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### Study: Negatives derail quiet zone benefits

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A move to quiet train horns in the city of Plymouth appears to be derailing.

The city commission has scheduled a special meeting for 7 p.m. Wednesday to discuss its report on railroad quiet zones, rail crossings with added safety features that reduce or eliminate the need for engineers to sound train horns at those crossings. The meeting is at the Com-

munity Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in order to accommodate what could be a large crowd, Mayor Dan Dwyer said. Advocates of quiet zones packed the commission meeting room at city hall in late 2013.

The report comes after more than a year of research and debate by city officials, commissioners and interested residents. There are seven CSX Railroad crossings in the city.

Federal law requires train

operators to sound horns as their trains approach crossings. Exceptions can be made for designated quiet zones that have Federal Railroad Administration-mandated safety devices installed. Such measures vary depending on the crossing and could include track-side horns, extra crossing gates and non-traverseable concrete medians, which would prevent drivers from going around the gates. Lights, bells and other existing warning and safety devices would

continue to be used.

But the commission's report cites the downside of quiet zones — cost, liability in case of crossing accidents or train derailments and quality-of-life tradeoffs — that its author says will prompt his recommendation that the issue be dropped.

**'Doesn't make sense'**

"It doesn't make sense to expose your community based on these costs," Commissioner Dan Dalton said. "We want to

get to yes, but if it doesn't make any sense from a fiscal standpoint, from a legal standpoint, from a quality-of-life standpoint, then the goal shouldn't be adopted."

Dalton said the city recently got estimates from CSX that the added safety measures at the city's seven crossings would cost at least \$4.4 million and as much as \$5.2 million. And that doesn't include engineering, utility work or

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Principal Kevin Lane speaks to the graduates, thanking them for their work and wishing them well.

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### Canton ready to roll out Liberty Fest

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Tens of thousands of people are expected to descend on Canton's Heritage Park as the 24th annual Liberty Fest arrives next Thursday through Saturday, luring crowds with carnival rides, entertainers, a marketplace, exotic animals, food and a festival-crowning fireworks display.

Canton Leisure Services Director Debra Bilbrey-Honowitz said crowd estimates are difficult to pinpoint, but local officials believe as many as 50,000 festival-goers turn out, including some who attend more than one day.

"It's truly just our best guess," she said. "That's not including all the people who watch the fireworks from area parking lots, neighborhoods and subdivisions."

Liberty Fest hours at 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday.

"There's something for everybody at Liberty Fest," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "It's an opportunity for people to come and enjoy themselves and their neighbors and Canton — and be part of something that is a celebration. It's a family-friendly event. It's a big deal."

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### STARKWEATHER GRADS ARE ON THEIR WAY

Sixty-seven Starkweather Academy seniors closed the door on high school Thursday night as they opened a new door on their future.

The commencement ceremony at Starkweather on Joy Road included teacher Louis Haddad on guitar playing, the traditional *Pomp and Circumstance*, while student speaker Jada Bryant offered an emotional thank you, with senior

Erik Hyde offering his thoughts.

With a smaller graduating class, seniors shared the stage with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education members and district administrators.

Turn to pages A6 and A7 for more photographs of the Starkweather students.

### 'Pictures of Courage' showcases talent

Fighting Parkinson's, orthodontist turns to art

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Ross Anderson's career for three decades combined science and art, so he's now turning toward art to help science fight a disease that changed the course of his life.

Anderson, who draws, paints and has a growing interest in woodworking, is host-

ing a small exhibit of his works 5-7:30 p.m. Friday at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The open house, with refreshments and live piano music, is a fundraiser for the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

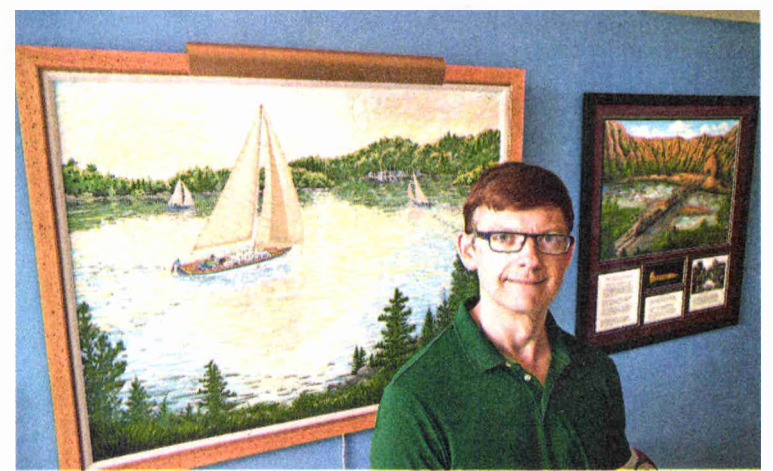
Like the television (*Family Ties*, *Spin City*) and movie (*Back to the Future* trilogy) actor Michael J. Fox, Anderson has Parkinson's, a degenerative disease of the central nervous system that causes patients to lose control of their movements. An orthodontist in Can-

ton Township for 23 years, Anderson, 55, sold his practice and retired at the end of 2013 because of the disease.

"I was concerned about the quality of my work," he said.

But Anderson has continued making art, which, as in orthodontics, means working with his hands, something he's long enjoyed and now finds therapeutic.

"If you're making something new ... it's definitely tak-



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See ART, Page A2 Ross W. Anderson with an acrylic painting, "Heading for Harbor."



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## Win a chance for a scholarship to Lions football camp

The *Observer & Eccentric* has partnered with Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp again for a chance to win a scholarship to an upcoming football camp. The promotion was announced in the most recent edition of Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights, which published last week in local O&E newspapers.

The promotion is open to girls and boys ages 6-14. Youth can submit an essay, 50 words or less, telling why they want to attend the camp. Parents are asked to submit the letter, along with a photo of the youth, youth's name, age, community

of residence and phone number, to [cbjordan@michigan.com](mailto:cbjordan@michigan.com) with the subject line "Football Camp Contest." All letters must be received by June 22 to qualify. The winners will be announced in a future edition of Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

Winners will have the chance to select from one of the following camp locations:

- » Canton, June 29 through July 2, 8:30 a.m. to noon
- » Brighton, July 11-12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- » White Lake, July 20-23, 8:30 a.m. to noon

## Categorical money may restore some P-CCS positions slated for layoff

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

A certain type of funding — categorical aid — that is used specifically to help at-risk children just may restore some positions that were recommended to be cut as Plymouth-Canton school district officials hammer away at a more than \$5 million deficit in 2015-16.

"At our last meeting, we tried to take a closer look at resources," Superintendent Michael Meissen said as a way of introducing the impact of categorical funding on the budget.

Monica Merritt, assistant superintendent of human resources and labor relations, told a

room packed with parents, staff and students Tuesday, that the district is anticipating \$1.2 million in categorical state aid — also known as 31a.

Typically, the state does not complete its budgeting and announce the exact amount the district will really get until October. But at least 80 percent is expected, Meissen said.

The categorical funding, which is a grant, follows the needs of children who, for example, are at risk with reading skills. In Plymouth, reading interventionists work to get children reading at their grade level. But some of those interventionists were recommended for reduction to

balance the upcoming new budget.

Now, expecting at least 80 percent of that funding, Merritt said, some of the positions may be restored as planning of the 2015-16 budget continues.

School board trustees questioned why they had not been informed during the last few weeks of budget deliberations. Meissen explained that since his arrival about two years ago, he and other administrators have been going through the district's financial puzzle. In doing that, administrators have been able to accurately determine where categorical funding has been previously spent and now

redirect it — as are the rules — to students who require additional help.

That help is typically provided by interventionists, paraprofessionals and media specialists, which means some of these positions previously targeted for reduction likely can be restored. "It is pretty much based on student needs with various categories of at-risk students," Merritt said.

The board is expected to review the proposed 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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## ART

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ing your mind off your immediate challenges," Anderson said Thursday during a visit at the PCAC gallery. "It's good therapy."

### Variety of work

Anderson has acrylic paintings, pen-and-ink drawings and a bit of woodworking (the frame for one of the paintings) in his PCAC exhibit. The center's gallery, featuring a solo show by Northville Township painter Denise Cassidy Wood, will also be open during the fundraiser.

Anderson has recently taken to painting scenes inspired by history. One painting in the show, "Daybreak at Gettysburg," is a view evoked by the Civil War battlefield in Pennsylvania. A reproduction of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, hand-etched in glass by Anderson, can

be set over the painting. The work is normally at Pioneer Middle School, where it is displayed on long-term loan from the artist.

With a love for art, Anderson was also drawn to science. He studied chemical engineering at the University of Michigan (where he drew covers for the engineering school magazine), got his dentistry degree from U-M in 1984 and his orthodontics degree from the University of Rochester in 1990.

He's worked both in the clinic and in the classroom and still teaches at U-M, where he has a twice-a-month class in clinical orthodontics.

Aside from "a little bit of doodling," however, Anderson had put art aside for much of his career in dentistry and orthodontics. He picked it back up around the year 2000, he said, though in recent years it's become more difficult.



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Ross Anderson with son Gavin, 7, and Anderson's painting of the Columbia River Gorge, which divides Washington and Oregon. Anderson said the scene was inspired by the journey of the explorers Lewis and Clark.

### 'A responsibility'

Lately, Anderson has become more involved in woodworking, making picture frames, plant stands and jewelry boxes. Though the designs can be intricate, he said, power tools can do most of the tougher work for him.

"The fun part is being able to make a unique design, something that hasn't been done before,"

he said.

Anderson sees his Fox Foundation fundraiser as a way of giving back. "I just have a responsibility to help out," he said.

Anderson lives in Salem Township with wife Kathy and son Gavin, 7, who just completed the first grade.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is at 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, in Plymouth.

## CORRECTION

An editorial about the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, its budget document and social media in the Thursday, June 11, *Observer* should have said that school administrators posted the weekly Board of Education agenda, including a 300-page proposed budget document, on the district website ([www.pccs.k12.mi.us/](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us/)). The budget

document was not specifically requested by parents. The editorial also should have said that a parent who wanted to share the budget information then posted the document to the Parent Discussion Group Facebook page, which is not affiliated with P-CCS. The Parent Council was not involved in the process.

## QUIET

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changes to CSX infrastructure that might be needed, he said. Plus, he noted, annual maintenance costs are estimated at \$50,000.

On top of that, Dalton said, is an uncertain insurance situation. The city's insurer doesn't offer coverage for quiet zones, while a special policy from another insurer could cost up to \$200,000 annually, he said. The city now pays about \$187,000 a year for all its liability insurance.

If quiet zones are adopted, Dalton said, the city would take on added legal liability because of its affirmative steps — installing new safety infrastructure — to alter the crossings. Legal damages stemming from incidents at crossings are limited to \$200,000,000 per incident, per crossing, he said, and Michigan provides no governmental

immunity to local communities in regard to railroad crossings.

Dalton also said that quality of life wouldn't necessarily be improved because, for example, the noise from required track-side horns would replace the noise from the train horns. Further he said, medians at certain crossings, such as on Main Street, would prevent drivers from turning left onto nearby streets and driveways. Such medians are required to extend at least 100 feet from either side of the crossing under quiet zone policy, he said.

### Report called biased

Advocates of quiet zones say residents would enjoy an improved quality of life and that property values, especially in areas closest to train crossings, would increase. Crossings with the added safety measures, they say, are actually safer and grant funding is available for installing the added measures.

One resident, who worked on the city's quiet zones steering committee, blasted Dalton's report, calling the information slanted.

"Apparently the Dalton report is filled with fear-mongering that may be insulting to the intelligence of those who read it," said the resident, who requested anonymity. "Apparently it asserts trains will suddenly derail and explode if there are quiet zones and that all train crossings are dangerous yet nothing should be done about them."

Dalton, an attorney, voted against researching the potential for quiet zones during the commission's goal-setting meeting in early 2014; the commission majority favored the goal. But he said he approached the research in an unbiased fashion, as he would for a legal client.

"I don't have a dog in this fight one way or another," Dalton said. "I'm just presenting the facts."

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# Wings of Wonder: Canton library gets butterfly garden

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

An ambitious project to create a tranquil butterfly garden outside the Canton Public Library has gained momentum, giving patrons of Canton's information hub a place to observe nature.

It even has a name, Wings of Wonder, coined by Mrs. Sparks' first-grade class at Dodson Elementary School during a contest sponsored by The Friends of the Canton Public Library.

Friends President Linda Garrett said the butterfly garden idea took flight as a community project spearheaded by the volunteer group. In part, it honors Friends members who have died.

"I've been wanting a butterfly garden for us," she said. "Finally, we have one."

The garden already is taking shape, but Friends member Rhoda Wolshon said efforts continue to secure donations of butterfly-friendly trees, flowers and shrubs from



Standing in the new butterfly garden are Deirdre Hope, a western Wayne County master gardener, Marian Nicholson, the Canton library's department head for business services, and Linda Garrett, Friends of the Canton Public Library president.

local nurseries, businesses and residents. The group also hopes to get monetary donations for benches, perhaps in honor of loved ones.

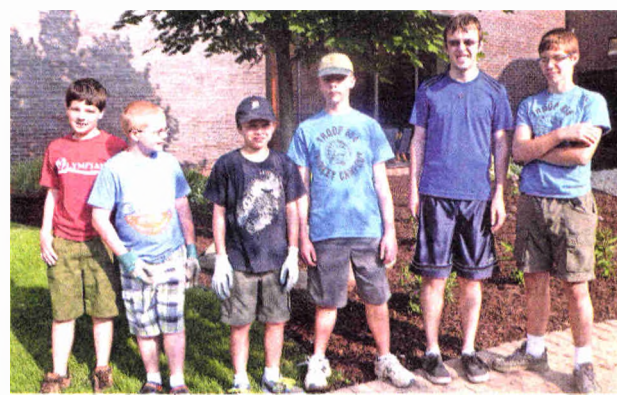
"I just love the idea," Wolshon said. "I have been to other butterfly gardens. It's amazing to

walk among butterflies and have them land on you. It's one of the most amazing things of nature."

Library patrons can stroll through the butterfly garden, located behind the building, or view it through tall windows.

Some of the library's plants came from a plant exchange in late May, during which the Friends offered free milkweed – important to the survival of the monarch butterfly.

Laurie Golden, the library's community relations department



Members of Boy Scouts Troop 854 helped with the butterfly garden. They are Adam Peck, Kyle Bolyard, Jefferson Messer, Adam Eby, Matt Spencer and Eric Knudson.

head, said the garden, "in addition to being beautiful," will allow the facility to add programming – possibly nature photography, outdoor children's story-time sessions and gardening tips.

"It creates a really nice place for us to do those kinds of programs outside," Golden said.

Western Wayne County Master Gardeners, another nonprofit group, has chosen to partner with the Friends in their

efforts. The garden also has benefited from the work of Boy Scouts Troop 854.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation to the project should make checks payable to The Friends of the Canton Public Library and drop them off at the library. More information also is available at [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org); just look for the Friends link.

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# Johnson Controls looks to spin off automotive division

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price is asking for a meeting with officials and Johnson Controls Inc. following Wednesday's announcement that the company wants to sell off its automotive business, which has its North American headquarters and a technical center in the township.

Price said he would do what he can to ensure that, whatever ends up happening to the division, the jobs remain in the community. More than 1,000 people work at the Johnson Controls campus in the township.



