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## Local leaders decry planned tax hike

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Political leaders in the Plymouths are speaking out against the "judgment levy" that will mean higher taxes for many of their constituents — and all Wayne County property owners — this summer. At issue is the one-time tax — an estimated \$125 for the owner of a house with a taxable value of \$125,000 — that County Executive Warren Evans plans to add to summer property tax bills. Evans, a

Democrat, wants to put the money raised, about \$40.6 million, toward a \$49.6 million judgment the county owes because of a payment into its pension system that it skipped in 2010.

Evans cleared the way for imposing the tax Friday when he vetoed a Wayne County Commission measure that would have instead used money from the Delinquent Tax



Barone

Revolving Fund to settle the judgment.

Local leaders were pulling for an override of the veto, but commission Chairman Gary Woronchak, D-Dearborn, who voted with the majority, said Wednesday afternoon that there would be no override vote.

"It's clear that an attempt to override the veto would be unsuccessful and probably counterproductive," Woronchak said in a prepared statement. But he also said the commission's stance against

the tax in part prompted Evans to find a way to lower the planned tax. Evans initially wanted to levy the entire \$49.6 million.

Commissioner Joe Barone, R-Plymouth Township, whose district also includes Canton Township and the city of Plymouth, also voted with the commission majority.

"I've got to listen to what the people of my district are telling me," said Barone. "They're telling me they don't want to be shoved with this particular tax without having

any input."

"This is a back-door way for the executive to try to raise our taxes," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price, a former county commissioner.

"I don't support any tax without the people having a vote," Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer said.

The county budget amendment to put DTRF money toward the judgment passed June 4 by a 9-5 vote, with one

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## FULL STEAM AHEAD



Caps take flight as the Canton High School commencement comes to a close Sunday.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Class of 2015 at Plymouth, Salem and Canton high schools is on its way following commencement ceremonies Sunday, June 7, at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center. Some 1,500 seniors received their diplomas and

marked the closing of their high school years with the proverbial tossing of their caps to rounds of applause from parents and friends.

Turn to pages A6 and A10 for more photos.

## P-CCS announces educator layoffs

By Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education isn't finished deliberating a 2015-16 district budget yet, but by contractual agreement it has notified some 73 educators that they may lose their jobs for the coming school year.

"This is the initial list," Superintendent Michael Meissen said Tuesday night prior to the board adopting the layoff resolution.

The move is required by union contract and it allows the listed educators to be eligible for unemployment insurance, said Monica Merritt, assistant superintendent for human resources and labor relations. "It doesn't mean we will be losing any of those people next year," she said.

But the layoff notices are in anticipation of some \$5.3 million in reductions as district administrators and the school board get closer to adopting the 2015-16 budget. Other layoff notices are expected within the next week.

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## Mediterranean eatery freshens downtown menu

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Simply Fresh is the latest addition to the ever-changing downtown Plymouth restaurant scene.

Boasting Mediterranean food that the restaurant's owners say is home-cooked daily, Simply Fresh replaces — under new ownership — the Plaka Mediterranean Grill, which closed late last year.

Sam Warra, who owns the restaurant with son Anthony, said doing business in downtown Plymouth has been a

longtime goal. The elder Warra has been in the restaurant business for 15 years and also owns Fresh Choice Cafe & Deli in Southfield.

"Plymouth has been a dream of mine," Sam Warra said.

The menu at Simply Fresh offers a range of Mediterranean favorites, including hummus, stuffed grape leaves, gyros, falafel, shawarma (chicken and beef), mujadara and fattoush and tabbouleh salads. There are sandwich wraps, sides and plenty of meatless options.

Carryout is available and the Warras plan to offer delivery service within months. There will also be daily specials and a tweaking of the menu once they settle in, they said.

The Warras spent several months remodeling the interior after Plaka closed and opened Simply Fresh in late May. Sam Warra said he'd had his eye on the spot for four years.

Business has been "tremendously busy," Sam Warra said.

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Sue, Anthony and Sam Warra continue their family tradition of home-cooked Mediterranean food at Simply Fresh on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

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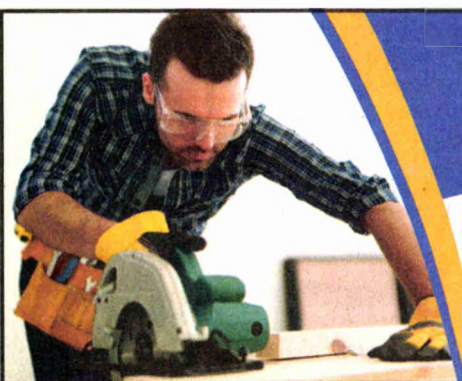
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# Memoir explores complex mother-daughter relationship

By **Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

A Plymouth Township woman's new memoir takes an often painful, sometimes funny, look at her relationship with her mother, a relationship the author says was strained for years, but was ultimately reconciled as daughter became caregiver to an aging parent.

*HER and Me (The Evolution of a Relationship)* was self-published in January after more than two years of writing by Barbara J. Dickirson. It covers a period from Dickirson's mother's childhood to her death in 2012 at age 92, with the mother-daughter relationship as the focal point.

Dickirson was a caregiver to her mother for the last nearly 15 years of her life and provided more intense care for

six-plus years as her mother's decline became more pronounced. Dickirson's mother suffered from dementia and intestinal cancer, she said.

It was during those years of care giving, Dickirson said, that her relationship with her mother began to heal.

"I started to see her in a whole new light," Dickirson said Tuesday during a chat at the Plymouth Coffee Bean. "She was a person who had been through a lot."

That included the Great Depression, she added, and the World War II years, plus a difficult relationship with her own mother, with whom she stopped having contact.

"I vowed to myself I would never let that happen between her and me," Dickirson said.

Dickirson described her mother as a very

private, stoic person with a sort of Old World pride. As an aging widow — Dickirson's father died in 1980 at age 64 — keeping house by herself, it was a big change when she started asking for help around the house, Dickirson said.

"I was pleased to help," Dickirson said. It gave them a chance to reconnect after years of not getting along well, she said, and even though her mother didn't express her gratitude, Dickirson felt it.

"You just kind of know when somebody appreciates you," she said.

That sort of silence was felt throughout their relationship, Dickirson said: "We just didn't talk like that." Despite that, they came to some kind of resolution, an emotional understanding, before her mother died.

### 'I would break down'

That was in May 2012 and, that fall, Dickirson started writing the book. It was a difficult process.

"So many times when I was writing this, I would break down in tears," she said.

Sometimes, she would wake with a start in the middle of the night, certain that her mother was



COURTESY OF BARBARA DICKIRSON  
Barbara Dickirson of Plymouth Township at a recent authors fair at the Plymouth District Library. Her latest book, "HER and Me (The Evolution of a Relationship)," is a memoir of her relationship with her mother, who died in 2012.

especially for her mother.

That, she said, also fits her sense that the story could apply to many families. A lot of people have been able to relate to the book, she said: "I guess we're not all that different."

"There's a lot of dysfunction going on," she added. "Everybody loves to say the word and laugh about it, but they don't want to say that it goes on in their families. There are a lot of people, I think, who are dealing with this right now."

*HER and Me* is Dickirson's second book. Her first, *The Lambs*, is a journal about her experience helping care for two lambs as a docent at Maybury State Park. Dickirson is married to Gene Dickirson, a retired Ford Motor Co. engineer, and is herself retired from the Society of Automotive Engineers, where she worked as a purchasing agent and later as a production manager for SAE publications.

*HER and Me* is available through amazon.com and the self-publishing company Lulu Enterprises.

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## Wayne County Parks hosts 20th annual fishing derby

Picture this: Fisherman of all shapes and sizes reeling in more than 800 rainbow trout at Waterford Bend Park in Northville, starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 13, at the 20th annual Wayne County Parks Fishing Derby.

As part of the DNR Free Fishing weekend, there is no need for a fishing license for this event. Bring your own equipment to enjoy a

morning of fishing fun. There also will be casting contests and special giveaways for each child.

The Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528 will be on hand to help the kids weigh and measure the fish.

The schedule is:

- » 7:30-8 a.m. — registration on site.
- » 8-10 a.m. — fishing derby for children age 12 and younger.
- » 10 a.m. — fishing for all ages.
- » 10:30 a.m. — presentation of prizes.

Waterford Bend Park is located at the corner of Six Mile and Northville roads in Northville.

The event is co-sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chap-



WAYNE COUNTY PARKS  
The annual Wayne County Fishing Derby takes place Saturday, June 13, at Waterford Bend at the corner of Six Mile and Northville roads in Northville.

ter 528, Cabela's, Eppinger Manufacturing and the state of Michigan Eat Safe Fish program.

For more information on this or any Wayne County Parks event, call 734-261-1990 or go to [www.parks.waynecounty.com](http://www.parks.waynecounty.com).

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## TAX

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**commissioner absent.** Ten votes are needed to override a veto.

**Bills going out**

Price said that if the tax is levied, one-third of the revenue would come from western Wayne County; the tax could cost property owners in Barone's 10th District alone about \$6 million.

"If it comes down, we'll have to put it on the taxes," Price said.

Property tax bills in Plymouth and Plymouth Township are being prepared this month and are scheduled to go out by Wednesday, July 1.

Dwyer has long been opposed to raising taxes in Plymouth without voter approval; he's spoken out against the city levying an administrative fee, of up to 1 percent of each taxpayer's

collections are turned over to the county. Evans, in his veto message, argued that using DTRF money for the judgment would be more expensive in the long run, as the cost of borrowing money for DTRF purposes would increase.

Evans wrote that he found a judgment levy "distasteful," but also that the commission's vote to use DTRF money was invalid and unenforceable because it violated the separation of powers between the executive and the legislative branches.

Staff writer Darrell Clem contributed to this story.

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## EATERY

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"I knew it was going to be a good spot, but I didn't realize how strong the business was going to be."

Anthony has worked with his father at the restaurant in Southfield for years and now spends his workday at Simply Fresh. His sister, Ashley MacFarland, runs the Southfield restaurant.

Anthony Warra said he likes the hustle and bustle of the restaurant work.

"It's fun. I enjoy it," he said. "It keeps me

going."

His father said his motivation is the food. "I love food. I can out-eat anybody," he joked.

Father and son give credit to Sue Warra for the menu and much of the cooking.

"We're trying to give the traditional Mediterranean food that I grew up with," Anthony said.

Sue Warra said she learned how to cook from her family while growing up, lost interest as a young woman and then returned to it. Her husband said that when he took over Fresh Choices in Southfield, he told his wife to prepare the dish-

es just as she did at home. Business quadrupled within four months, he said.

Sue Warra, like her husband, said she's been drawn to Plymouth for years.

"Everybody has been tremendously welcoming," she said. "People are just genuine, very nice."

Simply Fresh, 838 Penniman, is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.  
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# Plymouth's Tony Roko gets Best Fine Artist nod

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools graduate and Plymouth-based artist Tony Roko has been named Best Fine Artist by the readers of *Hour Detroit* magazine in its 2015 Best of Detroit contest. Roko also won the magazine's Best Fine Artist nod in 2014.

"Art has changed my life in ways I could have never imagined and I look forward to sharing my work with everyone," Roko said.

In April, Roko, who has annually been joined by former classmates Joe Nader, executive chef for the Levy Restau-



Artist Tony Roko.

rants at Ford Field, and Jennifer Kincer, an actress and singer, talked to Isbister Elementary students about following their dreams.

It took some time, but

that's exactly what Roko did.

Roko started his working life at the Wayne Assembly plant. Instead of encouraging his artistic talents, others told him he was fortunate to work in the auto industry. Finally, 10 years ago, he decided to give his talents 100 percent of his attention. "I didn't have to punch in anymore for work," he told Isbister students.

Roko always loved painting and drawing. Isbister parent Michelle Dillon, who organizes the school visit for her classmates, told students that she remembers Roko as a

kid always drawing.

On his breaks at the Wayne Assembly plant, Roko continued to draw, sometimes making portraits of his co-workers. Union representatives and management took notice and asked if he'd like to be part of a plant beautification project to boost workers' morale.

Roko painted murals on plant walls, based on suggestions from the workers. Roko used materials he found around the factory that had already shown their resistance to such conditions; industrial coatings, auto enamels and scrap wood from pallets. He became

the resident artist for Ford and began beautifying other plants in the Detroit area.

Roko, who has been commissioned to paint pieces for Lady Gaga, Jay Leno and the Ford Motor Co. as part of its Centennial Celebration of the Assembly Line, has recently received recognition for his work, including a piece displayed in the permanent collection of Michigan's Holocaust Memorial Center.

Roko will take part in *Hour Detroit's* Best of Detroit party, which will be celebrated at a June 19 party at Motor City Casi-

no Hotel in Detroit.

His work will be featured Sept. 17 at the 20th anniversary of ArtWorks Detroit, an event that benefits the Michigan AIDS Coalition. Roko's work will also be on display at ArtPrize®, an independently organized international art competition in Grand Rapids held Sept. 23 through Oct. 11.

His work is on display now at Lafontsee Galleries in Grand Rapids. For more information, go to [www.lafontsee.us](http://www.lafontsee.us).

Joanne Maliszewski contributed to this story.

## Celebrate dad at the YMCA Father's Day Run

A few years back, Nancy Drazga took part in the Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run with some girlfriends. She recalls it as a great experience — good friends, a fantastic route through Plymouth, even nice weather — but something was missing.

"I wanted my dad there," Drazga said. "I saw so many fathers running or walking with their kids and I wanted to have that opportunity at least once. My dad was 87 at the time, but he was up for the challenge. The following year he started training in April by walking in the neighborhood."

Pride and admiration can be heard in Drazga's voice as she cheerfully added, "My dad is now 90 years old and this will be our fourth YMCA Father's Day Run. We are proof that it's never too late to start a new family tradition. And as we are walking, we are also keeping in mind the fathers of our friends and family who are not with us."

Drazga said she had

told her dad Joseph he can go as slow as he chooses. "He walks a step ahead of me so I can match his pace. But at the end, we take each others' hands and run through the finish line. It's a perfect way to spend Father's Day."

DTP Run-Walk group, which meets in Kellogg Park three times a week, is a part of the effort on Father's Day. "We reached out to the Y and they reached out to us. We have the same goals and objectives," said the group's Dave Murphy.

This year, the DTP group hosted an essay contest for kids with the theme of why dad is so special. Three winners were chosen and they will be introduced at the Father's Day Run. "The essays are just so precious," Murphy said.

If you are gearing up to participate in the Father's Day race, Murphy encourages a visit to the DTP. The group walks or runs at 8 a.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. They meet in Kellogg Park and take it

from there.

"It's fun. It's free and it's positive," Murphy said, adding he now throws in some Plymouth historical tidbits as the group makes its way around Plymouth.

Christie Banners for one, is ready for the race. "We have been doing this for at least seven years now. My husband Eric and our kids, Teddy and Sylvie, who are now 11 and 8 years old, consider this a big part of our Father's Day experience."

Long-time Plymouth Township resident John Stewart can tell many tales about past runs. He has participated consistently for 31 years. "It's the best way to start off Father's Day," Stewart said. "My family knows not to plan anything that day until after the race."

Stewart's participation is not limited to taking part in the race — he has sung the national anthem at the event for 15 years.

"One of the great things about this run is that we see so many family and friends cre-

ating memories," said Sage Hegdal, executive director for the Plymouth YMCA. "The event includes everything from a quarter-mile fun run for little ones, a one-mile walk or run, a 5K, a 10K and the 10.3-mile MDG Triple, which allows the runner to be part of three events. Whether you are a family with toddlers or you are a serious runner, there is something for you."

Hegdal also notes that if you are not interested in running in a race, you can still show your support by making a donation to the Plymouth YMCA or by acting as a race-day volunteer.

"We need volunteers to help with handling registration, race-day setup, directing runners and many other tasks," she said.

Race proceeds benefit the YMCA's Annual Campaign, which drives its nonprofit mission of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

Registration for this



Nancy Drazga and her dad Joseph at last year's YMCA Father's Day Run.

year's run has already begun. Anyone interested in participating can go to the Plymouth Family YMCA website, at [ymcadedetroit.org/plymouth](http://ymcadedetroit.org/plymouth), and click the "Register to Race" button to begin the process online.

Registrations are also accepted by mailing the forms to 248 S. Union,

Plymouth MI 48170 or fax to 734-453-4191. Race awards include a \$1,000 cash award for the MDG Triple, plenty of medals for various finishes, as well as some other special prizes, including Detroit Tigers tickets.

For more information, contact Hegdal at [shegdal@ymcadedetroit.org](mailto:shegdal@ymcadedetroit.org).

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## Canton Public Safety fills two positions

The Canton Public Safety Department recently filled two new positions designated to enhance services provided to the community by the police and fire departments.

Canton welcomes Fire Marshal John Oltman and Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink to their new roles.

Oltman was promoted to this position following a competitive internal testing process. He has been a Canton employee since 1996, serving the last 14 years as a fire inspector. Oltman's credentials include National Fire Protection Association certifications in Fire Inspector I & II, Plan Examiner and Arson Investi-



Esselink

Oltman

gation. He is one of 318 fire inspectors in the nation with a NFPA II certification.

Oltman will be leading Canton's Fire Prevention Division consisting of himself and two fire inspectors, who are responsible for plan reviews and inspections of new, existing and remodeled buildings in the township, special event

inspections and arson inspections.

The Fire Prevention Division is also responsible for public education in the schools, businesses, residential and retail establishments. The overall goal of the division is to ensure building fire code compliance, along with providing an assortment of public education programs, making Canton a safe place to live, work and visit.

Esselink was recently selected to fill this new position following a competitive internal testing process. Esselink has been a police officer with the department for 14 years, where she has served

as a patrol officer, investigator, Explorer program adviser and as an instructor of the Teaching, Education and Mentoring program taught in elementary schools in Canton.

Esselink will be working directly with community members, developing and providing a variety of public education and crime prevention programs for homeowners, business owners and community groups. She has plans to revitalize Canton's Community Watch and Business Watch programs, as well as to provide security surveys for establishments when requested. Esselink will also take on the role of recruiter for the

department.

"The Public Safety Department is excited to offer these two new positions as a resource to the community. I am confident John Oltman and Patty Esselink will be exceptional in their new roles and will have a positive impact on public safety's efforts and enhancements in our community," Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said.

To contact Oltman, call 734-394-5456 or email joltman@canton-mi.org.

