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First payment made to school district

PARC signing up arts, nonprofit tenants for Central

By **Joanne Maliszewski**
Staff Writer

P-CCS Superintendent Michael Meissen calls turning historic Central Middle School to an arts and recreation center a pioneering private-public

partnership. "I see it as a template for collaboration," Meissen said. He made his comments Monday afternoon during a brief signing of agreements with Mark Malcolm, who has purchased the 180,000-square-

foot facility in downtown Plymouth for \$3.3 million. Malcolm also provided Monday the first installment — \$1.5 million — of the purchase. An agreement with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district also was signed by Don Soenen for use of the facility by the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex. Soenen is one

of the major PARC organizers. "There's no turning back now. These kind of projects take the whole community," Soenen said. Malcolm's first payment will be placed in the school district's fund balance, as will remaining payments over the next two years. The school district is not charging interest

on the installments, Soenen said. The P-CCS Board of Education recently adopted a balanced budget for 2015-16, which required some \$5.3 million in spending cuts. The new budget also represents a growth in the district's fund

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A group of men performs a cultural dance.

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Black Rock eatery expected to open in September

By **Darrell Clem**
Staff Writer

Black Rock, a bar and grill where customers can choose to cook their own steaks on a heated granite stone brought to their table, is now expected to open in September on the site of the former Roman Forum restaurant on Ford Road, near Haggerty.

Restaurant officials had earlier hoped to open in mid-August, a date that has been pushed back as work crews transform the old Roman Forum building.

"We're shooting for the second week of September right now," said Jack Schifko, president of J.J.K. Restaurants. "I think we'll be in pretty good shape for that."

Canton's eatery becomes the area's third Black Rock, after Lonny Morganroth opened restaurants in Hartland and Novi. The latter was doing a brisk business on a recent Saturday night.

Black Rock comes to Canton after a series of recent restaurant openings such as Tilted Kilt, Bagger Dave's and IHOP. Qdoba is coming to a former Shell gas station site on the northwest corner of Ford and Haggerty.

Canton Economic Development Manager Kristen Thomas said she believes Black Rock will be a good fit for the Ford Road corridor.

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Canton-based Punjabi festival expected to draw thousands

By **Darrell Clem**
Staff Writer

A Canton-based Punjabi festival, billed as one of the largest of its kind in the Midwest, is expected to draw more than 2,000 people, organizers say.

The one-day Michigan Punjabi Khel Mela, featuring sports competitions, a Punjabi concert, ethnic food,

vendors and camaraderie, happens from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, July 18, on athletic fields at Canton Sports Center in Victory Park, on Michigan Avenue east of Beck.

The festival, spearheaded by the nonprofit Punjabi Sports & Cultural Association of Michigan, is free and open to the public. Karn Gill, one of the organizers, said financial support for the event, in its

eighth year, has grown to more than \$120,000.

Gill said the gathering is expected to draw people not only from across metro Detroit, but also from cities such as Chicago, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Toronto, Canada.

He said the mela is intended to show the traits — toughness, hard work, honesty and humbleness — to which he said the Punjabi

people, with roots in India and Pakistan, aspire.

"This is for everybody," he said. "We just want to show others what kind of people we are."

Ann-Marie Carravallah, Canton Leisure Services recreation coordinator, said the festival occurs on athletic fields 9 through 12 at the Can-

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Time to party like it's Independence Day

Celebrate July 4 with fireworks, parade and community picnic

By **Joanne Maliszewski**
Staff Writer

The Good Morning USA Parade will celebrate America's Independence Saturday, but it will also witness a historic moment when Plymouth's Fred Hill and his Briefcase Brigade perform their last

drill. "We are taking our briefcases and marching off into the sunset," said Hill, who has led the team of business men since its first performance in 1985.

But why? "We are all 30 years older. The business era we represent is marching away," Hill said, adding that

business people now carry backpacks and often don't wear suits and ties, let alone hats. "It is definitely bitter-sweet."

Beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 4, parade-goers will have one more opportunity to see 16 businessmen in suits, ties and briefcases make their way through downtown Ply-



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Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps has played at Comerica Park previously.

Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps performs July 4 at Comerica Park

The carrying trill of fifes and the thunder of drums join the crack of the ball meeting a bat and the roar of the crowd as the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps celebrates Independence Day with the Detroit Tigers.

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps will perform Saturday, July 4, at Comerica Park. After its performance, the PFDC will stick around to cheer on the

Detroit Tigers as they take on the Toronto Blue Jays starting at 1 p.m.

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps has performed at the Detroit Tigers Independence Day game several times in the past and it is honored to accept that invitation again this year. Fans will want to arrive early to watch the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps perform before the game.

Rain, storms slow Ford Road work

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Heavy rains and storms in June have hindered construction crews working to improve Ford Road in Canton, washing out a new sidewalk near the I-275 interchange and hindering progress, officials said.

"We're a little behind schedule because of all the rains," said Bill Erben, Michigan Department of Transportation project manager.

After the Fourth of July holiday weekend, work crews are hopeful they can regain momentum amid hopes of finishing the project by early August, he said.

The \$3.7 million project involves lengthening turn lanes; adding a third continuous westbound lane from Lotz toward Lilley; resurfacing a stretch of Ford Road from the interchange to Marlowe; improving exit and entrance ramps; and installing sidewalks along Ford where none existed, among other measures.

Some businesses say the project has caused a temporary slowdown in their customer base,



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Construction workers are continuing their efforts on Ford Road in Canton.

while others say they haven't noticed a change. All are hopeful the construction work will improve traffic bottlenecks along Ford.

James Zampas, assistant manager of Zax Auto Wash near Ford and Haggerty, said he hasn't noticed a slowdown in business.

"We had one of our busiest days yesterday in a while," Zampas said Monday.

He said he believes efforts to lengthen turn lanes could provide at least some relief for Ford Road motorists.

Ray Piasecki, manager of Chet's Rent All, an equipment rental business on Ford, said Chet's has had to give homeown-

ers, contractors and companies more time to return rental items because of Ford Road traffic problems.

"We have to give our customers extra time to get the equipment back to us, so actually we're losing money," Piasecki said, because it slows the turnaround time to rent it to the next customer.

Chet's also has been running a road construction special by dropping from \$21 to \$16 the cost of refilling a 20-pound propane tank for summer grilling.

"Traffic gets backed up and customers have to wait in line to get here," Piasecki said.

He and Chet's employee Brian Kroenke have

seen cars pull off Ford Road after being involved in accidents.

"It's like the worst road in the United States," Kroenke said.

He said Ford Road's original design appears flawed because too many business driveways are directly across from each other on the north and south sides of the road.

Chet's employees are hopeful the work on Ford Road will at least help the traffic problem.

Motorists also have had to find detours on weekends as work crews closed I-275 ramps to fix deteriorating pavement.

Canton has three of Wayne County's top 10 most crash-prone intersections outside of Detroit, with Ford-Haggerty claiming the top spot.

MDOT engineer Mike Bellini has said the work being done this summer is "going to help alleviate the problem short-term." However, MDOT has said the long-term solution, whenever funding becomes available, will involve transforming Ford Road into a boulevard from the I-275 area toward Canton Center.

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balance from \$9,639,908 this year to \$13,453,727 by June 30, 2017. The growth in the district's savings account is attributed to proceeds from the sale of the Starkweather building in Old Village, Central Middle School and property on Joy Road.

"It takes a special community to make this work," said Malcolm, who said he and his wife Patty embrace historic structures. "This is an iconic building. Places matter."



