipes dating as far back as the early 1920s - as well as collaborating on developing new flavors. Guernsey Dairy



Fair-goers can again enjoy carnival rides.

will also again offer Endless Chocolate Milk, where fair-goers are able to try their hand at milking Darla the (virtual) cow and receive a half-pint, which can be replaced as many times as they wish during their time at the fair.

4-H Clubs and youth members from counties all across southeast Michigan will offer a new children's activity area, with a take-home craft project and a chance to learn about the wide spectrum of 4-H club activities available to local youngsters.

The time-honored fair agricultural and livestock exhibits return, including the Beginning of Life, with baby farm animals, Butter Cow sculpting presented by CF Burger Creamery and also many horse and pony breed demonstrations.

Expanded Home Arts exhibits, contests and activities are also included in the 2014 fair. The King Arthur Baking Contest returns, along with a new Soup Contest, plus spinning and weaving demonstrations and more crafts and projects. The fair will also debut its new Farm Favorites Cookbook at the fair (available for purchase at \$15), a three-ring binder style with more than 250 recipes that will be updated annually with additional new recipes from Michigan cooks and chefs.

Bowman said what he is looking forward to most is awarding even more scholarships to both urban and rural youth agricultural applicants. He said another highlight will be the Charity Preview night, where deserving military veterans and their families, Shriners Hospital kids, Rainbow Connection and wish families, as well as Michigan's special Olympians along with other charities, get a chance to come and enjoy the fair free of charge.

### Musical entertainment

Live family entertainment features live music from a full slate of Michigan singer-songwriters Friday evening, all sharing Michigan roots - Billy Brandt, Jason Den-

nie & John Holkeboer; Don 'Doop' Duprie and Jennifer Westwood & Dylan Dunbar.

The new Michigan State Fair Superstar talent competition will showcase 14 local acts both Friday and Saturday afternoon. The finalists were selected from more than 70 applicants following live auditions in late July; they will all be performing at the fair. The showcase performances will run 2-6 p.m. Friday,

Aug. 29, and Saturday, Aug. 30, with the grand prize winner and runner-up performing as headliners on the Main Stage, sponsored by St John Providence Health System, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31.

The 2014 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair Superstar Finalists are: Alison Albrecht, 14, Novi; Karley Davidson, 20, Madison Heights; Leah Ginsey, 15, Commerce; Shannen Hawkins, 28, Flint; Aiesha "A.J." Jenkins, 17, Roseville; Esther Kaufmann, 18, Plymouth; Alise King, 28, Detroit; Jade Kuzak, 16, Plymouth; Jordan Norman, 18, Allegan; Claudia Paddy, 15, South Rockwood; Ben Will, 28, Detroit; Racecarracecar (group), Berkley; Tim Reeves (group), Westland; and We 3 & She (group), Oakland.

The winner will be awarded a \$2,000 cash prize, plus songwriting coaching, artist and repertoire song selection and publishing consultation from multiple Detroit Music Award winner Nadir Omowale and vocal performance coaching from Wayne State University instructor Gordon Finlay, both members of the Masters of Music Learning Conservatory in Royal Oak. The winner will also benefit from live performance booking consultation from 2 Stones Events; practice studio time at Studio B in Novi; and studio production consultation and direction from producer Chuck Alkazan, with

recording and mastering of a three-song EP at Pearl Sound Studios in Canton.

The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair will present Steinway Under the Stars, a celebration of the Great American Songbook, Saturday, Aug. 30.

The Great American Songbook spans many decades and includes some of the nation's most beloved songs and arrangements. This special Steinway Under the Stars features accomplished local musicians and vocalists, including:

**Cliff Monear:** A product of the Berklee College of Music, Cliff's jazz group, The Cliff Monear Trio, is one of the busiest performing rhythm sections in the Midwest. In addition to a very full private and public performance schedule as well as teaching commitments at Wayne State University, Monear is the exclusive Steinway & Sons representative for the Michigan jazz community.

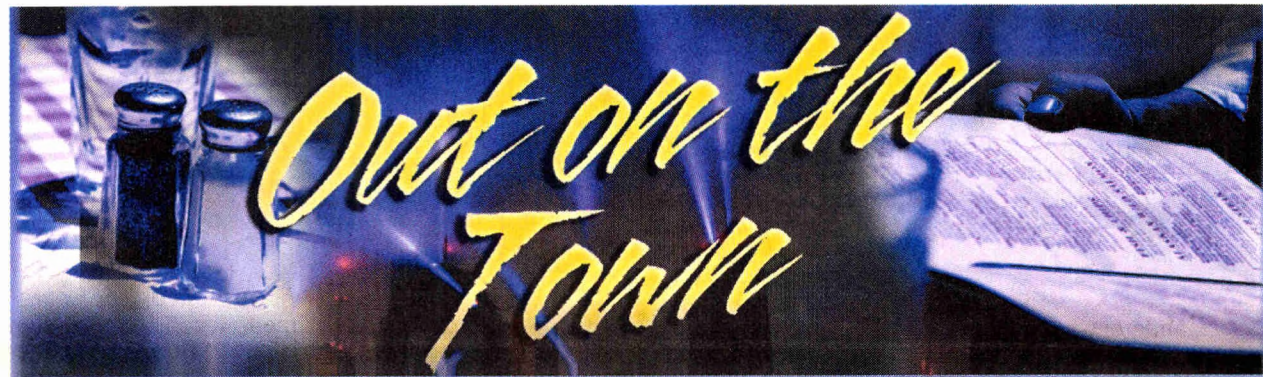
**Mark Randisi:** When Andrea Bocelli first heard Randisi sing, he believed he was listening to a Frank Sinatra recording. That's a common response, but Randisi is modest: "I'm flattered when people say I sound like Sinatra. I developed a love for the music and I respect those who created it. However, I am being myself." Raised in an Italian family in Detroit, Randisi was surrounded by a passion for music. His father was a trumpet

player and his grandfather an opera singer. After working in a family-owned painting business, Randisi (as Casey Kasem would say) "put down his paint brush and picked up a microphone."

**Nicole New:** The 28-year-old Detroit is a passionate and provocative singer, alluring crowds with her sensitivity and soulfulness as one of Detroit's premier bandleaders. Her eclectic style of singing, drawing from her early influences of performing jazz, pop, opera and musical theater has transformed into a sound all her own. The Nicole New Group is making a lasting impression at performance venues all over Michigan and beyond. Wowing fans with her rich tone and rhythmic phrasing, venues such as The Jazz Cafe at Music Hall, Cliff Bell's, London Chop House and Steinway Jazz Cafe have become a regular stop for this energetic performer.

The signature Michigan State Fair Choir will open the show, with an energetic tribute to the grand state of Michigan and a lively introduction to Steinway Under the Stars at 8 p.m.

Tickets, which include fair admission, are \$15; tables of eight may be purchased for \$100. Tickets are available online at [www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com](http://www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com) or at the Steinway Piano Gallery, 2700 E. Maple Road, in Commerce (<http://www.steinwaydetroit.com>).



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## MDOT: Contractor deadline for freeway opening is Oct. 11

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

The deadline date for the I-96 reopening through Redford and Livonia is Oct. 11.

That is when contractor Dan's Excavating is required to have I-96 reopen to traffic, per the state's contract with the Shelby Township-based company, said Jeff Horne, an engineer with MDOT.

Dan's Excavating could leave the freeway closed past that date, Horne said, but a penalty of \$150,000 a day would be imposed for every day past Oct. 11 the seven-mile stretch of freeway is not open, with no cap on the maximum fine.

Conversely, if the freeway is opened before Oct. 11, the contractor will receive a \$150,000-a-day incentive bonus that is capped at a maximum of \$4.5 million. The maximum amount would be obtained if the roadway is open 30 days ahead of schedule.

Horne said there was no official word yet as to when the freeway will open, though he did say the entire stretch would open all at once.

But work will still continue after the free-

way reopens to traffic. Some planned work along the embankments may dictate some lane closures throughout the fall and winter, Horne said.

"There's still other work that has to take place after that," he said.

The \$148 million freeway reconstruction has left motorists since early April finding an alternate route to maneuver through Redford and Livonia. The freeway has remained closed between Telegraph and Newburgh since that time.

### Columbia light coming back next week

Work crews for the project are having to make some emergency repairs to about 450 feet of eastbound Schoolcraft between Columbia and Breakfast Drive in Redford this week. This work has forced the removal of the temporary traffic signal at that intersection until this weekend, Horne said.

Schoolcraft, being an older road, has had issues whenever crews have needed to do work on the slopes with the freeway, causing some damage that MDOT crews are repairing, Horne said.

"It's really difficult to reconstruct the freeway with walls adjacent to the freeway with a road," he said.

There are several other spots that have had issues with the road needing emergency repairs, though Horne said the stretch between Columbia and Breakfast Drive is one of the more major areas.

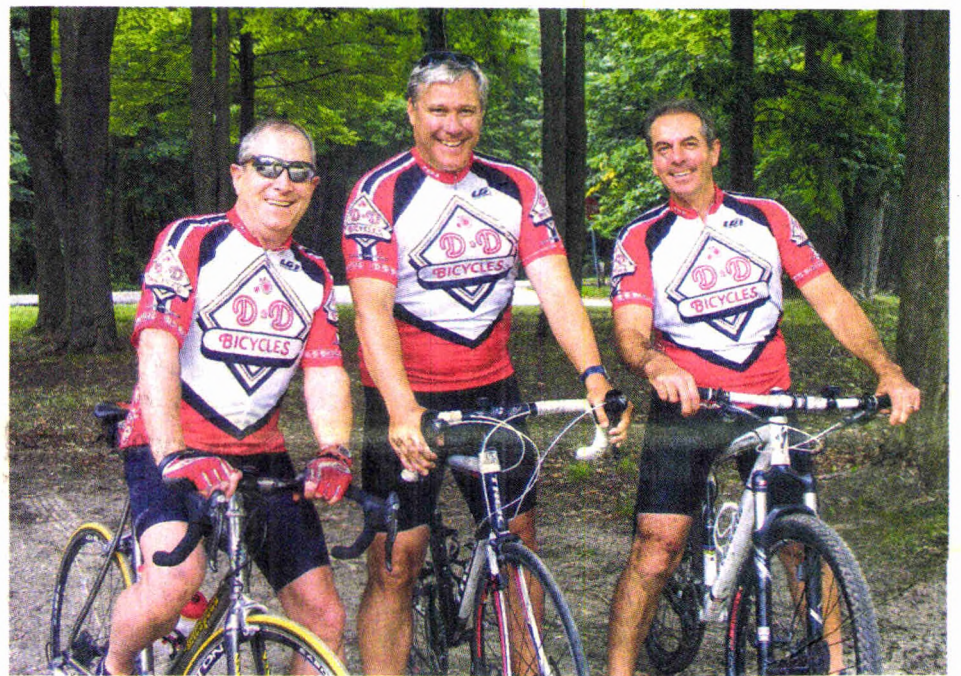
"This is the most important one," he said. "We want to get that light up prior to school starting."

That stretch of Schoolcraft in Redford is maintained by Wayne County. Schoolcraft through Livonia is maintained as a city thoroughfare.

The temporary signal, as well as the Breakfast Drive bridge, should be back in operation before school starts next Wednesday at Thurston High School and other South Redford schools.

Minimal work will take place Monday for the Labor Day holiday, though some workers will be out that day to perform essential services, Horne said. Work will take place throughout the weekend.

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The Northville Rotary Club, in conjunction with the University of Michigan-Northville Health Center is presenting the "Tour de Ville Bicycle Ride." Rotarians and residents Patrick Giesa (from left) DJ Boyd and John Kelly are organizing the ride that will travel along Hines Drive.

## Northville to stage Tour de Ville for bicyclists

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

With three routes along Hines Drive highlighting the Tour de Ville, this new event expects to be a fun and healthy way for bicyclists of all ages and abilities to enjoy an early fall bike ride.

The event takes place at 7 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14. The ride coincides with Northville's annual Victorian Festival weekend. Ages 8 and up are welcome to ride.

The Northville Rotary Club, in conjunction with the University of Michigan, Northville Health Center is presenting the "Tour de Ville Bicycle Ride." Organizers hope this can turn into an annual event.

"We want Tour de Ville (TdV) to appeal to everyone, from families to seasoned bicyclists," said co-organizer and Northville resident/Rotarian John Kelly, who is working with fellow Rotarians Patrick Giesa and DJ Boyd to make this happen.

The ride consists of 10-, 30- and 75-mile routes. All three will follow historical Hines Drive and begin at Northville Downs.

"The 10-mile and 30-mile routes are out-and-back rides along Hines Drive. The 75-mile route will follow Hines Drive, Outer Drive and Jefferson Avenue, to Gross

Isle and back," according to Kelly.

Planners said proceeds from this event will benefit Rotary efforts in the local community and around the world.

Rotary International (RI) is largely responsible for the near global eradication of polio and also works to provide clean water, improved education and fight hunger globally.

"Locally, we make significant, annual contributions to scholarships at Northville High School and to the local food bank, Civic Concern," Kelly said. "Northville Rotary Club also sponsors local exchange students both in and out of the country. Currently two Northville High students are studying abroad (in Brazil and Germany) and our club will be sponsoring an inbound student (from Germany) this August."

### Event information

Planners said the east foyer of the Northville Downs Racetrack will house the TdV registration area, a food court and a TdV Expo Area for its sponsors. Parking is also provided at the Downs. Two SAG wagons (food and equipment) will be on the course at all times.

The TdV course opens at 7:30 a.m. and starts at the northeast entrance to Northville Downs (in-

tersection of Griswold and Beal streets). A light breakfast will be available at the start. Rest stops will be stationed every 12-16 miles.

Fruit, energy foods, water and sport drinks will be provided at the rest stops. A hearty pasta lunch will be served at the Downs to any rider with a numbered TdV bib packet (event bibs are part of a rider's pre-registration packet or by signing up the day of the ride).

A TdV T-shirt will be automatically included in each pre-registered packet. T-shirts and bike jerseys will be on sale the day of the event.