To contact Esselink, call 734-394-5194 or email pesselink@canton-mi.org.

### CANTON CRIME WATCH

#### Dispute erupts in Canton Kroger

A dispute between a mother and another customer inside the Canton Kroger store on Michigan Avenue, near Canton Center, led to police involvement and citations to both women for disorderly conduct, a police report said.

The dispute unfolded just before 7:30 p.m. June 3 after a 22-year-old Belleville woman apparently became upset when she was struck by a ball that had been bounced by a child of a 23-year-old Canton woman, a police report said.

Police went to the store amid reports of two women yelling and preparing to fight.

Police indicated the Belleville woman was agitated and screaming loudly. It was alleged she threatened the Canton woman and her daughter.

One witness stepped between the two women to try to defuse the situation, but the report indicated the two women continued to argue and attempt to fight.

Police did defuse the situation, however, with a pair of citations for disorderly conduct.

#### Motorist scare

A 17-year-old Canton male may have been having an anxiety attack Saturday night while driving erratically and pleading for help near Beck and Warren, a police report said.

Police went to the scene after a 45-year-old driver, on his way to work, said his vehicle was nearly struck by the teen's car. He said he could hear the teen asking for help shortly before 10:30 p.m. Saturday.

The older driver helped the teen out of his vehicle and got him away from busy Beck Road until police arrived. A police report said it initially appeared the teen, returning from an electronic music dance party, may have been under the influence of drugs.

The older driver told police the teen was hugging him and groping him.

The teen's parents were contacted and came to the scene. They told police the teen is known to have had anxiety attacks.

#### Bizarre behavior

Police went to the area of Warren and Bircklan, east of Napier, amid reports that a

19-year-old Superior Township man was screaming "help me" and "come find me" while standing in the street, a police report said.

A police report said the teen then rolled around on the ground, sat up and talked with police. He appeared intoxicated as the incident unfolded about 3:15 a.m. Saturday.

The teen told police he was scared of the woods and that's why he was screaming, the police report said. He said he had consumed four drinks and had walked to the area, though he eventually divulged his grandmother's car was parked in the area. He continued to deny driving it.

The teen's father came to the scene to pick him. Police cited the teen for public intoxication.

#### Motorcyclist flees

A woman driving a red motorcycle fled from police after an attempted traffic stop near Beck and Swanmere, north of Hanford.

The incident unfolded shortly after 6 p.m. June 2. Police stopped the female motorcyclist after she was seen passing traffic on northbound Beck, a police report said.

The woman, wearing a camouflage coat and orange pants, pulled over after police initiated a traffic stop and appeared visibly upset, the report said. The woman then drove off and fled the scene, with police losing sight of her.

#### Cellphone debacle

A man staying at the Canton Days Inn, near Michigan Avenue and Lotz, got his stolen cellphone back after he reported it missing from his room, a police report said.

The man told police last Thursday that he returned to his room from his job and learned that his cellphone was missing. A police investigation centered on employees who had cleaned the room.

Police went to a worker's residence, spoke with her and her grandfather and took her into custody for an unrelated incident after learning she had a warrant for her arrest out of Southfield.

The officer said the woman's Australian cattle dog ran up to him and ripped his uniform pants.

After leaving the residence, police learned that someone had gone to the front desk to return the missing cellphone.

Police said it was the employee's grandfather who had returned the phone, claiming it had been found in a nearby Wendy's parking lot.

The man who got his phone back told police he didn't want to prosecute. He was just glad to get it back, the police report said.

#### Pushy customer

A woman who works at the Sprint store on Ford Road, west of Haggerty, notified police after a man entered the store even though she told him it was closed, a police report said.

The store had closed at 9 p.m. Saturday, but the doors hadn't yet been locked. The suspect had called the store and was told it was closed, but he came to the business anyway, a police report said.

He fled the store after the employee called police and was last seen getting into a vehicle in the nearby IKEA parking lot. Police advised the employee to notify them if the suspect returns.

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# 52-1 District Court says ignition interlock devices are effective

The use of ignition interlock devices in the DWI/Sobriety Court program at Oakland County's 52-1 District Court in Novi has reduced the number of repeat drunken driving offenders. As part of an intensive program of supervision and sanctions for convicted drivers, ignition interlocks prevent a vehicle from being driven if the blood-alcohol content of the operator exceeds a certain level, which is measured by blowing into the device.

The successful results were released as part of a statewide news conference involving the Michigan Supreme Court and district courts throughout the state.

"We know all too well that drunk driving kills," 52nd District Chief Judge Julie Nicholson said. "There is solid data which indicates that ignition interlocks, used in conjunction with our DWI/Sobriety Court supervision, save lives by preventing drunk drivers from getting back on the road."

Researchers at Grand Valley State University found ignition interlock

devices are an effective means of reducing the likelihood of convicted drunken drivers repeating their offenses. GVSU's analysis of data from the first four years of this project reveals that when the ignition interlock program is incorporated into a sobriety court program like the one at 52-1 District Court, chronic driving while intoxicated offenders are less likely to get behind the wheel drunk.

Specifically, the report found:  
 » Recidivism cut in half: A DWI recidivism rate of 2.8 percent among interlock participants who are off probation as compared to participants in the Standard Probation Group who have a DWI recidivism rate of 5.5 percent.

» Near universal compliance: More than 97 percent of people ordered by the DWI/Sobriety Court judges to put the devices on their vehicles actually put them on.

» Failure rate two-thirds lower: Twelve percent of interlock participants failed the DWI/Sobriety Court program, while non-participants had a failure rate of 34

percent. Locally, 52-1 District Court found that using ignition interlock devices improved the successful completion rate of convicted drunken drivers in its DWI/Sobriety Court by more than 54.5 percent.

In other words, for the past two years 85 percent of convicted drunken drivers successfully completed the terms of the DWI/Sobriety Court at 52-1 District Court with the ignition interlock devices. In 2011, prior to the introduction of ignition interlock devices in the DWI/Sobriety Court, the successful completion rate was 55 percent.

The study, which uses data from 2011-14, was commissioned by the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals in cooperation with the State Court Administrative Office. The research in the report is based on data drawn from 8th District Court (Kalamazoo); 51st District Court (Waterford); 61st District Court (Grand Rapids); 86th District Court (Traverse City); and 96th District Court (Marquette).

## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

### Witness helps track hit-run suspect

A 55-year-old woman was arrested on a drunken driving charge Friday after a crash on Beck Road, near M-14. No serious injuries were reported, but the suspect was later taken to a local hospital because of a high blood-alcohol content, police said.

Police were helped by a quick-thinking witness who got the license plate number of a Ford Edge involved in the crash.

The suspect, who admitted she had been drinking, failed field sobriety tests and her blood-alcohol content was registered at 0.30, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. That's more than three times the level at which one can be charged with drunken driving.

The crash occurred shortly before 11 a.m.

Friday. A man told police he was stopped at a red light on southbound Beck, near the freeway, when his Chevrolet Impala was bumped from behind and lurched forward, the police report said. The man pulled over, as did the driver of a black Ford Edge, he said.

A woman, smelling of alcohol and unsteady on her feet, got out of the Edge and apologized, the man said, then got back into the Edge and continued south on Beck.

A witness, who told police she did not see the crash but saw the Edge leave the scene, followed and copied the license plate number. With that, police were able to find the registered owner of the Edge.

An Edge was in the driveway of the owner's house, police said, and had fresh crash damage and was leaking coolant. The driver, who was at

home, admitted to drinking and the crash, but said she provided the other driver with insurance information before leaving.

Police had her perform field sobriety tests, which she failed, then used a device to measure blood-alcohol content.

### Insurance fraud

A 35-year-old man was arrested for driving with a suspended license the afternoon of June 3 after a traffic stop on Sheldon Road, near M-14.

Police said the driver was stopped because a check of the license plate on the Buick Roadmaster he was driving showed the plate was invalid because of a fraudulent insurance application. Police then found the driver's license had been suspended.

— By Matt Jachman

## CRIME

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### Warrant arrest

Canton police making a traffic stop near Saltz and Celina Court, east of

Canton Center, took a 28-year-old Westland man into custody after learning he had a warrant for his arrest out of Livonia for a probation violation.

Police made the traffic stop for an unrelated infraction shortly after 4

p.m. Friday. The man taken into custody was a passenger in the vehicle.

Police took him to the Denny's restaurant on Ann Arbor Road near I-275 and turned him over to Livonia police.

— By Darrell Clem

## LAYOFFS

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Administrators presented Tuesday a fifth draft of proposed reductions. The P-CCS administration is faced with a board mandate for a balanced budget. The proposed budget has changed plenty in the past few weeks as more information has come in, including a \$36 per pupil

net increase — much less than was expected — in spending from the state.

The increase amounts to an estimated total of about \$631,548 (based on a current 17,543 student count) in additional revenue for the district in 2015-16. The current per-pupil state foundation funding is \$7,241, which with a \$10 equity payment totals \$7,251, according to the district.

The board is expected to again review the pro-

posed reductions at next week's meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 16. A public hearing on the proposed budget is expected June 23, at which time the board could adopt the document.

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# Radio Club holds annual field day at Garden City Park

Sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, a national association for amateur operators, Field Day is the most popular and fun on-the-air event held annually in the U.S. and Canada. It is estimated that 45,000-plus radio amateurs will gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from thousands of remote locations.

The Garden City Amateur Radio Club will be demonstrating its value to public assistance with using various modes of emergency communications capabilities Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28. The non-stop 24-hour radio event will be held at Garden City Park, at Merriman and Cherry Hill.

All currently licensed amateur radio operators are welcome to join club members in operating from multiple stations set up in the park. Members will be making as



Mathew Breton (right), known as AB8VJ, searches for 20-meter band contacts while Michael Boensch, KD8VHT, records the find to the logging software.



license classification.

» Garden City Boy Scout Troop 740, will be camping on-site, providing meals and support to the amateurs.

» There will have a special Get-On-The-Air station set up for youth who want to make contact and broadcast with other hams on the High Frequency and Very High Frequency bands.

Amateur radio, or ham radio as it is sometimes referred to, is the use of certain radio frequencies as a hobby, to exchange non-commercial messages, as a tool for education, experimentation and for public service

community activities, including assisting in emergency communications to public safety agencies. It utilizes FCC pre-allocated frequencies on regulated band plans in the radio spectrum, along with using a variety of antenna configurations.

Amateur radio is a federally licensed radio communication service involving more than 729,000 operators and stations today in the U.S. alone.

The Garden City Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month on the lower level of the Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. No meetings are scheduled during the July and August summer break. Potential new members and guests are welcome to attend.

More information can be viewed online at [www.gcarc.net](http://www.gcarc.net) as well as [www.arrrl.org](http://www.arrrl.org).

many contacts as possible with other operators over different bands on the airwaves. Other ongoing activities during

this time include:

» The club Volunteer Examiners team will conduct testing on-site 3-5 p.m. June 27 for the

Technician, General and Extra Class license privileges to those who wish to earn or amateurs who intend to upgrade their

# Arts & Acts Festival Downtown Northville

## Arts and Acts Puts Spotlight on Talent, Community

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

The Northville Art House shines a spotlight on the imagination, talent and cultural diversity of artists when the annual Arts and Acts Festival returns June 19-21 to downtown Northville.

The festival originated years ago with fine arts, and expanded six years back to include other art forms.

“Before that, it was simply the fine art portion,” Liz Carter, special events coordinator for the Northville Art House, said of the 27th juried fine art fair. This is the sixth year for the addition of film, theater and literature. Art in the Sun, with artists taking to the streets, is the fine arts portion still.

“It continues to grow and change,” said Northville resident Carter of the summer festival. “It is how the Art House is able to keep its doors open. It definitely helps us stay open. It’s a very important fundraiser for us.”

The festival includes the 27th annual juried fine art show Art in the Sun, featuring over 70 artists; the Reel Michigan Film Festival at Northville’s Marquis Theatre; the Sandbox Play Festival produced by Tipping Point Theatre; the Short on Words Literary Contest; musical entertainment featuring some of metro Detroit’s top musicians; Children’s Activities; the Northville Art House Chalk Festival; and food and drink.

It will run 3-8 p.m. Friday, June 19; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 20; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 21, around Main and Center streets in downtown Northville.

Carter, who’s both a staffer and Art House volunteer, tips her hat to the Friends of the Northville Art House, which supports the Children’s Activities and Chalk Festival. “We also have fantastic sponsors from the community,” she said. “It’s always nice to have community sponsors behind us as well.”

She also noted the fantastic group of volunteers who support the artists and musicians.

“We depend heavily on our volunteers,” she said. “Without our volunteers, the weekend would not happen.”

The 74-some artists are from Michigan, some local, and elsewhere. “We do have some coming from out of state as well,” Carter said. Organizers increased prize money this year, and are very pleased with quality of art, including photography, painting, pottery, mixed media, drawing and jewelry.

“There’s really something for everyone,” she said. “It’s a really fine quality small art fair.” That means no stressing over parking, she noted.

“Of course, we have fantastic music this year,” pretty much throughout the festival, she said. Information, including a list of artists, is at [www.northvillearthouse.org](http://www.northvillearthouse.org).

“I think the community is very supportive of Arts and Acts,” she said. “The community’s happy to see how it’s grown every year.” There’s a \$5 fee for the Chalk Festival, she added, but most everything else is free.

“It really gets the community out there for the weekend and participating,” she said. “I just think it’s an important part of community activities. People who wouldn’t necessarily walk into a gallery get to be surrounded by art.”

Arts and Acts is the largest



Northville Art House

The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street in historic downtown Northville and is celebrating 10 years of providing art enrichment and education to the community through classes, art shows and public art. Summer art classes and workshops are available online for children, teens and adults at [www.northvillearthouse.org](http://www.northvillearthouse.org). Register early as classes fill quickly. Art House hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; noon to 4 p.m. Saturday; and 1-9 p.m. First Fridays only; 248-344-0497.

**Store:** Visit the Art House Store which features art and gift items by local Michigan artists. It’s stocked with pottery and make-a-mosaic kits, painted glassware, soft sculpture, fiber, felting, alcohol painting on tile and paper (a new summer class!), basketry, collage, encaustics, jewelry (fine and fun), handmade soaps and toiletries, wood pens and tiles, hand-painted silk scarves, paintings in watercolor, oil, acrylic and more.

**Volunteers:** Volunteers are the heart of the Art House – call if you’re interested in getting involved. One can also offer support through an annual membership which supports Art House activities and gives members a discount on store items and classes. Be a PART of it!

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fundraiser of the year for the Northville Art House. With the exception of the tickets for the Film, Play and Chalk Festivals which are a nominal fee, Arts and Acts is free. The Art House makes its money through sponsorships and artist booth fees.

“We start planning in September,” said Carter, with Arts and Acts planning essentially all year long.

The three days of Arts and Acts are helpful in the weather department, too. “We’ve always had a perfect two out of three days,” when she’s worked on the event, Carter said. “A little rain never hurt anyone. We can lock down fairly quickly.”

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# Starkweather Key Club exceeds fundraising goal

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

The Starkweather Academy Key Club is on a roll, raising plenty more than its \$1,000 goal to help fund a scholarship in the memory of a student who died in 2012.

"It went well, as we anticipated," Key Club president Erik Hyde said. "We had a lot of fun."

In August 2012, Heather Nicole Hill, a former Starkweather Academy student, drowned in Belleville Lake. Former classmates and her mom, Dana Cowell, are keeping Hill's memory alive by creating an annual scholarship in her name.

To that end, the Key Club raised 1,748, plus it is receiving a donation of \$400 from the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, taking the fundraising way beyond the original \$1,000 goal for the event last Friday.

"Heather's mom was there," Hyde said. "It



Melissa Sawalski and Stacey Rice serve Sharon Rice at the Friday night fundraiser.

was such a great support system we had in place."

The event packed the Starkweather gym, with people staying much longer than anticipated following dinner, Hyde added.

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PHOTOGRAPHER The fundraising event was held Friday evening at Starkweather Academy.



Key Club members Eric Hyde and Ibrahim Abdus-Sabour display memorial wristbands that read, "In Loving Memory Heather Nicole Hill."



Two-year-old Richie Sawalski sits on dad Rich Sawalski's lap and enjoys dinner.

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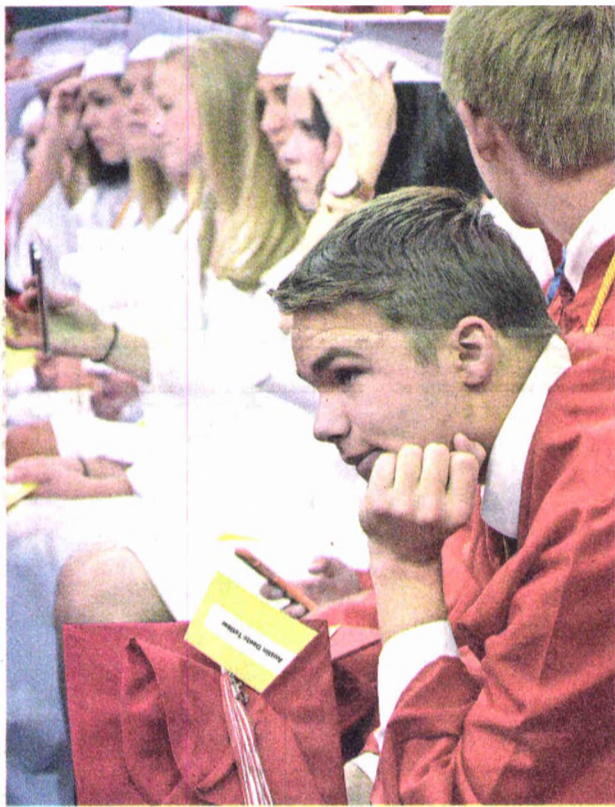


Salem seniors march in for commencement.

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# They're on their way

Seniors from Plymouth, Salem and Canton celebrate graduation



Austin Tetlow listens to last-minute instructions before the processional begins.

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Canton graduate Amanda Atkinson has a big hug for her aunt Karen Powell.

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Nancy Fehlig makes sure son Jeremy Martin Fehlig looks good before he heads in the EMU Convocation Center for Plymouth High School commencement.