Johnson Controls' North American headquarters building for its Automotive Experience division is on Halyard Drive in Plymouth Township.

"That's a very successful facility," Price said Friday. "We have an area where a lot of high-tech companies like to be next to each other and

work together, collaborate."

He added: "I'm committed to working to do the best I can to keep as many of those jobs in

Plymouth Township as we can."

Selling off the automotive division, which the company calls Automotive Experience, would essentially mean shedding the automotive seating division, as auto batteries are considered part of another division and auto interiors are being folded into a joint venture with a Chinese company, a Johnson Controls corporate spokesman said.

Spokesman Fraser Engerman said the process is in its earliest stage, that no potential purchaser or partner has been identified nor a plan for spinning off the division mapped out and

that the company has set no timetable for the move.

"It really should be considered business as usual for our employees at our Automotive Experience business," Engerman said.

"Obviously we will be letting folks know as we go through this process," he added.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Alex Molinaroli was to appear at the Plymouth Township campus Wednesday to speak personally to employees.

Molinaroli said Wednesday the announcement "continues our strategy of proactive portfolio management to

drive focus on strategic product-oriented businesses where we can be a global market leader, drive more profitable growth and deliver maximum long-term value."

Johnson Controls is a global company with products and services in several sectors, including automobile components, building mechanical systems, batteries, real estate and facilities management. The company has about 170,000 employees globally, about 60,000 in its automotive division.

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## Starkweather's young authors get published

By Joanne Maliszewski  
 Staff Writer

Maybe it's how the likes of best-selling authors James Patterson, John Grisham and Janet Evanovich started. If so, students in Sheena Clark's class at Starkweather Academy have opened a new door as their first-ever books are published.

"Each of the books has a lesson to learn when you are finished reading," Clark said.

In the project, "What Makes a Great Story?" students in Clark's composition class delved into and used basic story elements, including plot, dialogue, characters and setting.

Clark built the project and learning how to write a creative story around life lessons that children should learn. The young authors also illustrated their stories. Her ultimate goal was also to have student books published.

Not an easy task, so Clark applied to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation

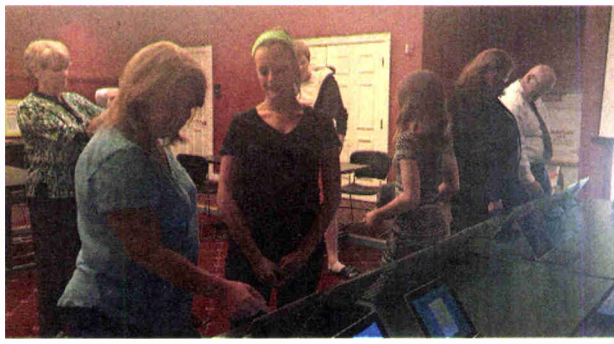
for a grant, which she received. The funding, in conjunction with the Delta Kappa Gamma, Gamma Gamma Chapter, allowed her to — with the purchase of a color scanner — print the books and put them online, as well as to have them published by Story Jumper. The books can be reviewed and purchased for \$1.95 at [www.storyjumper.com](http://www.storyjumper.com).

"Look at the tremendous impact it is having on the schools," Carole Kody, EEF executive director, said about the grant program.

Clark's project is one of many projects supported by EEF. The book project grant, for example, was for little more than \$600. "Donors think they have to tens of thousands of dollars to make an impact," Kody said.

All of the students' books have been donated to the Plymouth District Library and to the Starkweather preschool.

What's really neat is that Story Jumper officials were so impressed that they have asked Clark and the students' projects



Starkweather young authors showed their books to the public at a recent Meet the Author event at the Plymouth District Library.

to be part of the company's national advertising campaign.

The young authors, who have been in the middle of final exams, were unavailable for comment. But a number of them were on hand for a Meet the Authors night at the Plymouth District Library in early June.

"The kids responded so well to it. It was even more wonderful when all of these great people (including the Wayne RESA and the Buck Institute) decided to help me make the project a reality," Clark said, add-



Rachael Natiw, a Starkweather senior, at the recent Meet the Author event.

Rush and Ashley Wight.

Katelyn's book, titled *Emily the Diabetes Fighter*, is about her sister, who recently was diagnosed with diabetes. The cover shows a drawing of a little girl flexing her muscles.

"Don't let the other kids get to you. I got bullied a lot in middle school. I promise you that you can get through this. I'm not saying that it won't be scary at first, but you can do it. You can do anything you want to do as long as you set your mind to it," Katelyn quoted herself in the book, as her sister was concerned about being bullied at school

The young authors included Lindsey Blake, Steven Downing, Rachael Natiw, Matt Teefey, Sarah Knapp, Chaiya Sirgany, A'Sheir Fields, Tressa Griffin, Katelyn Scott, Jordan Kirkland, Keaton

because of her illness.

In the end, Katelyn's sister was welcomed back to school with classmates' support. "They learned that no matter what you are going through at that point in time, you can always overcome the tough time. It just may take some time, but you can do it!" Katelyn wrote in the last paragraph of her book.

With the basic parts of good storytelling in mind, the students were asked to interview a mentor — a parent, neighbor or other trusted adult — and find out what valuable life lesson they believe is a good one for children to learn.

The next step was to take the lessons students gleaned from interviews and look at existing books to show how these lessons had been portrayed by other authors. Then came the book writing part. Students were asked to show the lesson learned rather than tell it to readers.

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## Plymouth Rotary Club awards college scholarships

Plymouth-Canton students have earned vocational scholarships from the Plymouth Rotary Club.

The awards are part of approximately \$55,000 in scholarships the Rotary gives to students each year, as well as academic and memorial scholarships. Many of the students will attend

Schoolcraft College, which also has a matching scholarship program with the Rotary.

The vocational scholarships are intended to assist students whose educational goals are served best at community colleges or trade and technical institutes to pursue excellence in vocations, such as auto

and aircraft mechanics, police/fire/paramedic services, culinary arts, computer operation and repair, paralegal, nursing and medical technology and greens keeping.

A recipient may achieve payment of full tuition and books leading to a license, certification or associate's degree.



Scholarship recipients are (front row, from left) Natalie Ondayki, Plymouth; Ryleigh Eaton, Canton; Sarah Mapes, Canton; Alex Conn, Plymouth; Annie Wellman, Plymouth; and Kelsey McGee, Canton and (back row, from left) Mark Bondy, Canton High School Assistant Principal, with Justin Burton, Canton; Dalcyce Witherspoon, Canton; Ibrahim Abdus-Sabur, Canton; Austin Fisher, Canton; John Everitt, Plymouth; Jonathan Winberry, Plymouth; Zachary Chouinard, Canton; Nina Stroyan, Plymouth; Brock O'Connell, Plymouth; Autumn Marquess, Wayne; and Kyle McIntosh, Canton; plus Don Morgan and Bill Ventola, Plymouth Rotarians.



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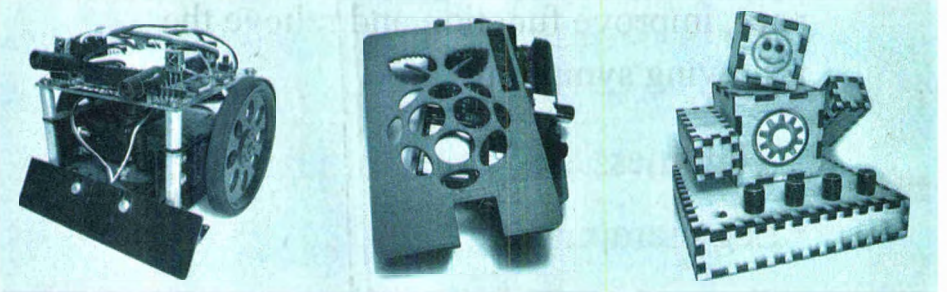
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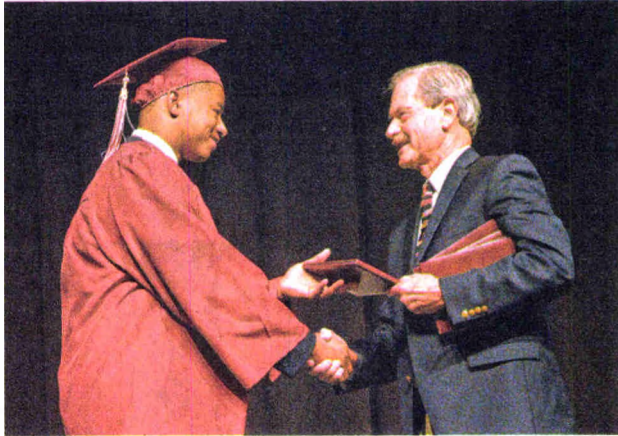
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# Starkweather Academy graduation



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Ibrahim Abdur-Rahman Abdus-Sabur accepts his diploma from school board President John Barrett.



The Starkweather Academy graduates are on their way.

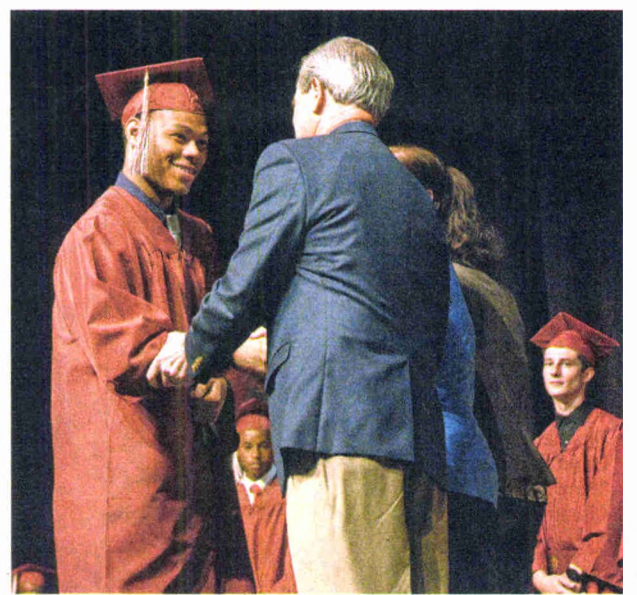
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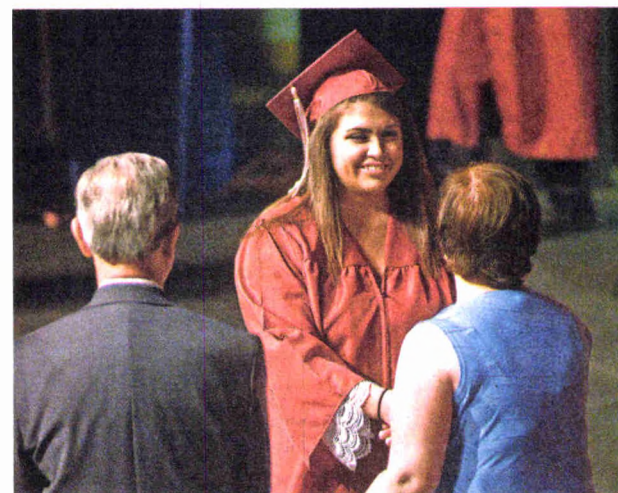
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Senior Justin Alcala receives his diploma.



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Ny'Lexia Dz'hon Allen accepts her diploma from school board Vice President Kimberly Crouch and President John Barrett.



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Tito Lorell Brenen can't smile enough as he receives his diploma.



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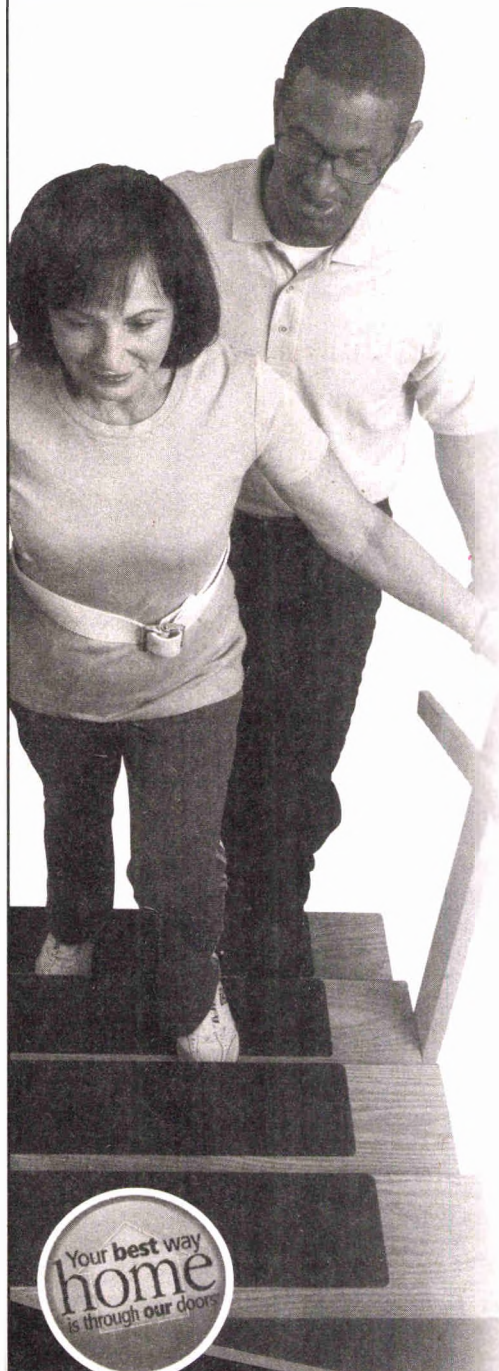
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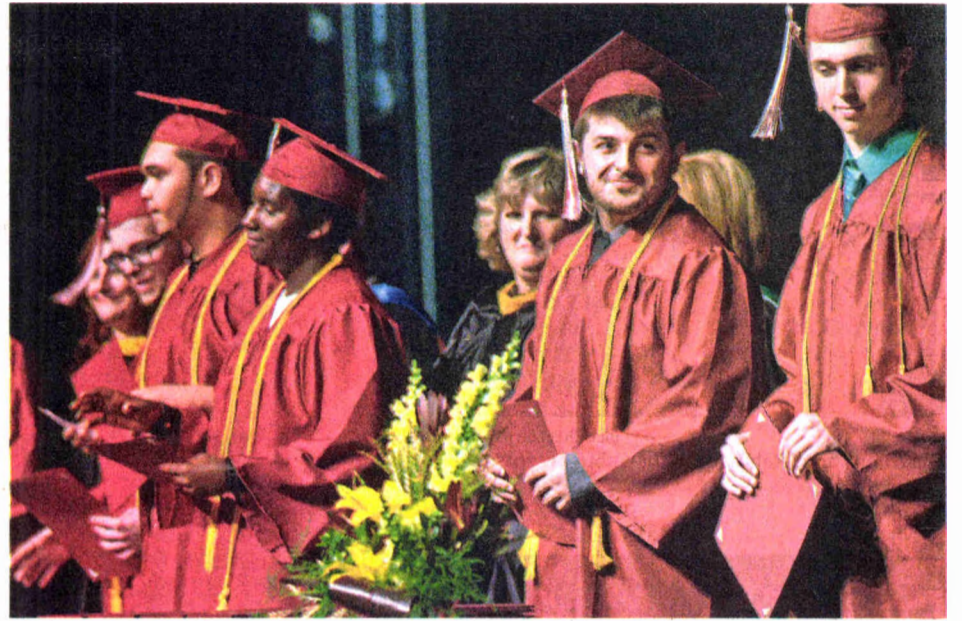
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# Starkweather Academy graduation



Alexander Logan Bear is congratulated by school board Trustees Kate Borninski, Kimberly Crouch and John Barrett.