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

Signing agreements on the Central Middle School property are (from left) Mark Malcolm, Superintendent Michael Meissen and Don Soenen of PARC.

The plan is for the Malcolms to donate the property — when the purchase is completed — to PARC. The school district continues to own the property until all payments are made.

Until the final purchase is completed, PARC will operate in the building under an agreement with P-CCS, Soenen said.

The school board in February approved the sale of Central. In June, former and current students, teachers and residents gathered in Kellogg Park and in the school to say goodbye as it was closed at the end of the school year.

Love for the school was evident at the closing ceremonies, Meissen noted. "It was palpable," he said, adding that the sale and use by PARC will ensure Central's continuing role in the community.

Meanwhile, PARC officials are looking forward to making the most of the Central facility. "All the pieces have come together," Soenen said. "It bodes well for the future. We are building a community center that will last for years."

For starters, PARC — without major advertising — has already attracted a number of arts-related tenants, including

the Michigan Philharmonic, several theater groups and a music academy. Soenen had additional meetings Tuesday with potential tenants.

"The facility offers tremendous flexibility," Soenen said.

At this point, limited renovations will be made by tenants who, in return, will receive one month of free rent. "They are going to spiff up the place," Soenen said.

By Aug. 1, PARC officials expect to receive a certificate of occupancy from the city of Plymouth. Access will be available to the school gym and pool and renovations may be made. "The plan is to get as many people through there in the next two to three years," Soenen said.

Another PARC goal is to seek a public vote — likely in 2017 — of 1 mill to support arts and recreation in Plymouth and Plymouth Township. "One mill will do it handily," Soenen said. "We have to make sure we have a good case that this facility will be self-supporting."

A millage proposal is necessary from the residents of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. The 9,000-plus city population is not enough to finance

the arts and recreation effort, Soenen added.

While city officials are supportive, a majority of township elected members are not. The township board in January 2014 voted against an authority agreement with the city until at least Nov. 20, 2016. Treasurer Ron Edwards, who made the motion at that time, said he objected to having a community center in the city when township taxpayers, because of the township's greater size and land area, would pay a majority of the taxes to support it.

PARC committee members had intended any community center to be run by a city-township authority with taxing power, subject to voters' decision on a property tax to help support the center's construction and operation.

The public-private collaboration behind the Central acquisition for PARC activities is an example of the type of partnerships the school district seeks, Meissen said.

"Things won't happen in this economic climate without people joining forces," Meissen said.

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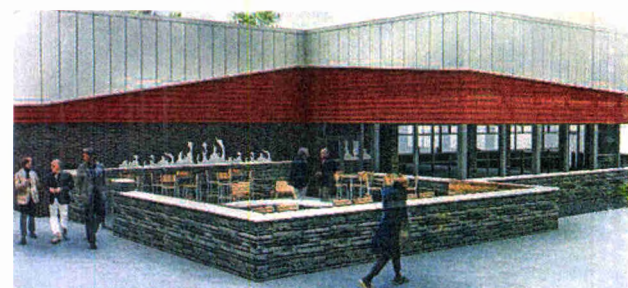
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"You couldn't ask for a better location," she said, adding that the nearby IKEA alone draws hundreds of thousands of visitors every year to the Ford-Haggerty area.

Thomas also said Black Rock's concept of allowing customers to cook their own food at their table — or have a chef do it in the kitchen — has a unique appeal.

"I think that's part of the allure," she said.

Schifko said Black Rock will be 9,200 square feet, including a patio and a fire pit, enclosed by a stone wall. The patio



J.J.K. RESTAURANT GROUP

Black Rock, a new bar and grill coming to Canton, is expected to open in September.

will be covered during colder weather.

Schifko said a knight's suit of armor that adorned the Roman Forum will be adapted to Black Rock's decor. He said efforts to work with Canton to get the restaurant open have gone

smoothly. "Canton has made things as easy for me as possible," he said. "They have bent over backwards to help us get there as fast as possible."

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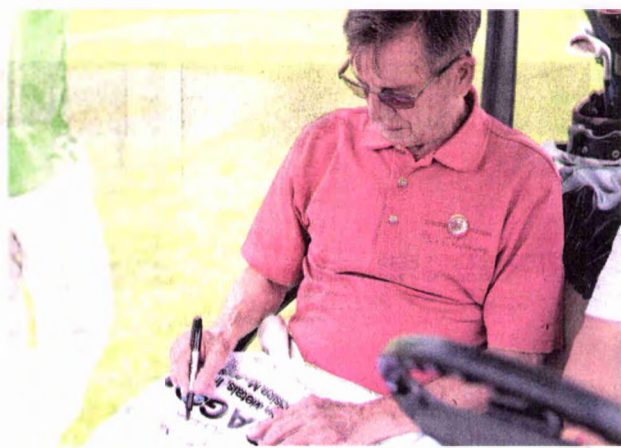
Fun plus golf equals good cause for St. Joe's

The 18th annual St. Joe's Pro Am, held June 17 at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton, drew 188 guests plus 46 golf pros, 28 community volunteers and celebrities.

The event raised \$142,786 to expand Behavioral Health Services at Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. The expanded services include mental health services and substance abuse treatment and prevention.

Leading the Pro Am's philanthropic efforts were \$10,000 graphite sponsor Paragon Metals, Inc. Worldwide Precision Machining and \$5,000 eagle sponsors Gil-Mar Manufacturing Co., IHA, Meijer and Michigan Health & Hospital Association.

Celebrities included hockey great Ted Lindsay, the Pro Am's chair emeritus; four-time Stanley Cup champion, former Detroit Red Wings player and assistant coach Joe Kocur; Lila Lazarus, health reporter and television personality; and Jeff Lesson, radio sports anchor and host of *Lesson on Golf*.



Ted Lindsay, Hockey Hall of Fame member and former Detroit Red Wings player, signed a keepsake pin flag.



Paragon Metals Inc. served as graphite sponsor for the 2015 St. Joe's Pro Am and was represented by (from left) Mike Kovac, PGA Pro Jerry Pasco, Rob Cole, Brian MacIntosh and Vice President Tom Nichols.



2015 St. Joe's Pro Am chair Dave LaVigne, representing eagle sponsor Gil-Mar Manufacturing Co.; health reporter Lila Lazarus; and Saint Joseph Mercy Health System Regional President and CEO Rob Casalou.



From left, Jeff Lesson, sports anchor, columnist and the host of "Lesson on Golf," presented awards to the winning Meijer team, including pro Aaron Cheesman, Barry Meyer, Mike Franceus, Jeff Miller and Tom Milam.

Observer & Eccentric is now part of the new Gannett

Parent company completes its split

By J.C. Reindl
Michigan.com

Gannett, the parent company of the *Observer & Eccentric* and *USA TODAY*, was officially spun off Monday as a new publicly traded company with a sharper focus on digital growth and innovation as a next-generation media company.

The old Gannett split into two distinct publicly traded companies: TEGNA, which holds more than 40 traditional broad-



casting properties and several purely digital enterprises such as Cars.com. The new Gannett has news organizations that publish on print and digital platforms in 92 U.S. markets. It also owns 17 daily publications in the U.K.

Gannett's properties in Michigan also include the *Detroit Free Press*, *Battle Creek Enquirer*, *Lansing State Journal*, *Livingston Co. Press &*

Argus and Port Huron Times Herald.

"Great journalism, great storytelling and focus on community — including helping businesses grow — is really at the core of the new Gannett," said Joyce Jenereaux, president and publisher of the *Detroit Free Press*. "We are excited to be part of this beginning."