D & D Bicycles of Northville is donating a 2014 Trek 1.2 C road bike to be raffled off in their store at the end of the ride. The bicycle is on display at their Northville store. Raffle tickets, which cost \$10, can be purchased at any of the five D & D Bicycle stores throughout southeastern Michigan.

Detailed ride information and online registration is available at [www.tourdeville.org](http://www.tourdeville.org). Tour de Ville is on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/tourdevilleand> questions can be emailed to [info@tourdeville.org](mailto:info@tourdeville.org).

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Canton's Chuck Turfe charges toward the end zone during last year's Division 1 playoff game against Walled Lake Western.

PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW — PART 2

## READY TO LAUNCH

Healthy QB Williams could be ticket to Canton's chances

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The more things change with the Canton football team, the more they stay the same.

There is a potent offense featuring gifted players who can run, throw and catch the pigskin and plenty of hard-nosed competitors on both sides of the ball.

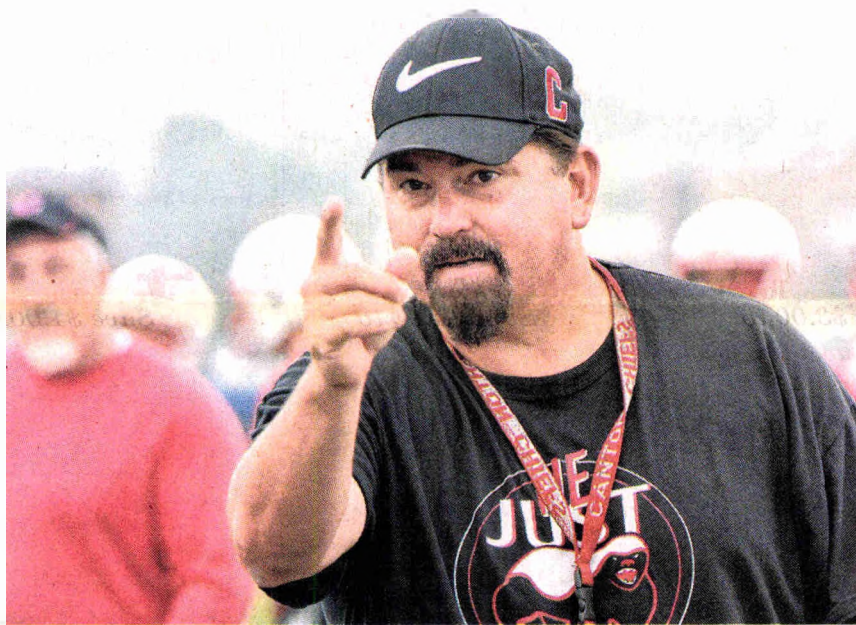
There also is head coach Tim Baechler, who tends to worry about some of the so-called "issues" that crop up every August, including whether inexperienced offensive linemen will be up to speed in time for the opening game. This year kicks off at 7 p.m. today at Holland West Ottawa.

Or whether the fact there are only four returning starters on defense will put a serious crimp in the Canton style — which in 2013 featured an 8-2 record and KLAA South Division championship.

"Athletically, I think we've got a chance to be better defensively," Baechler said during a practice session last week. "We've just got to get those inexperienced guys experience in a hurry."

**More positives**

The Chiefs still have a lot of pluses that should offset any minuses that go with youngsters learning the ropes early on.



Directing players before a recent practice drill is Canton head football coach Tim Baechler. His team is expected to make plenty of noise in the KLAA.

For starters, senior quarterback Greg Williams is healthy after playing with a broken wrist the last two months of the 2013 season, unbeknownst to anyone. He found out about the injury following the season and missed most of the subsequent basketball season.

"It's his third year running the

offense and he's a great leader," Baechler said. "When it's crunch time, I want him to have the ball."

Canton's vaunted offense also will once again feature a potent, triple-back set. Senior Chuck Turfe will be the go-to guy; he gained

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Canton's Courtney Kurkie (left) is one of the Chiefs' key returners.

VOLLEYBALL  
PREVIEW — PART 2

## Chiefs again pack punch

Canton solid at tough Portage Central Invite

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Canton's varsity volleyball team looks ready to pick up where it left off last fall, with a highly competitive and motivated squad.

Canton head coach Steve Johnson wanted the 2014 team to be as sharp as possible to open the new season and the Chiefs were solid at Saturday's Portage Central Invitational, with a 3-2 record against some of the top teams in Michigan.

"We have, by design, scheduled our tournaments to challenge us right from the start of the season," Johnson said, noting that Canton's lone tournament losses were against Grand Rapids Christian and Bloomfield Hills Marian. "Myself and assistant coach Jon Denys were extremely pleased with the team's performance on the day."

The Chiefs went 31-13-1 in 2013, winning the KLAA South Division, only to be toppled by hard-hitting Northville in a Division 1 district semifinal.

But things could be even better this year, with eight returnees augmented by a group of six promising juniors.

"We feel we have improved on team speed and overall team dynamics," Johnson said. "We are returning eight players from last year's team, anchored by captains Annie McDougall (middle hitter) and Courtney Kurkie (right-side hitter)."

"We are looking for strong contributions from outside hitters Lauren Schornack, Haley Diedrick, Annie and Courtney. Teeing up the ball for them will be returning setter Carleigh Vela and varsity newcomer, senior Chloe Homco."

Speed on serve receive and "quality first-touch contacts on defense" will be

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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW — PART 2

## Rocks ready to climb Central standings

Salem making strides in numbers, talent as new season nears

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Salem's football program continues to grow and get stronger, but sixth-year head coach Kurt Britnell knows most people measure progress only one way — by looking at the standings.

The Rocks' quest for six wins, a state playoff berth and respect begins at 7 p.m. today against Plymouth on the varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"Our goal is to win (the opener)," said Britnell, whose 2013 team went 3-6. "Our expectation is that we will win. Mike (Sawchuk) does a great job over there, we know those kids and, obviously, with the players being friends, they played Little League for so

many years. "Probably it's going to come down to the same thing it came down to last year — it's who makes the less mistakes. We made more last year and they beat us by a touchdown. And that was with seven starting sophomores."

One of those sophomores now is a grizzled junior, quarterback Alex Nicholson.

How Nicholson performs and guides the Salem offense will obviously go a long way in determining whether the Rocks can finally grab a playoff berth.

"His biggest thing we need to see improvement from is decision-making," Britnell said.

"A lot of quarterbacks, they want a big play right now. He's got to play within himself. Play



Scampering for extra yardage during a 2013 game is Salem quarterback Alex Nicholson (No. 18).

disciplined, let the athletes and athleticism of the players around him help him.

"For example, hit the hitch instead of a corner. Hit the dump off to the back that's got great speed and let him run

versus trying to force the issue. If he can play within himself and within the scope and scheme of what we're trying to do, I would expect some big things from him."

**Options abound**

Britnell said Nicholson expects big things from himself, too: "He is a fierce competitor

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GARY BALCONI INVITATIONAL

# Canton tops field at Balconi

Depth, stellar all-around play propel Chiefs to championship

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Despite broiling temperatures and tough competition throughout Saturday's Gary Balconi Invitational, the Canton Chiefs proved to be a little better and deeper.

And the Chiefs won the annual boys soccer tournament with a convincing 4-0 triumph over Walled Lake Northern at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"It was our depth; we have a lot of depth," Canton head coach Mark Zemanski said. "We came off the bench with a lot of energy both times."

"Guys are hungry, they want to play, they did well and it was a long 180 minutes (the tourney featured 60-minute games). Hats off to Walled Lake Northern. It's tough in this heat, but because we had more depth, we were able to take it to them."

Canton opened the day with a 6-0 rout of Walled Lake Western and then held off Novi Detroit Catholic Central 2-1 in penalty kicks to advance to the title contest.

The Knights tallied successive 1-0 victories over Plymouth and Rochester Adams to make the finals.

In the final, junior midfielder Josh Posuniak got the Chiefs on the board with a goal in the first half. Setting up the scoring play was senior midfielder Jack Zemanski.

Playing the opening 30 minutes in goal was senior Andrew Loehnis, with senior counterpart Dylan DaSilva playing the second half.

**Scoring surge**

The Chiefs kept coming at the Knights in waves in the second half and scored their final three goals during an eight-minute span to break the match open.

With about 14:20 remaining, a direct kick from about 25 yards out by the Chiefs hit the crossbar and dropped down along the goal line. Senior defender Sam Belcher was there to punch the ball home.

Drawing the assist on the marker was junior forward Sam DeLoy who then scored Canton's next two goals.

"It feels pretty great," DeLoy said, smiling as he clutched his medal for being on the Balconi champions. "I'm glad we won it a second year in a row."

"We all really want to win this, it's just a really fun thing

to do in the beginning of the season. We all come together as a team."

DaSilva made a diving save with less than 10 seconds remaining against Northern forward Connor Rutz.

Canton needed a clutch stop by DaSilva in the sixth round of PKs against Catholic Central to set up the game winner by sophomore forward Mohamad Miri — called up from the JV for the tourney.

Scoring during regulation for the Chiefs was senior forward Carter Schenk.

"Big save by our keeper (DaSilva); he made a big sixth save and we scored on the PK," Zemanski said.

That it was Miri to come up big at that moment was an example of the depth that Zemanski beamed about.

"Mo is going to be a transition player, back and forth for us (JV and varsity)," the coach said. "He plays forward and he has the capability to play with us."

"We just have a lot of players, so we're going to work him both ways."

Starting the game in goal against the Shamrocks was senior Jay Krebs, with DaSilva finishing up.

According to Zemanski senior center backs Belcher and Chris Dooley were outstanding throughout the tournament.

"Their tenacity and hard work helped our team to two shutouts and only one goal against," he said.

Six players scored in the opener against Western. Finding the mark were DeLoy, junior midfielder Hunter Olson, junior forward Matt Causley (penalty kick), Schenk, senior defender Andrew Murphy and Miri.

"You play some good quality teams (at the Balconi) and you really get to see where we need to work," Zemanski said. "I'm proud of the boys. They did a nice job and we just want to keep the momentum going for the regular season."

That's exactly what happened Monday night, as the host Chiefs won 2-0 over Harrison L'Anse Creuse.

Schenk (goal, assist), junior midfielder Jimmy Walkinshaw (goal) and DeLoy (assist) sparked the offense.

Loehnis and DaSilva split goalkeeping duties, with defensive support from Belcher and senior Kyle Mettlach.

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Canton junior Sam DeLoy (No. 23) flicks the ball away from a Walled Lake Northern player during the final of Saturday's Balconi Invitational.

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A Canton player proudly displays his medal for being on the Balconi Invitational champions.

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## Werthman's OT goal lifts Ocelots in opener

Livonia Stevenson alum Billy Werthman couldn't have gotten his Schoolcraft College soccer career off to a better start.

Werthman scored in the 95th minute Saturday to lift the host Ocelots to a

3-2 overtime victory over South Suburban College. Setting up the winner was Adam Antosh.

The teams traded goals all afternoon, with Schoolcraft striking first at the 4:39 mark, when Alex Podolski scored the

first of his two goals (both assisted by Werthman).

Erik Avalos responded at 27:19 to make it a 1-1 contest at the half.

It took the Ocelots just 16 seconds of the second half to get back in front. Once again, Podolski teamed up with Werthman for the scoring salvo.

Schoolcraft goalkeeper Andres Hernandez, who was outstanding with 13 saves, nearly won the game in regulation time. But Avalos equaled the match at 2-2 at 78:05.

That was how the contest remained until Werthman weaved his winning magic in overtime.

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On Saturday, the Schoolcraft cross country team participated at the 38th annual Crim Road Races in Flint.

Winner of the 10-mile race was Julius Koga, who finished in 46 minutes, 35 seconds.

Freshman Liam Cardenas (Plymouth) finished the 5K in fifth place overall (out of 1,492 runners) with a time of 19:07, while returning letter winner Brandon Sutton (recovering from a torn ACL) finished the race, but is still working to improve his endurance.

Caton Hacker (Plymouth) completed the 8K trek in 32:00 flat to finish ninth overall, while Ethan Levack (PCA) finished 26th overall in 35:38.

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# Whalers-Spits to 'Play it Forward'

Saturday OHL exhibition game to aid family of John Bieniewicz

In soccer, the term "friendly" refers to a game between two teams that is an exhibition game. A "friendly" is a match that has no impact in the standings.

"Friendly" is not usually used in the same sentence with the Plymouth Whalers and Windsor Spitfires. The two bitter Ontario Hockey League rivals have battled through 206 regular season games since 1990 and several memorable playoff series.

That's going to change at 2 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena. The Whalers and Spitfires hook up in a "friendly" in a benefit for John Bieniewicz, the Livonia soccer referee who died after being assaulted while working a game earlier this summer.

Called Play it Forward for Bieniewicz, 100 percent of the proceeds in the game benefit the John Bieniewicz Foundation and C.O.P.S. (Concerns of Police Survivors) Michigan Chapter.

Tickets run \$10 in advance (general admission) and \$12 at the door and can be purchased online on [www.plymouthwhalers.com](http://www.plymouthwhalers.com). Tickets are also available at the Livonia Police Department (734-466-2470).

Admission to the game includes a meet-and-greet session with the Whalers after the

game. The game provides the backdrop for the hockey and soccer community to rally around a good cause for good people.

Bieniewicz died after being assaulted while working a soccer game June 29 at Mies Park in Livonia. Bassel Saad is charged with second-degree murder in his death. The trial is ongoing.

The local community has taken a pro-active approach toward the John Bieniewicz Foundation, with various fundraisers held over the summer and more events on the way, including the Whalers/Spitfires game Saturday.

"The support from everyone is amazing," said Kristen Bieniewicz, John's wife. "When I saw that the Whalers were looking to do a game, I wondered, 'How would hockey even get involved?' But then I found out it was through the Livonia Police Department and they had been involved in a game before (in 2013)."

There is a hockey connection with the Bieniewicz family. Son Josh, 9, plays for the 2005 Farmington Fire.