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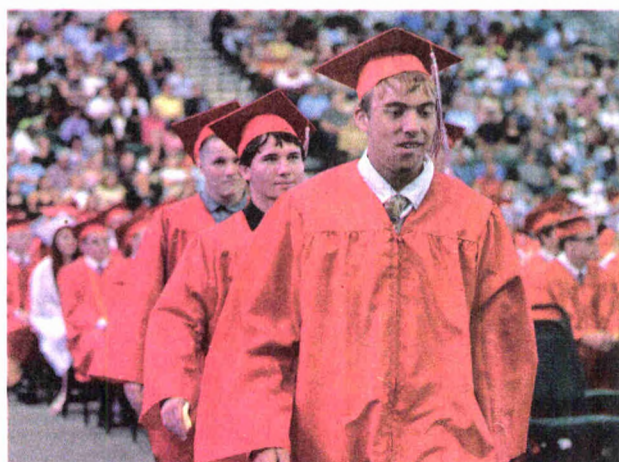
Caps fly at the end of the Plymouth ceremony.

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Derek Bradley Biel, Kylie Andrea Knight and Megan Lynn Davis.

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Canton High seniors make their way to the stage.

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Members of the Class of 2015 from Plymouth High School are on their way.

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# Girls Travel Club preparing for final trip – college

By Terry Jacoby  
Correspondent

Terri O'Brien was heading into a new phase in her life in 2010. The Northville wife, mother and business owner knew that with her two daughters heading to college, she was going to need something to fill the large void she knew was coming.

"As a family, we had done a lot of traveling with our girls and it was going to be different traveling without them," she said.

So O'Brien adopted a family to travel with – seriously.

"After hearing a story on NPR about a Kalamazoo woman who started a girls travel club for young girls living in poverty, a light bulb went off in my head," said O'Brien, the 52-year-old owner of Street Marketing. "The K'zoo club founder noticed that the girls in the travel club started getting better grades in school and were discussing their aspirations for a higher level of education."

The club had inspired the girls – and the idea had inspired O'Brien.

She decided to start a girls travel club in southwest Detroit through a nonprofit called Bridgepointe, which has worked with schools in southwest Detroit for more than 16 years. O'Brien served on the Board of Directors.

"My friend Lisa Burnia (South Lyon) was willing to take this on with me and our first meeting was with the principal of the Academy of the Americas in Detroit," O'Brien said. "The eighth-grade teacher selected 15 girls to be in our Girls Travel Club."

### Maiden voyage

Their first trip was in December 2010, when they took the Amtrak train from Dearborn to Ann Arbor. "The girls had never been to a coffeehouse and really want-



The Girls Travel Club out of Northville gathered for a "last supper" May 20 in Detroit. The group included (from left) Analisa Alvarez, Lorena Fragasó, Yesenia Barraza, Jasmin Orzoco, Lisa Burnia, Brenda Vasconcelos-Ramirez, Lupita Avila and Terri O'Brien.

ed to go see what this craze was all about," O'Brien said. "We headed out to the streets of downtown Ann Arbor and stumbled upon the graffiti alley off of Liberty. The girls were amazed that graffiti could be an artistic expression versus gang symbols or acts of vandalism."

The day continued with a tour of the University of Michigan.

"The girls' eyes were open to the freedom of college," said O'Brien, a native of Southfield. "We discussed what kind of careers interested them and how college could not only change their life, but the life of their family. Many of the girls are the oldest and are setting the tone of how it's done for their younger siblings. That ride back was when I knew there was no turning back."

The Girls Travel Club has been to many communities, universities, restaurants, plays, amusement parks, businesses and radio stations since that inaugural trip to learn about the world outside of Detroit. Members have traveled by car, bus, limo, train and boat.

### Keep it going

The original idea was for the club to end after eighth-grade graduation. But enough of the girls expressed interest in continuing the journey that the travel club kept motoring down the highway into their high school years.

In a few weeks, the eight girls from the club will graduate from four different Detroit high schools with high honors and are now preparing for their next road trip – college.

Ironically, since the group's first trip was to Ann Arbor, two of the girls will be headed back there on a more permanent basis. Both Brenda Vasconcelos-Ramirez and Guadalupe E. Avila have been accepted to the University of Michigan.

Vasconcelos-Ramirez, 18, will graduate from Cass Technical High School with a 3.72 grade-point average. She credits the Girls Travel Club for giving her confidence and the tools to succeed.

"Terri and Lisa made me step out of my comfort zone," she said. "They challenged me to be great and dream. They

encouraged me through the college process and to excel at whatever I do."

Avila, 18, also is headed to U-M. She credits the club for inspiring her to go to college and better her life.

Avila will be graduating this month from Cass Tech with a GPA of 3.5. She said the travel club has given her encouragement, hope, support and opportunity.

"Having been given the opportunity to be part of this amazing club has provided me with so much hope," she said.

"Terri and Lisa took us to so many places that gave me the opportunity to be exposed to so much that has inspired me to succeed throughout high school and to apply to college to make something out of myself."

"The Girls Travel Club means the world to me; it's like my second home."

Other members of the club include Lorena Fragasó, who currently attends Huron Valley Lutheran High School in Westland and will attend Henry Ford Community

### MONEY FROM THE MITTEN

Terri O'Brien put her money where her heart is.

The founder of the Girls Travel Club out of Northville is sending her first "graduating class" off to college with a little spending money in the bank account. O'Brien said each of the eight girls heading to college will receive \$400 from the money she raised with friend Lisa Burnia of South Lyon through their company Don't Mess with the Mitten.

"We also currently have \$1,355 in our GoFundMe account that will be given to the girls, too, but we would like to see if it grows and give them more as they need to purchase books, school supplies, computers, printers and other things they may need," O'Brien said. "We have also asked friends and family to help with some of the items they will need. We have mini fridges, microwaves, bedding and other needed supplies for them."

Don't Mess with the Mitten was a business O'Brien and Burnia started during the auto bailout. They sold shirts and wearables to help put pride back into the state during a difficult time for many.

"We were mad at the world's image of Michigan and decided to create something that allowed Michiganders to feel proud of who we are," she said. "The business took off faster than we thought and we decided we would use the funds from this to help support the Girls Travel Club."

For more information, go to <http://www.dontmesswiththemitten.com/>.

College; Analisa Alvarez, of Western High School, who was homecoming queen and top 10 in her class and will be going to U-M Dearborn; Jasmin Orzoco, whose creative side helped her "draw" a few scholarships from Henry Ford

Community College; Arlene Torres-Villas, who O'Brien says "makes the most beautiful cakes on the planet," will attend HFCC; Yesenia Barraza, who has been doing work toward a cosmetology license while in high school, will attend Baker College; and Julie Cruz, who is deciding between Henry Ford Community College or Oakland University.

### Mentor's pride

It's been a prideful ride for O'Brien.

"I have had the honor of mentoring these smart women from Detroit and I am beyond proud of their hard work and accomplishments," she said. "I cannot express how this has changed my life. I am humbled and honored to be a part of these amazing young girls' lives. The transformation I have seen in these girls is remarkable. All of these girls are graduating with high honors."

"After seeing what I have seen in Detroit, I do not believe the world is equal or fair. I believe that if children are loved on and have a mentor, they have a better chance of believing in themselves to do anything they put their mind to."

And just because the travel club has reached its final stop doesn't mean that these girls are being left at the station on their own.

"These girls are struggling to figure out how they will pay for all the expenses involved with attending college," O'Brien said. "I've set up a GoFundMe account to help raise some money to help make things a bit easier."

Check out their page at [gofundme.com/t56b5nk](http://gofundme.com/t56b5nk). Anyone interested in helping children in southwest Detroit, go to [www.bridgepointenonprofit.org](http://www.bridgepointenonprofit.org)

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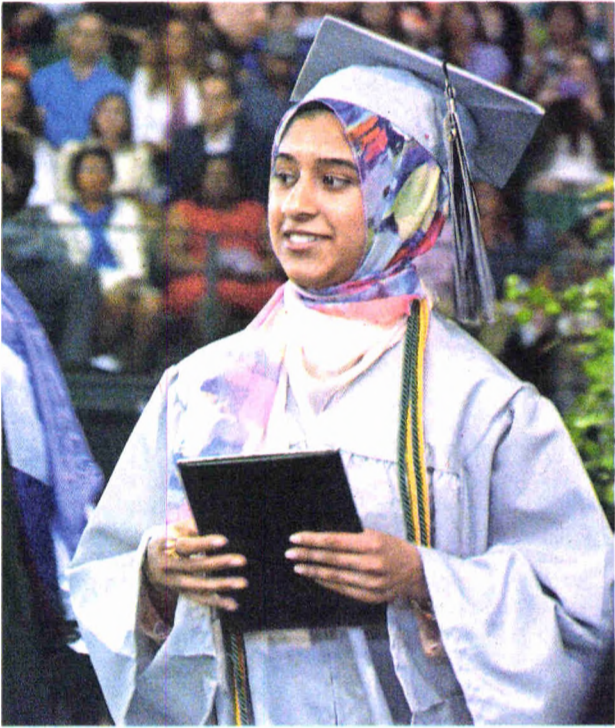
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Graduates Richard LaCroix, Joshua Byers and Anthony Guziki celebrate.

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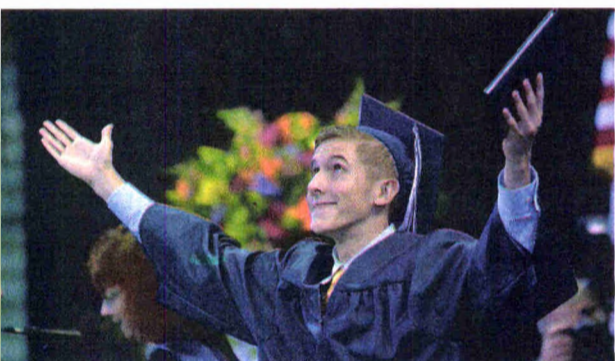
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Sarah Jones and Douglas Kuzdak are ready for the future.

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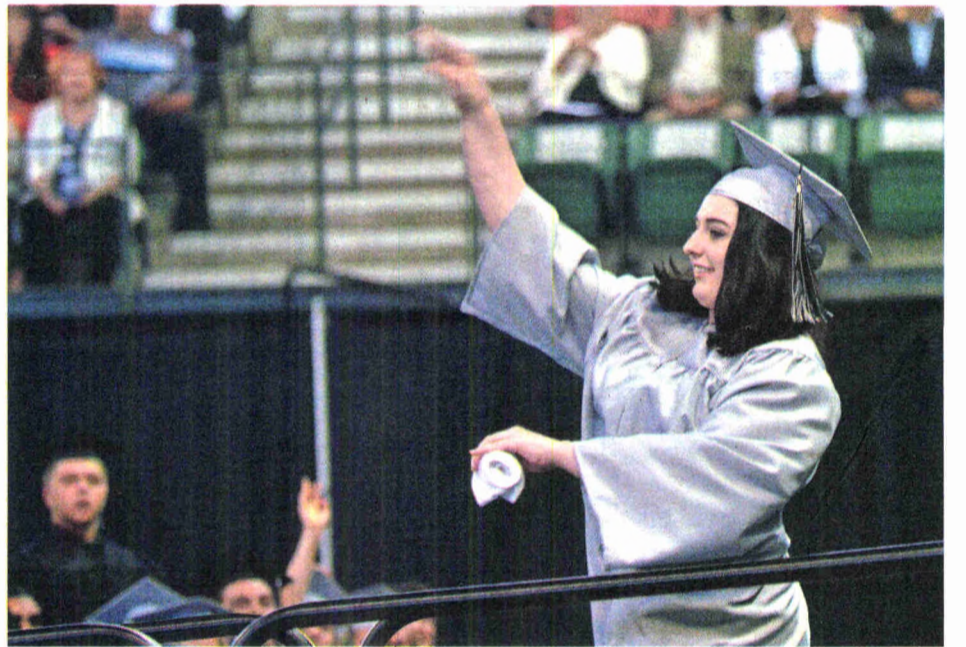
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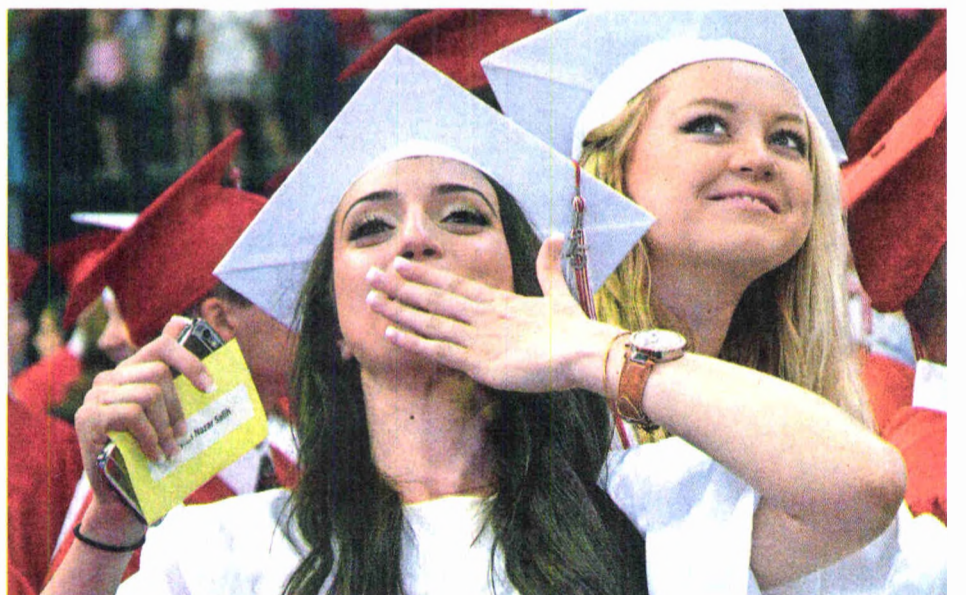
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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Monaghan to speak

The Plymouth Community Chamber will host Scott Monaghan, head of USA Hockey's team development program, 7:30-9 a.m.



Monaghan

Wednesday, June 24, at the Good Morning Plymouth Breakfast at Independence Village, 14707 Northville Road.

Monaghan, senior director of National Team Development Program, will present the renderings of upgrades to the former Compuware Arena that will include a new lobby to showcase the rich history of USA Hockey, 20,000 square feet of additional space that will house a new weight training/fitness facility, digital scoreboards, a new sound system and more. The arena will also continue as a place for other activities, such as drive-in movies, special events and C.J.'s Brewing Co. restaurant.

Following the sale of the Plymouth Whalers, USA Hockey purchased the arena and will transform it into a state-of-the-art model for junior hockey arenas and the front door of USA Hockey.

The cost to attend the breakfast is \$13. To RSVP, contact [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org) or call 734-453-1540.

### Appointed

Gov. Rick Snyder has appointed Canton resident Juman Doleh-Alomary to the newly created Underground Storage Tank Authority Board.

Established by Public Act 416 of 2014 and housed within the Michi-

gan Department of Environmental Quality, the six-member board oversees the creation of a separate fund to pay for corrective action to be taken on leaking underground tanks and the revision of eligibility requirements that must be met by claimants.

### Ribbon-cutting

Goldfish Swim School will officially christen its new Canton Township facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and other various family-friendly activities during grand opening festivities June 19-20.

The \$1.5 million, 10,000-square-foot aquatic facility at 225 Sheldon Road, which opened May 29, will stage a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 3 p.m. Friday, June 19.

Also planned are open family swimming, a bounce house, face painting, crafts, food and facility tours. Grand opening hours are 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, June 19, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 20.

Goldfish Swim School will employ 50 workers who will conduct year-round swim lessons to children ages 4 months through 12 years.

"Canton is an ideal market for our curriculum because it has lots of growing families with parents who want their children to be safe in the water," said Katie Lee, a partner in the Canton Goldfish Swim School franchise.

### Apply for fellowship

The Michigan Political Leadership Program at Michigan State University seeks applicants for its development program that runs from February through November. The program is administered and supported by MSU's Institute for Public Pol-

icy and Social Research in the College of Social Science.

Annually, a diverse group of 24 individuals is awarded the opportunity to participate in a hands-on curriculum that incorporates personal leadership development, public policy process and analysis, governance and campaigning. Practical skills training are emphasized. Fellows participate in team and coalition-building activities to foster communication and the exchange of ideas. The MPLP faculty is composed of elected officials, political activists, MSU faculty, media and business professionals from across Michigan.

MPLP fellows are required to attend one weekend session per month from February through November, generally beginning with dinner at 6 p.m. Friday evening and meeting through 4 p.m. Saturday.

Considerable financial resources and time are donated to support each fellowship, which is valued at \$12,000. The fellowship covers the participants' lodging, meals and program costs. Accepted Fellows are asked to pay an administrative fee of \$1,000 to participate in this program. Travel and some parking expenses are the responsibility of the participant.

To apply for a MPLP Fellowship, go to [http://ippsr.msu.edu/MPLP/mplp\\_app.pdf](http://ippsr.msu.edu/MPLP/mplp_app.pdf). Mail the completed application, along with supporting documentation, to Program Administrator, Linda Cleary, Michigan State University, Michigan Political Leadership Program, 509 E. Circle Drive, Room 321, East Lansing, MI 48824-1111. Applications must be received by Friday, Sept. 11, for consideration.

## Griffin Funeral Home pioneer is honored

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

It was 60 years ago that Gerry Griffin was first licensed as a funeral home director. All of these years later, she is still committed to her profession of helping grieving families celebrate the life of a loved one.

She was recently honored as a 60-year licensee by the Michigan Funeral Directors Association, which gave a special recognition for her commitment to the profession and service.

"It was a big honor," she said. "It means a lot to be recognized, because it is such a respectable and professional association."

In 1954, Larry and Gerry Griffin opened the doors to their first funeral home on Plymouth Road in Detroit. She's a graduate of the Wayne State Mortuary School. Gerry was one of a few women during that time who worked in such a male-dominated profession.

"Back then, there were very few women in this profession, so I worked hard to help establish our name," she said.

Working together as licensed funeral directors, the Griffins understood the meaning of commitment and provided quality service to all families.

"Our commitment to service became a family tradition," she said. "It's important to us to take care of people in an honorable way."

The Griffin family



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When Gerry Griffin got her license to operate a funeral home 60 years ago, she was one of the few women in the state of Michigan working in that profession.

has a long history in metro Detroit. As their family grew over the years, so did their business.

The Griffins opened their second funeral home in 1972, allowing them to serve Westland and surrounding communities. Believing that every community deserves a place that will help them honor a family member – and seeing a need in the Canton area – they designed and built their Canton funeral home in 1992. That was closely followed by the addition of another funeral home in Livonia.