The new Gannett is starting out with minimal debt and a strong cash flow and it plans to acquire more media assets in the U.S. to boost local advertising and marketing revenue. It also seeks to enhance coordination

among journalists at its news outlets across the nation and place greater emphasis on social and mobile news distribution, according to executives and company memos.

Gannett recently purchased 11 media properties in New Mexico, Texas and Pennsylvania.

On the first day of trading Monday, TEGNA closed at \$31.63, up \$1.52, or about 5 percent. The new Gannett closed at \$14.13, down 77 cents, or about 5.1 percent.

"The new Gannett is a next-generation media company that exists to empower community," Bob Dickey, president

and CEO of Gannett, said in a recent call with analysts and investors. "We do this, in part, by informing the communities we serve, but also in new innovative ways to help those communities connect, act and thrive."

The old Gannett company has been renamed TEGNA and is keeping ownership or control of 46 TV stations nationwide, as well as Cars.com and CareerBuilder.com. The TEGNA name was derived from letters in Gannett.

Plans for Monday's split of the company were first announced last August. Both Gannett

and TEGNA share a headquarters in McLean, Va.

Executives laid out a vision this month to expand the company's roster of media properties and continue the transformation as a digital-first operation.

The company will shop for media properties that serve markets with a population between 500,000 and 3 million.

The new Gannett will pay an annual cash dividend of 64 cents per share and launch a \$150 million share buyback program.

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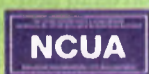
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Fireworks: Know dangers and take precautions

If you plan to celebrate Independence Day by setting off a few fireworks or giving the kids sparklers, know the dangers and take every safety precaution to avoid tragedy.

That's especially true with the more powerful consumer-grade devices such as firecrackers, bottle rockets, sky lanterns and Roman candles.

"Fireworks are a risky thrill and are best left to professionals," state Fire Marshal Richard Miller said. "If you do plan to shoot your own fireworks, remember you are playing with explosives and that, if used incorrectly, can cause irreparable injury and harm. Both consumers and certified fireworks retailers together must make safety their top priority and responsibility."

According to the latest data from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, injuries from fireworks accounted for 11,400 emergency room visits and eight deaths in 2013. The most common injuries were to the eyes, hands, head and face. Most inflictions were to bystanders rather than the activators of the fireworks themselves.

In Michigan, consumer fireworks became legal Jan. 1, 2012, and must meet CPSC standards. They will only be sold to people 18 years of age or older. Low-impact fireworks (ground-based items such as sparklers, toy snakes, snaps and poppers) are legal for sale and use. Be sure to check local ordinances for other limitations on the use of fireworks.

State law requires consumer-grade fireworks only be ignited from personal property. It is illegal to ignite fireworks on public property (including streets and sidewalks), school property,

church property or another person's property without their express permission.

State law makes it illegal to discharge fireworks when intoxicated or under the influence of drugs. When fire-related incidents involve consumer, low-impact or illegal fireworks resulting in property damage, injury or death of another person, individuals are subject to being convicted of a misdemeanor or felony punishable by imprisonment of not more than five years and fines of up to \$10,000 or both, depending upon the severity of the crime.

"The Bureau of Fire Services fire inspectors are issuing tickets to sellers who are non-compliant with the Fireworks Safety Act," Miller said. "We must ensure fireworks retailers operate their businesses safely to protect the public. Always buy from state-certified fireworks retailers."

Miller encourages people to enjoy professional fireworks displays by attending events run by their municipalities. If consumer fireworks are used at home, here are safety tips to protect lives and property while enjoying the Fourth of July.

» Always purchase fireworks from an authorized retailer and follow the manufacturer's directions.

» Do not buy fireworks packaged in brown paper; they are for professional use.

» Have an adult supervise fireworks activities, including sparklers.

» Light fireworks one at a time, then immediately back away to a safe distance.



Miller

» Keep people and pets out of range before lighting fireworks.

» Light fireworks outdoors on a driveway or other paved surface at least 25 feet away from houses and highly flammable materials such as dry grass or mulch.

» Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.

» Douse spent fireworks in a bucket of water before discarding them.

In addition, never:

» Allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.

» Place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse.

» Try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.

» Point or throw fireworks at other people.

» Carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.

» Purchase or use unlabeled fireworks, experiment with or make your own fireworks.

» Re-light "dud" fireworks that have not fully functioned; (instead, wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).

Miller also warns of the dangers of sparklers. Children are being injured by being poked with sparkler wires and are being badly burned by sparklers each year.

A list of legal consumer fireworks, legal low-impact fireworks and novelties is at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/fireworks_381040_7.pdf. To learn more about fireworks safety, the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act or obtain a list of state-certified fireworks retailers, go to the Bureau of Fire Services website at www.michigan.gov/bfs.



Eric Walter was sworn in June 22 as a Canton firefighter/paramedic.

Canton hires new firefighter/paramedic

Canton Public Safety welcomes its newest firefighter/paramedic, Eric Walter, to the department. Walter was sworn in June 22 by Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett.

All new firefighter/paramedics in Canton are required to successfully complete three months of mentored orientation and training prior to be-

coming manpower on an assigned shift.

New firefighters are on probation for one year while they complete an extensive training program, maximizing their potential and providing them with the tools necessary to succeed in their new position as a Canton firefighter/paramedic.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

The American Red Cross asks eligible donors to donate blood in the weeks surrounding Independence Day to help ensure a sufficient blood supply now and throughout the summer.

To encourage more people to donate around Independence Day, all those who come out to donate blood July 2-6 will receive a Red Cross embroidered hat, while supplies last.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red

Cross Blood Donor App, go to redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

Upcoming blood drives include:

Canton
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Plymouth
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A game of Kabaddi is played at a previous Punjabi event in Canton.

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PUNJABI

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ton Sports Center.

"This has been a nice fit," she said. "They need the space and we've got it. It's a nice event for the community."

TejKiran Singh of the Sikh Gurdwara Singh Sabha of Michigan said the mela is a family-friendly way for the community to come together to enjoy food, sports and the company of others.

"It's a festive mood," he said, "and there is something for everybody. I really hope that we can expand this to the whole community."

During a recent peace walk in Canton's Heritage Park, Dr. Syed Taj, a former Canton

Township trustee, said the Punjabi mela has become more successful over the years.

"It's a very big deal," Taj said.

The festival features four main sports competitions, including Kabaddi, which is a contact sport originating in India, volleyball, soccer and athletic events such as running. Gill, of Coldwell Banker Preferred Realtors of Plymouth, said teams will compete for awards.

Gill said a Punjabi concert is expected to begin about 5:30 p.m. He said the mela has become successful amid strong financial support from hundreds of sponsors. Among the largest:

- » Chain Sandhu of NYX, Inc. of Livonia.
- » Jerry Singh of RTI Laboratories of Livonia.
- » Harpreet Ahluwa-

lia of AQL, or Automotive Quality & Logistics, of Plymouth.

» Darshan Grewal of Singh Construction.

» Rattan Sekhon, hotel owner.

Gill said some area public and elected officials are likely to attend the mela, which has more than doubled in attendance since it began eight years ago. Vendors also are expected to bring merchandise ranging from artwork to clothing.

This year, as in others, the Punjabi community is hopeful of reaching out to other segments of metro Detroit to build relations.

"Those who come will feel the humbleness of our people," Gill said.

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mouth, where their performing careers began.

While watching the Briefcase Brigade, visitors will get plenty of other entertainment in the 2015 parade, organized by the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, which has served as a part of the July 4 festivities for some 18 years or more.