"With everything that has been going on, it's proven to me that there's still more good out there than bad," Bieniewicz said. "It's impossible for me to



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During this 2013-14 game, Plymouth Whalers forward Matt Mistele (No. 22) drives against Windsor defenders.

thank everyone for everything that they are doing. I can't express my gratitude enough."

Livonia Chief of Police Curtis Caid deals with his share of serious, real-world issues every day. He's happy to lend support to the game and the heartfelt cause of helping peo-

ple. "This game is a great opportunity for the city of Livonia, our citizens and everyone else to get involved with a worthwhile cause," he said. "It gives the community an opportunity to see great hockey while helping a local family help over-

come a tragedy. "There are some parallels in hockey, soccer and police work. All three will work together for one day to assist the Bieniewicz family." Fans on both sides of the border can lend their support by attending the game.

## CANTON

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more than 1,100 yards on the ground in 2013 and also is a threat catching passes out of the backfield.

Junior Jakob Wickens and sophomore Marcus Sanders (5-6, 165) will also line up in the backfield, at least in the opener, Baechler said.

Asked whether Turfe would drive the bus on offense, Baechler nodded.

"Perhaps, but we're a system offense," he said. "If they're taking him away, something else is going to be there."

"That's the thing. I've got our offensive linemen's mentality. I don't care who scores the touchdowns or gains the yards, as long as we score points and win games. But (Turfe) is definitely a key cog running the ball and catching the ball."

The Chiefs also have seniors Jake Pagel, Brian Newton and Lavelle Steeple working for opportunities to help the ground game.

On the offensive line, an injury to senior lineman Collin Cafilisch is forcing Baechler to move pieces on his chess board. For the season opener, juniors Devin Obrec and Ben Phillips are vying to start at center.

Returning senior Christian Mayberry, who likely would have been the starting center, is filling in at tackle until Cafilisch returns from his injury.

Also returning are senior guard Darin Tuttle, senior tackle Adam Armesto (6-6, 240) and senior guard Scott Bazner, who is ready to roll after an injury-plagued junior year.

"(Bazner) was going to be a great player last year, but hurt his hip and couldn't play at all," Baechler said. "He's back 100-

## FOOTBALL PICKS

All games 7 p.m. unless noted

### Thursday, Aug. 28

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Farmington Harrison (10-2) at Farmington (2-7)
North Farmington (5-4) at Pontiac (0-9)
Plymouth (5-4) at Salem (3-6)
Canton (8-2) at Holland West Ottawa (5-4)
Livonia Churchill (2-7) at Milford (1-8)
Livonia Franklin (4-5) at Livonia Stevenson (5-4)
Wayne Memorial (0-9) at Waterford Mott (4-5)
Redford Union (1-8) at A.H. Avondale (5-4)
Ecorse (0-8) at Redford Thurston (6-4)

### Friday, Aug. 29

Ferndale (2-7) at Livonia Clarenceville (11-1)
Westland John Glenn (6-4) at A.A. Skyline (4-5)
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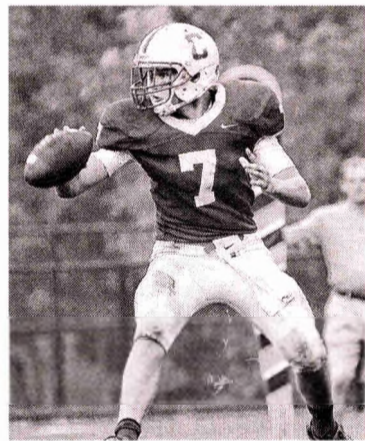
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After being bothered by a broken wrist last season, Canton quarterback Greg Williams is ready to get off to a strong start in his senior year.

percent healthy and he's going to be a heck of a good player for us at guard."

Baechler did say if a lineman was going to get injured, like Cafilisch did, it was better that it happened with enough time for Obrec and Phillips to learn the ropes.

"We hope that (Cafilisch)

gets healthy quick and we get Mayberry moved back over to center," Baechler said. "If it doesn't happen, the good thing is, the last week, those two young guys have been getting all the reps. They're getting it."

### Aerial attack

Canton's attack won't just be about running the football.

Williams can look to connect with wideouts and tight ends, speedy senior Robert Guajardo, seniors Nolan Gilo, Brett Lee and Nick Durocher and juniors Jared Stephens and Jalen Cochran.

"At tight end, we've got Nolan Gilo, who got a lot of reps last year," Baechler said. "He'll probably start at one of the tight ends. And we've got Brett Lee, who may start at outside linebacker and tight end. Jalen Cochran's going to play tight end and we also got Nick Durocher at tight end, so we have a big group of tight ends and we like all of them right now."

"Receivers, we've got Robert Guajardo, Brett Lee, Jared

Stephens, who is also a safety. He's a good athlete out there at a slot. Of course, we also spread Chuck Turfe out there to catch the ball, too."

When drives bog down, the Chiefs can look to senior kicker Andrew Loehnis to make field goals.

The Chiefs' defense will be led by a quartet of returning starters in Pagel at linebacker, Evan Piontek at nose guard, Cochran at outside linebacker and Victor Villarini at cornerback. All but Cochran are seniors.

"They look good, now we have to get everybody else going," the coach added.

Slated for work on the defensive line will be Tuttle, senior Richard Lenczewski and junior Thomas Evely with junior Jake Stephan, Durocher and senior Mike Loe in the mix for linebacker minutes.

Canton's secondary will be populated by a number of players with speed, skill and savvy. Turfe, Stephens, Sanders and junior Micah Rinke are slated for safety, while Guajardo,

senior Jacob Mallad and Newton are expected to handle cornerback duties.

"We've got some options," Baechler said. "But nobody's really separated themselves yet."

It shouldn't take too long before injured starters are back in the fold, not to mention players rising to the top of the depth chart.

Baechler might still worry after that, but he is cautiously optimistic about the 2014 season.

"We think we should be better than last year," Baechler said. "I don't know what that means in terms of win-loss record, but we think we'll be better than we were last year, which means, certainly, we hope to win those close games ... get ourselves in position to play for a league championship and get it this time."

"And we'd like to win a playoff game, it's been a couple-year drought and we're not used to that."

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## SALEM

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and wants to win so badly."

Ready to be called upon is junior quarterback Luis Carrion, who the coach said "is progressing well, understands what he can and can't do."

The passing attack has the potential to be lethal, with a promising receiving core of seniors Joey Miazek, E.J. Joseph and Brayden Abundis and junior Calin Crawford, along with sure-handed tight ends Christian Pearson (junior), Brendan Wright (junior) and Trevor Nowaske (sophomore).

"A lot of speed there, athleticism," Britnell said. "Calin's probably our biggest playmaker, he's got great hands and offensively just always seems to be making plays. You

can't cover everybody."

Don't expect the Rocks to merely throw the ball, either.

Senior fullback Devin Cameron and juniors Jacob Miller, Dominic Hodge and Deston Langford look primed to chew up plenty of yards on a regular basis.

Salem's big, physical offensive line is a key ingredient to how successful Nicholson's group will be. Junior Tommy Rudnicki will line up over the ball, with seniors Ben Howie and Ryan Broughman at guard and senior Luke Callahan at one of the tackle spots.

Britnell is still determining who will start at the other tackle.

"(Junior) Eric Daniels is going to be in the mix, (junior) D'Angelo Meredith," he said. "We're averaging 220 (pounds); we got some big boys up there."

Handling kicking and punt-

ing duties will be junior John Kwiecinski, rated 39th overall (and second among juniors) by Ann Arbor-based Kornblue Kicking.

One downer for the Salem offense is the loss of wide receiver Shaw Lyall to a torn knee ligament. Lyall was a top performer as a sophomore, both at wideout and safety.

"He tore his knee up at the U-M camp," Britnell said. "He was a two-way starter for us. It hurts."

### Lining up

One benefit of having a bigger roster is limiting the need for players to do double-duty on offense and defense.

Some of that will still continue, but two-way linemen such as Howie, Callahan and Broughman now are expected to be part of a deep rotation on the defensive line.

Juniors Martez Gibbons

and Tommie Terrell-Davis (both 6-1, 340) are very agile for their size, while seniors Ty Traylor and Anthony Gueorguiev are ready for the trenches.

Handling linebacker chores will be Cameron, Nowaske, senior Everett Czarnota, junior Deston Langford, senior Jacob Sydlowski and Pearson.

"Everett and Devin are big and physical," Britnell said. "They have a lot of experience. They're definitely the leaders of the defense."

In the secondary, junior Freddie McGee III and Joseph are set for the corners, with Crawford and sophomore Jason Arnold ready at safety.

Also in the mix will be Abundis and Miller.

### Tune things out

Britnell said the current group is bigger in numbers, with about 50 on the varsity

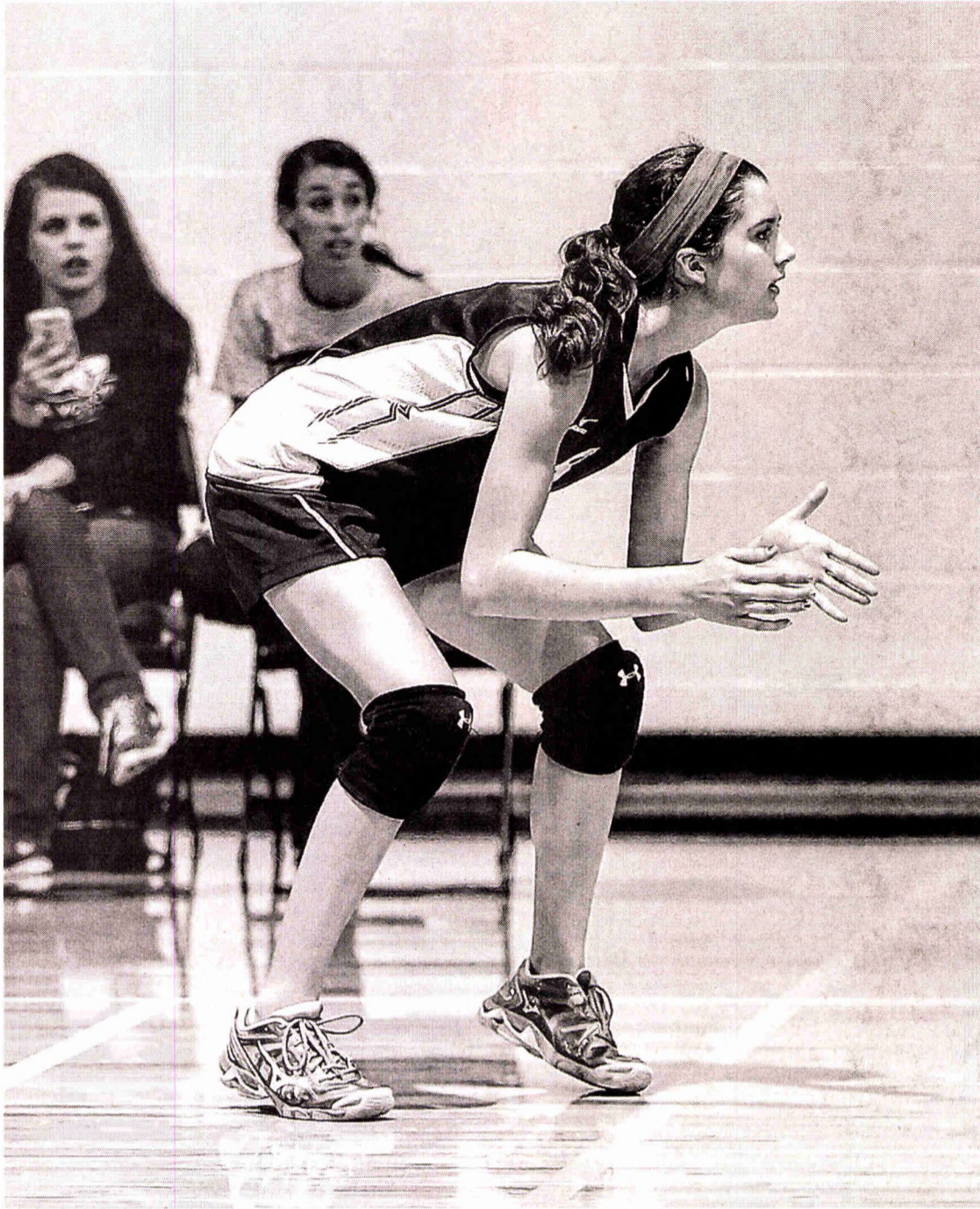
and some 140 over the three levels (freshman, junior varsity, varsity). It is "as strong as ever, athletic as ever and speed-wise the best ever" during his tenure at the helm.

Now, the key will be to help those players remain focused and achieve some big things on the football field, too.

"Every year, we have sort of a theme," Britnell said. "This year it's 'Avoid the Noise.' It's pretty cliché, but it's true. Whether you start the season 3-0 and everybody tells you how great they are or if you're 0-3 and everybody tells you how bad they are, you just got to stay focused on what we do as a team."

"You're going to hear it, but you got to avoid it and just focus on what our mission is here. So far, I think they're doing it."

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Plymouth Christian's Olivia Mady, shown from last season, already is a key member of the squad and she is only a sophomore.

## VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW - PART 2

## PCA spikers look to keep on winning

Youngsters ready to build off of last year's success

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

It isn't often that a sophomore is considered a primary cog in the wheel of any high school team.

But when it comes to the Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball squad's fortunes, that applies to sophomore outside hitter Olivia Mady.

As a freshman, Mady was outstanding as she helped spark PCA to a 19-16-7 record — including a postseason that lasted all the way until the Division 4 regional final against No. 2-ranked Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

"Olivia Mady, of course,

was a key player for us last year," Eagles head coach Katie Decker said. "Now with a year of varsity level experience under her belt, the team really looks to her for leadership through her strong play."

Mady is one of four returning starters for PCA, with senior libero Callie Morby, senior right-side hitter Kelsey Williamson and sophomore defensive specialist Divna Roi also back.