In March 2014, the Griffins became the new

proprietors of the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville.

Now Griffin's two sons help carry on the family tradition. David said his mom is a real inspiration and to this day she's always around helping in any way she can. He said her longstanding commitment to quality service stands out.

"I look at my mother as a pioneer for her time," he said. "It was nice to see her honored and recognized for what she has done."

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## Here are legal, financial suggestions for new parents

I received a phone call from a client who told me that his son and daughter-in-law just gave birth to their first child. After I congratulated him on becoming a grandfather for the first time, he asked what legal and financial advice he could give his son.

He said that his son did not have a lot of resources and that, in the not-so-distant future, his daughter-in-law plans to go back to work.

I told my client that whether his son was rich or poor really didn't make a difference. There are certain things that he should do to protect his newborn. The first thing I recommended was that his son and daughter-in-law do a will. A will is essential for anyone with children.

Most people think the reason you have a will is to make sure your property, upon your death, goes to the right person. Although that is the reason most people end up doing wills, the most important issue for parents with minor children is who will raise the children if the parents can't.

The main benefit of a will in this case is to name a guardian for the child. In the unlikely event that both mom and



Rick Bloom  
MONEY MATTERS

dad pass away while the child is a minor, who will raise that child? For parents who don't have a will, that means the decision will be left to the courts and that can create all sorts of family disputes. Having a will that names a guardian for your child will dramatically reduce the risk of family difficulties.

I recognize that for a lot of young couples, money is always an issue and that is why some people choose not to do a will. That should not be an excuse. You can do a will for free. In Michigan, we have what is known as the Michigan Statutory Will, which is a free, fill-in-the-blank form that fulfills the needs of many people. You can download a copy of the Michigan Statutory Will by clicking on [www.bloomassetmanagement.com/bloom-university/forms-legal-tax.aspx](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com/bloom-university/forms-legal-tax.aspx).

I also recommend reviewing life insurance needs. If something happens to either parent or both of them, what happens to the financial

needs of the child? For the majority of people, I recommend term insurance, which is the most cost effective type of life insurance. In addition, it is easy to receive competitive bids.

My last recommendation was to consider setting up a college fund through something like the Michigan Education Savings Plan. As soon as you have a child, you should start thinking of their future education.

Establishing a college fund allows parents and other family and friends to make a contribution for the child's education. Instead of family and friends buying toys for the child – which will last about 10 minutes – they can help the child throughout their lifetime.

Having a child is a wonderful event, but it brings adult responsibilities. If you are a parent, make sure you've taken care of the basics so that if something does go wrong, your child will be protected.

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## Two Men and a Truck collects for First Step

As part of the Movers for Moms campaign, Two Men And A Truck north Wayne franchise partnered with the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and four Plymouth-Canton businesses to provide funding and personal care items for women at the First Step shelter.

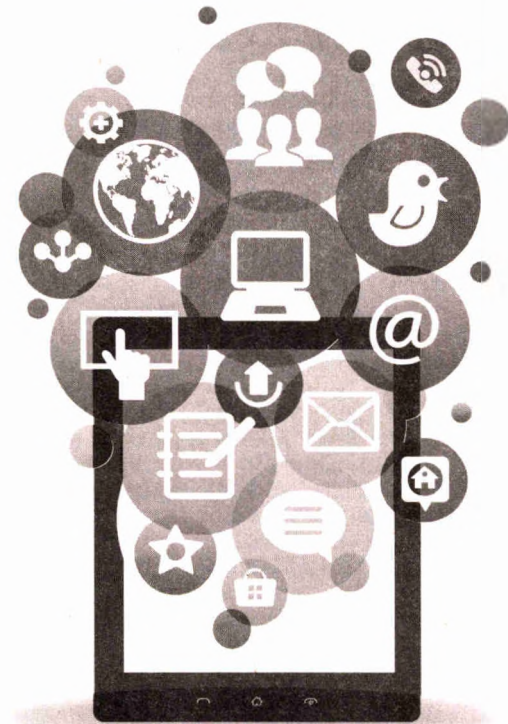
The franchise collected more than 3,000

items during April and the first week of May. The items were delivered May 7 to First Step, just in time for Mother's Day.

Employees of Fractured Prune Doughnuts donated tips for the month of April toward the First Step collection. Other participating Canton businesses included

Achieve Charter Academy, Kinder Care 301269, Ross Medical Education Center and Suicide Kings Tattoo. The Plymouth chamber also collected April 20 during its the Showcase of Plymouth. Vendors and some attendees brought in a few hundred items for the collection, according to Two Men and A Truck.

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## OUR VIEW

# Social media use demands responsibility, accuracy

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will feel the pinch of cuts to offset an estimated almost \$6 million deficit this year. It's unpleasant for staff, students and the community. But any irresponsible use of social media to lobby for or against certain staff or budget reductions, or against district officials, only puts salt in a growing community wound.

Unfortunately, a recent Facebook post by the district's parent council put plenty of salt in many wounds by inadvertently publicizing sensitive information. It began when a parent — within her rights — asked for the district's 300-page draft budget document. In an effort to maintain the school district's commitment to transparency, the document was forwarded to her.

District officials, however, did not review the document for sensitive information prior to complying

with the request. That was compounded when the parent also neglected to review the 300 pages before posting. As fast as lightning, the information spread like wildfire.

Social media in all their forms, including Facebook and Twitter, are powerful. Information is the life blood from which social media derives their strength and popularity. Social media effectively connect people, issues and information. But responsibility must be inherent in their use.

There are plenty of well-publicized social media repercussions, from pure embarrassment to tragedy. Sure, people gossip, spread rumors and even incite ire in others. But social media have an exponential ability to spread hurt, tragedy and misinformation within seconds — for all to know.

P-CCS budget deliberations have been tense as re-

ductions must be made to fulfill a Board of Education mandate for a balanced budget. For the past month, the board room has been filled to capacity and then some, with program or staff advocates, urging cuts anywhere else but their favorites.

As board President John Barrett has repeatedly said throughout the budget process, struggling for funding, reducing staff and programs and even marketing a district for increased student enrollment is now the norm in public education.

As the budget process for the Plymouth-Canton schools continues, sharing information and opinions is expected. And social media are effective tools for that purpose when used with responsibility, consideration, accuracy and with a clear understanding of the impact on others.

## LETTERS

### Very disappointed

Residents of Central Park Phase 1 subdivision are very disappointed in Canton Township officials for their approval of the Robertson Brothers Garden Villa's development adjacent to our subdivision property as it is currently being built.

The property was originally owned by Brown Properties and was being developed as multi-unit condos. It is located on Denton Road, east of Cherry Hill (it was part of the existing multi-unit condo project located on the corner of Cherry Hill and Denton).

Much of the property is wooded wetland, so the original builder (Brown) was required to keep a portion of the wetland undeveloped. Brown chose to separate the property and place a road (Garden Lane) with a separate entrance off Denton. This street was placed closer to the property lines of Manhattan Circle residents because Brown was not going to build on the south side of the street, but rather keep a wooded buffer zone and add evergreen trees to screen because these were not similar housing developments.

The housing market declined, the project went bankrupt and the property sat vacant for 13 years. In 2014, Robertson Brothers bought the property at auction and is currently building detached condominiums on the site. The company did meet with residents of Central Park subdivision to inform of us its plans, which was to build on the south side of the street, adjacent to our property lines (the wooded buffer zone we fought to keep with the previous builder).

Since there is not enough space in this buffer zone, the builder is actually placing homes sideways on the lots behind the homes on Manhattan Circle, meaning the side of the condo unit will face the back of our property.

Canton Township approved this project despite our objections and violations of many township ordinances (proper set-backs from street, no sidewalks, proper easements, removal of landmark historic trees).

Clearly, there is not enough space in this buffer zone area to build the condos properly (front facing street, rear facing rear of our property). Central Park residents feel duped by the township. Residents of Central Park paid a lot premium for a wooded lot and Canton Township reaped the benefits of us paying higher taxes for 15 years because of that. But instead, we get detached condos turned sideways literally on top of our property lines.

All we asked is that the Canton Township Planning Commission follows the ordinances (set-backs, sidewalks) and maintain the aesthetics of our neighborhood (and how about saving some beautiful trees?).

The Robertson Brothers Garden Villa's development will look hideous when completed. Buyers, beware. You should definitely check the property out in the winter when the shrubs are bare. Shame on the Canton Township Planning Commission and administration for all wing Robertson Brothers to come in to our township and build a "hodge podge" development adjacent to our beautiful subdivision. This will definitely have a negative affect on our property values. We will remember you all at election time.

Lisa Chismar  
Canton

### Still a lie

It is becoming more apparent that before anyone is allowed to join the extreme right wing of the Republican Party, they must take a course in Russian history. I believe this because it was Vladimir Lenin who said, "A lie told often enough becomes the truth."

A case in point is when a groupie of Patrick Colbeck wrote a letter to this paper (June 14, 2015) and attempted to contradict previous statements I have made about this Tea Party favorite. The writer cites a bill that Colbeck voted for that failed. Well, let me tell you, that is not surprising. Colbeck has made an art out of voting for or against a bill where the outcome has already been determined. This is done strictly for political cover.

But when his vote is crucial, he falls in line with the other right-wingers. The one time he broke ranks with the party was when he and fellow Tea Party members failed to give the Medicaid Expansion Bill immediate effect and that defiant act cost our state millions of dollars.

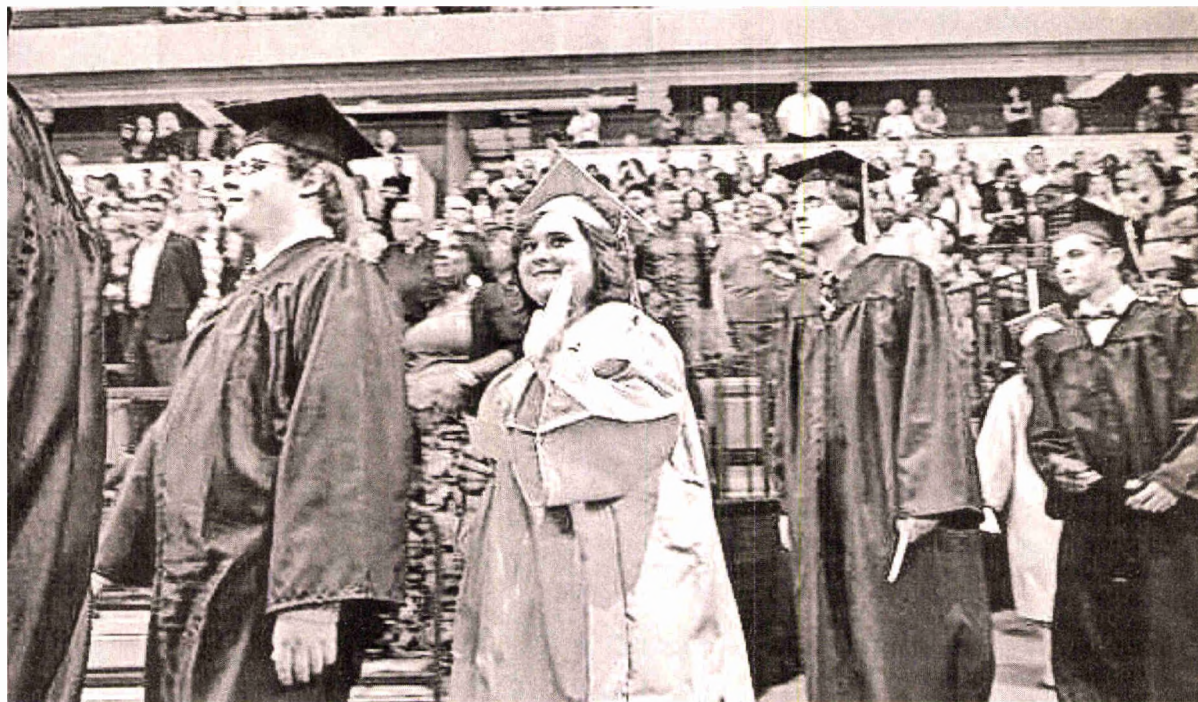
However, when it came to taxing seniors, approving corporate welfare, harming unions or taking away from the poor, the fine senator stood tall with his arm raised in agreement.

Only time will tell what kind of road bill comes out of Lansing, but don't hold your breath thinking the corporations that received billions in tax breaks will feel any of the pain you do.

In closing — and with all due deference to Lenin — I say, a lie by omission is still just a lie.

James Huddleston  
Canton

## A job well done



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Plymouth High School's Class of 2015 begins its commencement journey.

Congratulations to the Class of 2015 from Plymouth, Canton and Salem for a job well done.

## GUEST COLUMN

# Judgment imposes levy without taxpayer consent

When a court judgment against a municipality awards money, the municipality has two choices: Pay whoever filed suit directly or pass it on to taxpayers by levying a special property tax. It's called a "judgment levy" and is required by law, if the municipality doesn't pay the bill with existing or surplus funds.

Most dramatically, the city of Inkster recently agreed to pay \$1.38 million to a man who had been beaten by a police officer during a traffic stop. Inkster doesn't have that kind of money to pay out, so the judgment will be put on Inkster's summer tax bills, costing the owner of a home worth \$100,000 about \$180.

Every taxpayer in Wayne County may face a similarly unexpected and imposed property tax this summer under the same mechanism, the judgment levy.

Whether it is a judgment for payment on a catastrophic accident involving a county vehicle or, as it is in this case, over a required payment not made to the county pension system, the point is, there is a judgment against the county. At issue is whether the county will pay from available funds or let the bill be paid directly by taxpayers.

At the risk of further diverting from that bottom line, but in order to clarify points that are distracting on this matter, let's review how we got here. The county did not make a required \$32 million payment to the pension system in 2010. The county had limited the bonus check program for retirees and instead credited \$32 million that was already in that fund as the county's payment.

### To avoid layoffs

Rear-view mirrors aside, that was during the height of the property value decline that was crippling the county's finances. That move with the pension system was to avoid 500 layoffs. The county believed it was on firm legal ground and, in fact, the move was upheld initially by the court, but overturned on appeal. In December, the state



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Supreme Court declared the county owes the pension system \$32 million plus lost earnings to be determined by the local court. On May 29, the circuit court entered a judgment that the county owes \$49 million.

Wayne County's dismal fiscal condition is well-known and \$49 million is a big bill. However, there is \$78 million in a fund that has not yet been allocated, though it had been expected that it would go toward reducing the county's accumulated budget deficit.

That's where a majority of the Wayne County Commission disagreed with County Executive Warren Evans. The executive believes that \$78 million should be allocated to paying down the county's deficit. A majority of commissioners voted to move \$49 million of that money anyway, believing that money could go to avoiding the judgment levy.

Of course, we realize that would be \$49 million less toward the county's recovery. But the basic right-wrong of this is whether taxpayers should be forced to pay on this summer's tax bills when there is another way, even if it would keep the county in a financial hole a while longer.

I'm surprised at how some, including in the news media, think this is just something the taxpayers should eat. It was suggested this is the price they pay for poor performance of the people they elect. First, how does that twisted logic apply to those who voted over the years against the previous administration? Plus, are we blaming the housing market crash that had a hand in this case on elected officials?

As the legislative branch of county government, the Wayne County Commission is elected to directly represent the taxpayers of their district. For me, that means protecting the taxpayers

— and their wallets — if there's another way to pay the bill.

### Show no respect

Letting this money be taken, without permission, from the pockets of residents this summer would not be keeping faith with, or showing respect to, our taxpayers. If we want taxpayers to assist in Wayne County's financial recovery, to share in the sacrifice, we should ask them. We should convince them that it's necessary and we've done all we can on our end. It should not be imposed on them.

Proponents of the tax levy point out the big picture, the long-term consequences of using existing money, saying taxpayers will pay more later if they don't pay it now. I suggest that message be put in each tax bill mailed this summer; shall we guess how much better that will make the owner of a \$100,000 house feel when they pay an extra \$50 this summer?

Less facetiously, an imposed tax this summer will make it all the more difficult to convince taxpayers down the line to renew the voter-approved taxes that are expiring or to authorize new ones to be true and willing partners in Wayne County's recovery.

I understand and respect the county executive's position on this. None of this is easy. I'm not claiming he's taking lightly the imposition of a judgment levy on taxpayers. I'm certain he's not. Nor are commissioners taking lightly the long-term effects on county finances.

However this matter ends up, I remain concerned that the judgment levy could be viewed as a tool for extracting money from taxpayers. If it goes forward now, I fear it will be less difficult to swallow the next time.

And the taxpayers who used to believe they had a say in their property tax rates will realize that, under certain circumstances, they do not.

Gary Woronchak, D-Deerborn, is in his third term as chairman of the 15-member Wayne County Commission. He represents Allen Park and Deerborn.

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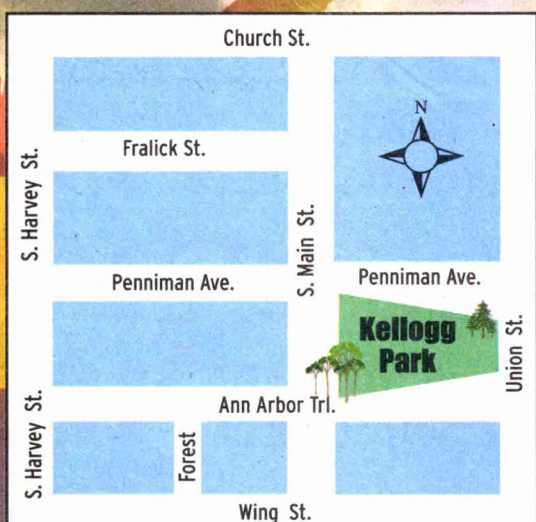
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## HANGING 'EM UP

Ron Hayes retiring after 40 years at helm of PCHA's Learn to Skate program

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Helmets adorned with first names written on masking tape helped Ron Hayes know the little kids in the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association Learn to Skate program he launched in 1974.

But no such pieces of tape are required for thousands of his former skating pupils to know Hayes' name or what he meant to their hockey careers.

That's because they will never forget the way their first skating instructor kept things fun and simple while they decided whether they

wanted to stick with hockey or not.

"I was (refereeing) a high school game and I'm holding a face-off," Hayes said while reminiscing Monday about his four decades with the PCHA program, "and my theory is drop the puck and get the heck out of there. Nobody's coming to watch you. So I say, 'OK guys, get set.'"