This year is special to the Kiwanis Club because it is the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International, which was founded in the Detroit area Jan. 21, 1915.

The annual parade is sandwiched in a two-day July 4 celebration that begins with a fireworks show at 10:15 p.m. Friday, July 3, at Plymouth Township Park, 46640 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Following the Good Morning USA Parade Saturday morning, the public is invited to Plymouth Township's Good Old-Fashioned July 4th Picnic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., also in the township park.

"They've done an incredible job," Scott Kappler, parade coordinator, said, referring to his club members. "We've got what I think is an exciting parade this year. We will have the biggest contingent of World War II veterans ever."

The 1½-mile parade with a theme of "Dream Big" is expected to keep folks entertained for a good hour so brings chairs, blankets - whatever will make you comfortable, Kappler said.

The parade will feature 80 entries - some longtime mainstays, others new - with bands, including a youth band from Windsor. "This will truly be an international parade," Kappler said.

Don't expect to see many floats, however. One reason is that they are expensive and difficult to make for organizations and the Kiwanis



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Dennis MacDowell and Paul Mackiewicz grill hot dogs at the Good Old-Fashioned July 4th Picnic.

wants to keep the crowds entertained with every entry offering something spectacular.

The Kiwanis will continue its tradition of having Steve King and the Dittilies perform, as well as Mark Rindisi, who will present the "Sounds of Sinatra." Visitors will see military re-enactments, as well as the Michigan Wheelmen, clowns, unicycles and performing dogs. Unfortunately, the parade's mainstay for more than 20 years, the Polish Centennial Dancers, are unable to make it.

"We do have plenty of groups that want to keep coming back. We are always looking for entries in the parade. We consider this a variety show in progress," Kappler said. And forget about a parade marshal: "It's not something that's a big draw."

Visitors may park in

any of Plymouth's municipal lots. Parking is allowed on some nearby residential streets.

The parade wouldn't be possible without its sponsors, which include: The Wilcox Foundation, Dick Scott Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, RAM, Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, Caviston Insurance Agency, Community Financial Credit Union, Cole, Newton and Duran CPA's, Herriman & Associates, Hines Park Lincoln, Great Clips of Plymouth, Horton Plumbing & Remodeling, Plymouth Dental Associates, Bank of Ann Arbor, Burroughs, Inc., CD Sparling Co., DJL Builders, Monroe Bank and Trust, Morse Dental Group and Victory Honda.

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Women perform a Punjabi cultural dance.

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GUEST COLUMN

Republican leadership increased education funding in past five years

While it can be called many things, Michigan's school funding formula is anything but simple. This fact is never more evident than when trying to explain whether or not one particular school district received a funding increase or why one school district does not receive the same level of funding as another from the state.

One thing we can state unequivocally: Michigan has increased state spending on education over the last five years from \$10,803,402,900 in 2010-11 to \$12,120,560,100 in 2015-16. Where things get murky is how the money is divided up and why.

Take for example the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The foundation allowance in the 2015-16 budget was increased from \$7,251 per pupil to \$7,391 — an increase of \$140 per pupil. Adjusting for the elimination of other funding streams that were consolidated this year into the foundation allowance, the net increase per pupil for P-CCS is \$36 per student.

But that does not tell the whole story. In addition to an increase in the foundation allowance, the state increased the amount of money put toward the Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System. This fund pays the retirement benefits earned by our public school employees.



Patrick Colbeck

GUEST COLUMNIST

Up until 2011, payments were made to MPSERS directly from the foundation allowance funding given to schools. In order to shore up a system that was about to spiral out of control and eat up a significant amount of the foundation allowance funding, the state Legislature capped the amount of liability to school districts and began paying money directly into MPSERS. The amount of money being directed to that account has increased every year since then in order to maintain the retirement benefits of our school employees.

Over the past five years, under Republican leadership in Lansing, the state contribution to the MPSERS on behalf of the employees in P-CCS has increased more than \$658 per pupil. Had the MPSERS funding liability for schools not been capped and state funding increased, our schools would have \$658 per pupil less to spend than they do now.

One final point to consider is the administration of the funds that have been provided to the school districts. Against the backdrop of declining enrollment on the order of 1,115 students since 2011, P-CCS has added more than 15 administrators.

Was it truly necessary to add 15 more people overseeing operations? Might that money have been better spent hiring 15 new teachers or increasing the pay of current teachers? Ultimately, that is up to the school board and parents to decide. However, I would encourage greater transparency and cooperation from the board with our entire community. It seems instead that some members of the board are deflecting from an examination of their actions and seeking to blame Lansing for perceived funding cuts or

parents that choose to send their students to charter schools. Rather than lament the fact that many parents are choosing to send their kids to charter schools, I believe that the responsible course of action would be to determine why parents choose to do so. Once these reasons are understood, it is up to the board and other school officials to shape the education environment to address their concerns. When they do so, they will stem the exodus of students and force charter schools to improve their performance as well. In other words, everyone wins.

While my colleagues and I continue working in Lansing to simplify the most complex state budget of them all and find ways to direct more dollars to the classroom, I encourage district residents to expand the discussions at the local level.

I believe that all of us who believe in public education should not only examine how much money is coming in to our schools, but also how that money is being spent. Together, we can make sure that we all remain

focused on our funding priority — the classroom. When we do this, we will provide our kids with the quality education that they need for their future success.

Patrick Colbeck is a Republican state senator representing the 7th District, which includes the city of Plymouth and Canton and Plymouth townships. He may be reached at 517-373-7350 or SenPColbeck@enate.michigan.gov.

Editor's note: The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administration offers the following information in response Sen. Patrick Colbeck's claim that the school district hired more than 15 administrators since 2011. The reality is, under Superintendent Michael Meissen's administration, 12 non-affiliated and administrative positions have been eliminated since the 2013-14 school year.

Non-affiliated administrators consist of district administration and support staff. During the 2009-10 school year, this group had a total of 41.75 full-time equivalents. For the budget year 2015-16, this group consists of 48.1 FTEs. Of those 48.1 FTEs, nine positions are not new positions, but rather existing positions that were moved from union

groups to the non-affiliated group. Of the 48.1 FTEs, there are 16 district administrators and 32.1 support staff. The maximum number of non-affiliated administrators and support staff during the five-year-period from 2009-14 was 57.25. The increase consisted of four dean positions and two technology integration specialists (created in 2013-14 and already approved when Meissen arrived at the district). The four dean positions have been maintained for the 2016 budget, however, two technology integration specialists have been eliminated for the 2016 budget. One of four regional director positions has been eliminated in the new school year. Regional director positions were re-purposed from the former curriculum coordinator positions in 2014 to align the district leadership model to a 21st century professional learning community design around academic achievement.

At the building administrator level, administrative positions have been reduced from 52 FTE in 2009-10 to 49 FTE in the 2015-16 fiscal year. Under Meissen's administration, the total reduction in administrator ranks is 12.1 in the new budget year.

GUEST COLUMN

Maintain historic buildings and preserve green space in Plymouth's Old Village

Nationally syndicated columnist and 1936 Plymouth High School graduate Russell Kirk first brought to national attention the plight of a dying Old Village in Plymouth and neighborhoods like it across America.

In his 1970 column "To the Point," he wrote a piece headlined "Town Shops of Yore May Be on Way Back." There was a follow-up to the piece in the *Plymouth Mail and Observer* on July 11, 1970, by editor Fred DeLano. Kirk stated in "Old Village Died Hard," that it began dying when the bank on Liberty Street was closed by the Roosevelt moratorium during the Great Depression and that death of the neighborhood was accelerated by World War II, by parking problems, by the neighborhood not being



Daniel Sabo

GUEST COLUMNIST

designed in the age of the automobile for high traffic. Other culprits he labeled were urban sprawl, shopping malls and loss of public transportation. However, he also stated he was happy to see the beginnings of a revival of the neighborhood and new businesses there.