"Callie Morby and Divna Roi will also be key to the team this year as they both are heavily relied upon for their defensive skills," Decker said.

Other returnees include senior right-side hitter Danielle Witkowski, senior setter Raina Postma and sophomore right-side hitter Josie Postma.

Decker also is looking forward to seeing how quickly freshman outside hitter Grace Kellogg and senior middle hitter (and transfer student) Abby Wyman mesh into the lineup.

"The addition of Grace Kellogg adds a different dimension to the team through intensity hustle and strong play," she said.

"Transfer Abby Wyman is a senior middle/outside hitter that adds experience and strong skills to help out the team."

Rounding out the roster are newcomers Aliya Pries (sophomore middle hitter), Jessica Paulson (sophomore setter) and Paige Perky (senior middle hitter).

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## CHIEFS

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provided by Megan Roy, Sydney Torres and Taylor Pellend.

Canton also will feature plenty of potential out of the junior class, led by middle hitter Hannah Madis, "who is already having success blocking and hitting. Emma Clark brings an exciting, quick attack to the outside position."

According to Johnson, junior defensive specialist and setter Alyssa Burke "may very well be the fastest player Canton volleyball has ever

had. She will see regular duty in both positions over the course of the season."

Another junior defensive specialist is speedy Hailey Hodgson, while right-side hitter Victoria Porter will provide good court presence and awareness.

Starting the season as a backup at middle hitter is Hannah Stefanek, although Johnson said she is working on also playing the right side.

### Good start

At Saturday's Portage Central Invite, a number of Canton players were heard from.

On offense, Schornack

tallied 26 kills, with McDougall and Diedrick each chipping in with 18.

Setting up the attack was Vela, with 51 assists, while Burke and Homco tallied 27 and 26, respectively.

Defensively, Roy excelled with 45 digs, followed by Schornack and Diedrick, with 26 and 21, respectively.

Kurkie led the team in blocks with eight, with Madis helping the cause with six.

Burke added 27 assists, 15 digs and led the team with five aces. Clark registered 14 kills.

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## COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

## Crusaders second in Early Bird

The Madonna University women's volleyball team rebounded Saturday to post a pair of victories and earn a second-place finish in the University of Michigan Early Bird Invitational.

The No. 4-ranked Crusaders, who were upended in Friday's second match by St. Catharine (Ky.) in four sets, downed Spring Arbor University, 25-13, 25-20, 25-12, and Shawnee (Ohio) State, 25-18, 14-25, 25-12, 25-14, to improve to 3-1 overall.

Against Shawnee State (2-2),

senior Casey Gates was MU's top attacker with 14 kills, while senior Samantha Geile added 12.

Junior setter Spencer Stokes also collected 43 assist-to-kills to go along with 13 digs. Senior Amanda Obrycki led MU's defense with 16 digs.

Kristi Humble and Tiffany Jackson each had 10 kills for the Bears, while Christina Shelton added a match-best 23 digs.

Gates, a transfer from the University of Northwestern Ohio, finished with 13 kills and

eight digs against Spring Arbor (0-3). Junior Emily Johnson added eight kills, while Stokes racked up 32 assists.

The Crusaders return to action this weekend in Daytona Beach, Fla., for the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Labor Day Classic.

They'll take on three ranked teams, including No. 14 Oklahoma Baptist and the No. 21 host Eagles, both Friday, followed by matches Saturday against Bryan (Tenn.) College and No. 3 Wayland Baptist (Texas).

## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW - PART 1

## Rocks plan on staying the course

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Salem's varsity girls cross country team is entering a new era this fall following the June graduation of Kayla Kavulich, now running at Michigan State University.

That doesn't lower the standards of excellence that the Rocks always strive for under head coach Dave Gerlach.

He stated the 2014 squad will look to make it to the state finals, not to mention ranking at or near the top in the division and conference standings.

"After graduating several college-bound athletes the last two years, we look to try and fill the holes on varsity," Gerlach said. "Several current and new athletes will need to step up if we are

going to be competitive in the conference and make it back to the state finals as a team."

Gerlach emphasized that there continues to be strong leadership, with senior co-captains Anya Cho and Lauren Arquette at the top of the list.

Other co-captains include Kristen Willmer and Haleemah Shajira.

In addition to Cho and Arquette, top returnees include senior Elizabeth Tripp, juniors Kayla Hughes and Sierra Bowden and sophomore Erin McCann.

Looking to make an impact are newcomers Shekinah Johnson (senior), Kaya Knake, Gabby Delacruz and Kayla Delacruz (juniors) and freshmen Madalyn Simko and Jessica Hughes.

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Salem's Elizabeth Tripp is one of the team's returnees.

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## COLLEGE ATHLETICS

## Madonna announces new Hall of Fame class

The late Julie Martin is among a new class of athletes to be inducted into the Madonna University Athletics Hall of Fame.

The Livonia Stevenson High grad, who died of cancer in 2000, will be joined by fellow volleyball All-American Ashley Frost, the 2002 NAIA Final Four volleyball team and men's soccer player Scott Emert.

Martin, a 6-foot-1 middle hitter, helped lead the 1993, 1995 and 1996 MU teams to the NAIA National Tournament while earning All-American honors as a senior in 1996.

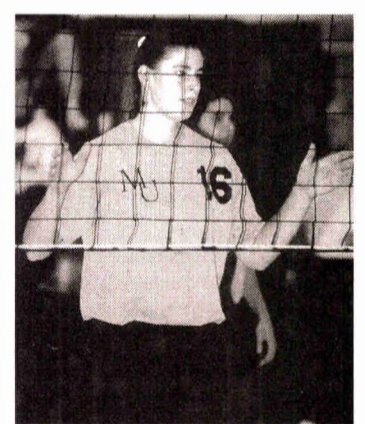
A two-time all-region selection, Martin graduated ranking four times in the single-season kills record book and was the career leader with 2,851 kills. Her .413 attack percentage is currently sixth in the MU record books, while her 419 career solo blocks is still the top mark in program history.

Frost (2002-05) led the 2002 and 2005 volleyball teams to the NAIA Final Four during her tenure as the setter in a prolific MU offense that won four Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference titles and advanced to the NAIA National Tournament in each of her four seasons.

Frost graduated as the program's career record holder for assists with 6,866 and her teams' combined record in her four years was 182-15 overall while posting a 43-1 mark in conference play.

The 2002 volleyball team posted a 48-4 record and went into previously uncharted territory for a by reaching the NAIA Final Four.

With five all-WHAC first team selections, including WHAC Player of the Year Shelley Stanton, the Crusad-



MADONNA ATHLETICS

The late Julie Martin (Livonia Stevenson) will be inducted into the Madonna University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2015.

ers marched through the conference slate at 12-0 before sweeping through the WHAC and Region VIII tournaments and advancing to the NAIA National Tournament.

At the national tourney, MU rolled through pool play and into a showdown with Houston Baptist in the national semifinal before falling in five sets.

Emert (1995-98) becomes the first men's soccer alum to be inducted as the skilled forward graduated from Madonna as the program's leader in points (142), goals (49) and assists (44). He was named the WHAC Player of the Year as a senior in 1998 and earned All-America honors along with all-WHAC and all-region accolades.

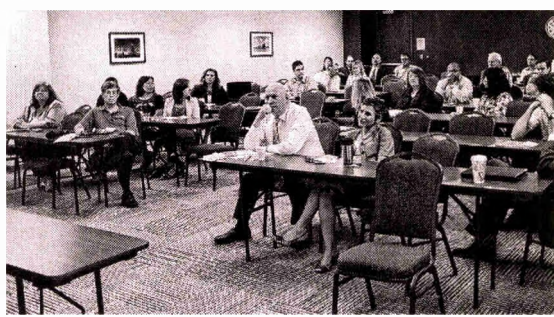
Together, the new inductees will bring the number of greats in the hall of fame to 11 while raising the team total to two.

The induction ceremony and celebration will take place in 2015, with an exact date to be announced soon.

## Orientation helps Realtor partners get down to business

Several local and national business representatives attended the first ever Affiliate Orientation Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors (GMAR). The informational session gave these Realtor partner businesses insight as to how to better connect and provide for their Realtor clients. Businesses represented included title companies, banks, media companies, staging services, mortgage groups and moving services.

The highlight of the event was a discussion between the attending business representatives and a panel of GMAR Realtor Board Members and GMAR Affiliate Committee members. The panel warmed up with a list of preplanned questions and then fielded questions directly from attendees. The inquiries ranged from what the definition of being a GMAR Affiliate Member is to how to really



Realtor partners such as banks, title companies and others learn the ropes during the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors session.

connect with the agents these businesses desire as clients.

GMAR President Maureen Francis, who also served on the panel, said she was very pleased with how many attended and found the exchange of ideas to be useful to both the affiliate businesses and the GMAR Board of Directors. GMAR Affiliate Committee Chair Johnna Struck invites all real estate business professionals to check out GMAR's Affiliate membership and consider getting

involved with the committee.

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors is a major association of Realtors in Southeast Michigan, providing services and support to the real estate profession and the communities they serve. With over 6,000 members, GMAR is the largest local Realtor association in the state. GMAR provides many benefits to its members, such as access to the Realcomp MLS, over 220 quality continuing education and designation

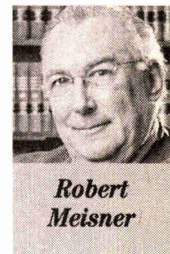
courses per year, the largest Realtor specific store in the area, the ToolShop, Metropolitan Minute weekly newsletter and Metropolitan REALTOR monthly electronic magazine. GMAR's mission is to be the leading resource for the real estate community in South-east Michigan.

GMAR aims to be the premium facilitator of networking opportunities between Realtors and organizations that are in the business of supporting their operation. By connecting these parties through GMAR events, as well as online and offline exposure through advertising, it is the conduit by which affiliate businesses develop strong and enduring relationships with Realtors and their clients. The day-to-day business of a Realtor is one of perseverance and entrepreneurialism. GMAR Affiliate Members help Realtors to better serve their clients and customers.

## New bill addresses ham radio limits

**Q: We are ham operators and we understand that a bill has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives which may help us in our subdivision from neighbor interference. Do you have any information about it?**

A: A bill has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives that directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to extend to private land use restrictions (community association CC&Rs) its rule relating to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communication. If successful, the bill would prohibit community associations from precluding ham radio communications in their community and would require associations to make reasonable accommodations for ham radio equipment; including the amateur radio towers, antennas and other external devices. This, of course, will not be popular for community associations, but you should express your interest in this bill to your federal House representative.



Robert Meisner

**Q: I own a condo with a swimming pool and the board says that they do not have the money to open the pool this year and I am losing rent from my tenant because of this. Does the association have a right to withhold this amenity that is part of our monthly fee and without compensation? I am concerned that I may lose my tenant who is looking forward to the use of the pool each season.**

A: That is a difficult question, because the board has a wide degree of discretion in terms of running the condominium and the common elements of it. On the other hand, the board has the right to raise assessments and to take whatever action is necessary to collect dues if that is their excuse for not having the money. Moreover, the board has the responsibility to maintain the condominium which, in this case, may well be opening up of the pool. I would write a strong letter to the Association Board demanding that they take action to open the pool, raise the assessments as necessary and/or more vigorously pursue the collection of delinquencies.

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

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of March 3 to May 4, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices. (Some were delayed by a county computer change.)

### CANTON

1360 Aberdeen St	\$104,000
48827 Amelia Ct	\$410,000
43629 Applewood Rd	\$138,000
43425 Barclay Way	\$284,000
45716 Bartlett Dr	\$245,000
47247 Bartlett Dr	\$215,000
41702 Bedford Dr	\$210,000
45760 Bryn Mawr Rd	\$285,000
47979 Cardiff Ave	\$124,000
48211 Central Park Dr	\$480,000
48715 Central Park Dr	\$480,000
7072 Chadwick Dr	\$178,000
42300 Chase Dr	\$270,000
8126 Chatham Ct	\$650,000
8417 Chatham Dr	\$561,000
448 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$175,000
2081 Cobra Ct	\$269,000
1417 Colonnade Ct	\$475,000
1483 Colonnade Ct	\$451,000
8723 Columbia Cir	\$72,000
46878 Creeks Bnd	\$260,000
44237 Crofton Ct	\$219,000
51324 Federal Blvd	\$76,000
1769 Fern Ct	\$169,000
44885 Forest Trail Dr	\$218,000
45802 Fountain View Dr	\$350,000
46058 Gainsborough Dr	\$193,000
1584 Glengarry Blvd	\$298,000
50337 Grant St	\$276,000
46023 Graystone Ln	\$171,000
44408 Hanford Rd	\$208,000
44599 Heather Ln	\$230,000
8234 Holly Dr	\$140,000
8458 Holly Dr	\$119,000
43650 Lancaster Ct	\$179,000
43850 Leann Ln	\$198,000
39815 Lynn St	\$155,000
624 McKinley Cir	\$386,000
45506 Michael Ct	\$195,000
2478 Mistwood Ct N	\$430,000
4232 Monarch Ave	\$214,000
49720 Mott Rd	\$75,000
41291 N Maplewood Dr	\$159,000
47245 N Pointe Dr	\$401,000
50140 N Wintergarden Ct	\$96,000
50188 N Wintergarden Ct	\$76,000
3994 Napier Rd	\$400,000
3975 Norwich Dr	\$118,000
7927 Oxford Dr	\$520,000
3727 Parklawn Dr	\$200,000
1524 Peninsula Ct	\$200,000
3281 River Meadow Cir	\$223,000
47765 River Woods Dr	\$345,000
6456 Runnymede Dr	\$240,000
1463 S Morton Taylor Rd	\$291,000
245 S Village Way	\$150,000
44459 Savery Dr	\$70,000
314 Selkirk St	\$195,000
3568 Shepherd Ct	\$220,000
3624 Shepherd Ct	\$190,000
44114 Somerset Sq	\$191,000
41341 Southwind Dr	\$64,000
1747 Steeplechase Rd	\$76,000
7608 Sussex Ct	\$245,000
1891 Vine Way Dr	\$90,000
43509 W Arbor Way Dr #	\$94,000
174	
1269 W Crystal Cir	\$210,000
2379 W Roundtable Dr	\$210,000