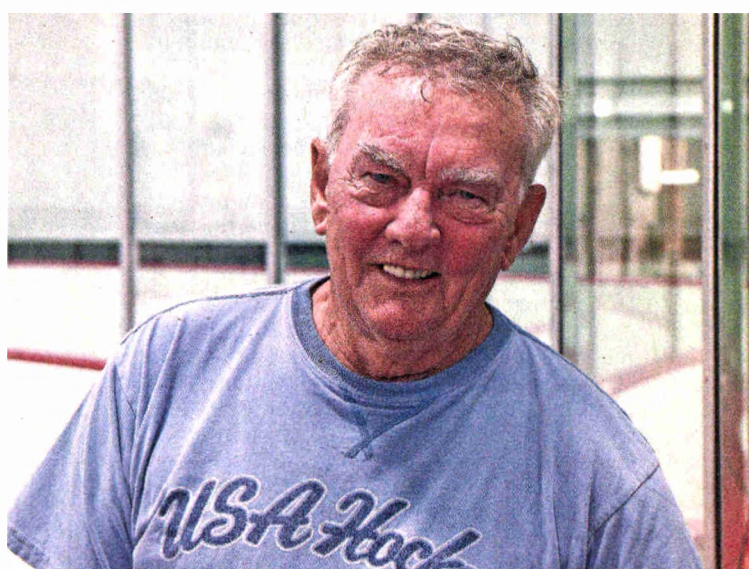
"And there's this kid," continued the 74-year-old Hayes, lowering the pitch of his voice, "Hi, Mr. Hayes, remember me?" And you look up and he's 6-foot-6 and he weighs about 180 pounds. I say, 'I have no idea who you are.' He goes,

"Well, you taught me to skate."

From 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth Cultural Center — the very place where Hayes helped that young man and so many others get their skates wet, so to speak — a retirement reception will honor his 40-year career.

"I don't know what to expect," said Hayes, a longtime Plymouth resident who now lives in South Lyon with his wife Mary. "I was very fortunate. Over 3,000 or 3,500 kids have gone through our program in the 40 years. That's really rewarding."

Hayes looked back at that first year, when the cost to skate was \$2 an hour and families only had to worry about shelling out money for the



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The hockey rink at Plymouth Cultural Center has been like a second home for Ron Hayes over the past 40 years.

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D1 SOFTBALL REGIONAL



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Plymouth celebrates Saturday after winning the first softball regional championship in school history with a 8-0 romp over Woodhaven.

D1 QUARTERFINAL

## Mattawan puts stop to 'Cats' title run

Plymouth can't get untracked at U-M

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Plymouth wanted to end its 2015 varsity softball season later this week at Michigan State University, where the Division 1 state semifinals and finals will take place.

Instead, the Wildcats had to settle for putting wraps on the program's most successful season at University of Michigan's Alumni Field as Mattawan scored early and held on for a 4-1 victory Tuesday in a D1 state quarterfinal.

"I told these girls before this game that I was proud of them," Plymouth head coach Lauren Delapaz said. "This has been a great ride. We've had fun every step of the way and I think it shows in their play."

"I told our underclassmen that it's our job to get back here next year."

Delapaz also thanked her seniors for "working so hard this year. They're the ones that really put the whole team on their back and said this is how we're going to roll."

One of those seniors, third baseman Brittney Miller, fought back tears as she tried to come to grips with the disappointing loss.

"It was great, my teammates, I can't believe we made

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## ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOK

Plymouth's Bressler pitches Wildcats to first-ever regional title

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

For the first time in the history of Plymouth High School, the softball team is a regional champion and the team can't wait to continue the postseason ride.

Plymouth garnered its first-ever Division 1 regional championship Saturday at Saline High School, nipping Monroe 2-1 in the semifinal and then defeating Brownstown Woodhaven 8-0 for the title.

"Today's wins were definitely total team wins," Plymouth head coach Lauren Delapaz said. "Everyone made a difference in that game. We had girls pinch-running, courtesy running, we had some pinch-hitters going. This was a true Plymouth win today."

The Wildcats (30-4) advanced to Tuesday's match-up against Mattawan (29-12)



MICHAEL VASILNEK

A Woodhaven player can't corral a throw Saturday as Plymouth's Mikayela Marciniak slides in with a run. In the background for the Wildcats is Jessica Tucci.

in a D1 quarterfinal at the University of Michigan.

The game against Woodhaven was closer than the score indicated. The Warriors put five base runners on the first two innings against Wildcats senior pitch-

er Mikayela Marciniak, but failed to score.

Delapaz didn't fault the left-hander, but wanted to give Woodhaven batters a different look.

Like a veteran

So taking over in the circle in the third inning for Delapaz was freshman Jenny Bressler — who had pitched a complete-game beauty against Monroe earlier Saturday — and the youngster had more than enough gas in the tank to throw five shutout innings.

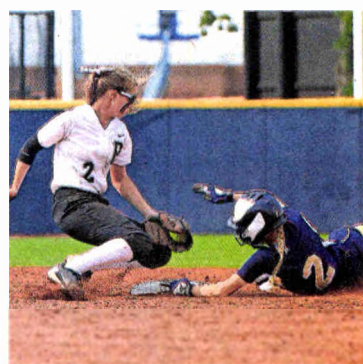
"She's a great kid, she works hard," Delapaz said about Bressler. "This whole team is a team that wants to win and they want to do well. When they work together, they get their job done."

Bressler said she was ready to pitch when called upon against the Warriors, retiring nine of the first 10 batters she faced. She scattered four hits and struck out four.

"I enjoy pitching; it's my favorite position on the field," Bressler said, adding that it was "really fun, especially with this team" to finish off a regional championship.

Plymouth's offense finally got untracked in the fourth

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Mattawan's Genevieve Soltz gets into second base ahead of a tag attempt by Plymouth's Gina Barber.

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## REGIONAL

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against Woodhaven junior pitcher Bri Charron, who had held the Wildcats at bay over the first three innings.

Marciniak led off with a walk and senior third baseman Brittney Miller drove a double off the wall in left field to put runners at second and third with no outs.

Senior pinch-hitter Caylin Waters followed with an infield single to load the bases and Marciniak scored on a wild pitch with freshman Jessica Tucci at the plate.

### Jolt of energy

One out later, sophomore first baseman Mikayla Rose came through with a bouncing single off the glove of Woodhaven's third baseman. The ball rolled into left field to bring home Miller and Waters to make it 3-0.

"I thought that it was really important crunch time," Rose said. "I just thought I had to do it for my team to help us get the energy up and help us get a rally going."

The Wildcats broke it open with two in the fifth (run-scoring hits by Marciniak and Miller) and three more in the sixth (an inning featuring an RBI hit by Bressler and Marciniak's two-run double to left).

Marciniak had a big game at the plate, going 3-for-3 with two runs and three RBIs.

"I knew our team was going to come through," Marciniak said. "We're battlers and we're bulldogs, like (Delapaz) says. I feel like we finally timed up the pitcher and we finally settled down."

Plymouth's offense also was fueled by multi-hit games from senior catcher Rachael Ring (3-for-3), Miller (2-for-4, run, RBI) and Bressler (2-for-4, including a double to deep left).

### Confidence grows

"Our girls put the ball in play every inning, it was just stringing a couple together," Delapaz said. "Once we strung some together, I think we gained some confidence and we got stuff done."

Woodhaven's fortunes might have been different if not for Marciniak shutting the door on two early rallies.

In the first, the Warriors loaded the bases with two outs, but Marciniak ended the inning by striking out Hannah Pasako. Marciniak also struck out Jessica Harrison to close out the second, with two runners on base.

"It feels good my senior year to have this team go as far as we can," Marciniak said.

Against Monroe, Bressler struck out nine and only gave up a run in the second, which at that time cut Plymouth's lead to 2-1. She also calmly snagged a liner up the middle, off the bat of Nicole Sieler, to end the contest.

"Composure is something Jenny's had all year and we're really proud of her," Delapaz said between games. "She worked hard and she got better every inning and that's kind of our motto."

"Every inning, every at-bat, we're going to get better and Jenny did that."

### Just enough

The Wildcats had opened the scoring with two runs in the top of the second, on a triple by junior Cali Jones (scoring Rose, who had doubled) and a squeeze bunt by junior center fielder Rachel Zerona (3-for-4).

Those runs held up, although Monroe made a bid to tie the game in the fourth, when Hope Longenbarger flew out to deep center field.

Also registering multiple hits against the Trojans were Bressler (2-for-3) and Miller (2-for-4).

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Stretching to catch the ball and retire Woodhaven base runner Alyssa Harris is Plymouth sophomore first baseman Mikayla Rose, who also had a clutch two-run single in the regional final.

MICHAEL VASILNEK



Taking an aggressive lead during the regional final is Plymouth senior Rachael Ring. She had three hits in the Wildcats' 8-0 win over Woodhaven.

MICHAEL VASILNEK



After the Plymouth Wildcats edged Monroe 2-1 in Saturday's regional semifinal at Saline, winning pitcher Jenny Bressler (right) is congratulated by senior third baseman Brittney Miller.

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PREP BASEBALL

# Saline's Karcher stops Wildcats' ride

Plymouth's most successful season comes to a halt in Division 1 regional semifinal

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The most successful season Plymouth's varsity baseball team ever had came to an unceremonious halt Saturday at the hands of the No. 1 team in the state.

Spotting host Saline two runs in the top of the first inning did not bode well for the Wildcats' chances in the Division 1 regional final and the Hornets — behind the outstanding pitching of future Michigan Wolverine Ricky Karcher — went on to post a 7-0 victory.

"We made a few mistakes, but honestly if you score zero runs you're not going to win, whether you make no mistakes or a ton of them," Plymouth head coach Jason Crain said. "So it just comes down to a great pitcher on the mound. He did a great job and they hit it like not many teams."

"That showed today. They put the pressure on, they put the pressure on, they put the pressure on, they put the pressure on — it's someplace we need to get to."

Saline had only lost two games all season going into the regional and the path looked clear for the Hornets to capture a regional title. But the Hornets suffered a crushing upset later Saturday, when Taylor Kennedy pitcher Cody Serafin blanked them in the regional final, 1-0.

Plymouth managed just three hits in the game, a first-inning single by senior Patrick Downing, a double to left in the third by junior

Pete Carravallah and junior Kyle Wolter's single in the fifth.

**Cruise control**

Karcher, touching the mid- to high 80s with his fastball, fanned six and rarely was in trouble.

"He was throwing a lot of fastballs, probably one of the fastest pitchers we've ever seen," Downing said. "We knew he had a curve ball and a change-up, but the fastball was the main pitch he went to every single time."

"They're really known for their baseball program. They can hit the heck out of the ball and that's just what we need to do, too. We just couldn't do it today."

The Hornets (35-3) racked up seven hits over the first two innings against Plymouth junior starter Josh Sulak, as they built a quick 4-0 lead.

It was a 5-0 margin in the third when Jacob Finkbeiner's sacrifice fly scored Josh Smith, who reached on a dropped infield pop-up.

"(Sulak) threw strikes, he didn't walk anyone. He got ahead of batters," Crain said. "And mistakes led to some of those runs. Out of the five they got early, they probably earned two or three of them."

Saline added single runs in the fifth and sixth on an error and a wild pitch, respectively.

Despite the way the season concluded, Downing (who will play next season at Concordia University) said it was a great year to be on the



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Saturday's loss was the end of the line for a dozen Plymouth seniors, including Jared Merandi.

squad.

"We made it farther than we did last year and all the years before," Downing said. "It was the first time we won the district, so that was nice. I had a lot of fun."

**Praise for seniors**

Meanwhile, Crain praised his team, especially the dozen seniors who helped Plymouth win a record-tying 27 games and capture division and district titles along the way.

"We had 12 seniors and they all played an important role, whether they played a lot in the field or not," Crain said. "They all had spots where they made important contributions on the field and certainly leadership off the field was a big one for our senior group."

"This program's been through a lot of adversity the last handful of years and they've been a part of all of it. So to have them play through that adversity and win 52



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Looking on glumly as another Saline runner scores Saturday is Plymouth senior catcher Andrew Jossey.

ballgames in two years, it's a credit to them."

Downing, Seth Hubbard, Kevin Anthony, Andrew Jossey, Jared Merandi and Andrew Hejka were the seniors who made the most impact on the field.

But the other seniors, John Kochan, Cory Burnette, Nolan Gerou, Cameron Anstess, Alex Zoltowski and Dakota Lynn, were solid within their roles whenever Crain

called upon them.

Crain, finishing his second season at the helm, now wants to see the Wildcats take the next step toward being the kind of powerhouse Saline is (Saturday's loss to Kennedy notwithstanding).

"It's a building block," Crain said. "Our seniors have done a great job building what we're going to try to do every single year and go be-

yond. It's a culture. You have to expect to win games like this. We're getting there."

"(The Hornets) are on it every single pitch. I've said this to the boys before, we're on it every single at-bat, they're on it every single pitch. And that's the difference; that's where we need to be."

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Ripping a single during Tuesday's Division 1 softball quarterfinal is Plymouth senior Brittney Miller.

## WILDCATS

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it this far and I'm so proud of all of them," Miller said. "We made history as a team. I'm glad we got as far as we did. It wasn't about losing this game, it was about how we got here and our journey."

"And even though it wasn't the outcome we wanted, I'm still really proud of all of them."

Miller was a standout against Mattawan with two hits and a pair of defensive gems, including a heads-up play in the third to save a run.

With Plymouth already trailing 2-0 and a runner on third with nobody out, Miller caught a bunt pop-up and threw to shortstop Gina Barber covering third to double up the lead runner.

**On the board**

Plymouth (30-5) trailed 4-0 entering the seventh and finally pushed a run across against Mattawan pitcher Emily Koperdak. Sophomore Mikayla Rose led off with a single to right and moved up on a fielder's choice.

The next batter, senior Caylin Waters, missed an extra-base hit by inches. Her liner down the left-



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Headed home with Plymouth's only run during the seventh inning Tuesday is Mikayla Rose.

field line fell just foul. She then struck out to leave it all up junior Rachel Zerona, who grounded a single to center to score Rose and break Koperdak's shutout.

"Everybody has one of those days; it just wasn't our day," senior second baseman Mikayela Marciniak said. "The cards weren't in our hands and we fought. We've never been in this position before."

"The 2015 softball team is the first (Ply-

mouth) team to score a run in the quarterfinal, something to be proud of."

In the battle of the Wildcats, Mattawan (31-12) wriggled off the hook in the top of the first despite two Plymouth walks and a single.

Mattawan, from west of Kalamazoo, then delivered two hits with two outs in the bottom of the second to go up 2-0 against Plymouth freshman pitcher Jenny Bressler.

"That's what we've done most of the year," said Mattawan head coach Alicia Smith, whose team won the state title in 2011 and 2013. "Either if the other team scores first or we get out of something like that, that usually kicks us in gear and we're able to score and score early."

Koperdak roped a single to center to score Joanna Bartz (on with a lead-off walk).

Following with an RBI off the wall in left field was sophomore center-fielder Meaghan Markus, who perhaps made the defensive play of the game later on when she dove head-first to catch Bressler's line drive and save a run.

At that time, a Plymouth run would have made it a 2-1 game.

Instead, Mattawan, with a jolt of adrenaline from the play, increased its lead to 4-0 in the bottom of the inning.

Koperdak singled and a courtesy runner scored on Markus' second double of the game, a drive down the left-field line. A fielder's choice scored Markus.

Plymouth just could not put anything together against Koperdak, at least until the seventh.

Miller and Marciniak both came through with a single to open the fourth and sixth innings, respectively. But they were left stranded at first.

In the fifth, Zerona slapped a two-out single off the glove of Mattawan shortstop Alexis Taube and would have scored easily had Bressler's subsequent liner not been snagged by Markus.

When that didn't happen, it became apparent that Plymouth's outstanding season would not continue to MSU.

"Both teams played well today," Delapaz said. "It was one of those games where you have two great teams playing and Mattawan just came out on top today with a little more timely hitting than we did."

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

**Salem summer hockey**

Salem's summer hockey tryout is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday at Arctic Pond on Plymouth Road.

The tryout is open to all Salem High School students, including incoming freshmen. Included in the summer program will be off-ice workouts, on-ice practices and games.

For more information, email Rocks hockey coach Ryan Ossenmacher at salemboysicehockey@pccsk12.com.

**Tim Shaw camp**

Tim Shaw's annual Dream it! Do it! football camp will be held 5:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 12, at the Clarenceville football field, located on the east side of Middlebelt, between Seven Mile and Eight Mile.

Shaw is a former Clarenceville football star who had outstanding careers at Penn State University and in the NFL.

The camp is free for all kids entering grades 4-12.

Registration begins at the field at 4:45 p.m. June 12. Participants can pre-register at timshawfootball.com.

The non-contact camp offers football-specific and speed skills that will be taught according to position and grade level.

Instructed by current and former NFL and college players, as well as local coaches, athletes will be inspired to reach their goals in a positive environment.

The first 150 registrants accepted will get a T-shirt.

For more info, email johnshawfamily@gmail.com.

**High Velocity camps**

High Velocity Sports in Canton is gearing up for a multitude of summer camps.

First up is an All-Sports Camp for ages 3½-13. Mini Campers are

the youngest group (ages 3½-5½) and participate in age-appropriate sports activities, bounce time and organized theme work, all focused on improving gross and fine motor skill development.

Junior (ages 5-9) and Senior Campers (ages 10-13) also participate in their respective age-appropriate sports activities, including traditional sports and fun backyard games. All-Sports Camp is offered Monday through Friday, June 15 through Sept. 4.

In addition to All-Sports Camp, HVS also offers specialized sports camps, including the Detroit Lions Summer Football Camp, which will feature a visit from former Lions player, Herman Moore (for ages 6-14), Triple Threat Training Basketball Camp (for ages 5-14) which is run by former professional basketball player Troy Coleman, Miki's Pro Soccer Camp (for ages 5-14) featuring former professional soccer player Miki Djersilo and HVS Hurricanes Volleyball Camp (for ages 9-14) run by AAU Hurricanes club coaches.