The revival Kirk spoke of has been ongoing for more than 45 years. Today, Old Village is thriving, the Liberty Street block and entire neighborhood is hopping, historic homes are being restored beautifully and anyone who regularly visit knows it is a local hot spot and desirable

place to live. I was born in 1960, raised in the home that my great-grandfather George Starkweather built in Old Village and have been a witness my entire life to this revival Kirk wrote about 45 years ago.

In my opinion, it's time for residents, business owners and city officials in Plymouth to start patting each other on their backs, say "Job well done." "We did it," and "We saved Old Village." We should hit the brakes on any further major development or demolitions there and preserve.

If any major development is to be done, it should be to improve what public green space and historic properties are left and upgrade and maintain, instead of potentially piling on more

parking spaces, converting more residential homes to business, tearing down historic structures to make way for parking lots, invite modern mini-strip malls.

Adding to the congestion and threatening historic structures in Old Village is not a public benefit. It will make Plymouth a less than desirable place to live, cause harm to the historic significance and livability of the area, cause retail business to again decline. It would cause much of the good and hard work that has been done by many for the past 45 years to be undone.

More traffic and more congestion will cause historic homes and buildings to give way to parking lots, since the first result of major housing developments will be

complaints about lack of parking. That added congestion will spread toward Kellogg Park.

If the housing development on the Starkweather School site is allowed, some, but not all, new residents will walk to businesses in Old Village. In winter, few will walk up the hill from Plymouth Road. They will drive and park. The exit ramp that the Plymouth Preservation Network VP was advocating for during the March 11 city Planning Commission meeting will aggravate the traffic and parking situation, if built.

Folks who patronize the Liberty Street block know it is already difficult, if not impossible, to find a parking place between Mill and Starkweather during peak times. The added congestion will only com-

pound the problem that the recently approved Starkweather Station development will bring.

I don't believe Kirk or the folks who began the task of reviving Old Village more than 45 years ago had massive redevelopment of a historic neighborhood in mind. The broken model of urban sprawl, shopping centers, housing developments on edges of towns, is being attempted here. It's urban sprawl in reverse — that is, applying those elements to a neighborhood that was nearly destroyed by such. This idea should be struck from the city master plan and a new plan be drawn with principals of historic preservation and promoting local business in mind.

Daniel Sabo is the grandson of Karl Starkweather.

GUEST COLUMN

Senseless gun violence is slowly killing our nation

An act of domestic terror. Nine people gunned down in a church. When is enough enough? A great civilization is not conquered from without until it has destroyed itself from within.

Yet another sad and tragic day in America. The country is in mourning.

We are also angry these mass murders continue, with little or no constructive response to prevent them going forward.

With a burst of gunfire in Charleston, S.C., the nation's innocence is once again shattered and nine people lie in their own blood dead, in their place of worship. Yet another twisted young man snuffed out innocent lives with a handgun.

If this mass murder of people of God in a church is not a wake-up call and shakes our moral sensibilities to our core, I am uncertain what will.

Today and for eternity, we are stuck with the



Tom Watkins

GUEST COLUMNIST

memory of this unimaginable massacre of innocence, as they prayed to their God.

As a nation, what will be our response?

Hopefully, doing nothing will no longer be tolerated.

Before the tears have dried, the dead are buried and the family and friends have had the time to absorb the magnitude of their loss, let alone grieve, the politicians are debating who is at fault. Let me make it easy on them — we all are at fault!

When will enough be enough of the senseless gun violence — be it on the streets of Detroit, L.A., Chicago, our nation's capital or the similar Newtown and Charleston massacres that have become all too common?

Our national pain should not fade until our

nation's leaders take decisive action on multiple fronts to address this horror in our midst.

If we do not come together now to address this madness, we our giving up on the very soul from which this great nation sprang.

A call to action
Our response needs to be grander than shrugging our shoulders. We need a collective call to stop the lunacy!

We need to de-claw the National Rifle Association with its nonsensical response that "People kill people — guns don't pull the trigger!" Assault rifles are meant to assault.

Guns do kill. *New York Times* columnist Nicholas D. Kristof points out that, according to David Hemenway, a public health specialist at Harvard who has written a book on gun violence, "Children ages 5-14 in America are 13 times more likely to be murdered with guns as children in other indus-

trialized countries."

Finding a sensible policy, law or regulation that keeps these weapons off our streets and out of the hands of deranged people is not a violation of the Second Amendment and does not interfere with the rights of any legitimate gun owner. It would stop people from hunting other people within our communities.

Legitimate gun ownership for sport, self-protection or collection purposes is not at issue. Making it easy for anyone to obtain assault weapons with ammunition clips capable of shooting dozens of high-powered bullets in seconds is pure lunacy.

Sensible people can develop laws that can help reduce, if not prevent, these senseless mass killing while protecting Second Amendment rights.

We need to challenge and eliminate the culture of violence we tolerate in movies and video games that is corrosive to a healthy and

stable society.

When is enough enough?

When are we willing to recognize that senseless slaughter can be minimized and prevented if we mesh quality mental health services with sensible, enforceable, strong gun ownership laws and a demand that violence is not sold as entertainment?

President Obama has been the relegated to "Commander In Grief" in yet another aftermath of a senseless slaughter of innocent life after a disturbed person had access to guns. He expressed "sadness and anger" at the continued violence, as well as impatience with the refusal of lawmakers to tighten the nation's gun laws.

Our national response must address easy access to guns and appropriate treatment for people with mental illness, at a minimum.

More deaths, more talk. Where is the outrage and action?

It was only a few

short years ago where the country's moral outrage boiled over at Sandy Hook Elementary School, where 26 people, including 20 boys and girls just 6 or 7 years old, were murdered. Our leaders promised to act then. They did not. Their failure is killing us.

Congress and Mr. President — stop allowing people to die in vain. The innocence of our nation was gunned down in Charleston at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the oldest black churches in the nation. As a nation, we are literally dying here. At Sandy Hook, we had 20 reasons to act. Now we can add nine children of God to the death list.

For God's sake — do something!

Northville resident Tom Watkins served the citizens of Michigan as both state mental health director and state superintendent of schools. He is the president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority. Follow him on Twitter at tdwatkins88.

Master Craft opens expanded site in Plymouth

Master Craft, a contractor in the commercial flooring industry, recently opened the doors to its newly expanded facility at 15001 Fogg Street in Plymouth.

The 9,000-square-foot office facility allows space for 20 private offices, two conference rooms, warehouse offices, a flooring library, a design/workspace, a full kitchen, breakout areas and lobby, along with a 25,000-square-foot warehouse.

The expansion was the result of continued business growth, additional need for clients to warehouse attic stock, house materials and accommodate planning for larger projects. Company leadership expects the new space to increase available inventory, speed and efficiency in delivering products to client.

Design for this project was based on direct feedback from customers. The facility displays many of Master Craft's capabilities. It also offers a place where clients can see different flooring installations and solutions in application.

Planning and installa-

tion for this project involved 16 flooring manufacturers, eight industry partners and the following products: luxury vinyl tile; linoleum with cut-in designs; carpet tile installed in multiple layouts and designs; power bond; porcelain tile; sheet goods with anti-fatigue backing; polished concrete; mill-work base; and hardwood.