Starkweather Honor Society students earned their gold cord.

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Sapphire Dominique Jackson hugs Maureen Paruta, Starkweather's cafeteria manager and self-described "lunch lady."



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# All Saints teacher tapped for Library of Congress program

Megan Flaherty, an educator at All Saints Catholic School in Canton, has been selected from a pool of more than 300 applicants to participate in the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Summer Teacher Institute for the week of June 22-26.

Each year, the Library of Congress provides the opportunity for a carefully chosen group of K-12 educators to attend one of its five teacher institutes in Washington, D.C.

During the five-day program, participants work with Library education specialists and subject-matter experts to learn effective practices

for using primary sources in the classroom, while exploring some of the millions of digitized historical artifacts and documents available on the Library's website.



Flaherty

Educators attending the teacher institutes participate in and develop primary-source-based teaching strategies that they can take back to their school districts, apply in the classroom and share with colleagues. Teaching with primary sources is a

powerful way to help students ask engaged, probing questions, develop critical-thinking skills and construct knowledge. All educators may freely access classroom materials, teaching tools and strategies for teaching with primary sources from the Library's site for teachers at [www.loc.gov/teachers](http://www.loc.gov/teachers).

Applicants to the Teaching with Primary Sources Summer Teacher Institutes reflect the diversity of the world of K-12 education. Participants in a teacher institute session typically include school library media specialists and school administrators, in addition to classroom teachers. Those selected come from many different states, representing large metropolitan school districts and smaller, rural school districts. The expertise provided by the Library of Congress during the institutes can benefit every level of K-12 education.

Primary sources are the raw materials of history — original documents and objects that were created at the time under study. They are different from secondary sources — accounts or interpretations of events created by someone without firsthand experience. Students working with primary sources become engaged learners while building critical-thinking skills and constructing new knowledge. Teachers working in the Library's collections will explore the largest online collection of historical artifacts with access to millions of unique primary sources for use in instruction.

Many of the Library's resources and treasures may also be accessed through the Library's website at [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov).

## STUDENT ACHIEVERS



Members of Team RoboCruisers (from left) Charles Liu of Canton Salem High School and James Xue and Chris Geng of Northville High School are congratulated by Melissa Smith (far left), DENSO program manager for community affairs, and Lawrence Tech Provost Maria Vaz for winning the Senior Game category of the Robofest World Championships held at Lawrence Tech in May.

### Kohl's recipient

A Canton resident is among five students who have received \$1,000 scholarships from Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program.

Alan Sun, 16, who is an aspiring musician, sought to bring the joy of music to others and hosted a four-week musical instruments workshop for elementary students from low-income households. The students learned to play together and performed free concerts for area nursing homes and senior centers.

The scholarships are awarded to students who have made a positive impact in their communities through volunteerism.

### Robofest

A Canton resident is captain of Team RoboCruisers that won the DENSO first-place trophy in the Senior Game category of the Robofest World Champion-

ships held May 16 at Lawrence Technological University.

Team members were Charles Liu of Canton Salem High School and James Xue and Chris Geng of Northville High School. All are 11th-graders.

Robofest is a competition of autonomous robots — computer-programmed to act independently and not remote-controlled — that encourages hands-on learning of science, technology, engineering, and math, known as the STEM subjects as well as computer science. Teams compete in the junior division (grades 5-8) or senior division (grades 9-12), using a variety of computer programming languages.

The challenge of this year's RoboBowl game is to build an autonomous robot to detect and knock down four pins (water bottles) by bowling tennis balls. In addition, the robot has

to measure the height of the black rectangle shape on the table. RoboCruisers's average score was 99.41 out of 100.

The RoboCruisers senior team has been involved in robotics activities for past five years, mainly in Robofest's Game Challenge, Vision Centric Challenge, and World Robot Olympiad. Before winning the champion this year, the team won fourth and second places at Robofest World Championship in Game Challenges in 2013 and 2014 and also represented the United States in the WRO held in Sochi, Russia, last year.

"The competition at the Robofest World Championships was nerve-wracking and things didn't go exactly as planned, but some quick thinking pulled us through. In the end, it was worth all of the anxiety," Liu said.

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# LIBERTY

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Canton police plan to patrol the festival grounds on foot and on bicycles to ensure the event remains safe. Authorities have warned would-be trouble-makers to stay away or risk arrest.

"We are going to have a large police presence there as we have in the past," Sgt. Jim Harrison said. "Obviously we want it to be a very fun, entertaining, family-friendly environment. We are there to see it stays that way."

If any festival-goers cause trouble, Harrison said, "we will take the appropriate action."

Those attending Liberty Fest this year can keep track of festival activities and events by downloading an app at [www.try2see.com](http://www.try2see.com) and selecting Canton Liberty Fest under the explore tab.

Meanwhile, Canton Public Safety has declared a traffic order as follows:

» Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer will be closed to through traffic 10:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday so police can clear the post-fireworks crowd.

» Summit Parkway from Canton Center to Glengarry Boulevard will be closed 8-11:30 p.m. Saturday.

» To accommodate Liberty Run races, roads closed 8-11 a.m. Saturday include southbound Canton Center at Palmer, northbound Canton Center at the Rouge River bridge, eastbound and westbound Summit Parkway, southbound Sheldon at Woodmont East and northbound Sheldon south of the Rouge bridge.

To accommodate traffic, the Canton Public Library will close at 3 p.m. Thursday and re-



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Carnival rides are one of the big draws for Liberty Fest.

main closed Friday and Saturday. Laurie Golden, community relations department head, said the effort gives festival-goers another free place to park close to Heritage Park.

Among some of this year's highlights:

» The Canton Lions Club will have its pancake breakfast to raise money for its charitable causes such as buying eyeglasses for children whose parents can't afford them. The event happens 7-11 a.m. Saturday.

» International Festival performers will bring their talents 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage Park amphitheater. The multi-cultural event represents places such as China, India, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, Polynesia, Sri Lanka, Tahiti and the United States.

One special performance at 1:30 p.m. features an appearance by soprano Madeline Harts, tenor Dorian Dillard and mezzo soprano Laura Reaper from the Canton-based Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan.

"Our International

Festival is a great opportunity for audience members to experience music and dance from around the globe that bridge cultures and musical ideas all in one location," Canton Arts Coordinator Jennifer Tobin said, adding that visitors can expect "colorful costuming, exotic instruments and stirring rhythms when these talented individuals share their heritage and some traditions that date back centuries."

» America's Most Wanted Car Club, a charitable organization, returns Saturday to display classic cars that celebrate the Detroit area's heritage. More than 200 vehicles are expected to be shown, with registration fees and other proceeds going to the Canton-based Open Door Ministry food bank.

» The Canton Firefighters Local 2289 Charity Foundation, working with Rose's Restaurant, will sponsor its spaghetti dinner 5-9 p.m. Friday. Proceeds will help community charities and provide help to local residents who face emergency situations. The Bob Skon Trio will per-



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Fireworks will again close out Liberty Fest.

form music during the dinner.

» The Rotary Club of Canton, which helps organizations such as the Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank, will sponsor an adult beverage tent 4-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday near the Canton LIVE! stage. It will include craft beers and hard ciders.

» Saturday morning, the fourth annual Liber-

ty Run will feature activities such as a 5K run at 8 a.m., a 10K run at 8:30 a.m. and a one-mile "fun run" at 10:15 a.m. For more, go to [www.cantonlibertyrun.com](http://www.cantonlibertyrun.com).

For more on the festival, go to [www.libertyfest.com](http://www.libertyfest.com).

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**Details:** EAA Chapter 113's annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast. Fly in or drive in for breakfast, aircraft rides and static displays. Proceeds help fund the EAA 113 Aviation Scholarship Program.

**Contact:** www.113.eaachapter.org

**RUN WITH DAD**

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. Sunday, June 21

**Location:** Starts at Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth

**Details:** The 36th annual Plymouth Father's Day Run. Offers 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. Race proceeds benefit the YMCA's Annual Campaign, which drives its nonprofit mission of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

**Register:** Go to the Plymouth Family YMCA website, at ymca-

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**Contact:** shegdal@ymcadeloitro.it.org

**PASSION FOR SHERLOCK**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. June 24

**Location:** Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, Canton

**Details:** Scott Monty, editor-in-chief, founder and co-host of 1 Hear Sherlock Everywhere, a website devoted to news and information about Sherlock Holmes in popular culture, will share his passion for Sherlock Holmes as a character and discuss the evolution of this beloved character in popular culture.

**Contact:** The library at 734-397-0999

**BIG BAND**

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



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June 27

**Location:** Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

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**Location:** Plymouth

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The bright days of spring also bring out another condition: Lofgren's Syndrome.

What happens is that a person experiences the sudden onset of large red blotches, often raised, on the lower legs and forearms. The blotches are painful to the touch and usually are accompanied by painful knees or ankles. In medical jargon the blotches are called Erythema Nodosum.

Lofgren's Syndrome is often associated with lung findings, so a person in whom that diagnosis is suspected should not be alarmed when the doctor orders a chest x-ray. The lung findings need no special treatment as they clear with the same therapy given for the joint and skin findings.

Prednisone is the mainstay of treatment in Lofgren's Syndrome. The surest way to relieve the joint pain is to remove any excess fluid from the joint and inject methylprednisolone. For Erythema Nodosum, therapy centers on oral prednisone usually 10 mgm-15 mgm a day for 1-2 weeks with gradual decrease of dosage until the person is off steroids completely. Once a person has experienced an episode of Lofgren's Syndrome, that person will likely never have another episode again.

Who in Michigan doesn't live for spring and the feel of sun surrounding us? That is a marvelous moment, but it is not without its hazards.

Two students help Nepal earthquake victims

Two local tae kwon do students hosted a special one-time art exhibit to benefit earthquake survivors in Nepal. The fundraiser, which will take place June 6 at Midwest Tae Kwon Do in Plymouth, showcased artwork donated by seasoned and budding artists.

"Art for Relief" is the collaborative effort of Anya and Annika Chinnaiyan, two junior black belt students at Midwest, who were moved to help those affected by the devastating earthquakes in Nepal.

"We are delighted and proud that Anya and Annika have felt motivated to help others and are doing our best to support them," said Tanya Panizzo, partner at Midwest Tae Kwon Do. "Their efforts represent what we work to instill in our students and is a wonderful reflection of what is great about today's youth."

All proceeds from the art show were to be donated to the Detroit2Nepal Foundation (detroit2nepal.org). The girls chose the Detroit-based organization because it has been dedicated to improving the life of Nepalese children for nearly two decades.



Anya and Annika Chinnaiyan hosted an art exhibit to benefit earthquake survivors in Nepal.

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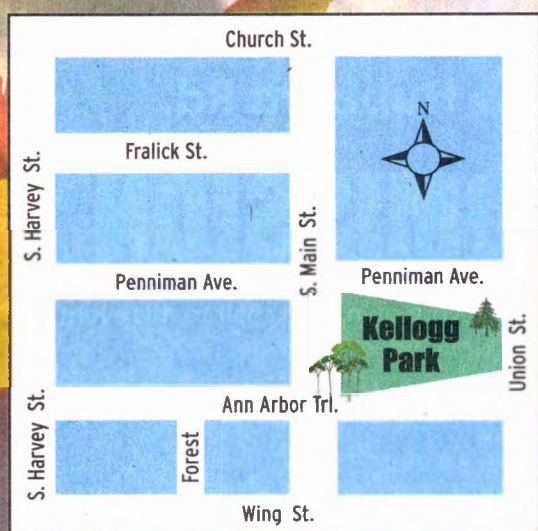
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During a recent adult recreation hockey game at Suburban Ice Farmington Hills, Plymouth-Canton Observer sports editor Tim Smith turns aside a low shot.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### New coach pumped about the top job

Heitmeyer rewarded for paying his dues, takes over Chiefs

By Tim Smith  
 Staff Writer

Rob Heitmeyer might be the nicest coach at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, always ready with a hearty handshake and a smile to greet visitors.

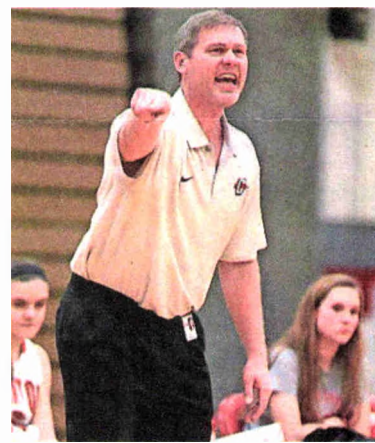
And Heitmeyer is living proof that nice guys can finish first.

After the Canton junior varsity girls basketball team he coached in 2014-15 went 20-0, Heitmeyer was rewarded by being promoted to the varsity level.

He is taking over from Kevin Palmer, who served as interim coach last season following the resignation of Brian Samulski (now Salem athletic director).

"That may have been one consideration," Heitmeyer said when asked about whether the undefeated JV season helped his

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Rob Heitmeyer, shown coaching Canton's junior varsity girls basketball team, is stoked to start his first season at the helm of the varsity squad.

## INTRODUCING: 'REC-KING IT'

# ARE YOU 'REC-KING' IT?

Looking to profile those whose passion to compete in recreational pursuits remains strong

### ABOUT THE SERIES

**What:** "Rec-king It" is a forthcoming series about adult recreation that will be published as space permits in the Plymouth and Canton Observers as well as hometownlife.com.

**Who:** Looking for adults (age 21 or older), primarily residents of Plymouth or Canton, who have a potential story to tell. They can detail their leagues, activities or other recreational pursuits.

**Why:** High school and college athletes get heavy coverage and that is understood. It would be nice to spotlight older people and what they do to remain healthy and active.

**Contact:** Email sports editor Tim Smith at tsmith@hometownlife.com with a thumbnail overview about the athlete and rec activity or sport. Include a phone number for any follow-up contact.

Sometimes, the hardest thing for weekend warriors to do is get off the couch.

It takes a lot of effort, especially for a 58-year-old guy. But after making it to the arena, donning goalie equipment and skating onto the ice at Suburban Ice Farmington Hills, it's usually all good.

For me, there are challenges each and every time I step between the pipes in an



Tim Smith

adult recreation league populated with players as young as 18 with varying levels of experience and skill (don't laugh, there are some pretty talented skaters out there).

My aching knees won't let me perform the "butterfly" or two-pad slide that they teach today's netminders. I grew up learning the game in the late 1960s and 1970s, when goalies dove, scrambled (my idol growing up was former Red Wings goalie Roger Crozier) and

actually pushed off a skate blade to glide across the crease.

Decades later, I still tend to favor those old techniques, even when they get me in trouble.

That's fine with me, because I'm not out there trying to earn a pro tryout some-

where. I just want to compete, break a sweat, enjoy a cold one afterward.

Pain screaming through my body the following day or two is the downside. Sometimes, it feels as though I skated into a Zamboni.

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## GIRLS LACROSSE

### Park standouts a cut above

Uneven team success did not stop individual performers

By Tim Smith  
 Staff Writer

Even though only Plymouth enjoyed much success during the regular season, 2015 was another rewarding year for the three varsity girls lacrosse teams at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Wildcats went 12-4 overall with a 3-3 mark in the Kensington Conference before

bowing out 12-9 to Brighton in a hard-fought Division 1 pre-regional match-up.