For those who like some nonsport activities, HVS is offering PLUS camp through All-Sports Camp each Thursday for Junior and Senior campers who would like to take part in science experiments and projects for an additional \$5 material fee. Also offered are Game Crazy Robotics Camps (ages 5 and older) featuring Minicraft and LEGO Robo-Camp options, Bricks 4 Kidz who offer Mine-craft, Remote Control Mania, Model Designer Camp, Spectacular Sports, a Pirate's Quest, and Teenage Brick Turtles for ages 6-11.

Before and after care is available starting at 7:15 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m.

For more information or to register, go to www.hvsports.com or call 734-487-7678.

## DIVISION 1 BOYS GOLF

# Chiefs third at D1 finals; CC takes crown

Trosper finishes second among individuals; Plymouth ties for 11th in team standings

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The Donnie Trosper era at Canton did not end with a Division 1 boys golf championship. But the Chiefs finished the season on as high a note as possible short of hoisting the trophy.

Canton came in third Saturday at Ferris State University's Katke Golf Course with two-day tally of 624 — just two strokes back of Battle Creek Lakeview for the runner-up spot. Winning the championship was Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, with a 591 score.

"I don't think many people other than our team expected us to do as well as we did at the state finals," Canton head coach Tom Alles said. "We didn't win our district and placed third in our regional.

"Our seniors came to the state finals ready to end their high school careers on a positive note."

Plymouth, which came in with high hopes

after winning district and regional titles, finished in an 11th-place tie with Northville.

The Wildcats registered a 327-323-650 scoreline.

"It was a great season. I was proud to coach this group," Plymouth head coach Dan Young said. "Excellent leadership, very hard-working and — most importantly — good guys. What more can you ask for?"

As for Trosper, the standout Canton senior finished with a second-place score of 67-77-144.

He had led the field after Day 1, but was edged by Lakeview's Andrew Walker (70-72-142).

"Donnie likes to fire at the flag stick with every approach shot," Alles said. "Saturday, the greens were hard and fast. Combine that with a gusty wind and a few times he got in trouble when he ended up over the green.

"Those holes resulted in bogeys, which was the main reason for his high-



Canton finished third at the Division 1 boys golf finals at Ferris State's Katke Golf Course (from left): Hunter Schlampp, Suhas Potluri, Brian Oldani, Donnie Trosper, Noah Lindlbauer and Chiefs head coach Tom Alles.

er score on the second day."

Canton seniors Noah Lindlbauer (75-80-155) and Hunter Schlampp (80-80-160) also were outstanding, shooting below their season average. Rounding out the

scoring for the Chiefs were Suhas Potluri (81-84-165) and Brian Oldani (87-91-178).

Plymouth's top performers over the two days at Katke were junior Kyle Kozler (78-74-152) and sophomore Jack

Boczar (80-81-161). Other Wildcats included senior Connor Zydeck (84-84-168), sophomore Justin Kapke (85-84-169) and senior Andrew Lloyd (87-87-174).

Alles, meanwhile, had the highest praise for

what Trosper did during his Canton career.

"Donnie is the most talented golfer I have had the opportunity to work with in my 21 years of coaching the Canton boys golf team," Alles said.

## HAYES

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times their little boy or girl participated.

There were 12 kids in the program that winter. Since then, as many as 140 youngsters have skated; there were 83 participants in 2014-15.

"It's been a good run; I've enjoyed doing it," Hayes said. "What's great is every (PCHA) president from Al Campbell on has said, 'Do it your way, don't worry about anything else.'

"I told my parents every year that I was going to give them as much money back as I could and we did."

### Name game

Among future National Hockey League players Hayes helped nudge forward were Jeff Petry, Chris Conner, Brian Rolston and Kevin Porter.

"Those are the ones I can honestly say I know about," Hayes said. "But Gordon Bowman is the vice president of coaches for MAHA (Michigan Amateur Hockey Association) and Gordie runs the elite camps, when these kids are 17, 18 years old.

"And Gordie's told me a lot more kids have made it into pro hockey. When I see them, I got a name on tape, a first name on their helmet. That's it.

"Mary knows their last name. I never know the kid's last name, so I would not know if they went anywhere unless somebody points it out to me."

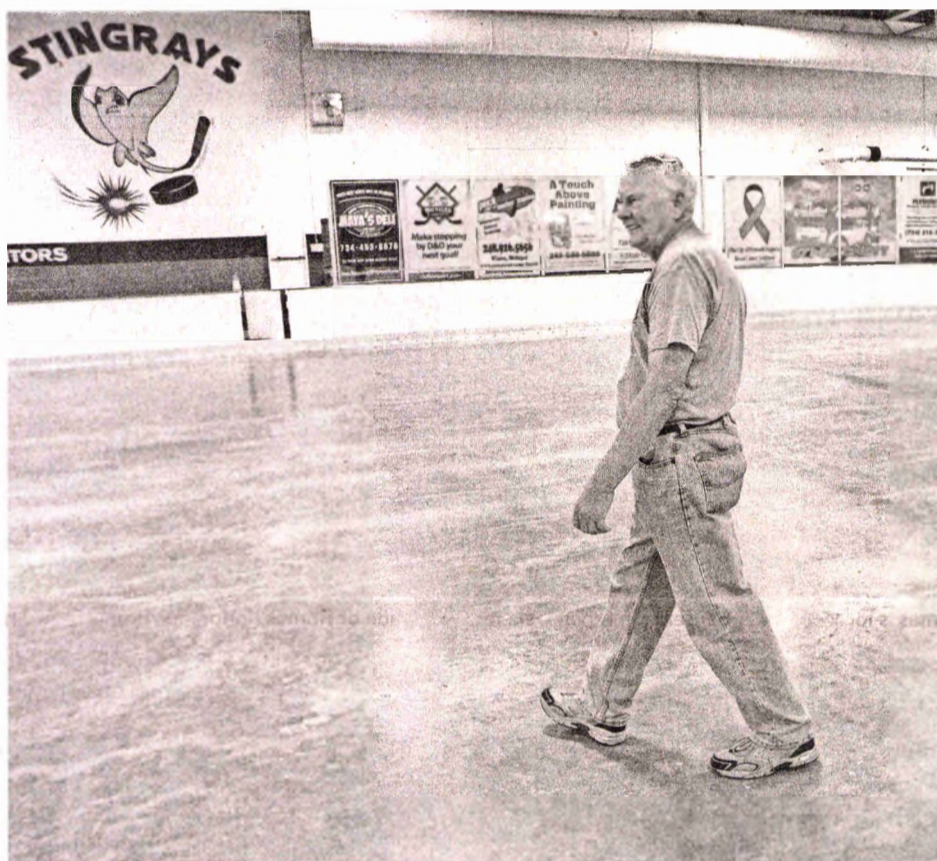
Mary actually instigated what turned out to be Ron's long, stellar career with the PCHA. If not for her attending a meeting in 1974, Hayes might never have set foot inside the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"She said she'd go to the meeting here at the Cultural Center to find out what's going on," he said. "She came home around 9:30 or 10 o'clock and said she's treasurer of this hockey association.

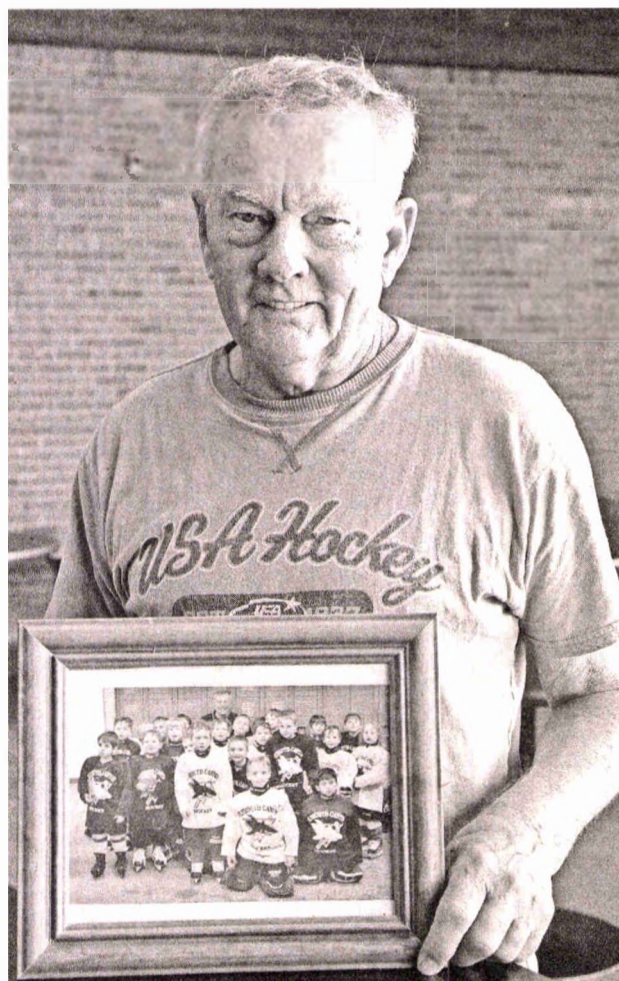
"I said, 'Good for you.' Then she said 'But you're the mite coordinator.'"

Thursday's reception is something Mary Hayes can't wait to experience.

"I'm looking forward to hopefully seeing a lot of past parents and their kids," she said. "We've had, through the years, the kids starting out young. Then we've had them growing up, having kids of their own and bringing them back into the program."



With the ice at Plymouth Cultural Center gone for the summer, Ron Hayes walks across the arena's cement floor. A retirement reception in his honor will take place there Thursday.



For Ron Hayes, the past four decades with the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association have all been about kids and hockey.

### He had help

Joining Ron and Mary Hayes on Monday at the Plymouth Cultural Center were longtime friends Dick and Jackie Marnons, both veteran volunteers in the Learn to Skate program.

Ron emphasized that if not for people like the

Marnons, who either helped him on the ice (as a coach) or off (with registration, for example) the program never would have succeeded.

He also praised the many parents who signed their kids up for the program.

"You got to give some credit to the parents,"

Hayes said. "The parents at the Learn to Skate age, they're positive, about everything. Anything you can do, they're positive with it.

"They accept it, they volunteer, they're just great people. You got them like you got their children."

Another assist doled out by the longtime hockey player, referee, skating instructor and coach goes to former PCHA treasurer Kathy Maxwell.

"(Maxwell) was the one who told me, 'Do it your way,'" Hayes said. "All the presidents agreed. Kathy Maxwell was very important in this association and very important for me to stay with the program, because anything I asked her for she went to the board and got it for me.

"I couldn't ask for a better liaison."

### Giving back

Doing it his way meant giving back to the kids as much as possible after all of the various program expenses were taken care of.

That meant providing youngsters with pizza parties, annual awards, PCHA hockey garb and popular stick giveaways.

"(Stick day) is usually at the start of the year, so the kid can use it all year," Hayes said. "We have a Christmas party; we have a skills competition."

Midway through a season, he'd incorporate "pond hockey" scrimmages, where kids could

## THE RON HAYES FILE

**Who:** Ron Hayes, 74, of South Lyon, founder of Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association's Learn to Skate program at Plymouth Cultural Center.

**What:** Hayes is retiring after 40 years with the PCHA. A reception in his honor is slated for 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday at the PCC.

**Family:** He and his wife Mary have three children and four grandchildren. They lived for a number of years in Plymouth.

**Honors:** In 2009, USA Hockey presented him with the William Thayer Tutt Award, honoring his grassroots work in the sport.

"That was probably the biggest honor I ever go," Hayes said. "They pick one person in the United States that does what they feel is the most for skill development, youth, grassroots kids. And they chose me."

**Other:** Hayes is an off-ice official for the National Hockey League, working Detroit Red Wings games at Joe Louis Arena. He also is on the USA Hockey staff, as associate coach-in-chief of MAHA's Skill Development program.

enjoy some impromptu competition.

Hayes also has a couple dos and don'ts about how to run a Learn to Skate program.

"The dos are to keep it fun, the dos are to keep it challenging," he said.

"The don'ts are don't make it frustrating. By that I mean keep your drills simple at the start.

"Once the kids learn that drill, don't necessarily take it out of the program because there might be one or two players where that's the only drill they can do. If you take that away too quick, those two kids are going to feel, 'I can't do it.'"

### Sticks and pucks

Kids were able to skate with their hockey sticks and shoot pucks, too.

For that, Hayes credited former Detroit Red Wings player and long-time broadcaster Paul Woods, a proponent of youth hockey endeavors.

Hayes is an off-ice National Hockey League official who works games at Joe Louis Arena, where he met Woods.

"(Woods) said, 'Ronnie, I really got a problem with some of the things I see happening,'" Hayes said. "He said, 'When we were kids, we had pucks on the ice, all the time. When I look at some of the Learn to Skate programs, there's 10 kids standing around and one kid doing the drill.'"

"Woodsy told me, if nothing else, to always incorporate a puck somewhere in that hour."

There were plenty of pucks around for Hayes' program, which in 2015-16 will be taken over by Darrin Silvester.

"So at the start of every session, there's a hundred pucks at center ice and we have five minutes of free time," Hayes said. "They're on the ice warming up, shooting pucks. And then we go through our regular program."

### Still in the game

Hayes isn't giving up hockey itself just because he is retiring from the PCHA.

He'll still work Red Wings games, electronically logging everything from shots on goal to hits and takeaways.

And time will be spent on the USA Hockey staff, as associate coach-in-chief of MAHA's Skill Development program. MAHA is a sanctioned affiliate of USA Hockey.

"I've done everything in hockey that I can think of," Hayes said. "I've attained more goals than I ever thought I would. And it's been fun. I can't believe all this attention I'm getting for doing something you love.

"I mean, I'd get there and I couldn't wait to get on the ice with those little shavers."

Hayes shook with laughter as he talked about those youngsters, the lifeblood of the PCHA.

"It was just a ball, just a ball," Hayes said. "We had a lot of fun, a lot of good times and a lot of good kids. And a lot of good families, too."

With another laugh, Hayes added that the end of his PCHA tenure does free up Saturday afternoons, the typical time slot for the Learn to Skate program.

"This gig, 40 years, (Mary) never had a Saturday, you know what I mean?" Hayes said. "We were lucky if we went out to dinner with Dick and Jackie (Marnon) and had a couple pops after, but for 40 years there was no Saturdays for her.

"It was me on the ice at 4 o'clock. I worked a lot of Saturdays (at Ford), so that meant I'd leave work and come right here."

Indeed, there might be a few Saturdays next winter where Ron Hayes starts driving toward Plymouth — by force of habit, tug of his hockey heartstrings or both.

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# Parade of Home winners show style, sound construction

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA) announced the winners in its 26th annual Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 53 new model, under construction and pre-construction homes and condominiums located throughout southeastern Michigan. The showcase takes place June 1-30, 2015. All 53 homes are featured at [www.ParadeHBA.com](http://www.ParadeHBA.com). HBA and Bank of America Home Loans sponsor the event.

In this year's architectural judging, blue ribbons were awarded to the model homes in 10 categories. Winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into categories by price, with a separate category for attached condominiums.

The blue ribbon homes are:

- » Attached Condominiums - Sandstone in Lyon Township by Healy Homes

- » Homes Base Priced \$273,000 and Under - Charleston in Lyon Township by Robertson Homes

- » Homes Base Priced Over \$274,000 and Under \$300,000 - Denali in Milford Township by Sandhill Associates

- » Homes Base Priced \$300,000 to \$350,000 - Lexington in White Lake Township by Heritage White Lake LLC

- » Homes Base Priced Over \$350,000 and Under \$400,000 - Desmond IV in White Lake by Steuer & Associates

- » Homes Base Priced Over \$400,000 and Under \$470,000 - 2409 Ellwood in Berkley by HRS Communities

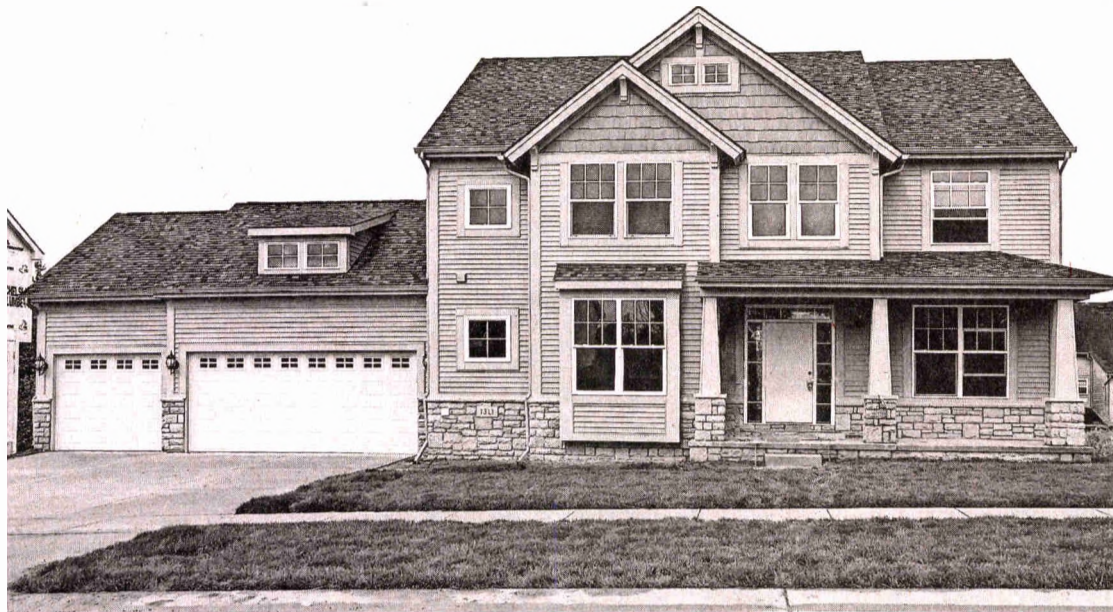
- » Homes Base Priced Over \$470,000 and Under \$500,000 - Gardenia in Royal Oak by Norwood Homes

- » Homes Base Priced Over \$500,000 and Under \$600,000 - The Pinehurst in Commerce Township by AP Builders

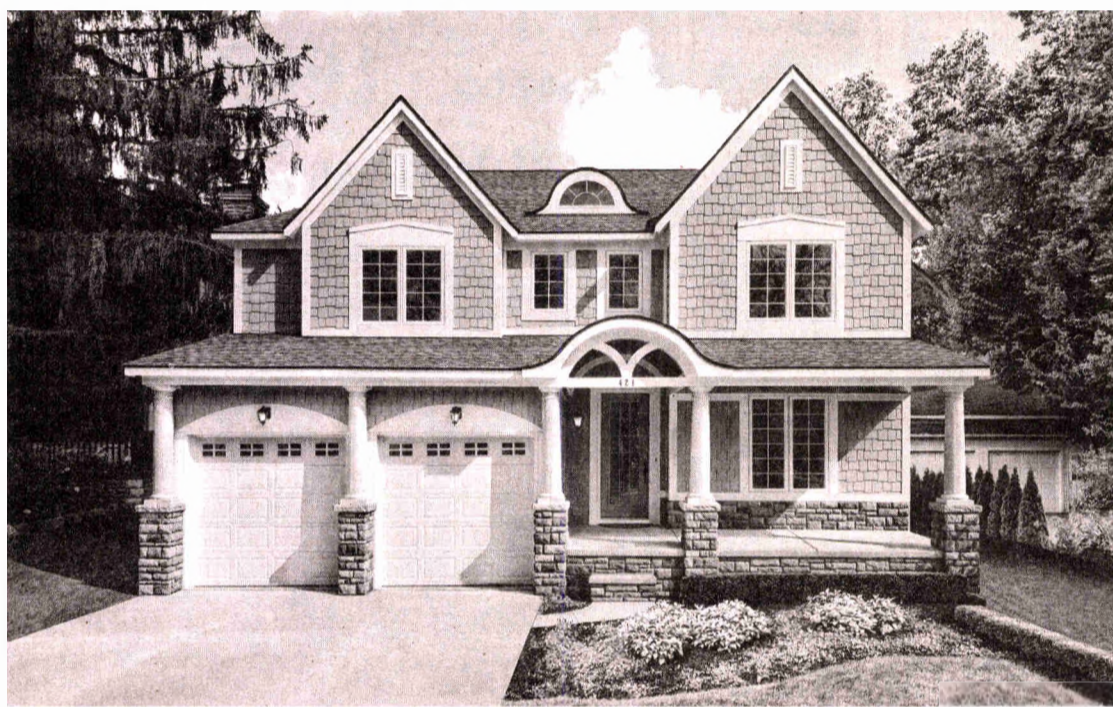
- » Homes Base Priced Over \$690,000 and Under \$1 million - Majestic in Oakland Township by Moceri

- » Homes Base Priced Over \$1 million - La Positano in Oakland Township by Arteva Homes

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were Lonny S. Zimmerman, AIA, NCARB, of Siegal/Tuomaala Associates;



Denali in Milford Township by Sandhill Associates is a Blue Ribbon award winner for homes with a base price over \$274,000 and under \$300,000.