1485 Wagon Wheel Rd	\$200,000
6536 Weatherfield Way	\$281,000
44145 Westminster Way	\$178,000
7066 Willow Creek Dr	\$161,000
48557 Woodson Way	\$307,000
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>	
698 Arcola St	\$70,000
32960 Barton St	\$115,000
29594 Cambridge St	\$42,000
28517 Dawson St	\$27,000
241 Deering St	\$42,000
920 Douglas St	\$98,000
1683 Farmington Rd	\$117,000
5937 Inkster Rd	\$49,000
31535 Rush St	\$83,000
32563 Sheridan St	\$40,000
29720 Winter Dr	\$35,000
<b>LIVONIA</b>	
9131 Adams St	\$154,000
16460 Aldrich Ct	\$268,000
34131 Ann Arbor Trl	\$140,000
36082 Ann Arbor Trl	\$42,000
19652 Antago St	\$110,000
20007 Antago St	\$23,000
14222 Arcola St	\$135,000
31537 Bennett St	\$185,000
14223 Berwick St	\$150,000
9900 Blackburn St	\$191,000
31620 Bobrich St	\$165,000
36258 Club Dr	\$38,000
17352 Cross Winds Rd	\$325,000
28447 Elmira St	\$100,000
8850 Farmington Rd	\$125,000
30047 Five Mile Rd	\$300,000
11232 Garden St	\$115,000
8940 Georgia St	\$131,000
17722 Golfview St	\$167,000
27505 Grand River St	\$46,000
29840 Greenland St	\$217,000
38583 Grennada St	\$200,000
29520 Hathaway St	\$128,000
32455 Hees St	\$136,000
31629 Hillbrook St	\$280,000
18872 Hillcrest St	\$114,000
9758 Houghton St	\$145,000
9272 Idaho St	\$160,000
9901 Ingram St	\$133,000
37733 Jamison St	\$151,000
38120 Joy Rd	\$81,000
29605 Mark Ln	\$180,000
11447 Mayfield St	\$110,000
18856 Melvin St	\$123,000
18921 Melvin St	\$119,000
14238 Merriman Rd	\$90,000
14352 Merriman Rd	\$121,000
15210 Middlebelt Rd	\$141,000
11047 Milburn St	\$108,000
31331 Munger Dr	\$249,000
29675 Nottingham Cir	\$111,000
32125 Oakley St	\$135,000
32304 Oakley St	\$180,000
20251 Osmus St	\$153,000
14489 Park St	\$176,000
17750 Parklane St	\$215,000
19693 Parkville St	\$184,000
8937 Perrin St	\$127,000
29142 Pickford St	\$223,000
29535 Puritan St	\$179,000
30900 Rayburn St	\$200,000
38157 Richland St	\$1,479,000
31541 Scone St	\$116,000
9840 Shadyside St	\$172,000
38449 Summers St	\$189,000
11075 Sunset St	\$120,000
32810 Vermont St	\$120,000
35953 W Chicago St	\$118,000
17205 Westbrook Dr	\$195,000
18545 Whitby St	\$136,000
19028 Whitby St	\$148,000

9837 Woodring St	\$135,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
47706 Arbor Trl	\$365,000
51000 Belmont Park Ct	\$529,000
424 Covington Ct	\$309,000
16843 Dover Dr	\$155,000
175 E Main St	\$600,000
48668 Freestone Dr	\$412,000
635 Horton St	\$180,000
19474 Inlet Ct	\$122,000
16877 Lochmoor Cir E	\$330,000
16681 Lyonhurst Cir	\$270,000
16076 Morningside	\$135,000
39733 Muirfield Ln	\$285,000
15525 Prestwick Ct	\$135,000
17258 Stonebrook Dr	\$601,000
41342 Windsor Ct	\$110,000
330 Yerkes Ct	\$200,000
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
321 Adams St	\$250,000
368 Ann Arbor Trail Ct	\$139,000
317 Ann St	\$364,000
550 Arthur St	\$250,000
11321 Aspen Dr	\$205,000
9294 Ball St	\$219,000
12305 Beacon Hill Dr	\$420,000
760 Blunk St	\$150,000
11613 Chandler Dr	\$363,000
41329 Crabtree Ln	\$236,000
9782 Fellows Creek Dr	\$520,000
42032 Firwood Dr	\$90,000
48880 Fox Dr S	\$430,000
11100 Gold Arbor Rd	\$164,000
41102 Greenbrook Ln	\$170,000
157 Hamilton Ave	\$267,000
1112 Hartsough St	\$163,000
12400 Hillside Dr	\$379,000
12389 Howland Park Dr	\$385,000
997 Junction St	\$257,000
1210 Junction St	\$19,000
13104 Karl Dr	\$3,625,000
11959 Landers Dr	\$480,000
48487 Meadow Ct	\$369,000
11812 N Canton Center Rd	\$341,000
671 N Evergreen St	\$195,000
116 N Holbrook St	\$220,000
9298 Oakcliffe Dr	\$186,000
730 Penniman Ave	\$323,000
730 Penniman Ave	\$269,000
45138 Pinetree Dr	\$325,000
51092 Plymouth Ridge Dr	\$610,000
49908 Pointe Xing	\$161,000
45697 Primrose Ct	\$325,000
11711 Priscilla Ln	\$305,000
243 S Union St	\$265,000
41342 Schoolcraft Rd	\$193,000
46707 Shamrock Ln	\$510,000
1191 Sheridan St	\$375,000
47385 Timberwood Dr	\$460,000
50425 Top Of Hill Ct	\$525,000
1165 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$520,000
12374 Wendover Dr	\$435,000
50924 Weston Dr	\$430,000
45293 Woodleigh Way	\$225,000
49009 Woodway Dr	\$369,000
<b>REDFORD</b>	
9592 Arnold	\$60,000
13989 Beech Daly Rd	\$42,000
17391 Beech Daly Rd	\$50,000
13965 Breakfast Dr	\$200,000
14038 Brook Dr	\$182,000
14110 Brook Dr	\$143,000
25240 Cathedral	\$87,000
26836 Chesapeake	\$60,000
9375 Columbia	\$96,000
20534 Dalby	\$42,000
9201 Dale	\$31,000
18222 Denby	\$40,000
9200 Dixie	\$70,000

25421 Dover	\$70,000
26054 Dow	\$112,000
14065 Fenton	\$85,000
15582 Fox	\$51,000
17611 Fox	\$62,000
9939 Grayfield	\$33,000
11719 Grayfield	\$45,000
13121 Hemingway	\$60,000
18202 Lennane	\$18,000
20551 Lennane	\$71,000
15588 Leona Dr	\$36,000
11442 Leverne	\$67,000
13022 Nathalie	\$80,000
13599 Norborne	\$33,000
18341 Poinciana	\$82,000
20044 Poinciana	\$33,000
14140 Royal Grand	\$108,000
15158 Salem Ct	\$91,000
9995 San Jose	\$90,000
11302 Seminole	\$57,000
19434 Seminole	\$47,000
19822 Seminole	\$27,000
9219 Sioux	\$72,000
9951 Tecumseh	\$44,000
11916 Tecumseh	\$84,000
26621 Wadsworth	\$95,000
15404 Wakenden	\$27,000
20125 Wakenden	\$75,000
9665 Woodbine	\$64,000
18670 Woodworth	\$48,000
19941 Woodworth	\$23,000
<b>WAYNE</b>	
4420 Adams Cir	\$65,000
35363 Clinton St	\$63,000
31745 Taft St	\$65,000
37038 Thinbark St	\$68,000
5455 Williams St	\$57,000
33947 Winslow St	\$36,000
<b>WESTLAND</b>	
32513 Anita Dr	\$108,000
32612 Avondale St	\$89,000
435 Brookfield Dr	\$184,000
38463 Chestnut Ln	\$108,000
6731 Deerpark Dr	\$75,000
36605 Deerpark N	\$120,000
36213 Farragut Ave	\$30,000
31238 Fernwood St	\$75,000
31323 Fernwood St	\$44,000
286 Fischer Dr	\$159,000
36980 Ford Rd	\$100,000
1519 Gloria St	\$84,000
33677 Harvard St	\$85,000
35840 Hazelwood St	\$55,000
6253 Hunter Pointe St	\$110,000
39073 Huron Pkwy	\$165,000
8415 Ingram St	\$98,000
827 Judith St	\$100,000
315 Marigold Cir	\$90,000
7898 Millwood Dr	\$190,000
215 N Dobson St	\$66,000
1633 N Hanlon St	\$154,000
5973 N Karle St	\$35,000
34605 Nancy St	\$115,000
5770 Newberry Estates Dr	\$168,000
30950 Palmer Rd	\$125,000
35287 Pardo St	\$65,000
1540 Regene St	\$88,000
31914 Roscommon St	\$40,000
1641 S Berry St	\$128,000
244 S Wayne Rd	\$334,000
31916 Saginaw Ct #	\$45,000
31918	
38624 Shelby Dr	\$175,000
30953 Steinhauer St	\$67,000
822 Summerfield Dr	\$85,000
712 Superior Pkwy	\$194,000
734 Superior Pkwy	\$190,000
1831 Treadwell St	\$95,000
35319 University St	\$54,000
7395 Woodview St	\$45,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

<b>BEVERLY HILLS</b>	
31310 Foxboro Way	\$395,000
16151 Lauderdale Ave	\$217,000
30295 Leemoor St	\$333,000
16251 Reedmere Ave	\$122,000
32474 Sheridan Dr	\$210,000
18681 Walmer Ln	\$390,000
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	
1368 Bird Ave	\$200,000
2711 Dorchester Rd	\$261,000
2655 E Maple Rd # 17	\$55,000
487 N Eton St # B4	\$113,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave	\$296,000
Unit 905	
2647 Windemere Rd	\$479,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
910 Dursley Rd	\$265,000
5598 Franklin Rd	\$200,000
7174 Old Mill Rd	\$595,000
5668 Roundhill Rd	\$390,000

2350 Woodward Ave #5	\$226,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>	
284 Alice Ave	\$153,000
2220 Devonshire Rd	\$138,000
2972 Heron Pl	\$960,000
1672 Mark Hopkins Rd	\$352,000
151 Overhill Rd	\$715,000
4747 Quarton Rd	\$235,000
2945 S Woodward Ave	\$105,000
Unit 56	
4760 Tullamore Dr	\$325,000
42160 Woodward Ave	\$131,000
Unit 72	
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>	
31	

# HOMES

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**No RENT until October 1, 2014!**

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Rentals starting at \$799  
3 bed, 2 bath, all appliances plus washer and dryer  
4377 Old Plank Road, Milford  
**248-820-5835**  
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\*WAC. Deposits start at \$699 per mo. 15 mo lease. Community owned homes. Offer expires 8/31/14.

# JOBS

careerbuilder.com

## Help Wanted - General

### MANAGEMENT TRAINEE

Experienced for oil change locations Flexible scheduling Veterans welcome. Resume employment@victorylane.net

**OFFICE HELP**  
Full time position available for Office Help in busy Northville office. Must have pleasant phone voice for incoming & outgoing calls, excellent computer & internet skills. Send resume to: psugars@fb-firm.com Or fax: (248) 380-3434

**PAINTER** Exp necessary Must have transportation. Mostly exterior work. Call Evenings 248-446-0026

## Help Wanted - Medical

# RN

Full-Time position available in busy pain management practice in Ypsilanti. Experience with recovery or critical care background preferred. Excellent wage & benefit package. Clinic hours are Mon-Fri, day shift. No holidays or weekends

Send resume via fax: ATTN: HR Manager 734-547-4851 or email to: maryb@nichiganpain.com

## Garage/Moving Sales

**Goodrich: HUGE ESTATE SALE!** Cash ONLY! Five living room sets of furniture oak tables, desks, leather chairs, patio furniture, tools, pinball machine, kitchen items and much more! Thurs-Sat, Sept. 4-7th 9-5pm Sun 9-1 9195 Ridge Rd. (M-15 & Green Rd area)

**LIVONIA - 19200 Gary Lane** Fri-Sat Aug 29-30, 9-5pm Furniture, household, electronics, toys, exercise equip, Christmas decor.

Livonia: Remember our May art-in-the-park overstock sale? We're back - one day only THURS 8-28 9am-7pm (rain date 30th) 17428 Parklane. N. of 6mi-E of Levan. Yard tools, wind chimes, books, clothing

Livonia Sale: 36510 Bennett Btwn 6-7 Mi, W of Levan Sept 3-6th 10-4pm Ladies wear 1-3x & 18-20, Mens wear 3x shirts & 48-52 pants/jeans. Some designer wear table saw, roll away bed frame, books, coats, cookware, jewelry, dried flowers, Holiday more

**LIVONIA - YARD SALE** 8/28-30/13 Thurs Sun 9-5pm - Only 27499 Five Mile Rd., W of Inkster.

**MILFORD-Moving Sale!** Thurs 10-4pm & Sat 10-4pm 1059 Deep Valley Dr. Glassware, Snow bowler, Antiques, Heritage Hillside Sub.

**NOVI: Huge Multi-Family Garage Sale.** Tools, sports equipment, lawn/garden tools, household items August 28-30, 8am-5pm Branwood Village, 10 Mile and Beck

**Plymouth: ESTATE SALE** Aug 30-31, 10-4pm Something for everyone! Furniture to trinkets. To much to list! 42257 Old Pond Circle

**Plymouth 2nd Garage Sale!** 42571 Clare Blvd. Aug 28-30th 9-4pm China, furn, toys, misc.

**Redford 26536 Student.** Redford 8/29-30 9-4pm Twin Bed, gas stove, microwave, small refrig, small kitchen appl, baker's rack, chandelier, Longaberger items, sports jerseys/ baseball cards, kid's vintage table w/2 chairs, kid's table w/4 stools, toys, games, clothing and more.