Salem checked in with a 9-10 record (2-4 in the conference), while Canton struggled to a 1-15 mark, winning the regular-season finale at Swartz Creek.

Yet as evidenced by the 15 players who comprise the 2015 All-Park Girls Lacrosse Team, there were numerous standout individual performers.

All three coaches — Canton's Dave Bower, Plymouth's Jake Wieloch and Salem's Dave Medley — selected the 2015

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TAMMY MILLER

The 2015 All-Park Girls Lacrosse Team includes (back row, from left) Plymouth's Sarah Curtis, Natalie Nowicki and Marissa Cirino; Salem's Megan Finkbeiner, Leah Tardiff and Joslyn Longe; and Canton's Casey Bower, Dominique Clark and Jordan Church; and (front row, from left) Plymouth's Michelle Burke and Shelby Strawn; Salem's Amanda Merkel and Andrea Marthaler; and Canton's Katja Nuier and Audrey Buck.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Armstead signs with Gray Wolves

Salem graduate to join Lourdes University women's cagers

Lourdes University head coach Karen McConnell has announced that Salem grad Maranda Armstead has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for the Gray Wolves beginning this fall. Armstead, a Canton resi-

dent, helped Salem High School win the Kensington Lakes Athletics Association title after winning both the Kensington Conference and Central Division crowns as well.

She helped the Rocks earn a district championship in in 2014-2015, finishing the year with a 20-5 record.

"Maranda comes from an excellent program that knows how to win," McCon-

nell stated. "Her work ethic and aggressive play will bring a physical presence to court."

"I am pleased to have the opportunity to coach Maranda over the next four years."

A forward, Armstead earned Honorable Mention All-District honors as a senior at Salem.

On hand for the signing ceremony were Armstead's parents, Dana and Kevin.



SALEM ATHLETICS Salem's Maranda Armstead signs to play basketball at Lourdes University. Also pictured are her parents, Dana and Kevin.

## 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 Ossennacher at salemboysicehockey@pccsk12.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 Djerisilo and HVS Hurricanes Volleyball Camp (for ages 9-14) run by AAU Hurricanes club coaches.

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MICHAEL VASILNEK

Competitive fire is still there for the recreational athlete, such as goalie and Observer sports editor Tim Smith.

## REC-KING

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Sometimes I grumble, that enough's enough. But the next week rolls around and back to the rink I go.

What about you? Isn't there a sport or activity that you love to do, regardless of any physical suffering involved?

There must be pickup basketball leagues or softball teams filled with men and women who can't say no to sports they've always been

attached to.

What about golf? Or soccer? Or solitary activities such as hiking, biking or swimming?

It would be nice to chronicle some of those athletic escapades in the *Observer*.

That's what I would like to do in a recurring series about adult recreation, which is to be called "Rec-king It."

Go ahead and email me ([tsmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@hometownlife.com)) if you have a story to tell, provided you are age 21 or older. You don't have to be a Tiger Woods, LeBron James or Serena Williams, either. Providing photos (sent via email as

jpeg attachments) also is strongly encouraged.

If you, too, get off the couch to get in the game, think about letting me know about it.

You don't have to "wreck it" to be in Rec-king It!

### Ground rules

There are a few ground rules that I would like you to follow when submitting something for consideration.

Because my coverage area is Plymouth-Canton, I would like the series to spotlight Plymouth and Canton residents.

The leagues and activities do not have to be confined to that area,

however. A Plymouth woman who plays soccer in Wixom could send me her information, for example.

When sending emails, please include nuts and bolts information about yourself, the activity and why we should consider the suggestion for this series.

I intend to write stories for Rec-king It on a recurring basis, perhaps a couple of times each month.

Let the games (and stories) begin.

*Tim Smith is sports editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observers. He can be reached at [tsmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@hometownlife.com).*

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# All-area gymnasts lauded for achievements

## FIRST TEAM

### Allison Kunz, Canton:

The defending state champion Chiefs lost several key members from that 2013-14 team to graduation. But the squad didn't miss a beat thanks to newcomers such as Kunz and finished second in the team finals.

A senior, Kunz moved over to Canton from Eurostars (where she was a Level 10) and her lone high school season was stellar – capped off by a Division 1 state championship on uneven parallel bars with a 9.750 score.

She also earned all-state honors on floor exercise (eighth, 9.450) and all-around (tied for fifth, 37.20).

Kunz matched Robyn Piowar's Canton record on floor with a 9.775, became the team's first Elite All American in every event and was an all-state gymnast.

"Allison was the team MVP and was the primary reason for our state runner-up finish," coach John Cunningham said.

**Carina Wright, Farm. United:** Wright is on the all-area team for a third consecutive year. A Division 1 gymnast, she was all-state



in the all-around again with a 10th-place score of 35.975. She was the state runner-up on vault (9.55) and was all-state on floor, too. She was 10th on floor (9.325) and 16th on beam (8.525).

At the regional, Wright won the vault (8.95) competition and was second on bars. She was the runner-up in the all-around with a 34.675 total. She also was third on floor and fourth on beam.

"She's our No. 1 all-arounder," coach Jeff Dwyer said. "She's loaded with talent. She averages in the nines on everything but bars. She's been all-state three years in a row. You don't see a lot of gymnasts do that."

"To be all-state in the all-around is one of the harder things to do. You can't do that without the talent and the work ethic. I look forward to next year. That senior year is a real big motivator."

**Katie Dickson, Canton:** With Dickson only a freshman this season, the future looks as bright as ever for the Chiefs.



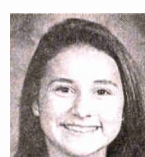
Competing as a D1 gymnast, Dickson excelled at regionals, where

she won on balance beam (9.6) and qualified in the all-around with a 36.00 mark, good for sixth overall.

At individual finals, Dickson finished 10th on beam with a 9.175 to garner all-state honors.

"By medaling at states," Cunningham said, "Katie became an all-state gymnast and her scores made her an All American on every event except vault."

**Rebeca Simu, Plymouth:** Instrumental to the Wildcats qualifying for the team finals (Plymouth finished third at regionals), the junior co-captain pretty much did it all for the team.



There were numerous honors bestowed on Simu to reward her for her stellar year. She was named the Wildcats' most valuable athlete for the second time in her career, highlighted by setting a school record on vault with a 9.225.

Simu, an All America gymnast in the all-around and an academic all-state member, qualified for the individual state meet in D1 by finishing tied for second on balance beam (9.3), third on vault (9.2) and seventh on bars (8.8) and floor (9.075).

Her tally of 36.375 in the all-around also enabled her to qualify for the state meet. At Rockford, she tied for seventh on beam with a 9.225.

"Rebeca works hard, sees the best in each member of the team and is willing to help them achieve their best, always encouraging," coach Pam Yockey said. "Rebeca works to achieve her best in all she does, overcoming setbacks that come her way."

**Hailey Hodgson, Canton:** It was another outstanding season for Hodgson, medaling in all but one event in Division 2 at state finals.

The junior was a force to be reckoned with throughout the regular season, when the Chiefs again cruised to KLAAs Kensington Division and association titles.

Then, at the Plymouth High School-hosted regional, Hodgson captured D2 firsts on vault (9.3), beam (9.05), floor (9.2) and all-around (36.0).

She medaled in four events at the state finals in Rockford, including vault (tied for sixth, 8.950), beam (tied for sixth, 8.875), floor exercise (fifth, 9.225) and the all-around (fifth, 35.225).

"In the state's toughest region, Hailey took first place in every event except bars," Cunningham said.

"Next year's team captain was an Elite All American, All State and (received) the team's most dedicated gymnast award."

**Brianna Rhoad, Livonia Blue:** Rhoad was brilliant this season for Blue as she formed a dynamic duo with teammate Jess Weak. Rhoad shined brightest at the biggest meets, taking

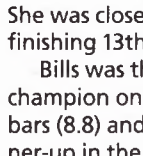


second in the all-around at the regional competition at Canton. Among her best events was the bars, on which she placed second at the regional.

"Bri is a strong all-around gymnast for us," Blue coach Lisa Broomfield said. "She battled last year with an ankle injury but has come out strong this season and increasing her start value on each event. She is a force to be reckoned with."

**Elisa Bills, Farm United:** Bills was all-state in the Division 2 all-around as a freshman, finishing seventh with a 35.025 score.

She finished sixth on the vault (8.95) and eighth on bars (8.625) to earn all-state in those events, too.



She was close on beam, finishing 13th (8.60).

Bills was the regional champion on vault (9.0) and bars (8.8) and was the runner-up in the all-around (35.00). She was fifth on beam and floor.

"At the beginning of the season, I knew she would be a valuable asset," Dwyer said. "She loves to practice, listens to advice and loves to compete."

"Sometimes, you can't teach kids how to compete under pressure. I was really proud of what she did this year."

**Jacquelyn Farquhar, Farm United:** Farquhar was all-around in the Division 2 all-around, finishing in ninth place (34.875). She also achieved all-state status on vault (9.0) and beam (8.7), placing fifth and 10th, respectively.



At the regional, she was third in the all-around behind teammates Marissa Schuh and Elisa Bills. Farquhar was second on vault and floor at the regional, third on beam and fourth on bars.

"Jacquelyn is one of our hardest working gymnasts," Dwyer said. "She's hungry to get better. We recognized her effort in the gym and made her one of the captains as a sophomore. "She has come a long way as a competitor. She has always had the determi-

nation and work ethic to be a high-level gymnast. She believes in her abilities and has gained confidence now."

## SECOND TEAM

### Haley Metz, Plymouth:

The junior co-captain qualified for the D1 individual finals in all events. She was the Wildcats' top performer in the all-around at regionals with 36.95 (third) and

took second on bars (9.425), fifth on vault (9.1) and beam (9.25) and sixth on floor (9.175).

Other honors poured in for Metz. She set Plymouth records in the all-around (37.05) and bars (9.425), was the team's most valuable gymnast, earned selection to the academic all-state and all-regional teams.

In addition, Metz was the KLAAs D1 all-around winner and a KLAAs scholar athlete. And, for the third consecutive year, she was named an All American gymnast.

"Haley was a consistent performer and excellent team mentor," Yockey said. "She shows her love of gymnastics in every smile."

**Brooke Rabban, Farm United:** Rabban is a Division 1 gymnast and repeat member of the all-area team. She was a state qualifier in the all-around and placed 16th (34.575).

She was close to being all-state on floor, finishing in 12th place (9.3).

Rabban was the regional champion on floor (9.65) and the runner-up on beam. She was fourth on bars and sixth on vault. She earned third place in the all-around with a 34.125 score.

"She dominates on floor and beam," Dwyer said. I was most proud of her on bars this year. You have to work hard on your weakest event and she did. That's how gymnasts improve.

"She's a very coachable gymnast; she works hard every day. On floor, she took all the coaches' advice and worked on her dance. That part of her routine improved, and it was reflected in her scores."

**Jana Hilditch, Canton:** An influx of young talent helped the Chiefs remain a

state powerhouse despite losing key performers to injury and Hilditch was at the top of that list.

Hilditch, just a sophomore, was a strong and consistent performer during the KLAAs season and followed that up with major

success at regionals and states. Her efforts enabled her to be named an All American gymnast.

At regionals, she missed out on qualifying for the state finals as an all-arounder by just 0.25. She did medal in two events (10th on vault, 9.225; ninth on floor, 9.4).

"Jana had a terrific year, excelling in every event and posting high scores in every event helping her team win every dual meet except one," Cunningham said. "... She was one of our most consistent and most improved gymnasts."

**Jordyn Williams, Salem:** The freshman made an immediate impact with the



Rocks, winning the individual regional championship in Division 1 on floor

with a mark of 9.7. She also qualified for the state meet on beam with an eighth-place finish of 9.0 at the regional.

At the individual state finals in Rockford, Williams tied for third on floor with a 9.6.

"Jordyn was a welcome addition to the Salem team, coming in as a freshman with a lot of talent," said Canton's Cunningham. "As the season progressed, her super tricks on beam and excellent floor routine became highlights."

**Jessica Weak, Livonia Blue:** Weak and Rhoad

formed an awesome one-two punch for Blue as they frequently registered 35-point-plus scores in the all-around. An example of Weak's strong season was reflected in her third-place all-around finish in the Division 2 regional meet, where she took third in the uneven bars and tied for second in the floor exercise.

"Jess is a strong all-around gymnast for us," said Broomfield. "She worked hard over the summer improving all she skills and getting new ones. She has grown so much in two years that nothing is going to stop her."

**Emily Chatterjee, Livonia Blue:** A junior, Chatterjee is a three-year all-arounder who excels on floor and bars, her coach revealed.

"Emily is the most graceful gymnast I have ever coached," Broomfield said. "She is a perfectionist and will not put any skill into her routine unless she knows it will be perfect. She is a huge part of our team."



**Marissa Schuh, Farm United:** Senior Marissa Schuh was a Division 2 regional champion in the all-around (35.475) and just missed being all-state, finishing 11th (34.325) and one place away.

## 2015 ALL-OBSERVER GYMNASTICS TEAM FIRST TEAM

Allison Kunz, sr., Canton  
Carina Wright, jr., Farm. United  
Katie Dickson, jr., Canton  
Rebeca Simu, jr., Plymouth  
Hailey Hodgson, jr., Canton  
Brianna Rhoad, jr., Livonia Blue  
Elisa Bills, jr., Farm. United  
Jacquelyn Farquhar, soph., Farm U.

## SECOND TEAM

Haley Metz, jr., Plymouth  
Brooke Rabban, jr., Farm. United  
Jana Hilditch, soph., Canton  
Jordyn Williams, jr., Salem  
Jessica Weak, soph., Livonia Blue  
Emily Chatterjee, jr., Liv. Blue  
Marissa Schuh, sr., Farm. United  
Marissa McVey, jr., Livonia Red

## HONORABLE MENTIONS

Canton: Stephanie Cox, Kelsea Kernosek, Rachel Socha; Plymouth: Sam Fontana, Lindsay Badger, Kayla Janewski, Molly McSween, Emily Welch; Salem: Camille Burt; Farmington United: Deanna Burns, Kelly Shrosbree; Harrison: Taylor Cherry; Livonia Blue: Katie Grover, Katie McDougall; Livonia Red: Kikaela Hillie, Sydney Grenier.



United: Senior Marissa Schuh was a Division 2 regional champion in the all-around (35.475) and just missed being all-state, finishing 11th (34.325) and one place away.

At the state meet, she was tied for 14th on vault (8.75), 12th on bars (8.525) and 16th on beam (8.475). Schuh also was the regional champion on beam (9.20). She placed third on vault and bars, fourth on floor.

"Without her we're not regional champs three years in a row," Dwyer said. "I don't think we finished lower than fifth in the state in her four years. She was a main part of our 'A' team."

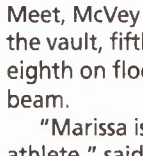
"She had a great career. She's one of the girls who puts her heart and soul into it. I wish it could have ended on a little better note for her."

"But she has my respect. I'd rather have a gymnast with her heart and soul than a gymnast who is blessed with talent and doesn't work at it."

**Marissa McVey, Livonia Red:** The talented junior qualified for the regional competition on the vault, bars and floor exercise. Among several highlights were a first-place finish on the beam (9.3) at the Lakeland Invitational, where she placed ninth in the all-around with a score of 35.35. McVey also placed 10th on the vault (8.75) at the Canton Invitational.