Gardenia by Norwood Homes is located at 421 Gardenia in Royal Oak. It won Parade of Homes honors for Homes Base Priced Over \$470,000 and Under \$500,000.

Benedetto Tiseo, FAIA, NCARB, of Tiseo Architects, Inc.; Michael J. Gordon, RA, of Moiseev/Gordon Associates and Paul Salloum of Bank of America Home Loans. The Parade of Homes models are located throughout southeastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours, or online at [www.ParadeHBA.com](http://www.ParadeHBA.com).

Free Parade of Homes magazines are available at area Bank of America Home Loans locations and Kroger stores. Addresses for those locations are at [www.ParadeHBA.com](http://www.ParadeHBA.com). For additional information on the Parade of Homes, call 248-862-1016.

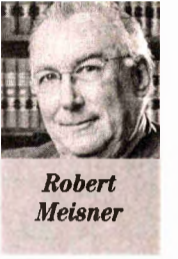
Headquartered in West Bloomfield, HBA is a trade association representing over

800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

## Boards choose to not have enough money

**Q: I am on the Board of a condominium association and we need our documents revised as well as actively pursuing delinquent co-owners. The other Board members say we don't have the money, but I think we can't afford not to pursue these matters. How can I convince them otherwise?**

**A:** I hear almost on a daily basis Board members telling me that "we don't have the money" to take the appropriate initiatives. My pat response is that the Board "chooses to not to have the money," because they have the ability



under most community association documents to raise assessments notwithstanding the fact that they may receive the wrath of their neighbors. The directors of a community association have a responsibility to raise sufficient funds when necessary to protect the interests of the members of the association, which includes upgrading their documents, pursuing delinquent co-owners and enforcing the restrictions against recalcitrant homeowners who fail to live by the rules. Unless raising the assessments will likely have the effect of dramatically increasing delinquencies, there is generally no excuse for the Association not having the money to do the things that are best for the community at large. In fact, temporarily raising assessments to allow for the collection of delinquencies and the streamlining of Association operations could well serve to improve Association finances and allow for the reduction in assessments in the future.

**Q: I am on a Board of five members and two of the members have legal training, one is a legal assistant and the other is an attorney. The Board is looking to them to provide legal advice, but I think it is a conflict. What is your view?**

**A:** No one on the Board of Directors should be operating in anyway other than as a Director. They should not be providing services for the Association and merely because one has a legal license or paralegal degree does not mean that they should be practicing for the benefit of the Association. You are correct, that would be a conflict of interest and it is a pennywise and pound foolish approach. The problem arises, however, in that the other Directors presumably give credence to the attorney and/or paralegal as if they have expert knowledge in regard to community association law about which they probably know very little depending upon their areas of practice. You should get a legal opinion from your attorney as to the impropriety of them giving anything other than advice as a Director.

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## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 19-23, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**BEVERLY HILLS**  
32218 Auburn Dr \$380,000  
30451 Embassy St \$243,000

**BIRMINGHAM**  
997 Hazel St \$715,000  
523 Lakeview Ave \$574,000  
693 N Glenhurst Dr \$620,000  
1265 Taunton Rd \$260,000

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**  
600 Deauville Ln \$470,000  
4272 Lakeridge Ct \$345,000  
2703 Turtle Lake Dr \$300,000

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
162 Eileen Dr \$200,000  
5001 Kensington Rd \$417,000  
5629 S Adams Way \$245,000

5163 Woodlands Dr \$335,000  
**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP**  
9241 Commerce Rd \$63,000  
2071 Golfcrest Dr \$295,000  
6128 Hinckley St \$180,000  
1129 Island Dr \$350,000  
320 W Beechdale St \$39,000

**FARMINGTON**  
33952 Glenview Dr \$160,000  
31831 Grand River Ave Unit 27 \$27,000  
33860 James Ct \$165,000  
31997 Lamar Dr \$144,000

**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
35246 Caryn St \$178,000  
31785 Coronet Dr \$201,000  
26221 Hidden Valley Dr \$365,000  
39073 Horton Dr \$415,000  
21971 Lancrest Ct \$189,000  
21798 Lundy Dr \$158,000  
25730 Pebble Ct \$245,000  
30669 Ramblewood Club Dr \$277,000

29122 Utley Rd \$130,000  
29685 Vista Ct \$192,000  
31915 W 14 Mile Rd # 238 \$115,000  
27557 W Echo Vly Unit 252 \$74,000

**HIGHLAND**  
1180 Alissa Marie Dr \$320,000  
536 E Baker Rd \$73,000  
407 Peninsula Lake Dr \$308,000  
535 Woodruff Lake Rd \$180,000

**MILFORD**  
4251 Grondinwood Ln \$380,000  
886 Panorama Dr \$150,000  
220 Stephen \$290,000

**NOVI**  
25970 Arcadia Dr \$460,000  
200 Degross St \$163,000  
29348 Douglas Dr \$230,000  
26436 Fieldstone Dr \$345,000  
27887 Hopkins Dr \$170,000  
44999 Steeple Path \$310,000  
23545 Valley Starr \$200,000  
30236 Viewcrest Dr \$275,000

30664 Vine Ct \$139,000  
**SOUTH LYON**  
52520 Aspen Dr \$461,000  
58815 Peters Barn Dr \$400,000  
27945 Pontiac Trl \$250,000  
485 Princeton Dr \$255,000

**SOUTHFIELD**  
20385 Briarwood Ct \$145,000  
23396 Cornerstone \$67,000  
Village Dr  
27405 Everett St \$160,000  
17440 Gateway Cir \$92,000  
15965 Jeanette St \$100,000  
24275 Norwood Dr W \$223,000  
29541 Pierce St \$135,000  
30036 Rambling Rd \$164,000  
29391 Stellamar Dr \$180,000  
24115 Wildbrook Ct # 103 \$112,000

**WHITE LAKE**  
1268 Pinecrest Dr \$83,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 9-13, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**CANTON**  
46661 Aarons Way \$195,000  
298 Armitage Dr \$380,000  
45720 Bryn Mawr Rd \$320,000  
44243 Cherbourg St \$162,000  
45887 Hanford Rd \$290,000  
49957 Jackson Ln \$280,000  
7437 N Sheldon Rd \$425,000  
430 Princeton St \$220,000  
3882 Radcliff Dr \$135,000  
42439 Saltz Rd \$213,000  
45325 Seabrook Dr \$302,000  
58324 Wedgewood Rd \$185,000  
41960 Woodbridge Dr \$165,000  
3950 Wrenwood Ln \$263,000  
4034 Wrenwood Ln \$251,000  
4046 Wrenwood Ln \$276,000

**GARDEN CITY**

28953 Block St \$42,000  
29471 Bridge St \$55,000  
28544 Dawson St \$80,000  
1029 Deering St \$98,000  
7070 Harrison St \$52,000  
513 Radcliff St \$85,000

**LIVONIA**  
36141 Allen St \$319,000  
39206 Allen St \$147,000  
19419 Antago St \$100,000  
31429 Arizona St \$128,000  
30215 Bentley St \$155,000  
29495 Bobrich St \$38,000  
9100 Brentwood St \$129,000  
30000 Five Mile Rd \$800,000  
31430 Gable St \$148,000  
16123 Harrison St \$255,000  
31788 Hillbrook St \$262,000  
29655 Mason St \$141,000  
8956 Melrose St \$138,000  
9805 Melrose St \$168,000  
9027 Melvin St \$95,000  
9917 Middlebelt Rd \$48,000  
19720 Milburn St \$228,000  
35624 Parkdale St \$171,000

17428 Pershing St \$137,000  
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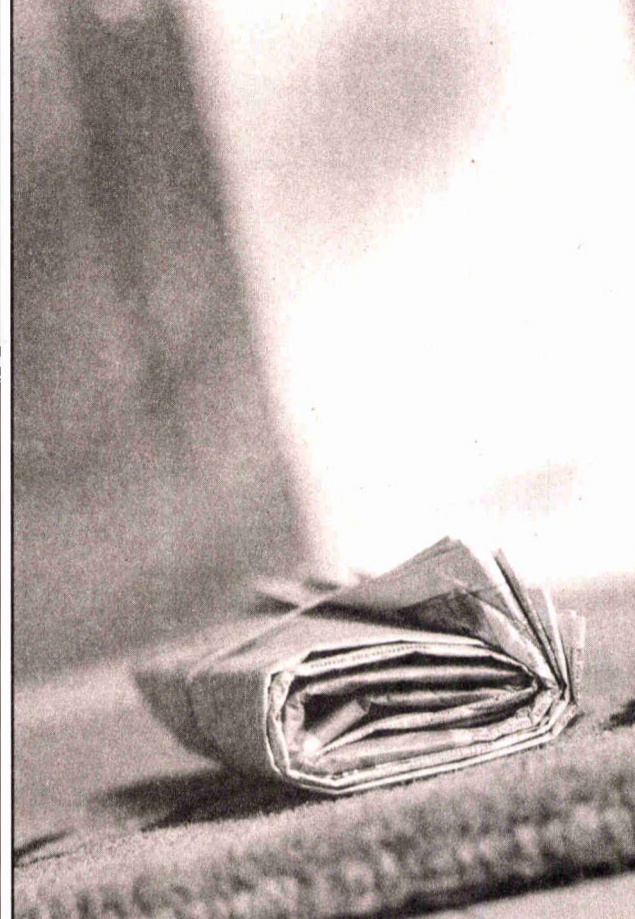
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**Chevy '09 Impala LT**  
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**Kia**

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**RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD FAIR**  
VFW Post 345  
27345 Schoolcraft, Redford Twp. Sun. June 14th, 10 - 4 Admission \$3.00, kids 12 & Under Free. For info Call Dave: (734) 422-5981

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Lost Cockatiel Grey body with yellow crown. Lost in Westland. Offering reward. Pls call w/ info 734-641-8980

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		2	5					
					8			4
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Level: Intermediate

**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## IN FOCUS WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

**WORDS**

ABERRATION  
ALIASING  
APERATURE  
ARTIFACT  
ASPECT RATIO  
BLOWOUT  
CMYK  
COMPRESSION  
DEPTH  
DIGITAL  
DISTORTION  
EXPORT  
EXPOSURE  
FLASH  
FOCUS  
HIGH DEFINITION  
IMAGE  
IMPORT  
INKJET  
LENS  
MEGAPIXEL  
MEMORY  
METERING  
NOISE  
OPTICAL  
OVEREXPOSURE  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
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THUMBNAILS  
VIEWFINDER  
ZOOM

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

**Sudoku**

3	4	2	5	7	8	9	6	
1	7	6	9	8	3	5	2	4
8	9	4	5	8	2	6	7	1
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**Word Search**

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W O R D S E A R C H

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RELIGION CALENDAR

JUNE ARTS FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, June 26  
**Location:** Crossroads Church, in the Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Summer Christian Youth Arts Fair will include sketches, lyrical dance, liturgical dance, musical acts, painted and hand-drawn art and photography. Fair entries are open to ages 5-18. All participants will receive a free gift. Registration accepted through Friday, June 19

**Contact:** Pastor Steve at 248-890-5718; crossroadsnow.org  
**CONCERT**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. June 11-12  
**Location:** Trinity in the Woods Episcopal Church, 26880 LaMue-ra, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** The Trinity & Friends Choir presents "Farmington Follies: Trinity goes to Broadway," featuring selections from *Les Miserables*, *Mary Poppins*, *The Sound of Music*, *The Lion King*, *Aladdin*, *Grease*, *Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit*, and others. Tickets are \$10

**Contact:** trinityinthewoods.org  
**CONCERT**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, June 12 in Dearborn; 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 14 in Northville  
**Location:** St. Paul Lutheran Church, 21915 Beech, Dearborn and Northville Christian Assembly of God, 41355 Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** The Watoto Children's Choir, a group of 18 orphans from Uganda, will continue its six-month U.S. tour with its new production, *Oh, What Love All*. Performances are free  
**Contact:** 248-348-9030 Northville; 313-561-0168 Dearborn

**CONCERT**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. June 26  
**Location:** Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** David Roth, singer, songwriter, guitar player, performs. Tickets are \$20  
**Contact:** unityoflivonia.org; 734-421-1760

**DAY CAMP**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 15-19  
**Location:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Good News Day Camp is a week-long camp experience for kids, age 5 through 6th grade. It includes songs and skits, crafts, outdoor and indoor games, Bible stories, nature

activities and more. Counselors from Michigan's Living Water Ministries lead the sessions. Registration is \$65 per child. Registration forms are available in the church office, and at emmanuel-livonia.org  
**Contact:** 248-442-8822; judy@emmanuel-livonia.org

**SINGLE PLACE**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, June 11  
**Location:** First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** David Trotter of Undersea Research Assoc. will talk about his 37 years of experience searching the Great Lakes and discovering sunken ships. Ice cream will follow his presentation. \$5 donation  
**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**Time/Date:** 6-8:30 p.m. June 15-18  
**Location:** InsideOut Church, 1075 Venoy, Garden City  
**Details:** The free program, for kids age 3 through 5th grade, will include songs, snacks, crafts, games and prizes. Theme is "Everest, Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." Pre-register at iochurch.net. Walk-ins welcome  
**Contact:** 734-983-8376

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**Time/Date:** 6-8:30 p.m. June 15-18  
**Location:** First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne  
**Details:** Crafts, snacks, Bible time, science lab and more; for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. Theme is Gforce  
**Contact:** 734-721-4801

**ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY**  
**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

**Faith Community Wesleyan**  
**Time/Date:** 4-5 p.m. every Saturday  
**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one  
**Contact:** pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

**CLOTHING BANK**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton  
**Details:** No documentation needed  
**Contact:** info@cantoncf.org

**EXERCISE**  
**Time/Date:** 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday  
**Location:** Clarencville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com  
**Contact:** 313-408-3364

**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

**HEALING SERVICE**  
**Time/Date:** Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.  
**Contact:** Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey



The Watoto Children's Choir will sing June 12 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Dearborn, and June 14 at Northville Christian Assembly of God.

**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:** Ethanief 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**  
**St. Edith Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows  
**Contact:** Parish office at 734-464-1223

**St. Michael Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday  
**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

**SINGLES**  
**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304  
**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.  
**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.  
**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5  
**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

**Steve's Family Restaurant**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.  
**Contact:** 313-534-0399

**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.

**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

**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.info or 248-787-5009

**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202  
**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems  
**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

**Farmington Hills Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August  
**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group  
**Contact:** 248-433-1011

**Merriman Road Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations  
**Contact:** www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

**Fireside Church of God**  
**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday  
**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center  
**Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday  
**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available  
**Contact:** 734-421-8451

**St. Thomas a' Becket Church**  
**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly  
**Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-0322

**Unity of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia  
**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous  
**Contact:** 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.  
**Contact:** Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

**THRIFT STORE**  
**St. James Presbyterian**  
**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Contact:** 313-534-7730 for additional information

**Way of Life Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May  
**Location:** 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth  
**Details:** Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.  
**Contact:** 734-637-7618

**TOUR**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month  
**Location:** The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit  
**Details:** Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.  
**Contact:** 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

**ADAT SHALOM SYNAGOGUE**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays  
**Location:** 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** 248-851-5100

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday service  
**Location:** 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@mi.rr.com; 248-478-6520

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia  
**Contact:** 734-522-6830

**Congregation Bet Chaverim**  
**Time/Date:** Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month  
**Location:** At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton  
**Details:** Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore  
**Contact:** www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

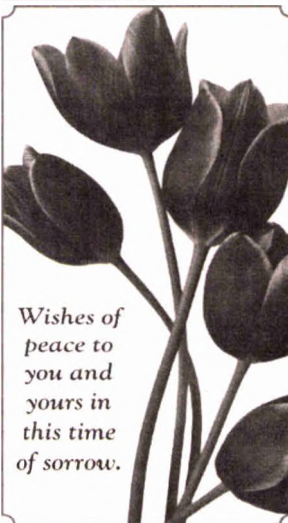
**Due Season Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study  
**Location:** Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia  
**Details:** Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.  
**Contact:** 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

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**DOWNNEY, IMELDA LILLIAN**  
 Passed away on June 6 in Livonia, Michigan, at the age of 85. She was born December 26, 1929 in Highland Park, Michigan, the youngest daughter of Albert and Lillian Thompson. She was predeceased by her husband of 63 years James Alexander and leaves behind her children, Rita Perrone (Ricardo Talanges), Stephen (Petra), Brian (Kimberly), Lynn (Bruce) Edwards, and one sibling, Rita Fitzgerald. "Mel" was the loving grandmother of five and great-grandmother of six. She was a recent resident of Dearborn and formerly lived in Livonia and Southfield. While her children were in school she volunteered in the school library and later worked at Boysville for over 10 years. After retirement she and James traveled the world where they made wonderful friends whom they continued to correspond with. She loved music, crossword puzzles and was an excellent seamstress and quilter. She will be remembered for her generosity, sharp wit and sarcastic sense of humor. Services will be held Friday June 12 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Sterling Heights.