**Redford: ESTATE SALE** Sat-Sun 8/31-9/1 10-5pm Household items, piano, precious moments furniture, books and much, much more. 11731 Centraia. N of Plymouth W of Beech Daly (313)937-1974

**Redford: Huge Labor day sale** Sun 8/31 & Mon 9/1, 10-5pm 17411 Daisysway. The fitness treadmill, Nintendo donkey kong hockey, electronics, 1940's quilts to finish, needle crafts, vintage christmas, 2-1950's oak student desks, Rooster & Roses & Much More

**Redford: Retired Teacher's Goodies:** Pre-K-3 resource materials, chart stand w/ bins, kid's book sets, Curious George dolls, misc. Low prices! 313-541-883. Tu-Fri, 9-5pm.

**South Lyon: "HUGE SALE"** Garage sale w/ Home Decor Outdoor Furniture, Freestanding Hot Tub, Antique Pepsi Machine, Tools, Entertainment Centers, TVs and MUCH MORE! Aug 28-29th 9-5pm 24600 Fairview Dr.

**WESTLAND MOVING SALE!** 812 S. Dowling 8/29 to 9/1. 9a-6p Antiques, clothes, sporting goods, boat and much more!

**WESTLAND:** Thurs 8/28 - Sun 9/1 9-5pm Clothing, children's toys, etc. 349 South Byfield, Cherry Hill & Wildwood.

## Wanted to Buy

CASH PAD or CONSIGNMENT for Vintage Antique and Other Valuable Items. Single items to storage units to entire estates and estates sales. Professional, courteous, fair, honest, discreet older gentleman. I drive to you Coins costume and fine jewelry, knick, knacks, military collections, toys, books, stereo, instruments, ephemera clothing, Christmas mementos, References, Richard, BSE, MBA (248)795-0362 richard.preston48@yahoo.com

## 4 Wheel Drive

**GMC CANYON SLE 2006** 4x4, Crew Cab \$16,998

**NORTH BROS.** 855-667-9680

**Sports Utility**

**BUICK ENCLAVE 2012** Cashmere Leather Interior, Crystal Red. Only \$27,995.

**BOB JEANNOTTE** BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

**BUICK RENDEZVOUS 2005** FWD, White/Tan Trim, Beige Cloth Interior, Clean! \$4,995

**BOB JEANNOTTE** BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

**CHEVY EQUINOX LS 2005** Black, Low Miles, 1 Owner. Great Condition. \$8995

**BOB JEANNOTTE** BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

## Chevrolet

**COBALT 2008** 2 Door LT, Blue, Low Miles. Price to Sell! \$7,995

**BOB JEANNOTTE** BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

**IMPALA LT 2011** Summit White, Good Fuel Economy \$16,488

**NORTH BROS.** 855-667-9680

**Chrysler-Plymouth**

**300 TOURING 2005** Leather Interior, Kenwood CD, Loaded, \$8905

**BOB JEANNOTTE** BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

**PT CRUISER 2003** Red, Automatic, All Power. Save Now \$4995

**BOB JEANNOTTE** BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

**PT CRUISER 2004 TOURING EDITION.** 92,000 miles, clean, original owner, nonsmoker, all main/ serv records. \$3,950 South Lyon, Cal. (313) 319-8210

**TOWN & COUNTRY TOURING 2010** Black 1 Owner, Dual Doors. Clean! \$14,995

**BOB JEANNOTTE** BUICK, GMC 734-453-2500

## Homes

**MILFORD:** 28X56 Skyline, 3 bdrm, 2 full ba, trpic, 1mrm occ. \$23,500. (810) 227-3880

**Milford Twp** gorgeous 2 story updated home, 4 br, 2.5 ba, hardwood flrs, 2316 sq. ft. Built 1995. C/A. \$294,500 248-684-6275

## Help Wanted - General

### AUTOMOTIVE TECHS

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**NOVI MOTIVE** 21900 Novi Rd., btwn 8 & 9 Mile Rd. Email: novimotive@yahoo.com

Concrete Finishers & Laborers Some Exp req'd Action Concete dennyby@wowway.com 734-455-7548

## Help Wanted - General

### PORTER NEEDED

RALPH THAYER AUTOMOTIVE BODY SHOP Valid Driver's License & clean driving record. Email resume to: brenda.bachman@thayerauto.com

Preschool in Redford needs exp'd Assistants & Head Teachers. 401K offered. 313-541-5887

**SNACK BAR HELP** Part-Time, Days & or Evenings. Apply at: Woodland Lanes 33775 Plymouth Rd., Livonia 734-522-4515

## Help Wanted - General

### VET ASSISTANT

Part Time / Full Time Experience required. Must adore cats. Apply at: Carousal Cat Clinic 38437 Grand River Ave Farmington Hills 48335 248-476-9860

## Help Wanted - Medical

### RN TELEPHONE TRIAGE

Rapidly expanding GI practice seeking experienced RN. Responsibilities will include safe and accurate telephone assessment, patient in-take, electronic charting, infusions and a variety of other duties. Strong computer skills preferred.

Fax resume and cover letter to Human Resources: 734-434-9517, email to: jobs@hurongastro.com or mail to 5300 Elliott Drive Ypsilanti, MI 48197

## Help Wanted - Medical

### RESTAURANT DELI MANAGER

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## PETS

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**Dogs**

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**YORKIE T-Cup** - Absolutely gorgeous, male & female, 13 weeks old for \$500. Potty trained, shots up to date, AKC reg., papers (517) 962-2703. jlovepets@yahoo.com

**Pet Supplies/Services**

**Fun Activities for Your Dog** Coming in September Beginning Agility Wed Nights - 4 wks starting Sept 10 Barn Hunt

Try this new sport with our ongoing classes: Fun Match, September 20, Sanctioned Trial September 21

More info at: www.GetActiveMI.com -41 Zodiak Ranch, Wixom Rd, Milford MI 248-202-0378

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**AUGUST MOVIE ON THE LAWN**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 p.m. Aug. 30  
**Location:** Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merri-

man, Livonia  
**Details:** Bring a lawn chair or blanket to watch *God's Not Dead*. Movie starts at sunset. Admission, popcorn and ices are free. Movie will be shown

indoors in inclement weather  
**Contact:** Steve Morgan at 313-377-0832

**SEPTEMBER FITNESS CLASSES**  
**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 15  
**Location:** St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton  
**Details:** Joe Mason, certified personal fitness trainer, instructs a 10-week series of classes that include aerobic movements, strength training with light hand weights and yoga stretching, followed by abdominal and back exercises. Cost is \$70 with a portion of proceeds going to the parish.

**Contact:** 734-455-5910

**GRIEF WORKSHOP**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Sept. 10  
**Location:** St. Priscilla's Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia

**Details:** "Grieving with Great Hope" is a five-week series for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. The workshop is conducted by Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. For more information and registration details, visit the Good Mourning Ministry website at [www.goodmourningministry.net](http://www.goodmourningministry.net) or contact Kay at St. Priscilla.

**Contact:** 248-476-4700, [kay@saintpriscilla.org](mailto:kay@saintpriscilla.org)

**RALLY DAY**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sept. 14  
**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman Road, at Maplewood, Garden City

**Details:** Worship, food, games,

**Contact:** 734-421-8628

**REVIVAL**

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sept. 7, 7 p.m. Sept. 8-10  
**Location:** Palmer Road Baptist Church, 33740 Palmer, Westland

**Details:** Worship with praise and music, along with messages of repentance, renewal and revival with the Rev. Charles Ozment

**Contact:** 734-729-2434

**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**

**Time/Date:** Sept. 7, Oct. 12 and 26 and Nov. 9  
**Location:** National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section, 26400 Lahser, Southfield

**Details:** The council seeks volunteers to help with activities and field trips for clients of Kadima, a mental health facility in Southfield. Trips include a Detroit Tiger game on Sept. 7; Succot celebration at Kadima on Oct. 12; Franklin Cider Mill and Johnson Nature Center on Oct. 26; and the Royal Oak Flea Market, Nov. 9

**Contact:** 248-355-3300, Ext. 0

**OCTOBER CRAFTERS WANTED**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11  
**Location:** St. Theodore Parish Social Halls, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available. Each costs \$25.

**Contact:** Mary at 734-425-4421 (voice mail #10)

**ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY**

**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island,

21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

**Our Lady of Loretto**

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

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

**St. Michael the Archangel**

**Time/Date:** 7:8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.  
**Location:** School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org)

**Ward Presbyterian**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays  
**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township

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

**Contact:** 248-374-5920

**FAMILY MEAL**

**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Free meal

**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

**MOMS**

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

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

**PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE**

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 313-563-0162

**PRAYER**

**Nardin Park United Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday

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

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

**Contact:** 248-476-8860

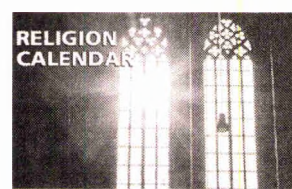
**St. Edith Church**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.

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

**St. Michael Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday  
**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton



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

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

**SINGLES**

**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; [lef@dwo.org](mailto:lef@dwo.org)

**First Presbyterian Church**

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

**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org)

**Steve's Family Restaurant**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 313-534-0399

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

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

**Contact:** 248-374-5920

**SONG CIRCLE**

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

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

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

**Contact:** 248-737-1931 or email [nancyellen879@att.net](mailto:nancyellen879@att.net)

**SUPPORT**

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

**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 734-261-9000; [www.woodhaven-retirement.com](http://www.woodhaven-retirement.com)

**Connection Church**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday  
**Location:** 3855 Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

**Contact:** [jonathan@connectionchurch.org](mailto:jonathan@connectionchurch.org) or 248-787-5009

**Detroit World Outreach**

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

**Details:** Addition No More offers support for addictive

behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.

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

**Farmington Hills Baptist Church**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August  
**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

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

**Merriman Road Baptist Church**

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City

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

**Contact:** [www.metrofibrogroup.com](http://www.metrofibrogroup.com); or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

**Fireside Church of God**

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday  
**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Fireside Adult Day Ministry offers an activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

**Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; [www.firesidechog.org](http://www.firesidechog.org); or email to [adm@firesidechog.org](mailto:adm@firesidechog.org)

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday  
**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 734-421-8451

**St. John Neumann**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Location:** 44800 Warren Road, Canton

**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous meets

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

**St. Thomas a' Becket Church**

**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good.

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

**Unity of Livonia**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous

**Contact:** 248-559-7722; [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org) for additional information

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

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

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

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

**Contact:** Child care, 248-374-7400; [www.celebraterecovery.com](http://www.celebraterecovery.com) and [www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org) celebrate

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**Deadlines:** Friday, 4:00 p.m. for Sunday papers  
 Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. for Thursday papers  
 Holiday deadlines are subject to change.



**CARAMAGNO, JOAN**

August 24, 2014, age 84. Dear mother of John Veselenak, Nicholas Veselenak, Paul (Barbara) Veselenak, and Matthew (Tonya) Caramagno. Grandma of David (Holly) Veselenak, Sarah and Scott Veselenak, Matthew and Chase Caramagno, Sister of Donald (Lynn) Bartolero, and Sheila Gazdecki. Visitation MANN'S-FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME 17000 Middlebelt (S. of 6 Mile) on Thursday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., with Parastas Service at 7 p.m. In State Friday 9 a.m. until time of Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m., at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Share a memory at [www.mannsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mannsfuneralhome.com)



**FLOHR, JOAN M.**

Loving wife of the late Dale. Cherished mother of Bruce (Linda), Gary (Zita), Tom, Lesley (Jim) Page and Karilyn (Andy) Lytle. Proud grandmother of 16 and great-grandmother of 8. Also survived by dear brother Rev. Thomas (Betty) Edge. Visitation Wednesday 5-8 p.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd. in Livonia. In state Thursday 10 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Rd. in Livonia. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are appreciated to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra or Alzheimer's Association.



**DUNCAN JEANNETTE**

Age 95 August 25, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Harry for 47 years. Loving mother of Elizabeth Suvoij. Predeceased by her son Michael Everton and son-in-law Frank 'Buck' Suvoij. Sister of Simone Hanvey and Rejeanne Jarmosevich. Grandmother of Lisa Everton, Cheryl (Jeff) Lampman, Louis Suvoij and Aurea Suvoij. Great grandmother of Corey and Jack Lampman. Also survived by her caregiver Julia Everton and many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 1-8pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City (Between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill). In state Friday 9am followed by the 9:30am Funeral Mass at St. Richard Catholic Church, 35637 Cherry Hill (west of Wayne Road). [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)



**O'NEIL, JR. JAMES STANLEY**

Age 70. Loving father and proud grandfather, passed away peacefully August 25 with his family by his side. He was a former resident of Canton, and Northville. James was a strong man who persevered through the challenges that life threw his way and loved to get around town and converse with those he met. He was a proud U.S. Navy Veteran who served during the Vietnam War and he excelled as a Senior Account Executive in the automotive industry. James will be deeply missed by his family and friends. He is survived by four children and six grandchildren. Visitation Friday, Aug. 29, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

**SEYUIN, GATHA M.**

Age 92, of Farmington Hills, died August 25, 2014. Gatha is survived by her beloved husband of 72 years, Joseph; devoted children, Joann Schlicht and Joseph (Mary); 17 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Anna Jodway and Belle Seyuin. Sadly, Gatha was preceded in death by her daughter, Ruth Kelley. Visitation Thursday, August 28, 5-8 p.m., with a 7 p.m. Rosary, at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington, (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass Friday, August 29, 10:30 a.m. (in state 10 a.m.) at the Servant Church of St. Alexander, 27835 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills. Interment Mt. Hope, Livonia. Memorial gifts suggested to Angela Hospice. [heenev-sundquist.com](http://heenev-sundquist.com)

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## Comedy, musicals, more take to stage

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Craig Hane hopes to "raise the bar" at Barefoot Productions this season.

And with nearly one play per month scheduled through May 2015 at its Plymouth playhouse, Hane, director and founder, will have plenty of chances to do just that.