At the KLAAs Conference Meet, McVey placed 10th on the vault, fifth on bars, eighth on floor and first on beam.

"Marissa is a very strong athlete," said Red coach Kelly Grodzicki. "She loves to compete and displays passion for the sport of gymnastics. I am very excited to see what her senior year will bring."



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# Michigan Bucks prevail in Great Lakes soccer showdown

The two perennial Great Lakes powerhouses of recent years squared off Tuesday at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac with undefeated records in the young Premier Development League men's soccer season.

The defending champion Michigan Bucks (4-0-1, 13 points) shut out visiting FC London (4-1-1, 13 points) 3-0 to take over first place and run their PDL unbeaten streak to 14 games, including their run of nine without a loss closing out the 2014 season.

The 3-0 score line didn't paint an accurate picture, as the two teams were locked in a midfield defensive struggle for most of the game.

The Bucks did, however, make the necessary adjustments they failed to make Saturday when they dominated the Pittsburgh Riverhounds U23 for most of the match, but failed to score.

They jumped on the scoreboard early Tuesday with some tight give-

and-go passing inside the 18-yard box when David Goldsmith (Butler) found Sean Sepe (Akron) six yards out. The Zips forward neatly tucked a low shot inside the far post for his first goal in a Bucks uniform in the fourth minute.

Defensively, both teams were solid throughout the match and the key for the Bucks was rookie goalkeeper Drew Shepherd (Western Michigan), who was making his second start in goal for Michigan.

Shepherd was called into action in his first game the previous week with two huge saves, including a last-minute beauty to preserve the shutout against Pittsburgh. He was on his game again Tuesday and made several point-blank saves to register his second career shutout in as many starts.

As in the first half, the Bucks came out flying trying to make a statement to give the team some offensive breathing



The Michigan Bucks began their current hot streak at the recent Canton Cup. Here, players from the Bucks and K-W United vie for possession of the ball at Independence Park.

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The team's two top scorers and college teammates at Butler, Goldsmith and Jeff Adkins connected in the 47th minute to put the home team up 2-0. Adkins made a 40-yard run through the midfield, collected the ball near the center circle and

raced down the right flank when he beat two defenders before sending a perfect cross into the area that Goldsmith volleyed home for his third goal of the season.

The Bucks would basically put the game on ice when Sepe followed up a long rebound and unleashed a 24-yard

bomb into the upper corner to give the Bucks a 3-0 lead in the 60th minute. The only question left was would the defense be able to register their third shutout in five PDL games. Shepherd and his back line kept a close eye on the dangerous London strikers to finish the match

on top of the Great Lakes division with the head to head victory.

Bucks coach Demir Muftari was glad to see the ball hit the back of the opponent's net early in the game to give the team some confidence. "Anytime you have a game like we had the other night when the ball just won't go into the back of the net, you can get a bit frustrated. The boys came out and forgot about Saturday and just took it to London to see what they could create early. That fourth-minute goal gave us a ton of confidence and really put the pressure on London. Once we got the second goal, you had a feeling that we were going to tighten things up defensively and be OK even if they pulled one back. Fortunately, Drew made some fantastic saves to keep them off the score sheet and the rest of the team did their job. I hope to see more of the same with lots of attacking flair again on Friday night."

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PREP BASEBALL

# Boyd's flying Eagles win D1 regional

P-CCS teacher, coach guides team to first regional title in 13 years

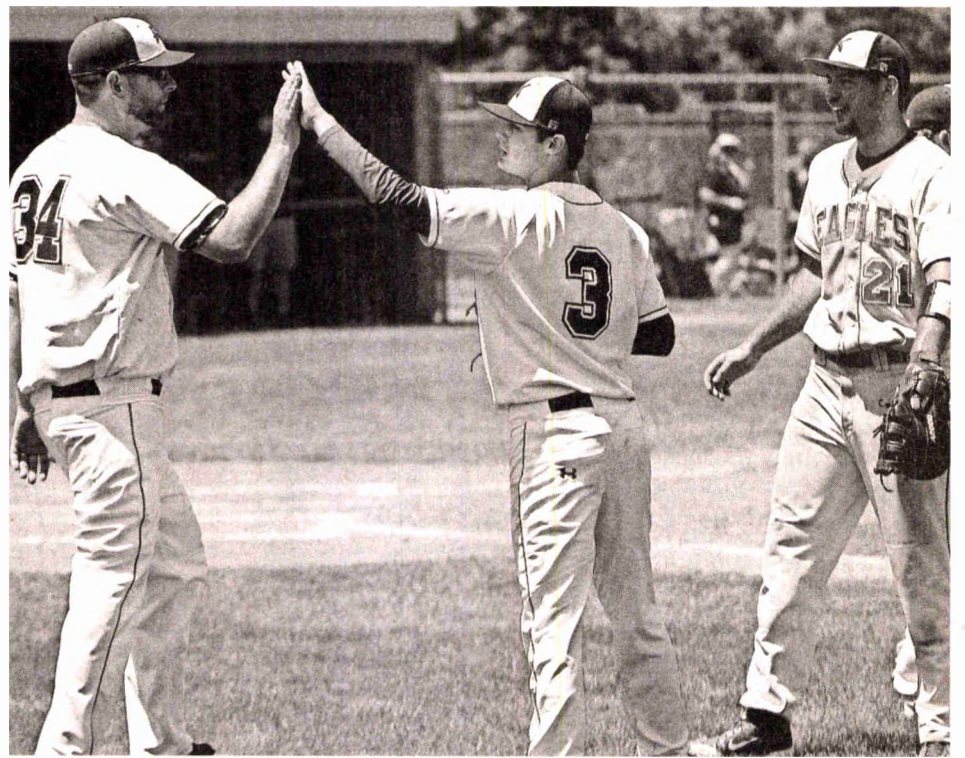
By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Moments after Saline defeated Plymouth on June 6 in a Division 1 baseball regional semi-final game, virtually everybody at Saline High School thought the Hornets could begin making room in their trophy case. Everybody, that is, except Taylor Kennedy head coach Bryan Boyd and the Eagles, who weren't about to be steamrolled in the subsequent regional final. Behind the one-hit, shutout pitching of Cody Serafin and Tyler Butzin (who retired the final two

batters in the seventh), Kennedy upset No. 1-ranked Saline 1-0 to win the school's first baseball regional since 2002. "This is a great group of kids who really have bought into the team concept," said Boyd, who over the past 10 years coached basketball and cross country and taught at Central Middle School (which has now closed). "They really enjoy the process of working hard to get better." One reason for optimism in the Kennedy dugout entering that key contest was the lights-out pitching exhibited by the Eagles throughout the state playoffs. Boyd said Serafin's gem was the team's third consecutive shutout in the postseason. Unfortunately, that streak ended Tuesday in a D1 quarterfinal at University of Michigan's Ray Fisher Stadium. Kennedy

lost 5-0 to Portage Northern to finish the season with a 31-10 record. Although he is enjoying success elsewhere, Boyd is no stranger to the Plymouth-Canton baseball community — having coached Plymouth High School's varsity team and Salem's freshman team. He also coached in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association as well as leading the Plymouth-Canton Mudcats in the Washtenaw Amateur Baseball Association. Boyd lives in Canton with wife Carrie and two children, Brennan and Grace. He will continue coaching and teaching in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools despite the closing of Central. He will move over to Liberty Middle School for 2015-16.

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Michael Vasilnek  
Taylor Kennedy varsity baseball coach and Canton resident Bryan Boyd (left) congratulates Eagles players during the Division 1 regionals on June 6.

## HEITMEYER

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cause going for the girls varsity job. "I think part of it is I've got a great positive approach about working with young people. "I'm very good at organization and working with parents. I think between leadership and organization and X's and O's, I think those were the main considerations."

### He can't wait

Heitmeyer, during a recent interview, flashed one of his trademark smiles when discussing what the 2015-16 season might bring. "I'm excited about the program," Heitmeyer said. "Between the returning student-athletes from last year — which include Natalie Winters and Madison Archibald and Erin Hult, all three will be captains on next year's team — with the remaining returners from last year and the JV group, yes. "I think, like iron sharpens iron, I think we'll make each other better as a group." But in order to look to the future, it is important to appreciate the past. That is something Heitmeyer has a firm grasp of.

After all, he worked on the staff of Salem coaching legend Fred Thomann, who died in December 2013. "I owe a debt of gratitude to some special coaches who shaped me through the years," Heitmeyer said. "Working with Fred Thomann, Brian Samulski, Bill Mair, Rick Berberer and Jason Kaye gave me a great coaching foundation. "I carry the experiences shared with them every time I step into a gym to coach student-athletes." Heitmeyer will get the chance to work with yet another legendary Park coach in Bob Blohm, who is joining his staff after

## MEET ROB HEITMEYER

**Who:** Rob Heitmeyer, new coach of Canton's varsity girls basketball team.  
**Background:** The 49-year-old Heitmeyer has coached the past seven seasons in the Salem and Canton girls basketball programs. In 2014-15, he led the JV Chiefs to a 20-0 record.  
**Family:** A Canton resident, he and wife Amy have three daughters, Kaylin, Brianna and Alaina. The latter, 15, will be a sophomore at Canton High School in 2015-16; Kaylin, 21, and Brianna, 18, are Salem grads.  
**Occupation:** Heitmeyer has two decades of service as a special assistant U.S. attorney. He also is an adjunct professor at Western Michigan University's Cooley Law School.  
**Staff:** He is bringing longtime Park coach Bob Blohm back after a one-year hiatus from the sidelines. Taking over as Canton girls JV coach will be Dave Riley (who has coached boys and girls basketball in the Garden City district for a number of years), while Amy Boyer will continue as Canton's freshman coach. Scott Thomas will be back for another season as a member of the staff, assisting the coaches at all levels with a number of duties.



Heitmeyer

taking a season off. "We kind of found each other out," Heitmeyer said. "I approached Bob and I mentioned that we have a number of things in common. "We both coached at Salem, we both coached 20-0 JV teams, we both are fans of Bobby Knight. We both enjoy coaching girls basketball. ... Bob was not only excited about coming back, it was a mutual feeling."

**In it together**  
Pieces already are in place for the entirety of the Canton girls basketball program. Taking over at the helm of the JV team will be longtime Garden City JV basketball coach Dave Riley; Amy Boyer will continue on as the Chiefs freshman coach. "I think it's important for a program to run the same type of offense, defense, transition, press breakers," Heitmeyer said. "I'm big on development of student-athletes. As a JV coach, I found it my role to develop players for the varsity level. "I will definitely be active with the freshman program and the JV program to make sure that we are together." Canton's program

under Heitmeyer's guidance won't just be united about game plans. Positive energy, teamwork, hard work and even fun will be important components. "The best way to keep student-athletes passionate about their sport is just make sure they're having a lot of fun," he said. "Having been part of girls basketball at the Park for seven years, I have seen first-hand girls that bond well together." When that camaraderie happens, players "want to be part of something" special on the court, too. Setting the tone for all of those things will be their new head coach. "Something I enjoy about coaching is the opportunity to work with young people," Heitmeyer said. "Not only are they eager to listen and learn, but they bring energy and excitement. "Leadership is about influence and coaching gives me an opportunity to be a positive influence in the lives of people. Winning basketball games is just the icing on the cake." The first slice in the Rob Heitmeyer era is about to be served.

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## LACROSSE

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### All-Park Girls Lacrosse Team

Following is the team-by-team breakdown (teams listed alphabetically):

#### Canton

**» Casey Bower, jr. attacker:** Already named one of the Chiefs' captains for 2015-16, Bower finished third in goals, first in assists and second in scoring. "Casey has good vision while attacking the goal from behind," Bower said. "She has a sure stick on the offensive end."

**» Audrey Buck, sr. defender:** The fourth-year varsity player and co-captain was voted Most Reliable by teammates. "Audrey is a great kid who was a joy to coach, always worked hard on her game and treated teammates and opponents alike with class and grace," Bower said.

**» Jordan Church, sr. midfielder:** Another Chiefs co-captain, she garnered all-KLAA honorable mention honors after finishing second on the team in goals and third in points despite only playing eight games due to injury. "She was the emotional heart and soul of our team," Bower said about Church, who will play women's lacrosse at Albion College.

**» Dominique Clark, jr. defender:** Tabbed a co-captain for 2015-16, she made life tough for opponents in her second season with the varsity. Clark, an all-KLAA honorable mention pick, led Canton in ground balls, total defense and plus-minus.

"Dominique's a very strong defender who's worked hard on her game," Bower said. "She's very tough when getting ground balls." **» Katja Nuler, jr. midfielder:** An all-state honorable mention pick and member of the all-KLAA first team, Nuler led the Chiefs in scoring and ground balls. "Katja's a team leader, tough competitor and is a technically skilled two-way lacrosse player," Bower said.

Nuler will be one of Canton's 2015-16 captains.

**Plymouth**  
**» Michelle Burke, sr. middle/attack:** Burke was third on the team in goals, shooting percentage and total points.

**Salem**  
**» Megan Finkbeiner, sr. defender:** The four-

## 2015 ALL-PARK GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM

**Canton:** Casey Bower, junior attacker; Audrey Buck, senior defender; Jordan Church, senior midfielder; Dominique Clark, junior defender; Katja Nuler, junior midfielder.

**Plymouth:** Michelle Burke, senior middle/attack; Marissa Cirino, junior middle/attack; Sarah Curtis, senior defender; Natalie Nowicki, junior middle/attack; Shelby Strawn, sophomore defender.

**Salem:** Megan Finkbeiner, senior defender; Joslyn Longe, senior attacker; Andrea Marthaler, senior attacker; Amanda Merkel, senior defender; Leah Tardiff, sophomore midfielder.

She earned all-KLAA honorable mention honors. "Michelle is a hard worker that led our team by example," Wieloch said. "She always put forth her best effort and was relied on to work the ball around and press teams."

**» Marissa Cirino, jr. middle/attack:** It was a breakout season for Cirino, who made the all-KLAA first team while finishing second on the team in goals, shooting percentage and points. "Marissa was relentless and nearly unstoppable in the attack zone," Wieloch said. "She was tireless in the defensive zone always frustrating opposing attack players."

**» Sarah Curtis, sr. defender:** Another Plymouth player to make the all-KLAA first team was Curtis, who in her third varsity season led the squad in forced turnovers. "Sarah is a tenacious defender that constantly applied pressure both in the midfield and defensive zone," Wieloch said. "Her work ethic on the field set the tone for our team."

**» Natalie Nowicki, jr. middle/attack:** In her third season with Plymouth's varsity, Nowicki was an all-around force — leading the Wildcats in goals, shooting percentage, assists, ground balls and total points. For her efforts, she was named to the all-KLAA first team. "Natalie was our rock this year," Wieloch said. "She was always the one we could lean on to do what was needed for our team."

**» Shelby Strawn, soph. defender:** The rookie defender quickly moved into the Plymouth starting lineup and made a huge contribution. "She pressured the ball relentlessly and caused turnovers," Wieloch said. "Toward the end of the season, she transitioned into taking draws and did a great job at that as well."

**» Leah Tardiff, soph. midfielder:** It was a great sophomore season for Tardiff, who led Salem with 55 goals while chipping in with six assists, 49 ground balls and 34 successful draws. Tardiff was an all-KLAA and Michigan Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association all-state honorable mention selection and her teammates voted her team MVP.