**SUNDT, MARY JOAN (McKENNA)**  
 Age 80, of Aiken, South Carolina, formerly of Farmington, Michigan, died suddenly on June 4, 2015 at her home in Aiken. Born in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of the late James T. McKenna and Genevieve (Walter) McKenna. Mrs. Sundt graduated from Immaculata High School and Mount Mary College. Along with a distinguished career in real estate, she was a devoted wife and much-loved mother of five, a talented and avid seamstress, and a dear friend to many. She is survived by her beloved husband of 60 years, Jerrold T. Sundt of Aiken, SC, and her sister, Kathleen Norwood. Her children are Terrence (Deborah) Sundt, Mary Kay (Donald) McLemore, Gregory (Marcia) Sundt, Timothy (Marylouise) Sundt, and Daniel (Christi) Sundt. She is also survived by seventeen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Joan loved good food, Scrabble, and the Green Bay Packers, not necessarily in that order. She was an enthusiastic traveler and reader, and passed from this world with her latest novel in hand. An accomplished conversationalist, her opinions were sometimes controversial, but never in doubt. Joanie, Mom, Grandma, Joan: We love you, and we will miss you. Memorial services are to be held at 2p.m. Monday, June 8 at the Historic GEORGE FUNERAL HOME in Aiken, and at 11 a.m. on June 11 at Christ The Redeemer Church in Lake Orion, Michigan. Expressions of sympathy for the Sundt family may be left online www.georgefuneralhomes.com



**REGAN, NORMA MAE**  
 Entered into eternal life on June 7th, 2015 after a brief illness. Norma was born December 14th, 1928 in Rogers City, MI. She was married to Donald J. Regan October 15th, 1949. Norma was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years when Don entered his eternal rest in 1989. She is survived by her nine children: Bernadette (John Bridwell), Jerry (Frances), Theresa (Gary) Scott, Tim (Patty), Donald Jr. (Janet), Annette (Dan) Maggio, Chip, Yvonne (Bob) Langan, and Andrea (Monte) Blachford, twenty nine grandchildren, and twenty four great grandchildren, whom she loved spending time with and who brought her a great deal of light into her life. Norma grew up in her early years in Rogers City, MI and at ten years old moved to Farmington, MI. She attended and graduated from Farmington High School in 1948. Norma was a frequent volunteer at the Farmington Public Library for many years. Please help us celebrate her life at a memorial service to be held on Friday, June 12th, at 2p.m., at River Bank Golf Course, 24095 Currie Rd, South Lyon, 48178.

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# Dr. Pocket kicks off big band night at Elks Lodge in Plymouth

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

The @The Elks music series will add a big band concert to its schedule of monthly blues and jazz performances this month in Plymouth.

But if you're thinking big band jazz, don't let the concert title fool you. The first session of Big Bands@The Elks will feature a big group — a 10-piece band — that's known for rhythm and blues and songs that highlight its powerful horn section. Craig Strain, who plays trumpet in Dr. Pocket, which he founded 19 years ago, calls the band "a horn-driven R&B monster."

"We're a west side band," said Strain, a Farmington Hills resident who also directs Motor City Brass Band and CSO, a jazz, swing and R&B big band. He's also a board member of the Michigan Jazz Festival. "But the last couple of years we started playing on the east side ... Metro Beach (St. Clair Metropark), Freedom Hill, The Blue Goose.

"We're happy to go the Plymouth Elks. I'm assuming it will be a fun crowd and a dance crowd. We'll play some of our specialty stuff and predominately up-tempo music, with a few ballads here and there," Strain said.

Dr. Pocket's "specialty" music gives its horn section and vocalists a chance to shine and includes hits by Blood, Sweat, & Tears and Chicago.

"When we do Chicago, we do it so well that people are really tuned into what we're doing. There are not a lot of bands with horn sections that can pull off Chicago and Blood, Sweat, & Tears."

Dr. Pocket will perform 7-11 p.m. Saturday, June 27 at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Admission is a \$10 donation and it includes hors d'oeuvres.



Dr. Pocket joins this month's lineup of the @The Elks music series in Plymouth.

Jazz@The Elks runs 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month and also includes hors d'oeuvres. Admission is \$10. Susan Tobocman and the Cliff Monear Trio will perform June 30.

Blues@The Elks is on the second Tuesday of the month. Admission is \$5 at the door. Guests can munch on free popcorn or buy pizza slices.

## Adding big bands

"I'd say the jazz side tends to be the older crowd. The jazz night is advertised as a listening room. The blues night gets noisy and it's a lot of fun," said Lee Herberger, who heads the committee that selects performers for Blues@The Elks. He's also a past president and current board member of the Detroit Blues Society.

Herberger suggested adding the big band night. The

other monthly sessions tend to feature smaller bands and a large group, like Dr. Pocket, didn't seem to fit.

"Several people did suggest this band (Dr. Pocket) and I knew the people in the band and the conductor and I thought they'd be a good fit for the Elks. They are very popular. They have a marvelous sound," Herberger said. "They're outside the range of what we do for Tuesday nights. We had a very small stage in

the room where we do the concerts. We've tripled the size (for Dr. Pocket).

"This is the first time we're doing a concert on Saturday night and we'll see how it works. Saturday is an experiment," Herberger added. "It's going to be unusual for Plymouth and a lot of fun."

For more information on the @The Elks music series, call 734-453-1780, or visit plymouthannarborelks325.com.

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ANIMALS

#### DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily  
**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

**Photo exhibit:** National Geographic's The Hidden Life of Wolves photo exhibit includes 21 images by Jim and Jamie Dutcher, who observed wolves for six years in Idaho. It's on display through Oct. 24 and is free with Zoo admission.  
**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

#### CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through June 26

**Location:** Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Paintings by Krysti Spence depict subjects that can be held in the palm of the hand; some are viewed through 3D eyeglasses  
**Contact:** 248-473-1859

#### JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

**Time/Date:** The exhibition runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, through July 16

**Location:** Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** 68th annual Michigan Water Color Society Annual Exhibition  
**Contact:** 248-661-1000

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Runs through June 27

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** West of Center, an all-media show  
**Contact:** 248-344-0497

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

**Time/Date:** Runs through June

**Location:** 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** Denise Cassidy solo show of paintings  
**Contact:** 734-416-4278

#### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. Thursday, June 18

**Location:** 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor

**Details:** Curator of Asian Art Natsu Oyobe and UMMA docent Susan Clinthorne will lead families on an exploration of Japanese art followed by a



The Laugh Riot Dolls perform their cabaret-style comedy show June 19 at The Mix Studio Theatre in Ypsilanti.

hands-on workshop. Aimed at families with children, ages 6-12. Register by emailing umma-program-registration@umich.edu

**Contact:** 734-764-0395

#### VILLAGE THEATER

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through July 30; artists' reception set for 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 17

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** "Healing Art," includes works by photographers Michelle Malloch and Amy Lockard and fiber work combined with painting by Kelly Darke  
**Contact:** 734-394-5300

#### VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

**Time/Date:** Open during library hours and runs through June 30

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Spring Art Exhibit with fine art paintings in watercolor, acrylic, oil and pastel  
**Contact:** 734-838-1204; vaalart.org

#### COMEDY

##### EMERGENT ARTS

**Time/Date:** 9 p.m. June 19

**Location:** The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

**Details:** The Laugh Riot Dolls present a cabaret-style comedy show. Admission \$10. Buy tickets online at emergentarts.com or call to reserve and pay at the door  
**Contact:** 734-985-0875

#### FESTIVAL

##### ARTS AND ACTS

**Time/Date:** 3-8 p.m. Friday, June 19; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 20; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 21

**Location:** Main and Center streets in downtown Northville

**Details:** The Festival includes the 27th annual juried fine art show "Art in the Sun," featuring more than 70 artists; the "Reel Michigan Film Festival" at Northville's Marquis Theatre; the "Sand-box Play Festival," produced by Tipping Point Theatre; the "Short on Words" Literary Contest; musical entertainment; children's activities; the 2nd annual Northville Art House Chalk Festival; and a variety of festival food and drink. Live entertainment is Toppermost Beatles tribute band, 3-5 p.m. Saturday, June 20; Ben Sharkey with jazz and R&B, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 20; Those Delta Rhythm Kinds, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 21  
**Contact:** 248-344-0497; northvillearthouse.org

#### CANTON LIBERTY FEST

**Time/Date:** 1-11 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 18-19; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 20

**Location:** Heritage Park, behind the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton

**Details:** Carnival rides, midway games, Taste of Canton, fireworks, car show, Saturday morning Liberty Run, and more. Live entertainment includes Midwest Dueling Pianos, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Sonic Freeway, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Friday; Captured Detroit, a Journey tribute band, 8-10 p.m. Friday; Scott Martin Band, rock/country band, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday; and The Hype Syndicate, performing top hits, 8-10 p.m. Saturday  
**Contact:** cantonlibertyfest.com

### FILM

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, June 12 and Thursday, June 18; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 13-14

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** *The Longest Ride*; admission \$3

**Coming up:** *Little Boy*, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 19-20, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 21; 7 p.m. Thursday, June 25

**Contact:** 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

#### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. June 12, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 13

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit

**Details:** *Dial M for Murder in 3D*; \$7  
**Contact:** 313-898-1481

#### SUMMER DRIVE-IN

**Time/Date:** Films screen at dusk, nightly through Sept. 6

**Location:** USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth

**Details:** Double features on three screens. Visit summerdrivein.com weekly for updated film list. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, 4-12 and free for children, 3 and under.

**Contact:** 734-927-3284

#### HISTORY

##### KELSEY MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through July 26

**Location:** 434 State St., Ann Arbor

**Details:** "Rocks, Paper, Memory: Wendy Artin's Watercolor Paintings of Ancient Sculptures" features paintings of ancient Greek and Roman sculptures along with objects from the Kelsey's collection  
**Contact:** 734-764-9304

#### PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

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

**Details:** "Creative Hands: Busy Hands" runs through June 14. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17. Free museum admission for active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day  
**Contact:** 734-455-8940

#### MUSIC

##### BIG BANDS@THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-11 p.m. Saturday, June 27

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

**Details:** Dr. Pocket performs covers and

originals with powerful horns, a driving rhythm section and three vocalists; \$10 includes food

**Contact:** 734-453-1780; plymouthannarborelks325.com

#### BLUES@THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

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

**Details:** Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation  
**Contact:** 734-453-1780

#### CANTON CONCERTS

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, June 25-Aug. 13

**Location:** Heritage Park, adjacent to the Canton Public Library on the campus of Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

**Details:** Kevin and The Glen Levens kicks off the free series June 25. Other acts are Remedy, July 9; Howlin' Mercy, July 16; The Phoenix Theory, July 23; Alien as Tim and the Dance Hall Rockers, July 30; Greg Jaqua with an Elvis Presley Tribute, Aug. 6; and The Dan Rafferty Band, Aug. 13  
**Contact:** cantonfun.org

#### CONCERT IN THE PARK

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 23-Aug. 11

**Location:** Handy Park, 26650 Capitol at Hemingway, Redford Township

**Details:** Redford Civic Symphony kicks off the free series with a concert June 23 at Thurston High School, 26255 Schoolcraft, Redford Township. Concerts at Handy Park include Toppermost, June 30; All Directions, July 7; The Jam Rocks, July 14; Leaky Tiki's, July 21; Stardusters Big Band, July 28; Terry Bar & No Left Turn, Aug. 4; Persuasion, Aug. 11  
**Contact:** 313-387-2650

#### EMERGENT ARTS

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

**Location:** The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

**Details:** Rolie Tussing, guitarist; admission is \$10. Get tickets online at emergentarts.com or call to reserve tickets and pay at the door  
**Contact:** 734-985-0875

#### 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:** Features Susan Tobocman with the Cliff Monear Trio on Tuesday, June 30. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres  
**Contact:** 734-453-1780 or email plymouthhelks1780@yahoo.com



## DO TE ON DAD

### ENJOY A TASTY BACKYARD BRUNCH

**B**runch isn't just for mom. On Father's Day, June 21, make eggs, toast and bacon on the grill for a breakfast that's sure to spoil the man of the house.

Not sure how to make eggs on the grill? It's easy! Crack an egg into a cut-out hole in toast set on a cedar plank, then sprinkle with a little cheddar and an Applewood rub for smoky grilled flavor.

"To complete the meal on dad's favorite outdoor tool, cook the bacon in a shallow disposable foil pan next to the eggs," said Chef Kevan Vetter of the McCormick Kitchens. "Once the bacon is almost done, I love to brush it with a honey-cinnamon mixture, then grill it directly on the grates for a few minutes to add a candied crisp."

For more grilling recipes and tips visit [www.grillmates.com](http://www.grillmates.com), and check out McCormick Grill Mates on Facebook.

*Courtesy of Family Features*



#### CEDAR PLANK GRILLED EGG IN TOAST

Makes 4 servings  
Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 20 minutes

2 cedar planks (about 12-by-6 inches each)  
4 slices bread, such as brioche or challah (¾-inch thick slices)  
7 eggs, divided  
2 tablespoons milk  
2 tablespoons plus ½ teaspoon McCormick Grill Mates Applewood Rub, divided  
½ cup grated smoked Cheddar cheese

Soak cedar planks in water for at least 4 hours or overnight. Drain and pat dry. Remove centers of each slice of bread with 3-inch round cookie cutter. Beat 3 eggs with milk and 2 tablespoons of the Applewood Rub in medium bowl until well blended. Lightly oil one side of each of planks. Place planks, oil side up, on preheated grill over medium heat. Dip bread in egg mixture. Place on planks. Break an egg into each of holes. Sprinkle eggs with remaining ½ teaspoon Applewood Rub. Cover grill. Grill 10 minutes. Sprinkle eggs with cheese and additional Applewood Rub, if desired. Grill, covered, 10 minutes longer.



#### HERBED SAUSAGE AND BELL PEPPER HASH

Makes 8 servings  
Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 20 minutes

1 pound bulk pork sausage  
3 tablespoons oil  
1 large red bell pepper, chopped  
1 package (2 pounds) frozen Southern-style hash browns, thawed  
3 tablespoons McCormick Perfect Pinch Sweet Onion & Herb Seasoning

Cook and stir sausage in cast-iron skillet on grill over medium-high heat 5 minutes or until no longer pink. Remove sausage with slotted spoon. Add oil to drippings in skillet on medium heat. Add bell pepper; grill and stir 3 minutes or until tender-crisp. Stir in hash browns and Seasoning; grill and stir 8 minutes or until potatoes are lightly browned. Return sausage to skillet; grill and stir 2 minutes longer or until heated through.



#### CINNAMON SUGAR GRILLED DONUTS

Makes 8 servings  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 12 minutes

¼ cup granulated sugar  
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon  
¼ cup (½ stick) butter, melted  
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar  
1 can (16 ounces) refrigerated buttermilk biscuits (8 biscuits)

Mix granulated sugar and cinnamon in medium bowl. Mix butter and brown sugar in small bowl. Set aside. Cut out center of biscuits with small round cookie cutter. (Or use the cap of the cinnamon bottle to cut out the donut hole. Just be sure to flour the cap to prevent the dough from sticking.) Grill donuts and donut holes over medium-low heat 4 to 6 minutes per side. Brush with butter mixture just before removing from grill. Toss immediately in cinnamon sugar. Serve with fresh fruit and whipped cream, if desired.



#### ISLAND WOODFIRE SHRIMP WITH BACON-WRAPPED PINEAPPLE

Makes 16 (1 skewer) servings  
Prep time: 20 minutes  
Refrigerate: 30 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes

1 package McCormick Grill Mates Island Woodfire Grill Marinade  
¼ cup oil  
2 tablespoons cider vinegar  
2 tablespoons water  
1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined  
8 slices bacon  
½ ripe pineapple

Mix Marinade Mix, oil, vinegar and water in small bowl. Reserve ¼ cup for brushing. Place shrimp in large resealable plastic bag or glass dish. Add remaining marinade; turn to coat well. Refrigerate 15 minutes or longer for extra flavor. (Marinate seafood no longer than 30 minutes.) Meanwhile, cut bacon slices in half to make 16 pieces. Place 2 layers of paper towels on microwaveable plate. Place 8 pieces of bacon in single layer on paper towels. Cover with 1 layer of paper towel. Microwave on high 2 to 4 minutes or until bacon is partially cooked. Repeat with remaining bacon. Set aside. Peel pineapple then halve lengthwise. Cut off core from each half. Slice pineapple crosswise so pieces are same thickness as shrimp. Wrap 1 piece bacon around each pineapple slice. Remove shrimp from marinade. Discard any remaining marinade. Alternately thread 2 shrimp and a bacon-wrapped pineapple onto each skewer. Grill skewers over medium-high heat 4 to 6 minutes or until shrimp is cooked through, turning occasionally and brushing with reserved marinade.

#### CANDIED GRILLED BACON

Makes 6 servings  
Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes

6 slices thick-cut applewood bacon  
3 tablespoons honey  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

Arrange bacon slices in single layer on bacon grilling rack or shallow disposable foil pan. Grill over medium-high heat 10 to 12 minutes or until bacon edges begin to curl. Remove pan from grill. Drain drippings. Microwave honey and cinnamon in small microwaveable bowl on high 30 seconds, stirring after 15 seconds. Brush bacon with honey mixture. Place bacon directly on grill over low heat. Grill 2 to 3 minutes per side or until crisp.