"I'm going into every show with nothing more than perfection," said Hane, who will direct the entire season at Barefoot. "Mouths will drop with each show."

Barefoot started the 2014-15 theater season a few months before other local troupes, staging *Play It Again, Sam* in July, followed by *Southern Hospitality* this month. It will take a break in September as it gears up for a re-telling of the Lizzie Borden tale in October, just in time for Halloween.

Inspire Theatre will bring *Bliethe Spirit* to the stage in mid-October at its Westland playhouse, but other local theaters plan to start new seasons in September. Farmington Players will stage the comedy, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, Sept. 26 through Oct. 18. Both Spotlight Players in Canton and Two Muses Theatre in West Bloomfield are rehearsing musicals.

Spotlight opens with Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic *The King and I*, which will run weekends, Sept. 12-21.

"Spotlight is very pleased to be offering something new this year, season packages. They are similar to season tickets but offer much more flexibility," said Lia De Biasi, who is producing *The King and I*. "For \$54 you get four tickets for the price of \$13.50 each."

Individual tickets for *The King and I* run \$15-\$18.

"Save by purchasing season coupons. Four coupons per package," De Biasi explained. Season coupons can be exchanged for tickets to desired Spotlight Players' shows. They also may be exchanged for Spotlight Players' youth group shows and its senior troupe performances.

### From the West Coast

Two Muses Theatre will open its new season with the Midwest premiere of *At the Bistro Garden*, a new musical with ties to both Michigan and Los Angeles, Calif.

"One of our regular patrons has a son who started a theater. He moved to L.A. and directs on the East Coast as well," said Barbie Weisserman of Farmington Hills, co-founder of the Two Muses, in West Bloomfield. "So, I gave her my business card. Her son called me and said he'd love to direct at Two Muses. He had heard wonderful things about Two Muses."

When he mentioned that a friend had written a new musical and had been testing it out in workshops, Weisserman was eager to read it.

"The script is hilarious and the music is fabulous," Weisserman said. "They were so excited to come and have someone interested in producing their show."

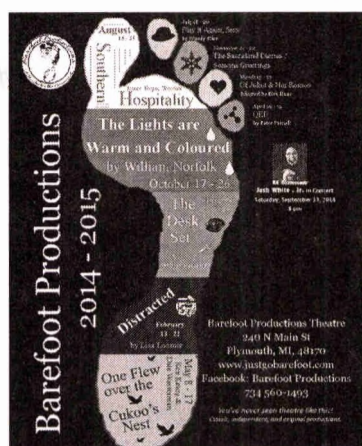
Deborah Pearl, the author of *At the Bistro Garden*, Jules Aaron, the director, and David Kole, the composer, flew to Michigan to work with the cast and crew.

"This is really exciting for us," she said. "The composer is staying with me and the author is staying with me. It has been really fun."

Here are the details about upcoming shows:

» Barefoot Productions stages *The Lights are Warm and Coloured*, a crime drama, at 8 p.m. Oct. 17-18 and 24-25 and 2 p.m. Oct. 19 and 26. *Santalaland Diaries/Seasons Greetings* by David Sedaris, follows for two nights only in November. *The Desk Set*, a comedy romance that inspired a film starring Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, is set for December. Director Craig Hane said the play includes "a huge scene with an office Christmas party." *Distraction, Of Juliet & Her Romeo, QED* and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* round out the season, at 240 N. Main, Plymouth. 734-560-1493; justgobarefoot.com.

» In addition to *Arsenic and Old Lace*, Farmington Players will stage *Leading Ladies*, November-December, *Miracle*



Barefoot Productions in Plymouth will stage more plays this season than it has in the past. It found a creative way to package the play titles and dates onto one flier.

on *South Division Street* in February 2015 and *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, April-May 2015, at 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. 248-553-2955; farmingtonplayers.org.

» Inspire Theatre runs *Bliethe Spirit* at 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18 and 24-25, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at 5767 Executive Drive, Westland. 734-751-7057.

» Spotlight Players presents *The King and I*, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12-14 and 19-21, at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Other plays include a youth production, *Harry's Hotter at Twilight*, in October, *Steel Magnolias* in November and two Mel Brooks plays, *Get Smart* in February 2015 and *Young Frankenstein* in April 2015.

» Two Muses Theatre runs *At the Bistro Garden* at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27, Oct. 3-4, 10-11, and 17-18 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28 and Oct. 5, 12, and 19. Other shows are *Jake's Women* in November, *Basheret* in February 2015, *God of Carnage*, April 2015, and *Clybourne Park*, June 2015, in the theater at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Season tickets are available. Call 248-850-9919; twomusestheatre.org.



The Maitre D with his waiters at the *Bistro Garden*, Rusty Daugherty, (left) of Southfield, John DeMerell of White Lake and Miles Bond of Detroit. At the *Bistro Garden* opens the new season at Two Muses Theatre.



Diane Hill of Wolverine Lake (left) and Amy Lauter of Farmington Hills play best friends in Two Muses Theatre's season opener, *At the Bistro Garden*. In this scene, Cheyenne, played by Carrie Jay Sayer of Dexter, entertains with stories of Hollywood romances while the John DeMerell of White Lake, as Maitre D, listens in.

## GET OUT!

### ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning Sept. 2

**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

**Details:** Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking.

**Run Wild:** 5K and 10K runs, and a 1.5-mile fun walk will benefit the zoo's Ruth Roby Glancy Animal Health Complex, Sept. 14. The 5K starts at 8 a.m., the 10K at 8:45 a.m. and the untimed fun walk is at 9 a.m. Routes start at the zoo and wind through Huntington Woods. Registration fees run from \$25 for the walk to \$55 for both the 5K and 10 K runs. www.detroitzoo.org/runwild  
**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### ARTS AND CRAFTS CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Oct. 10  
**Location:** The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** "Artpack Services Employee Exhibit"

**Contact:** 248-473-1859

### JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

**Time/Date:** Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sept. 11

**Location:** Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** "Daily Gratitude: Art, Sport and Cupcakes," features the work of Jessica Kovan. Also on exhibit are works by glass artists and Teresa Petersen, who creates art from thrift store and hardware shop finds

**Contact:** 248-432-5448

### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Sept. 27; opening reception is 6-9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 5

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville  
**Details:** "Lines," an all-media juried exhibition

**Contact:** 248-344-0497

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, opening reception; exhibit open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday through September  
**Location:** 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth



SUBMITTED

Building by Ford #17 by Aileen Mozug is among the works on display through Sept. 27 at Northville Art House.

**Details:** Chalk pastels by Leonardo Savage  
**Contact:** plymoutharts.com

### AUDITIONS EMERGENT ARTS

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 6-7

**Location:** The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti

**Details:** Auditions for *Hollywood and Hyde*, a dark comedy, will be by cold reading from the script. Actors will be seen in the order they arrive. The play will be performed Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 23 through Nov. 9. Parts for six men and one woman.

**Contact:** emergentarts.com; 734-985-0875

### MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE

**Time/Date:** By appointment, 7-9 p.m. Aug. 28

**Location:** 27555 Grantland, Livonia  
**Details:** Placement auditions for the theater's "Acting for the Serious Student" course, which will run Friday evenings Sept. 5 through Oct. 17. The class is for ages 8-18 and costs \$100 for nonmembers and \$80 for members. Audition consists of a 30-second monologue or two 15-second monologues that will demonstrate skills in memorization, text interpretation, character and stage presence.

**Contact:** Nancy Florowski, 586-894-8628; nancy@mcyt.org

### OAKLAND COLLEGE

**Time/Date:** 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 15-16



SUBMITTED

The Senegal St. Joseph Gospel Choir kicks off the news season, Sept. 21, at Music Hall in Detroit.

**Location:** Orchard Ridge Campus, located on Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696 in Farmington Hills

**Details:** *Godspell* auditions are open to all. prepare. Prepare 16 bars/measure of music either from the show or music that best displays your vocal talents. Bring your own CD or audition a cappella. Email to request an audition time

**Contact:** denorth@oaklandcc.edu

### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 2-3

**Location:** Liberal Arts Theatre, in the Liberal Arts Building, on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia  
**Details:** Neil Simon's *The Star-Spangled Girl*. Auditions are open to the general public as well as students. No experience necessary

**Contact:** James Hartman at 734-462-4400, Ext. 5270

### COMEDY

#### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 29-30

**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** DJ Dangler; tickets are \$12 show only, \$22 with dinner on Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday  
**Contact:** joeyscomedyclub.net; 734-261-0555

#### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28

**Location:** Fourth and Troy Streets in downtown Royal Oak

**Details:** Open Mic Night; \$3  
**Coming up:** Ben Moore, 8 p.m. Thurs-

day, Sept. 4, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6; tickets \$18

**Contact:** 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

### FILM PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, and Thursday, Sept. 4, and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 30-31

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** *How To Train Your Dragon*, admission \$3

**Summer Cinema Series:** The series wraps up with *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, Aug. 28. Shows at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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

### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Sept. 12 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 13

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

**Details:** *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, \$15

**Contact:** 313-898-1481

### HISTORY KELSEY MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Sept. 7

**Location:** 434 State St., Ann Arbor

**Details:** The exhibit, "Ancient/Modern: The Design of Everyday Things," examines how inhabitants of the ancient Mediterranean and Near East both resembled and differed from contemporary Americans

**Contact:** 734-764-9304



SUBMITTED

Violinist Anne Akiko Meyers opens the 71st season of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit on Sept. 20 at Detroit Country Day School in Beverly Hills.

### PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

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

**Details:** *Wheels of Summer*, an exhibit of toys with wheels, runs through Nov. 2. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

**Contact:** 734-455-8940

### MUSIC ARTS, BEATS AND EATS

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Aug. 29-31 and 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Along Washington Street and adjacent parking lots and streets in downtown Royal Oak

**Details:** Nine stages with local and national bands, such as The Applesseed Collective, Candy Band, Orbitsons, Village People, The Spinners, 38 Special, Detroit Chamber Wind and Strings, Killer Flamings, Ara Topouzian Ensemble and more. Festival includes a juried art show with more than 140 artist booths, and more than 35 food booths, some with gluten-free, vegan, low-carb, sugar-free and low-fat options. Admission is \$3; \$5 after 5 p.m. Visit artsbeatseats.com for a full music schedule and parking information

**Contact:** 248-541-7550

### BLUES@THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. the second Tues-

# Catch a new movie this holiday weekend

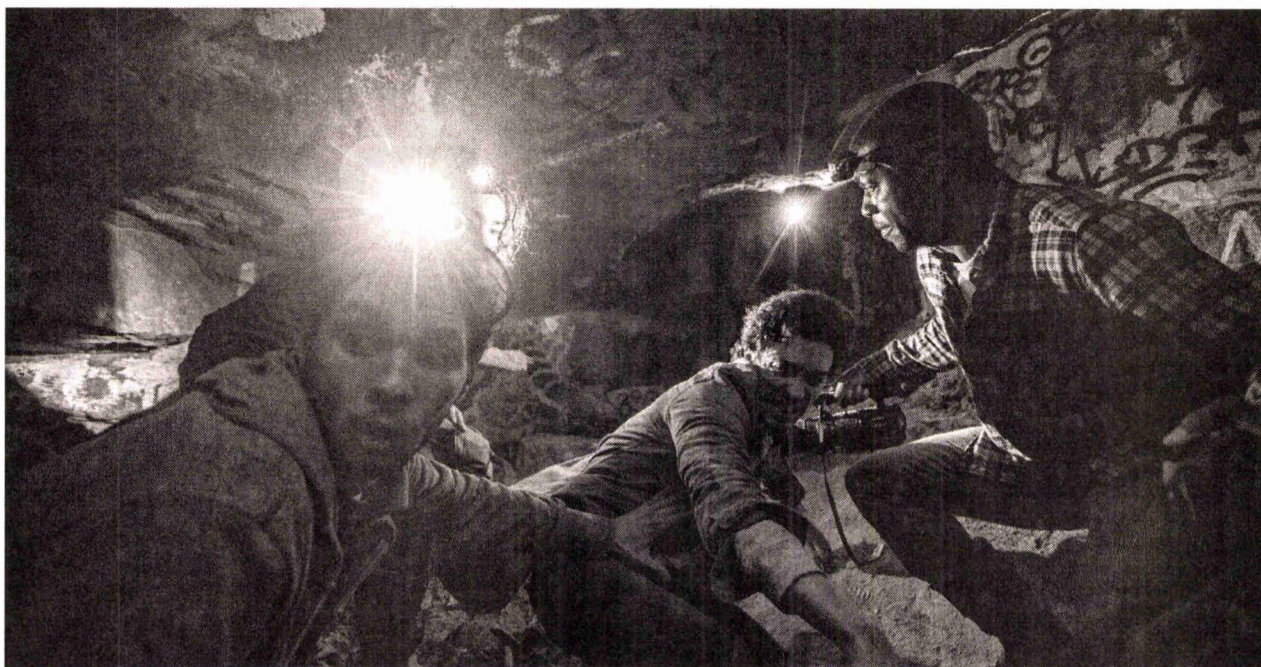
Kick back with a bucket of popcorn and watch a new film this Labor Day weekend. Movies opening Friday, Aug. 29:

» **As Above/So Below:** Miles of twisting catacombs lie beneath the streets of Paris, the eternal home to countless souls. When a team of explorers ventures into the uncharted maze of bones, they uncover the secret of what this city of the dead was meant to contain. *As Above, So Below* reaches deep into the human psyche to reveal the personal demons that come back to haunt everyone. Written by John Erick Dowdle and Drew Dowdle and directed by John Erick Dowdle, the psychological thriller takes viewers on a journey into madness and terror. Stars Perdita Weeks, Ben Feldman, and Edwin Hodge. Rated R.