Other honors included being named as an all-KLAA honorable mention selection. Longe, a finalist for Salem's scholar-athlete award, will attend Western Michigan University and play on the women's lacrosse club team.

**» Andrea Marthaler, sr. attacker:** She scored 34 goals and collected 52 ground balls in 19 games while providing leadership as a co-captain. In addition, Marthaler was selected to the all-KLAA team and the Michigan Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association named her as an honorable mention pick.

Marthaler and Longe are nominated to play in the Michigan chapter of the U.S. Lacrosse Seniors Hall of Fame Game. **» Amanda Merkel, sr. defender:** Merkel, in her second varsity season, led the Rocks with 55 ground balls and forced 14 turnovers. "Amanda is known for her hustle down the field, always picking the opponent's fast break and making a play," Medley said.

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### PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT. 734 354-3232 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 06/19/2015, at 10:00 am, Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI 48170, a public auction of the following:

		Starting Bid
2002 Jaguar X-Type	SAJEA51D82XC38971	\$1295.00
2007 Dodge Caliber	1B3HB48B87D360969	1295.00
2004 Buick LaSabre	1G4HP52K64U205312	1235.00
2011 Nissan Versa	3N1BC1CPOBL428769	1695.00
2004 Dodge Caravan	2D4GP44L74R504808	770.00

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY JULY 2, 2015 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 2, 2015 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1528, 9094 Marlowe, R-1: is requesting one variance to allow a six (6) foot vinyl fence along both side yards, whereas a four (4) foot fence height is the maximum allowed. The variance requested is two (2) feet of fence height.
- Application 1529, 42501 Schoolcraft, R-1: is requesting one variance to allow a six (6) foot wood fence along both side yards and rear yard, whereas a four (4) foot fence height is the maximum allowed. The variance requested is two (2) feet of fence height.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354-3210.

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### CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 2, 2015 for the following:

#### PURCHASE OF PUBLIC PLAYGROUND SAFETY SURFACE Engineered Wood Fiber - Meeting ASTM F2075 Standards

Specifications and bid documents are available at the City Hall during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's website at: <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>. The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk  
City of Plymouth

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# SEE STUNNING CLEMATIS FLOWERS ON PLYMOUTH GARDEN WALK

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

The International Clematis Society describes the four-petal, indigo-violet durandii variety as an "old-timer" among clematis flowers.

It's definitely the most senior plant in Ann Warne's Plymouth Township yard, where pink, cranberry, purple and blue clematis are the stars of her garden.

"This one is 36 years old. It's French. It's the first one I put in. I just liked it. That is one of my favorites," said Warne, describing the durandii clematis that climbs on a trellis against the house she shares with her husband, Pete.

Warne figures she has planted approximately 12 clematis throughout the garden. They grow on trellises, archways and along a fence and will be in full bloom when visitors on the Trailwood Garden Club's annual Flowers Are Forever Garden Walk stop by to tour the Warnes' yard, noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30. It's one of several gardens in the Plymouth area that will be open to the public that day. Pre-sale tickets are \$8 and are available at Saxton's Power Equipment Center, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, 734-453-6250, Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, 734-416-0600, and Sideways, 505 Forest, 453-8312. Tickets are \$10 the day of the walk. Tickets for children under 12 are half the adult price ticket. There is no charge for babes in arms. Strollers aren't permitted.

## Perennial garden

On the day of the walk, Warne, a Trailwood Garden Club member, will help coordinate the Club's plant sale, which will take place in her driveway. A master gardener will be on hand in the backyard to answer questions.

In the Warnes' yard, ticket-holders will see seven different hydrangea plants, eight



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Ann Warne rescued this garden art from a neighbor's trash.



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A delphinium blooms in Ann Warne's garden.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Roses are planted here and there, in spite of the yard's shade.

stuff," Warne said. "I learned a lot from him. Digging the ground nice and deep and turning it over. He used to do all that and I'd watch him do it. He had a nice clematis there. I guess that got me going on the clematis. I've got quite a lot of different ones now."

Warne buys her plants from catalogs, the Plymouth and Northville farmer's markets, local nurseries and "anywhere I see something I like," she said. Two of her clematis came from Kroger.

She keeps track of her plants — "what I've lost and what comes back the next spring" — in a notebook, adding a picture and information each time she plants a new flower.

Gardening can be a challenge because of the rabbits that snack on some of her flowers and because a majority of the flower beds are in shade during at least a portion of the day.

## Do-it-yourself

One of her favorite areas is the stone pathway that runs under an arch-style trellis that's covered in clematis, and between garden beds at the rear of the yard. Warne created the path, a small patio under the backyard swing and flower bed borders.

"I did that myself. I dug all the stone work. Last year I dug it out again myself and packed it all again because it sunk over the years and it filled up with dirt. That was a hard job. It took me all summer to do that."

Warne enjoys looking at other yards and sometimes finds a color combination she might duplicate in her own garden.

"Some things you can't copy because you haven't got the right spot for whatever it is."

Her advice to beginning gardeners is to cut back perennials to and to remove dead blossoms to encourage growth and continued blooms.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Ann Warne shows one of many clematis vines in her yard, which is featured in the Trailwood Garden Club's Flowers Are Forever Garden Walk.

different echinacea flowers — "they are showy" — a variety of roses, hosta, phlox, a mix of other perennials, and with lots of colorful annuals, in addition to the dozen clematis.

Warne took an interest in clematis as a child, growing up in England.

"My grandfather was a gardener. My parents didn't garden, so I did right from

when I was very young in our own garden back in England. When I was about 8 we moved to the country and there was an old man there I used to visit and he taught me a lot of

# Restored pool ready to make a splash at Livonia Garden Walk

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

It's only 18 inches deep and 20 feet long, but the reflecting pool at Greenmead will figure into Livonia's upcoming garden walk in a big way.

After leaking for years — and then remaining empty — the water feature has been restored and is ready for visitors. Friends for the Development of Greenmead spent approximately \$4,000 for new cement, and has added a small, portable fountain, along with potted plants.

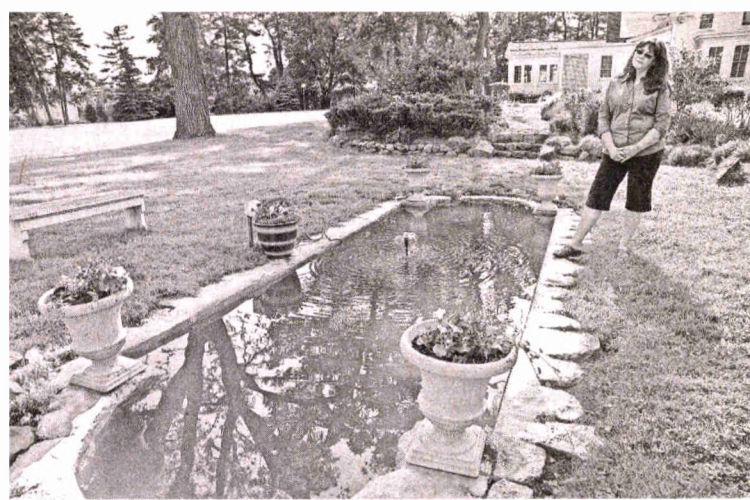
"The whole thing is cement but it had cracked and was leaking," said Sue Poster, a member of both Friends and the Livonia Garden Club, which tends to the flower beds near the pool. "The Garden would come out in the spring and they said last year they pulled out layers and layers of leaves."

"People would try to repair the pond and it would just fail. There were three different types of liners and it looked horrible. The girls here (at Greenmead) had tried to get places to come out and fix it but they couldn't get anyone to come out and give an estimate."

Poster contacted RAM Construction, a waterproofing and restoration contractor in Livonia.

"It's not something they normally do, but being a civic-minded company, they came out and did this for us. We are absolutely thrilled and indebted to them because they took great care to make sure it didn't look new. The intent was to restore it, not make it brand new."

The restoration process retained the original cement pegs that line the pool wall, just below the water's surface. Poster said the pegs likely were used to secure wire that ran across the water to keep out ducks and other fowl. The original pool held goldfish, but the Friends doesn't plan to add aquatic animals.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Sue Poster, a member of Friends of Greenmead and the Livonia Garden Club, looks over the bond that was rebuilt at Greenmead — just in time for the garden walk.

## Grand garden

Poster said Sherwin Hill, second owner of the Simmons/Hill house, likely had the pool built in the 1930s as an "overall plan for the garden and to have something nice for Mrs. Hill."

"It was part of the grandiose scheme. When he married his wife, he promised her father she'd have fresh flowers every day of her life. That's why he built the greenhouse and that's our next project. It's been going downhill for years but it has been out of commission — this will be the third summer. We'd like to see it restored."

The Greenmead grounds and five private gardens will be open to the public during the 26th annual Livonia Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 27. Tickets are \$10 on day of event or \$9 in advance and are available at Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia; in community resources on the 5th floor of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive; Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile; Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 Seven Mile; Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road; and from any of the Friends of Greenmead. All proceeds will benefit the restoration of Greenmead.

## Pools, plants

The restored reflecting pool isn't the only water feature on the tour this year. Ray and Terri Alexander, whose yard was on the Michigan Koi & Pond Club walk last summer, are participating in the Livonia Garden Walk.

"It's pretty much the same," said Ray Alexander, comparing his backyard over two summers. "I got a couple of new trees because I lost some during the winter. I still have my bonsai trees." The 10,000 gallon, 5-foot-deep pond is stocked with colorful koi.

Nancy Connor, whose yard also is on the Livonia Garden Walk, added a circular pond three years ago. It's approximately 10 feet and includes a waterfall, water flowers and plants. She adds lillies, grasses, hostas, and ferns to her surrounding garden every year.

Other backyards on the walk include a "memory" garden with bird houses and specimen plants; a meandering garden in Rosedale Gardens subdivision where antique cars also will be on display; and an acre of park-like grounds with specimen trees and "big palms in huge pots," Poster said.

For more information call 248-477-7375.



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Iris bloom in the garden at the Simmons/Hill House at Greenmead.



ARCHIVE PHOTO  
Ray and Terri Alexander opened their Livonia backyard to the Michigan Koi & Pond Club last year. The pond and surrounding garden, which includes bonsai, are on the upcoming Livonia Garden Walk, presented by the Friends for the Development of Greenmead.

## Save the date for Heartbeat of Plymouth's bands, speakers

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

A Bible podcaster and a comedienne known for her one-woman show about God, will speak at the Heartbeat of Plymouth Aug. 15-16, at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.



Hardin

Tickets are \$10 and go on sale Sunday, June 14 at five churches that coordinate the two-day music festival and speaker event. Buy them at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street; Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial; Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Road; First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial; and Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial.

"Brian Hardin is a podcast Bible teacher who has a huge following across the nation," said Jerry Smith, director of music ministries for First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. "We have a Christian comedian to balance the serious teaching."

Susan E. Isaacs, a humorist,

screenwriter and an actress who has appeared in such television shows as *Seinfeld*, *Parks and Recreation*, and *My Name is Earl*, and who tours with her one-woman show, will share the Penn stage with Hardin, who founded Daily Audio Bible podcast. He'll talk about "Reframing Our Relationship with God." Her presentation is "Angry Conversations with God." Doors will open at noon and the program is from 12:30-3 p.m. both days.

"We filled the theater twice last year," Smith noted.

The Heartbeat lineup also includes free activities. Teens can get involved in a service project from 3-5 p.m. both days, in the Gathering on Penman across from Kellogg Park. Youth activities will run 3:30-6 p.m. both days and music performances are 3:30-9 p.m. Saturday and 3:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, in Kellogg Park.

I Am They closes out Saturday performances and the Jason Eaton band wraps up the event on Sunday. Other bands are Saltz and Back, Impact, Kingdom Come Alive, Chosen, and James and June.

For more about Heartbeat of Plymouth visit Heartbeat of Plymouth Festival 2015 on Facebook.

## Plymouth artist wins top award at VAAL spring art exhibit

A soft, pastel landscape by a Plymouth artist took first place in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) spring art exhibit, which runs through June at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Mary Ann Adams won the first place award for her pastel, *Three Kings*.

Adams has taken art classes at Plymouth High School, VAAL, and Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Edie Joppich, master teacher at VAAL, taught her technique as well as color mixing in watercolor. Adams also studied with Janet Kohler, Jim Markle and Marla Baggetta. Although she has worked in acrylics, oil and watercolor, her favorite medium is pastel and nature is her muse. Adams enjoys painting landscapes from the southwest where she visits family. She is a long time member of VAAL and has won several awards for her art work.

Joshua Newth, art educator at Schoolcraft College and Wayne State University, chose the art on display from the entries submitted by VAAL members and selected the award winners.

In addition to Adams, top winners were Virginia Bosak of Livonia and Martha Barnes of Northville. Bosak took second place for her papier mache, *Garden Cherub*. Bosak, who usually works in watercolor and acrylic, created the piece in a VAAL workshop. Barnes earned a third place for her mixed media, *King of the Mountain*. She conceived the idea for the painting depicting a rooster, when her son opened an antique shop in North Carolina called "The Red Rooster." He needed a picture of a rooster for his sign and pressed his mother into service.

Honorable mentions went to Beverly Johnston of Livonia for her pastel, *Zing Zing*; Barbara Eko Murphy of Northville for her watercolor,



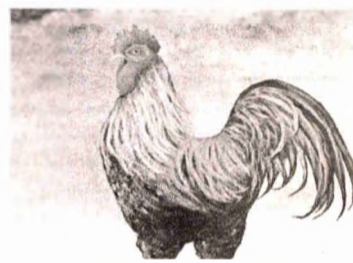
Mary Ann Adams of Plymouth and her pastel, *Three Kings*, top winner in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia show



*Garden Cherub*, by Virginia Bosak of Livonia, won second place.

*Butterflies Are Free*; and Jerry Valentine of Livonia for his oil painting, *What Goes Around*.

The Livonia Civic Center library is located at 32777 Five Mile. For more information about the exhibit or about VAAL, call 734-838-1204 or visit [www.vaalart.org](http://www.vaalart.org).



Martha Barnes of Northville earned a third place award for *King of the Hill*.

## Paul's Players seeks musical theater students, actors

Paul's Players, a community theater in Livonia, offers musical theater classes for middle school students and roles in its production of *Fiddler on the Roof* this summer.

Broadway Bound, the middle school theater camp, runs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 15-19 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$125. Students in grades 5-8 will learn songs, dances, and skits from popular musicals, and will perform a final concert for family and friends.

Parts also are available for *Fiddler on the Roof*, which will be performed July 29-31, and Aug. 1. The theater needs actors and singers for male lead roles, boys who will play young sons, and male and female members of the chorus. Lead actors rehearse Sunday-Monday and Thursday evenings. The chorus rehearses Monday and Thursday evenings. Rehearsals begin June 21 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

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PHOTO BY JULIE YOLLES  
Model Veon Selman (left), represented by the Renee Godin (pictured) Agency in Farmington Hills, and Bill Roberts, owner of the Roberts Restaurant Group, attend a fundraiser for Care House and Variety, The Children's Charity.



PHOTO BY JULIE YOLLES  
Changez Salon Lead Stylist Courtney Louwers and Changez Manager Margaret Niehaus, a Farmington Hills resident, enjoy the Business Executive Network Chapter of Birmingham fundraising event for Detroit Garment Guild. The salon is located in Royal Oak.