"We designed this facility specifically to be a showcase of the different installation capabilities that Master Craft can perform," said Dan Ulfing, president. "To execute an installation like this properly, the commercial flooring installer must have artistic capability and technical expertise, as it becomes more of an art form."

To meet the design objectives for this facility, Master Craft sourced custom furniture specific to the industry. Other challenges included creating areas to review drawings, determining needs for future growth, building a flooring library and meeting space for clients and designers.



A kitchen in the Master Craft facility displays colorful flooring.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Open in Plymouth

DFCU Financial recently opened its newly constructed full service branch, 855 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth.

"DFCU Financial's new Plymouth location allows us to extend our holistic approach to banking and financial guidance to more than 4,000 families in the area," said Mark Shobe, president and CEO, DFCU Financial. "We've assembled a team of local experts uniquely qualified to help our members make sound financial decisions and achieve the milestones most important to them."

The 4,500-square-foot building features two drive-up teller lanes and a drive-up ATM. It will also feature a variety of financial education seminars in the future, including: healthy credit; debt-free living; pre- and post-retirement planning; estate planning; retire-

ment readiness.

DFCU Financial will donate \$25 to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Program for each member who opens an account or closes a loan at the Plymouth branch between through Aug. 31.

"It's very important to us that we make a positive impact on the communities in which we work and live," Shobe said. "Our children will face unique fiscal challenges as they grow, and we're committed to helping them overcome those challenges and thrive as tomorrow's leaders through ongoing education and financial empowerment."

Grand opening

A ribbon-cutting was celebrated June 25 by Tilted Kilt restaurant of Canton to announce its grand opening at 42059 Ford Road. Employees, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and

residents were among the attendees.

Green system

Mettetal Airport in Canton is among a number of site at which third party independent research for Parjana, an emerging business, conducted research with its patented EGRP — Energy Passive Groundwater Recharge Product.

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Parjana® Distribution team was founded in March 2012 by its co-founders Greg McPartlin and Andrew Niemczyk, the inventor of the simple yet revolutionary EGRP® technology. The Detroit-based company has a large scale objective of Michigan becoming the thought leaders in water management. The EGRP provides

the means to naturally manage storm water, with the overall vision to turn rain into revenue by properly treating water as a critical asset instead of as a liability.

Fresh Thyme to open

Fresh Thyme Farmers Market will open a Northville location July 22 with a grand opening celebration, including live

entertainment and fun activities. Fresh Thyme will support local charitable organizations by donating a total of \$15,000 during check presentations and ribbon cutting ceremonies just prior to the scheduled 7 a.m. door openings.

The Northville location is at 15480 Sheldon Road.

Each of three opening stories in the Detroit

suburbs will host a grand opening celebration and grocery giveaway! Fresh Thyme Farmers Market reusable shopping bags packed full with healthy groceries valued at \$50 will be given to the first 250 shoppers through the doors at each store. Throughout the day attendees will be treated to live entertainment, face-painting, food sampling and other activities.

Providence Park Hospital studying potentially revolutionary medical device

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

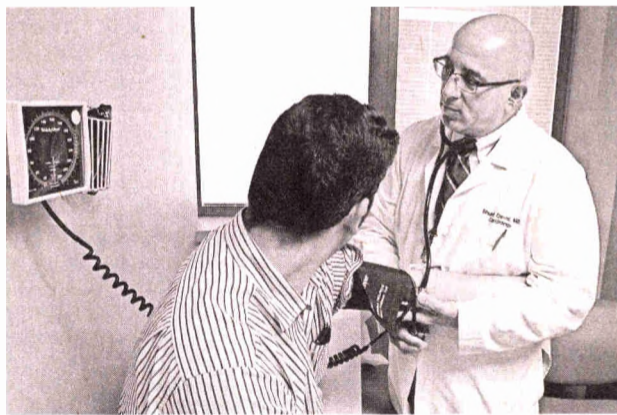
Providence Hospital is conducting a study that could change how high blood pressure is treated.

At its locations in Novi and Southfield, Providence Hospital is now instituting a study investigating a medical device to help lower blood pressure in patients with uncontrolled hypertension. It's one of the first institutions in the U.S. enrolling patients to participate in this clinical trial that has the green light from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"This could have huge implications that could change how we treat high blood pressure," said Shukri David, M.D., system chair of cardiology at the Providence Heart Institute and principal investigator of the trials at Providence.

What Providence is doing exactly is participating in two new global clinical trials investigating the effect of renal denervation with the investigational Symplicity Spyral catheter and Symplicity G3 radiofrequency generator.

The study involves the chronic condition defined as an average systolic blood pressure at or above 140 mmHg. If left untreated, it can significantly increase the risk of heart attack, stroke, heart



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Providence Park Novi cardiac care Dr. Shukri David will be organizing an FDA-sponsored blood pressure study at the hospital involving renal denervation. It will try to see if heating some of the nerves within the kidneys can reduce, without the use of excess medication, a patient's blood pressure.

failure, kidney disease and death, according to David.

"Uncontrolled high blood pressure is one of the greatest threats to patients in metro Detroit," David said. "We are proud to have been selected to take part in these groundbreaking trials and look forward to helping identify which patients might be the most appropriate for this investigational treatment."

The two separate trials happening at Providence are investigating the effect of renal denervation on high blood pressure in patients who are and who are not taking medications to lower

their blood pressure.

Together, these trials are part of Medtronic's SPYRAL HTN Global Clinical Trial Program, a unique, multi-phased clinical study to understand the effect of renal denervation on uncontrolled hypertension.

David said renal denervation is a minimally invasive, catheter-based procedure that may potentially calm the activity of nerves within the arteries leading to the kidneys.

To learn more, go to <http://www.medtronicrdn.com/intl/healthcare-professionals/symplicity-rdn-system/index.htm>.

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OUR VIEW

Road plan is a tax hike on working families

We were going to write an editorial pointing out that while Michigan's corporate income tax credits continue to grow to the point where we'll owe big business more than \$9 billion, our legislators remain hooked on the idea of eliminating tax credits for struggling families.

We'd have written what we thought about eliminating the Earned Income Tax Credit to find money for road builders.

Instead, we'll share the testimony of Gilda Jacobs, president of the Michigan League for Public Policy, to the House Roads and Economic Development Committee:

"House Bill 4609, which would eliminate the Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit, is a tax hike on 820,000 working families who are raising 1 million children. It punishes



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Lawmakers propose to eliminate the Earned Income Tax Credit as a part of a road funding plan.

working families who are playing by all the rules but still not getting ahead. ...

"Michigan shouldn't pave its roads on the backs of its lowest earning working fam-

ilies. "We should instead strengthen the state EITC. By boosting families' incomes, the EITC improves odds for success. It improves maternal and infant health and reduces the likelihood of child abuse or neglect. It helps children do better and go farther in school and earn more as adults. ...

"The Earned Income Tax Credit can be claimed only by people who work. It is a hand up for people paid low wages, not a handout. If someone doesn't work and pay taxes, they can't receive the credit.

"Households eligible for the tax credit pay a greater share of their income in state and local taxes than wealthy people do, and cutting this tax credit will make this problem worse. With the repeal of the state EITC, those making less

than \$17,000 and those between \$17,000 and \$34,000 will be paying almost 10 percent of their incomes in total state and local taxes — double the 5.1 percent paid by the top 1 percent of earners. ...

"Saying that eliminating our state EITC is necessary to fund the state's road plan is like trying to fill the Grand Canyon with a bucket of sand. The \$117 million from the credit is a drop in the bucket of a \$1.2 billion road plan but a huge amount to working families and children struggling with low wages. The credit may seem minimal to you, but to a single mom raising two kids on minimum wage, this is the equivalent of an extra paycheck or two."