» **Land, Ho!** opens at Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor. Back when they were brothers-in-law, married to two sisters,

Mitch, played by Earl Lynn Nelson, and Colin, played by Paul Eenhoorn, were close friends, but they drifted apart as Mitch and his wife divorced and Colin's wife died. Now Mitch, a retired surgeon who can't quite admit to being retired, recruits a reluctant Colin on a holiday to Iceland. It's the perfect way to perk up the pair who have endured their share of disappointments but still have a spirit of adventure in them. In upscale Reykjavik, they hit the nightclubs with Mitch's much younger first-cousin-once-removed, Ellen, played by Karrie Crouse, and her friend, Janet, played by Elizabeth McKee, who happen to be traveling through at the same time. The vast, haunting landscapes — moss-coated cliffs, fog-shrouded mountains, geothermal pools — form the perfect backdrop for the friends' escapades. Rated R.

» **Life of Crime** is based on the late Elmore



(L to R) Zed, played by Ali Marhyar, (left) Souxie, played by Marion Feldman, and Benji, played by Edwin Hodge, traverse miles of twisting catacombs beneath the streets of Paris in *As Above/So Below*. The film opens Friday, Aug. 29, at area theaters.

Leonard's novel *The Switch*. It is a dark caper comedy starring Jennifer Aniston, Tim Robbins, John Hawkes, Yasiin Bey, Isla Fisher and Will

Forte. The wife (Aniston) of a corrupt real estate developer (Robbins) is kidnapped by two common criminals (Bey and Hawkes), who intend to

extort him with inside information about his crooked business and off-shore accounts. But the husband decides he'd actually rather not pay

the ransom to get back his wife, setting off an unbelievable sequence of double crosses and plot twists. Directed by Daniel Schechter. Rated R.

## GET OUT!

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day of the month

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

**Details:** \$5 donation

**Contact:** 734-453-1780

### CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Sept. 20

**Location:** Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School, corner of 13 Mile and Lahser in Beverly Hills

**Details:** Violinist Anne Akiko Meyers opens the 71st season of this Farmington Hills-based music organization. Tickets range from \$30-\$60

**Contact:** 248-855-6070; chambermusicdetroit.org

### DETROIT JAZZ FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** 4-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, noon to 11:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 30-31, and noon to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 1

**Location:** Hart Plaza and Cam-



Works by Leonardo Savage, including this pastel, are on display beginning Sept. 6 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

pus Martius in downtown Detroit

**Details:** Nearly 60 local and national jazz musicians, in-

cluding Stanley Clarke, Ramsey Lewis, The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Joshua Redman, The Motown Legends Gospel Choir,

and more, perform at this free festival. Catch the Northville High School Jazz Band at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, on the JP

Morgan Chase stage

**Contact:** detroitjazzfest.com  
**JAZZ@THE ELKS**

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

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

**Details:** \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

**Contact:** 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

### MUSIC HALL

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21

**Location:** 350 Madison, Detroit

**Details:** The Senegal St. Joseph Gospel choir kicks off the 2014-15 season. Tickets are \$20

**Contact:** 313 887-8501

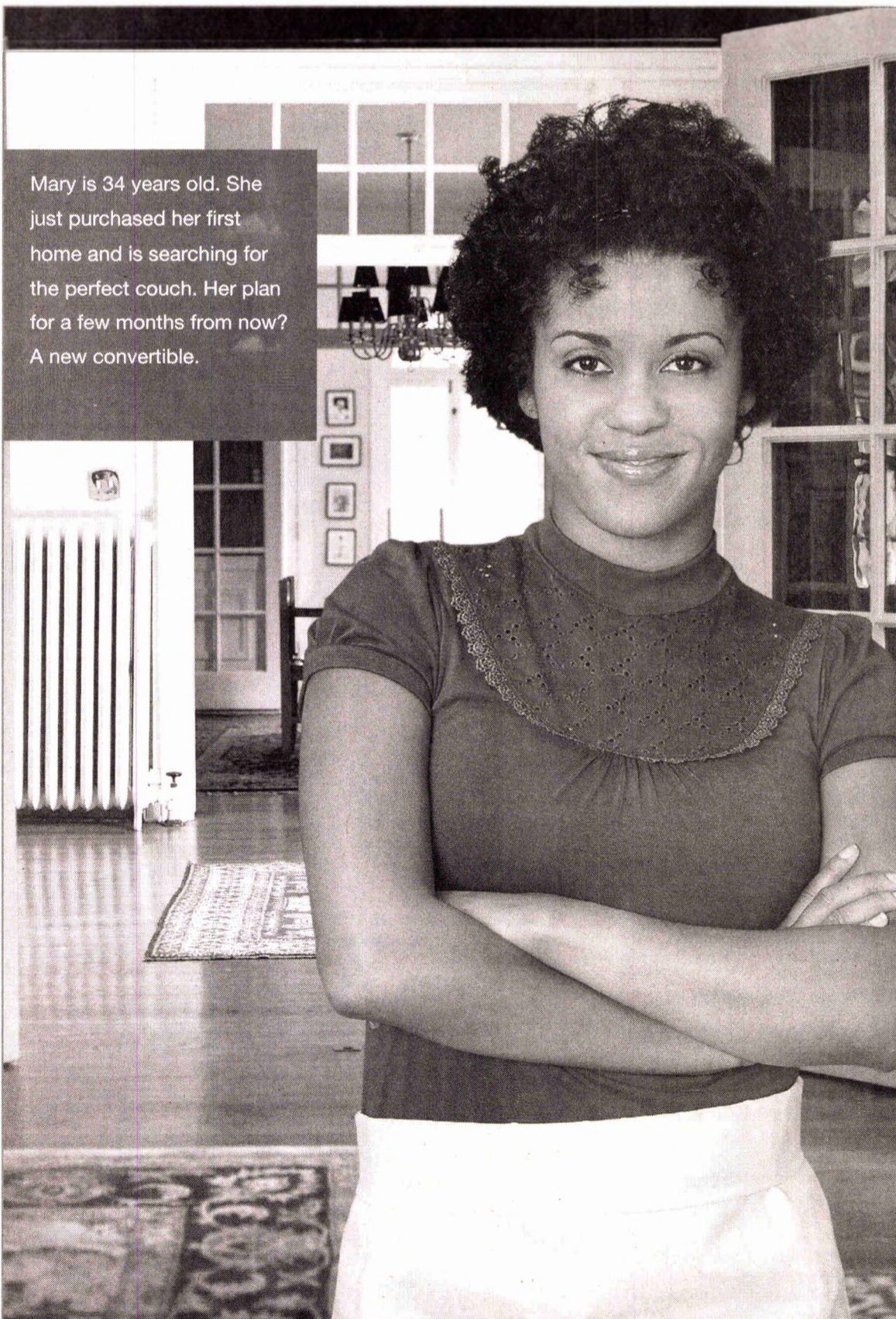
### TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

**Time/Date:** Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Open Mic, Sept. 2; Greg Trooper and George Worthmore, Sept. 6; Empty Chair Night featuring Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and Jo Serrapere, and John Devine, Sept. 7. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

**Contact:** 734-464-6302



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Carol Strom (foreground), a Schoolcraft College trustee, enjoys some of the desserts offered at the VIP reception at the Culinary Extravaganza last year.

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# Taste unique cuisine at Culinary EXTRAVAGANZA

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Send your taste buds on a bittersweet trip via the Midnight Train to Traverse next month at Schoolcraft College Foundation's Culinary Extravaganza.

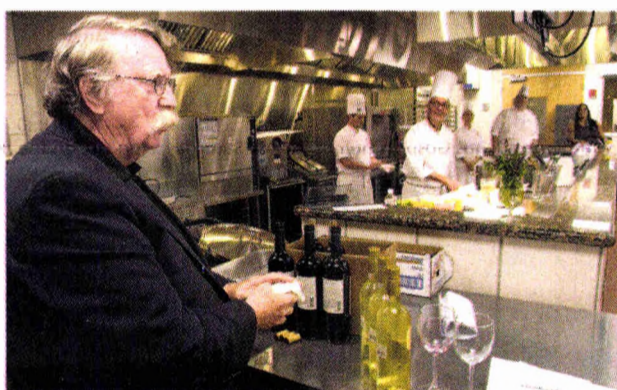
The chicory-chocolate-cherry ice cream, created by chef James Rigato of The Root restaurant in White Lake, will be among six Guernsey Farms Dairy ice cream flavors served in the expanded "tailgate" portion of the annual event that raises funds for student scholarships and the college's culinary arts program.

"It's got a nice toasty bitterness to it," said Rigato, describing the flavor he created for Guernsey. "Chicory is a coffee substitute. I think about midnights, drinking coffee. We use Traverse City cherries, too."

The Northville-based dairy will participate in the Culinary Extravaganza for the first time, offering Peanut Butter Mackinac Island Fudge, Lemon Custard, Grandpa's Blueberry Way, Creme de Novi and Vanilla ice cream flavors, in addition to Midnight Train to Traverse.

"We have ties with Schoolcraft in terms of them using our products for their cooking school. It's a world class culinary institution," said Phillip Bec, sales and marketing manager for Guernsey Farms Dairy. "The days of the locally owned and sourced dairy are far gone. So Guernsey is unique." The company gets its milk from the Lansing area and processes it quickly so that dairy products are fresh when they hit store shelves. "Anytime I can connect with chefs that I know appreciate the (product) I try to. The Extravaganza is a great platform for us to get exposed to up and coming chefs."

The 23rd Culinary Extravaganza will run 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, in the VisTaTech Center, 18600 Hagerly, Livonia. More than 40 restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors will serve tastings of their signature culinary creations. Certified Master Chef, Jeff Gabriel, and expert vintner, Lee Hershey, will demonstrate healthful food and wine pairings. A silent auction will include gift baskets, fine dining,



Vintner Lee Hershey teaches a class in "Wholesome Healthy Food and Wine Accompaniments." Master Chef Jeff Gabriel handles the food portion of the session and Hershey talks about wine-food pairings.



Rebecca Himm (left), a member of the Schoolcraft Foundation Board of Governors, and her friends enjoy delicacies from Steve & Rocky's of Novi.

travel and sporting event packages, along with other items. A raffle will award the luckiest ticket-holder with \$1,500. Other prizes will include cash and dinner for two at the college's American Harvest Restaurant.

Tickets for the Culinary Extravaganza are \$50, \$20 of which is a charitable contribution. Order tickets by calling 734-462-4689 or visit [scf.schoolcraft.edu/culinary-extravaganza](http://scf.schoolcraft.edu/culinary-extravaganza).

### Tailgating

"Nowhere else can you attend an event of this magnitude for such a great price while helping such a great cause," said Sheri Frader, Extravaganza coordinator. "We have several new restaurants this year and we are continually working to add new restaurants."

"The tailgate area will be expanded to include the Lions game and possibly the Ryder Cup."

The tailgate room will offer pub- and tailgate-style foods, along with the Detroit Lions game televised

live on large viewing screens. The main event, located in the DiPonio Room, serves signature dishes and fine dining cuisine.

Rigato, a 2005 Schoolcraft graduate, will be represented in both locations. While Guernsey Farms Dairy serves Midnight Train to Traverse in the tailgate area, Rigato will offer foods typical of his The Root restaurant in the DiPonio Room.

He'll wait until closer to the event to choose a menu.

"We do things seasonally at the restaurant. If I were doing it tomorrow, I'd make something with the 200 pounds of tomatoes I just received," Rigato said, adding that he created gazpacho for a recent demonstration at Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market. "I like to stay as seasonal and fresh as possible. And I never want to repeat anything at an event. That's boring. I want to do something new."

For a complete list of vendors, visit [scf.schoolcraft.edu/culinary-extravaganza](http://scf.schoolcraft.edu/culinary-extravaganza).

## Sweet stuff: Hydrate your way to more energy with watermelon

Americans thirsting for more energy can refresh their hydration habits by thinking outside the water glass. Some foods — including flavorful, water-rich produce like watermelon — can help hydrate the body as well.

"Sliced, cubed or blended, or even simply juiced, watermelon is a delicious way to increase fluid intake and boost energy," said Elizabeth Somer, a registered dietitian and author of several nutrition and wellness books. "Watermelon is 92 percent water, and the perfect ingredient for salads, salsas, smoothies and more."

With a distinctively sweet, refreshing taste, it may be hard to think of watermelon as a nutritious, low-calorie hydration boost. But actually, beyond its high water content, watermelon is loaded with vitamins A and C, potassium and magnesium, fiber and phytonutrients, such as lycopene.

### Watermelon selection

Choosing a good watermelon at the store may seem like a challenge, because the thick rind hides the vibrant fruit inside. But actually, making a good pick is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Look the watermelon over. You are looking for a

firm, symmetrical watermelon that is free from bruises, cuts or dents.

2. Lift it up. The watermelon should be heavy for its size; most of the weight is water.

3. Turn it over. The underside of the watermelon should have a creamy yellow spot from where it sat on the ground and ripened in the sun.

Once your watermelon is home, there are dozens of ways to enjoy it, including a wide range of cold, refreshing beverages. One easy way to up your water intake with watermelon is this simple one-ingredient recipe for watermelon juice:

Just cut a seedless watermelon into one-inch chunks with a sharp knife and place in blender. Blend watermelon well until juice is smooth. If you prefer, you can strain the juice to remove the pulp.

For a little extra flavor, try combining watermelon juice with other fruity flavors, such as Agua Fresca, which blends that natural sweetness of watermelon with lime, a small amount of sugar and water.

Find more ideas to help you sip your way to hydration with mouthwatering inspiration at [www.watermelon.org](http://www.watermelon.org).

Courtesy of Family Features

### AGUA FRESCA

1 cup finely chopped watermelon  
7 cups coarsely chopped watermelon  
6 cups watermelon juice  
½ cup sugar  
1 large lime, juiced  
1 serving water (if needed)  
Watermelon wedges  
Mint leaves

Combine all ingredients, including slices of juiced lime, in large serving pitcher.

Garnish with watermelon wedges and mint.



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Fri. Sept. 26: at Livonia Franklin - 7 p.m.  
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Sat. Oct. 25: vs. Hartland  
at P-CEP - 6:30 p.m.



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Thur. 10/9 Canton @ Plymouth  
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Thur. 10/16 Plymouth Crossover  
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