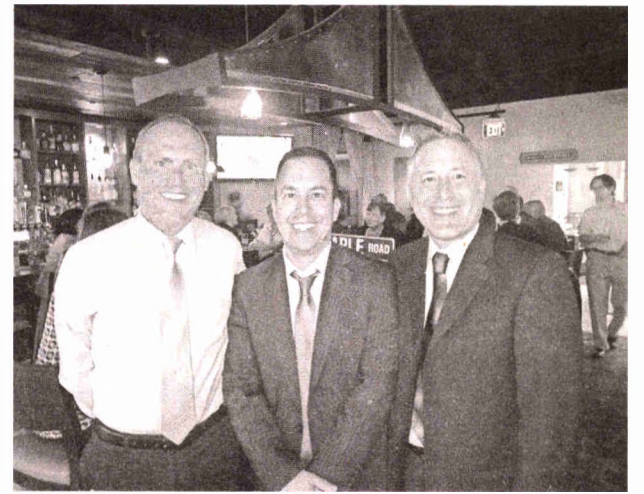


PHOTO BY JULIE YOLLES  
Business Executive Network (BEN) Chapter of Birmingham members Todd McLaughlin of Royal Oak, Greg Coyne of Plymouth and Roger J. Nickels of Royal Oak attend a monthly meeting that pairs networking with fundraising for nonprofits.

## Fashionable fundraiser benefits Variety, Care House

Restauranteur Bill Roberts, jewelry designer Karen Egren and clothing designer Nina McLemore, recently helped two children's charities — Care House of Oakland and Variety.

Egren and McLemore have a combined studio space on West Merrill Street in downtown Birmingham. And it's not unusual—it's more like the norm for these wom-



**Julie Yolles**  
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en — to host shopping-for-a-cause parties at their boutiques where they donate a portion of the sales to a particular charity.

Care House and Variety both benefited on the

same day. Roberts catered the cocktail reception. He and his wife, Maria are active with Care House and have been honored for their philanthropy.

McLemore stressed the importance of philanthropy and support of the community.

"We try to help our community in any way that we can," added Egren.

As does Scott Bartram who founded the Birmingham Chapter of the Business Executive Network (BEN). Bartram's philosophy is networking for non-profits. The Business Executive Network Chapter of Birmingham held an event recently at The Stand in Birmingham to help raise funds for the nonprofit Detroit Garment Group. Members came to network

and support the cause and The Stand prepared delicious appetizers and donated a portion of the food and bar bill to the Detroit Garment Group.

Detroit Garment Group provides educational and business opportunities for Michigan's fashion community and cut and sew manufacturers of all industries. Last year, the Detroit Garment Group

partnered with Henry Ford College and Michigan Works to create an industrial sewing certificate program.

Email Julie Yolles, Social Scene Columnist, at [socialscenefunnie@gmail.com](mailto:socialscenefunnie@gmail.com) or leave a message at 248-642-9465.

## Adventure on tap for outdoor women's program

By Laura Colvin  
Staff Writer

Kensington Metropark has a day of fun and learning lined up as it prepares to host its 16th annual Women's Outdoor Adventure Program.

The event takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, and gives women ages 18 and older an opportunity to try new outdoor skills and experiences as they spend the day learning to kayak, shoot target archery and geocache with experienced instructors.

"We're also actually going to do a mini barn-raising this year," said Kensington Farm Center interpreter Chris Williams, who will be on site to lead the project. "It will be kind of cool."

The barn-raising project has been done during other programs at the park, Williams said, noting the structure is built from a kit of sorts, but disassembled and used again for the next group. The upcoming event will be the first time those who participate in the Women's Adventure will have a chance to learn what it takes to raise a small barn.

"It's a community effort and a team building exercise," Williams added. "Women don't often get a chance to do construction and building, so we thought this would be neat, and hopefully they'll come away with a sense of accomplishment."

The program, organizers say, engenders camaraderie and is appropriate for friends, family members, co-workers and others who want to share the experience, as well as individuals looking to make new friends with similar interests.

The day includes a catered lunch — complete with a colonial wood-fire baking demonstration — and all equipment is provided.

Registration limited to 30 participants; cost for the workshop is \$60, and

registration must be received by June 19.

To register, stop by or call the Kensington Farm Center at 248-684-8632.

Kensington Farm Center is located inside

Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Buno Road in Milford.

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Kayakers paddle along the Huron River during a previous Women's Outdoor Adventure program at Kensington Metropark.

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**BOURLIER, LEWIS "LOU"**

June 8, 2015. Age 64, of Livonia. Loving husband of Connie for 39 wonderful years. Dear father of Katie (James) Neal, Lewis, and Kelsey. Wonderful grandfather of Hannah, Aiden, Madison, Bradley, and Myleigh. He leaves behind many loving family members and friends. Lewis enjoyed working, going to the movies, and volunteering at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, Michigan. In loving memory of Lewis, memorial contributions may be directed to the American Diabetes Association or the American Kidney Association. Private services were held. Please share memories at [fredwoodfuneralhome.com](http://fredwoodfuneralhome.com)



**CURTISS, JEAN STORER**

Passed away June 12, 2015 at the age of 87. She was born September 9, 1927 in Detroit to C. Dale and Marion Anita (Hood) Curtiss. Jean is the dear sister-in-law of Carolyn Storer; dear aunt of Linda (Michael) Bagnowski and Nancy (Bob) Gray; dear cousin of Irene Gough, Donald (Rebecca) Chamberlain, and Lawrence (Patricia) Chamberlain. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Frank Edward (Jean) Storer and John Storer; niece, Barbara; and nephew, Frank. Jean was a teacher, having taught in the Detroit Public Schools for 32 years at White School. For the last twelve years she taught math only. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Albion College and her Master's Degree from Wayne State University. She was a resident of Plymouth since 1984, previously of Detroit. She was a member of Plymouth First United Methodist Church and a former long time member of the choir there. Jean was also a former member of the Plymouth Woman's Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, the Knitting Guild and the Great Lakes Lace Group. She was also the founder of a knitting at her church. Jean enjoyed crafts especially knitting and cross stitching. Jean was dearly loved and will be missed by many. Funeral Services will be held at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth, Monday, June 15, 2015, at 11 a.m., with Dr. John Grenfell III officiating. Friends may visit at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Sunday, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Monday at church beginning at 10 a.m. Jean will be laid to rest at Acacia Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills, Michigan. Memorials in Jean's honor may be made to Plymouth First United Methodist Church or the Huron Valley Humane Society. To leave a condolence, [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com).



**GREGERSEN, JOHN R.**

Age 89, passed away on May 30, 2015, at the home of his daughter, Cindy Reed, in Grass Valley, California. John leaves behind his beloved wife of 67 years, Edith, his children, Tom (Sandi), Cindy (Don Reed), Sharon (Mike Fortin), and his sister Evelyn Gidley of Petoskey, Michigan. John, known as "Doc", was the Pharmacist/Manager of Wilson's of Bloomfield for 25 years from its opening in 1963 until his retirement in 1988. Prior, he was Pharmacist at Wilson's in Birmingham. Area residents will remember his kindness and caring combined with knowledge and understanding. John served in the US Navy in WWII, seeing combat in the Pacific and the invasion of Okinawa. After his military service he graduated from Wayne State University, College of Pharmacy. Following retirement, John and Edith spent several years in Florida then moved to Grass Valley, California in 2002, to enjoy the mountains. Everywhere, they have enjoyed wonderful friendships and a happy fulfilling life. A Celebration of Life Service is planned for July 9, in Nevada City, California. Memorials may be sent to Hospice of the Foot-hills, Grass Valley, California.



**NOVAK, ELISE H.**

Loving mother and grandmother. 93, of Somerset, New Jersey, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 6, 2015, surrounded by her loving family. Elise was born on September 1, 1921, in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Alfred and Carrie (Stoner) Hafele. Born and raised in Detroit, Elise later moved to Troy, Michigan where she lived most of her life before moving to New Jersey in 2011 to be closer to family. Elise graduated from Marygrove College with a major in music. She began her career as a music teacher in the Detroit school district, worked for many years at Standard Federal Bank, and retired after 20+ years at Southfield Michigan Schools. In her early years, Elise loved to golf, decorate, and bowl in her neighborhood league. On weekend nights you would find Elise and her husband Robert dancing and having fun with friends at the Czech Hall. Elise had a beautiful voice and sang and played the organ with the church choir. She was an avid gardener, an accomplished seamstress, and played a mean game of bridge. Elise's favorite holiday was St. Patrick's Day, and loved having corned beef and cabbage along with a green beer! In recent years, she enjoyed living in New Jersey where she established many new friendships and kept a social calendar full of luncheons, card games, and community activities. She especially loved opera and recently attended La Boheme at the Metropolitan Opera in New York. An outgoing, fun-loving, and very wise woman, Elise treasured every moment she spent with her family and friends. Her wicked sense of humor and keen fashion sense will be missed by many. She is survived by one daughter, Colleen Elyse Ritchie of Bedminster, New Jersey; one son, Patrick Robert Novak of Malibu, California; and one grandson, Justin Rory Ritchie of Brooklyn, New York. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Novak; and brothers, Alfred Hafele and Charlie Hafele. Private services will be held at a later date to celebrate the life of Elise Novak. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Doctors Without Borders ([doctorswithoutborders.org](http://doctorswithoutborders.org)).



**PRIDGEON, MARVIN**

Age 86. Beloved husband of Janet. Loving father of Jill (Richard) Lohr, Paul, Steve (Julie) and the late Scott. Dear Grandfather of Katie, Jacob, Kevin, Chloe and Kendall. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 5 Mile Rd., Livonia, Tuesday from 10 a.m. until Service at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Heart Association. Please share a memory at [www.rggrharris.com](http://www.rggrharris.com)

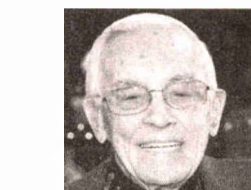


**CARNOVALE, FRANK A.**

June 11, 2015 Age 61. Loving husband of Paula for 37 years. Dear father of Alison, Zachary, Lucas and Julia. Son of Bruno and the late Marlene. Brother of Debra Gschwendtner, Maria DiBello, Kathy Carnovale, Laurie Horrocks and the late Michael Carnovale. Family will receive friends Tuesday 2-8 p.m. with Rosary 7 p.m. A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), 248-549-0500. Funeral Mass Wednesday 10 a.m. at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon (at Woodland), Birmingham. Visiting at church 9 a.m. Memorial tributes to the Dresner Clinic, Karmanos Cancer Center, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201. View obituary and share memories at [www.AJDesmond.com](http://www.AJDesmond.com)

**McKENZIE, CARROLL GEORGE**

Age 87, of Holly, died Saturday, June 6, 2015. Graveside services will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at White Chapel Cemetery, 621 W. Long Lake Rd, Troy. Those desiring may make contributions to Meals on Wheels. Carroll was born February 23, 1928 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, the son of Gordon Henry and Marian J. (Ridell) McKenzie. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He retired from the City of Birmingham in the Parking Division. Carroll was a member of the Fenton Moose Lodge and Holy Masonic Temple #134 F.&A.M. Surviving are: sister, Nancy and husband Ted Schwarz of Brighton; nieces and nephew, Skip and wife Josie Schwarz of Carlsbad, CA, Susan and husband Bob Altman of Telluride, CO, and Cindy and husband Jeff Snyder of Grand Rapids. He was preceded in death by his parents. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



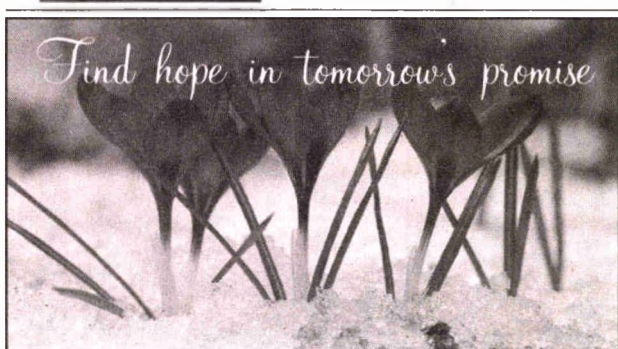
**SWISHER, RICHARD MYLES (DICK)**

June 6, 1921 - April 16, 2015. A Memorial Service will take place at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth on Saturday, June 20th 11 a.m., 701 Church Street, Plymouth. Military Honors will follow the service. Visitation with family at 10 a.m. Donations may be made to the American Cancer society, or Arbor Hospice. To share memories, please visit [vermeulenfh.com](http://vermeulenfh.com)

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## Learn ABCs of diabetes control during men's health week

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKF) recognizes National Men's Health Week from June 15-21, by educating men about the prevention and control of diabetes, which is the leading cause of kidney failure.

Approximately 15.5 million men have diabetes in the United States, which is 13.6 percent of all men ages 20 and older. Men with diabetes and their families can face devastating complications from unman-

aged diabetes, especially since people with diabetes are at a high risk for heart attack and stroke. In addition to causing kidney failure, diabetes also can lead to blindness, lower leg amputations, and erectile dysfunction.

Men with diabetes can reduce their chances of having life-threatening complications by managing their A1C, blood pressure, and cholesterol — the ABCs of diabetes.

The A1C test shows what

blood glucose levels have been over the last three months. The A1C goal for many individuals is below 7. High blood glucose levels can harm heart and blood vessels, kidneys, feet, and eyes.

The blood pressure goal for most individuals is 130/80. High blood pressure makes your heart work too hard. It can cause heart attack, stroke, and kidney disease.

Bad cholesterol (LDL) builds up and clogs arteries.

The LDL goal for most individuals with diabetes is below 100. Good cholesterol (HDL) helps remove cholesterol from blood vessels. The HDL goal for most persons is above 40.

For those with diabetes and those at risk for diabetes alike, it's also important to maintain healthy nutrition and to engage in physical activity, according to the Foundation. It's also important for men to quit smoking. Smoking increases the risk of type 2 diabetes and

makes diabetes harder to control, making it even more deadly and disabling for individuals with diabetes.

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan offers My Choice...My Health: Diabetes Prevention Program for persons who are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes. For more information, visit [www.nkfm.org](http://www.nkfm.org) or call the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at 800-482-1455.

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### Birthing class

The class focuses on various techniques for breathing, pain management options, relaxation and massage, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 27, in classrooms 1 and 2 of the Allan Breake Medical Office Building, located on the campus of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Register by calling 734-458-4330.

#### Camp 9-1-1

Huron Valley Ambulance presents a series of free two-day camps for children, 8-12, this summer. Paramedics and EMTs will guide campers through a variety of experiences including touring an ambulance, learning CPR, and visiting a local emergency department. Camps run 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days. A few spots remain for the camps that run Wednesday-Thursday, June 17-18, at Lyon Township Fire Station No. 1, 58800 Grand River Ave., New Hudson; Thursday-Friday, July 23-24, at Huron Valley Ambulance Central Station, 1200 State Circle, Ann Arbor; and Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 12-13 at U-M Boathouse at Belleville Lake, 50475 Van Buren Park, Belleville. Register by visiting [hva.or](http://hva.or), by emailing [camp911@emergenthealth.org](mailto:camp911@emergenthealth.org) or by calling 734-477-6781.