This editorial was first published in the Port Huron Times Herald.

LETTERS

Loyal partisan

Recently, the *Observer* has carried two separate articles written by guest columnist Michael Hansel. I don't know if this is the same Michael Hansel who, in the past, has been an apologist for Patrick Colbeck, a spokesman for the Republican Party or, in my opinion, a hatchet man for the right wing. However, from the content of his columns, it certainly sounds like the same person.

On June 4, Hansel wrote, from my understanding, that if we do away with all corporate taxes, our country will flourish, jobs will reappear from overseas and the rich will do the right thing. It appears the only thing he left out was "and the check is in the mail."

On June 25, he blames Wayne County's dismal state on corruption and incompetence. This is partly true, since several individuals have been jailed. The voters saw fit to oust the former county executive. It is what's left out of this column that is so telling — the fact that the county lost over a \$100 million in tax revenue due to the actions of the very people he lauds in his first article.

Corrupt and incompetent bankers and mortgage lenders caused the financial meltdown that led to the current situation. But if Hansen included this fact, how could he continue to blast the Democrats without also blasting his Republican Party backers? In short, he can't and he won't. A loyal partisan always knows who wields the stone that sharpens the hatchet.

James Huddleston
Canton

Why the attack?

After reading the article written by state Sen. Patrick

Colbeck, all I can say is "wow!" I don't understand why my state senator feels the need to attack P-CCS and continue to peddle his policies that are destroying Michigan's public school system.

I don't understand how he can say that Lansing has done its job funding our schools when P-CCS just made \$5.3 million in cuts this year alone and I'm baffled by his view that charter schools somehow help P-CCS when our district has always been among the best in the state. Yet he fights every day for money to be funneled away from traditional public schools to fund unaccountable charters that don't have as many required costs as traditional public schools. I'm especially disappointed that he is spewing flat out lies about P-CCS.

Sen. Colbeck, our school district did not hire 15 new administrators. I'm not sure where you got that "information" from, but it's not factual and it concerns me that you decided to publish something that you either didn't fact check or you knew wasn't the truth, but decided lying would be politically expedient.

P-CCS is an amazing school district. I know because I sit in classes at P-CEP hours each day. However, P-CCS being an awesome district isn't the only thing I can take away from being a student; I can also see how Sen. Colbeck's votes in Lansing have impacted the education of the thousands of students he is supposed to be a voice for and I can unequivocally state that the votes he has taken have harmed my education and the education of others.

Ethan Petzold
Canton

Complainer

I would imagine most of the communities have at least one

complainer, however, for the communities that don't have one, we here in Canton will gladly loan you ours, free of charge. For you see, we have the "National Complainer of the Year." There are certain requirements and/or restrictions that you must meet before our complainer starts complaining on your behalf. They are:

» You must have enough conservatives to make it worthwhile for our complainer. (Our complainer is strictly a progressive liberal.)

» You must have some elected officials (currently in office) that are conservative and/or Tea Party. (Our complainer refuses to bash anyone from the liberal Democratic Party.)

» Your elected conservative and/or Tea Party officials should pass bills that are for the good of your community and for the state. (Our complainer will find something in each one of them to voice displeasure in.)

» It would be helpful if your newspaper was anything but the *Observer*. (This will give us a well-deserved break.)

Please feel free to use our "complainer" for as long as necessary. (We're in no hurry for a return.)

Bernie Mastey
Canton

Keep pets inside during fireworks

I feel it's important that I write this letter to make people aware of my concern:

Some years ago the Fourth of July fireworks were set off at the park at Five Mile and Inkster. Some people sat on their roofs, many on their lawns. It was a fun festive time, but not for our pets. The noise scared them to death!

What happened to one pet has stuck in my memory.

Happy July 4!



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The 2014 Plymouth Good Morning USA Parade begins its march down Main Street.

Neighbors down the street had company over to join in the festivities — they had brought their dog with them. When all the booming began — and it was really loud — the dog ran down the street and into the woods at the corner. Our street ends at Puritan; the woods run all the way to Six Mile Road. The owner was upset and crying beyond control. As far as I know, her dog was never found.

I strongly urge people to keep their pets in their yard or, better yet, inside their house. I have a cat so he is always inside.

G. Pullum
Redford

Educate yourselves

It is important that citizens throughout the world, including the U.S., educate themselves to current events and especially the words used to describe them.

Such words as terrorism, the sponsors/organizing groups and members called ISIS, ISIL, "homegrown" terrorists, tenets of Islam, Christianity, other belief systems,

and sectarian groups cause confusion and incorrect opinions. Other words are caliph and caliphate. Without knowledge or familiarity with any or all of these terms, some persons react with fear and hate. Their actions and speech reflect instinctive, emotional, unreasoning thought. Knowledge of the histories and geography of our country and other places in the world help us react to the evil actions of individuals carefully, with skepticism, with reason and love.

Democracies are crumbling. As citizens of the U.S. and the world, we could be more aware and involved in helping to save them. We can be change agents by talking with others about patriotism versus nationalism / economic inequality and disparity / diversity / the human connection / hunger / disease / lack of education.

Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce Township

GUEST COLUMN

Raise the bar in terms of racial understanding, respect

Recently, I became aware of a white locally elected official who, when engaging an African-American woman and her teenaged son, found her behavior disrespectful and let her know in a similarly disrespectful manner.

I called the official to arrange for a cup of coffee to talk about the broader implications of his encounter, which prompted his quick response: "I'm not racist!" This was followed by a defense of his behavior. I asked if he understood why the woman seemed disrespectful. Had he considered her anger and embarrassment as her son, in spite of all she did to make sure he never got into trouble, was in fact, in trouble? When it soon became clear the official did not want to talk further, I suggested he



Steve Spreitzer
GUEST COLUMNIST

find someone to have an honest conversation with, one where he was safe to be honest, to be vulnerable. I hope he decided to do that, but I am not optimistic.

I thought of this encounter while grieving the horror of Charleston, where nine people were gunned down by a person who has confessed to this act of hatred. This latest homegrown terrorist likely heard a litany of hateful rhetoric throughout his life. His beliefs allowed him to dehumanize his African-American neighbors to the point where he felt justifi-

fied in his killings. Where were the people who could have stood up against these messages of hate and ignorance? Were they afraid to speak up? How many of them "weren't racist?"

Metro Detroit is not South Carolina. We don't have a Confederate flag flying in public. We do, however, have those flags flying in private. We have many citizens who have never had a meaningful conversation with someone of another race or religion, which puts them at risk of being unintentionally disrespectful — perhaps like that elected official.

I was one of those persons, raised by a bigoted parent in an all-white suburb of Detroit. To this day, I continue to be reminded of my racist thinking and the many unexamined layers of bias and privilege. As much as I work on this, I am still at risk of being insensitive and offending someone. So when I hear someone like the elected official, I do my best to reach out as so many have done and continue to do for me.

For the past 20 years, I have had the honor of working for the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity. Thanks to sponsors

like DTE Energy and the Kresge, W.K. Kellogg and Ford foundations, we are able to provide the resources to help citizens make their communities places where all are welcome and treated fairly. We have discovered over the years that every community has challenges as a result of their local and our regional history of racial injustice.

We have also discovered that there is an abundance of good people who strive to be known as much more than simply not being a racist, but to be known as champions in building positive race relations in their communities. An example is the a group of 28 West Bloomfield Township residents who, at the request of township officials troubled by a series of hurtful racial actions of a few citizens, formed the West Bloomfield Diversity Committee this spring.