#### Diabetes summer school

Harvesting a Healthy Heart will include a chef-led cooking demonstration, discussion of healthy food choices using fresh ingredients and use of alternative seasonings, 6 p.m. June 17, in the community room at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. RSVP at 734-458-4330.

#### Hip, joint pain

Marvin Jenter, DO, orthopedic surgeon, talks about advanced treatments for joint pain relief, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, in the Outpatient Building at Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River Ave., at Beck, in Novi. Register by calling 888-751-5465.

#### Lunch and Learn

Join an open-ended lunch discussion on health and wellness in southeast Michigan, with Lila Lazarus, health reporter, Rob Casalou, St. Joseph Mercy Health System president and CEO, hospital leaders and local officials, noon, June 30, at St. Joseph Mercy, 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Register at [stjoeshealth.org/classes](http://stjoeshealth.org/classes)

#### Lung cancer support

David Sternberg, a thoracic surgeon and a member of the lung cancer team at Botsford Cancer Center, leads the Lung

Cancer Support Group, 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, June 15 at Botsford Cancer Center, 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 230, Farmington Hills. The informal group is open to anyone living with lung cancer and their loved ones. The session will include a guest speaker. For more information call 248-473-4828.

#### Wellness Center

Oakwood Healthcare offers a free trial day at its physical therapy and wellness center. Tour the facility and join a group exercise class, from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at the center, 17101 Rotunda Drive, Dearborn. The center offers more than 20 group exercise classes such as aerobics, kickboxing, yoga and Zumba. For more information visit the classes & events tab at [Oakwood.org](http://Oakwood.org).

#### Ongoing

#### Ab-Anon

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

9776.

#### Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. Visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

#### Bipolar support

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

#### Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, lipid panel (\$15) testing, 10 a.m. to noon June 3, Sept. 2 and Dec. 2, in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

#### Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary

Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

#### Choir therapy


The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit [www.therapychoirs.org](http://www.therapychoirs.org) for additional information.

#### CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free CPAP/BIPAP mask fitting clinic, 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover new supplies. No appointment needed. For more information, call 734-458-7251.

#### Lyme support

Meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month, except January, July and September, at Northwest Unitarian-Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; 248-354-4488. For more information, visit the Michigan Lyme Disease Association website, [www.mlda.org](http://www.mlda.org), or call 888-784-LYME.



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### SOME JOBS ARE SEEING MAJOR GROWTH...AND SOME ARE SEEING THE OPPOSITE.

America's economy looks very different today than it did, say, twenty years ago. A major shift in technology and the inner workings of international trade and shipping has left workers with different futures than we may have seen for ourselves when we were first setting off in our careers.

And according to CareerBuilder and Economic Modeling Specialists Intl. data,\* there are a number of jobs that are quickly shrinking, as well as jobs that are quickly growing, which can leave you with some interesting options that include better career security. Here are three major areas of change that we see opportunity in.

Digital and Physical Publishing It's hard to say that libraries and bookstores were eagerly anticipating the technological overhauls that the new millennium brought. Along with e-books, browsing more content online and a cultural preference for consuming news on television and the Internet, there's been a national conversation about the future of writing and printing industries. Some occupations that focus on entering data and producing it are seeing quick decline, while opportunities abound in alternative occupations that embrace web and other tech skills and are in more lucrative industries that also need communication materials.

### Shrinking occupations with a negative projected growth rate for 2011-2020:

- Printing Press Operators (-12 %)
- Paper Goods Machine Setters, Operators, Tenders (-13 %)
- Data Entry Keyers (-13 %)
- Print Binding and Finishing Workers (-14 %)
- Reporters and Correspondents (-16 %)
- Word Processors and Typists (-16 %)

### Alternative occupations that are projected to quickly grow 2011-2020:

- Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists (34 %)
- Web Developers (30 %)
- Archivists (20 %)
- Technical Writers (18 %)
- Public Relations and Fundraising Managers (17 %)
- Media and Communication Workers, All Other (15 %)
- Library Assistants, Clerical (14 %)

Snail Mail and Door-to-Door Sales Online shopping; two-day deliveries; email, text and instant messaging...how we purchase materials, have them delivered and have our own correspondences delivered is primarily dependent on private suppliers like Internet service providers, online stores and private shipping and logistics companies. Door-to-door sales workers and postal service workers are facing shrinking jobs as our needs have changed, but if you're drawn to these occupations due to their high rate of physical activity, being a part of the community or having the opportunity to earn more, there are alternative options that can capitalize on those preferences.

### Shrinking occupations with a negative projected growth rate for 2011-2020:

- Postal Service Clerks (-19 %)
- Postal Service Mail Sorters, Processors, and Processing Machine Operators (-18 %)
- Door-to-Door Sales Workers, News and Street Vendors, and Related Workers (-18 %)
- Postal Service Mail Carriers (-15 %)
- Postmasters and Mail Superintendents (-12 %)

### Alternative occupations that are projected to quickly grow 2011-2020:

- Social and Human Service Assistants (26 %)
- Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs (22 %)
- Exercise Physiologists (21 %)
- Athletic Trainers (21 %)
- Dietitians and Nutritionists (20 %)
- Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors (20 %)
- Sales and Related Workers, All Other (17 %)
- Sales Representatives, Services, All Other (16 %)

Textile and Apparel Production America's dependence on importing more and more commercial goods that are produced overseas is unsurprisingly affecting the number of workers who are needed to fill those production roles. While there's a major decline in the number of textile and apparel setters, operators and tenders, there are similar occupations that also require fine motor skills, attention to detail



and contribute to manufacturing and production.

### Shrinking occupations with a negative projected growth rate for 2011-2020:

- Textile Knitting and Weaving Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders (-41 %)
- Textile Bleaching and Dyeing Machine Operators and Tenders (-36 %)
- Shoe Machine Operators and Tenders (-29 %)
- Textile Winding, Twisting, and Drawing Out Machine Setters, Operators and Tenders (-23 %)
- Textile Cutting Machine Setters, Operators, Tenders (-22 %)
- Sewing Machine Operators (-21 %)
- Fabric and Apparel Patternmakers (-17 %)

### Alternative occupations that are projected to quickly grow 2011-2020:

- Bicycle Repairers (27 %)
- Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders (27 %)
- Mechanical Door Repairers (27 %)
- Machinists (17 %)
- Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers (11 %)
- Separating, Filtering, Clarifying, Precipitating, and Still Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders (11 %)

Staying ahead of economic trends can ensure that you're not left in a tight spot when the tides turn, or other economic struggles emerge. By beginning to research alternative jobs, and how you can bring your skills to those occupations, means that you're taking charge of your career, as well as your security and wellbeing.

\*All figures for occupation growth and decline come from Economic Modeling Specialists International 2015.1 Data-run for QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees and Self-Employed Workers in the United States from 2011-2020.

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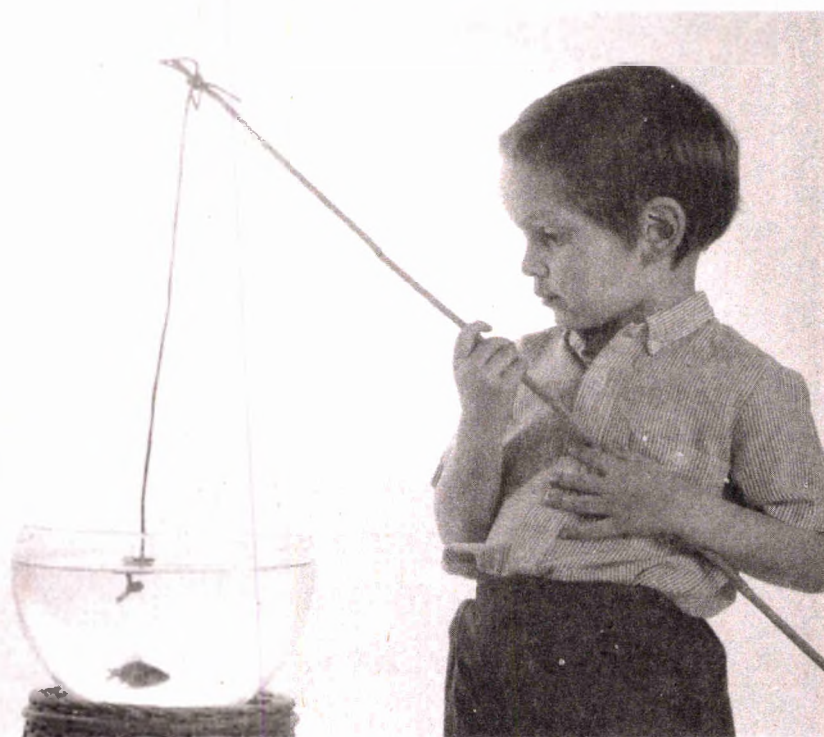
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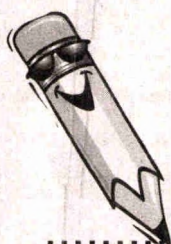
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- 8 Steering apparatus
- 12 Ostrich cousin
- 13 Big name in speakers
- 14 Iowa, to Yves
- 15 One, in Glagow
- 16 Raccoon target (2 wds.)
- 18 Bending with ease
- 20 Sight from Messina
- 21 Add- (extras)
- 23 Rope-a-dope boxer
- 24 Take a cab
- 27 Peyton and Eli
- 29 Hairstyle
- 33 — kwon do
- 34 Samovar
- 35 "Exodus" hero
- 36 "Paint the Sky With Stars" singer

- 38 — you serious?
- 39 Cato's highway
- 40 Pen part
- 42 Wine category
- 44 Cool and damp
- 46 English racetrack
- 50 Blue-mold cheese
- 54 Letter after pi
- 55 Water, in Tijuana
- 56 Pentathlon event
- 57 Focus
- 58 Make healthy again
- 59 Colo. neighbor
- 60 "Simpsons" bartender

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 2 Prefix meaning "all"
- 3 Recital offering

- 4 "Peer Gynt" creator
- 5 Currently
- 6 NNW opposite
- 7 Pipe joint
- 8 Overly rushed
- 9 Collar style
- 10 "Dr. Zhivago" role
- 11 Geol. formation
- 17 Util. bill
- 19 Chop weeds
- 22 Young pigeon
- 23 Lou Grant
- 24 Country addr.
- 25 Mr. McEwan
- 26 Susan of "L.A. Law"
- 28 It's freezing!
- 30 Breakfast grain
- 31 Anger
- 32 Pine cousin
- 37 Zinnia or marigold
- 39 Passports, etc.
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- 43 Cafe customer
- 44 Venetian magistrate
- 45 Greenish-blue
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- 50 Bleachers cry
- 51 Wetland
- 52 Unfold, in poetry
- 53 Johnny —

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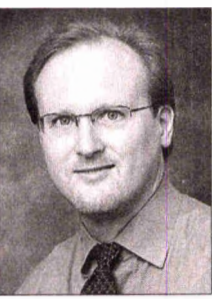
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# Car Report

## New Honda Pilot Is Perfect Vehicle At Perfect Time In U.S. Market



By Dale Buss

And that was the old model!

When the substantially overhauled new, 2016 Honda Pilot goes on sale this month, expect it to do extremely well in the U.S. market. It is appearing at a time that is highly auspicious for four main reasons:

**Heavy contenting:** At prices beginning at \$30,875 when Pilot hits Honda dealerships on June 18, the line will include Honda's priciest U.S. vehicle even though the price of the lowest trim level rises only slightly. The fully loaded Elite trim level of the third-generation



The third-generation Honda Pilot is hitting the U.S. market at just the right time.

Honda Pilot dazzled a dazzling U.S. auto market in May with a 17-percent sales increase over a year earlier, extending an early-2015 streak that saw Pilot sales surge year-to-date by nearly 47 percent.

Pilot will carry a sticker price of \$47,300, including shipping. With a forward-leaning package of amenities including a panoramic glass roof, LED headlights, and a heated steering wheel, Pilot Elite will outstrip the price of a loaded 2015 Honda Odyssey minivan by \$1,820, according to Automotive News.

And that's a good thing, because Honda executives are playing masterfully into Americans' appetite for heavily contented versions of just about every vehicle these days — a remarkable and remarkably consistent pattern as U.S. car-sales growth has continued even against a highly erratic backdrop of overall economic growth. In fact, transaction prices for the industry grew by 4.3 percent in May over a year ago, Kelley Blue Book estimated, easily outpacing inflation. Low interest rates and increasingly attractive deals by car makers have been contributors to the trend.

**Quiescent gasoline prices:** Clearly the second-generation Pilot lately has joined other mid-size and large SUVs as a beneficiary of lower and relatively steady U.S. gasoline prices, after a

sales drop for the nameplate in 2014. So there's reason to think that the next-generation Pilot will gain even further.

The new model is about 300 pounds lighter than the previous version and includes a fuel-saving cylinder-deactivation feature as well as a stop-start engine, a new standard six-speed automatic transmission, and an available nine-speed transmission. All told, Pilot will improve its fuel economy by as much as two miles a gallon combined, which Honda says makes it the most fuel-efficient midsize SUV available.

Meanwhile, it's expected that U.S. gasoline prices will continue to cooperate for a while. Gas prices this summer ought to be significantly lower than they were a year ago, according to new Purdue University research. And some analysts believe prices will ease to around \$2 this fall after leveling off for the summer at around \$2.50 a gallon. This in spite of how U.S. producers have been quickly easing production lately in the wake of the precipitous drop in oil prices that also allowed gasoline prices to fall.

**Brand new vibe:** Honda has lost about a half-point of U.S. market share this year so



Pilot production is helping Alabama rise as an auto state.

far, down to about 9.8 percent, according to Automotive News figures. But led by Pilot, times are about to get better for the brand that has tended to get a bit lost lately amid the booming American new-car market and a plethora of exciting and interesting product launches by competitors.

In fact, Honda should pick up a half-point of market share over the next four model years, according to the latest version of the "Car Wars" report by Merrill Lynch, which annually assesses prospects for each auto maker in detail.

The key: Over that period, Honda plans to redesign nearly all of its other nameplates, exceeding the plans of any other major auto brand in the U.S. market. And it's just as true now as ever: New sheet metal is what brings consumers to showrooms and boosts sales.

**Sweet home, Alabama:** It doesn't hurt that the all-new 2016 Pilot is being built in Alabama, which lately has seen its automotive output grow by more on a percentage basis than any other state. It's being produced alongside the Odyssey minivan, and Honda will begin producing an all-new Ridgeline pickup truck in Alabama early next year.

The fact that Pilot will be a new anchor of one of Honda's two major U.S. production bases — the other, older one is in Ohio — already has helped the company fashion a vehicle that appeals to American tastes and is likely to continue to do so. As Marc Ernst, chief engineer for Honda R&D Americas, put it in a release, "Our U.S.-based development team lives with the [Pilot] midsize family SUV every day and we have applied our deep understanding into development."

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**NORTHVILLE - Big Household/Garage Sale.** Bikes, garden tools, glassware, pottery, linens, artwork, kitchen tools, appls, toys, books & much more! Fri, June 19, 9-5pm Sat, June 20, 9-3pm 1045 Portsmere Ct. 1 blk off 8 Mile, btwn Taft & Beck.

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**SOUTH LYON** Green Oak Township Historical Society's Giant Annual Garage Sale June 5th - 20th 9 am - 5 pm At the Historic 1856 Hall 10789 Silver Lake Rd. South Lyon For more info call: Antoinette "Ty" Shelby (248) 342-0978

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