After 120 days of work, the group made recommendations for a comprehensive diversity and inclusion program which will be available to the public at the reference desk of the West Bloomfield Public Library.

What can you do in your

local community? What can you do to go beyond simply saying you are not a racist?

If you wish to be part of change, we are here to help. I encourage you to visit our website at www.miroundtable.org. There, you can learn about our Deconstructing our Differences series and "We Don't Want Them" Housing Exhibit, which could be brought to your community.

Like West Bloomfield, Plymouth, Canton, Warren, Livonia, Troy and Grosse Pointe, you could host a forum on the effect of race on every aspect of your community life. Later this summer, we will be hosting a free community meeting to help educate citizens about ways to interrupt prejudicial thinking, words and actions. We invite you to join us.

I recall a colleague once telling me guilt was only functional before we do something. Our tears for the victims of the Charleston shooting are hollow if not accompanied by action. Please let us know if we can help. The time is now.

Steve Spreitzer is president and CEO Michigan Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion.

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Wade happy with decision to retire

Former heptathlete, U-M star to be inducted into Farmington Hall of Fame

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Bettie Wade is enjoying her retirement from the sport of track and field and has moved forward to do other things in her life.

The former Farmington High School and University of Michigan star rose to the level of being a world-class athlete

before calling it quits at the end of 2013.

Wade, who will turn 29 this year, just missed making the 2012 U.S. Olympic team in the heptathlon. She was fourth in qualifying and 170 points shy of the third and final roster spot.

After refocusing her mind and efforts for another major push, Wade rebounded in 2013,

made the U.S. team and competed at the IAAF World Championships in Moscow.

She had resumed her training late that year, but she was dealt a major setback when her contract with Nike was not renewed.

"Do I continue on without a contract?" Wade asked herself.

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ERROL ANDERSON | THE SPORTING IMAGE

Bettie Wade competes for the University of Michigan in the long jump as part of the heptathlon.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY

HOCKEY STAR ON THE RISE

Megan Keller of Farmington Hills hopes Olympic Games are in her future

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Megan Keller has a definite goal in mind for the not-too-distant future in her budding hockey career.

The 19-year-old defenseman from Farmington Hills hopes to play for the U.S. women's Olympic team at the 2018 Winter Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea.



Keller

That's a very real possibility, considering Keller's years of experience in the sport and her rise to prominence on the national scene.

She was a member of the U.S. Women's National Team that won the International Ice Hockey Federation world championship in April with a 7-5 victory over Canada.

"It was awesome," Keller said. "We were coming in as the underdog to Canada and to be able to compete with them and beat such a great team was amazing."

That was the second international competition for Keller, who completed her freshman season with Boston College shortly before joining the



JOHN QUACKENBOS | BOSTON COLLEGE

See KELLER, Page B3 Boston College's Megan Keller of Farmington Hills (middle) is one of the top young defensive players in U.S. women's hockey.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

Summer gig has MU's Tibbits on comeback trail

Plymouth player on the rebound from shoulder surgery in Southern Collegiate Baseball League

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

With a chance to play this summer in the Southern Collegiate Baseball League, Madonna University outfielder Mike Tibbits hopes to prove he can literally shoulder more of a load.



Tibbits

May 2014 to repair the same labrum.

Tibbits returned this spring to appear in 42 games (33 starts), batting .253 as MU

Bak at Novi's Providence Hospital, the first in March 2013 for a torn labrum and partial rotator cuff tear, followed another in

made the NAIA national tournament after going 37-17 overall and 26-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

"This spring it was a little sore; it was tight," Tibbits said. "There were some days where I had to take throwing off, just get back into throwing every day, just trying to strengthen it. It was pretty sore, but it's a lot better now."

In 21 games (through Monday), the 6-foot-2, 170-pound

Tibbits is batting .313, while alternating between right and center field for the Statesville (N.C.) Owls, who lead the Northern Division of the SCBL with a 10-11 record.

There are total of six teams in the Southern Collegiate, which attracts some of the top college players from across the country.

"The caliber is real good,"

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ATHLETICS

Senior Olympics slated for August

Area seniors are invited to enter the 11th annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics scheduled for Aug. 10-14 in various communities.

A variety of fun and challenging activities for Wayne County men and women age 50 and older will be available throughout the week of competition.

This year's events include five- and 10-mile bike races, Wii bowling, creative writing, photography, euche, tennis, horseshoes, basketball shoot, volleyball, shuffleboard, billiards, bocce ball, bean-bag toss, football throw, pellet-rifle marksmanship, soccer kick, golf, pickle ball, pinochle, scrabble, trivia and more.

These challenging events, which showcase seniors' active and healthy lifestyles, will be held at various locations in Wayne County. Equipment will be provided for all events with the exception of golf, bowling, tennis, pickle ball and biking.

Participants must register no later than Thursday, July 2.

Canton will host the basketball shoot event at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 10 and the Wii bowling event Aug. 12 at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

In addition, Canton will host the singles and doubles tennis competition at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Aug. 12 at Belleville High School, 501 W. Columbia Ave.

This year's banquet and medals presentation will take place at noon Aug. 14 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

For those who wish to attend the final banquet, there is a \$15 fee per person. For more information or to confirm event times and locations, call the Canton Senior Center at 734-394-5485.

To learn more about this and other competitive sports and recreational events scheduled for this year's Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, go to www.wwcso.org.

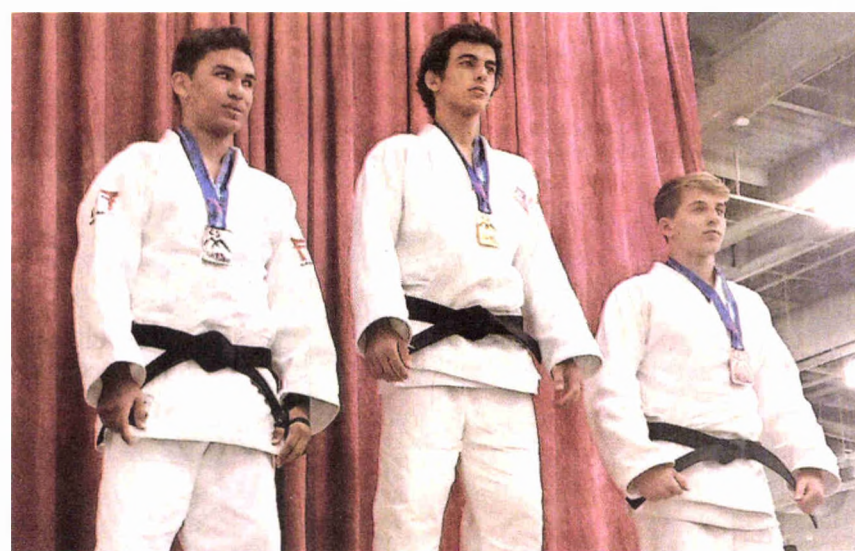
Participating communities include Belleville, Canton Township, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township and Wayne/Westland.

Cobras post 13-0 record



The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Cobras won the regular-season championship in the Western Suburban Baseball League's 9-and-under travel division with a 13-0 record. The players are (front row, from left) Jack Stifter, Will Friedrich, Jake Catlett, Truan Conrad, Ryan Hanks, Hunter Tengler, (middle row) Andrew Bertman, Jason Bedol, Brody Pikur, Ethan Baker and Levi Shanker. The coaches are (back row) Dan Jakubiak, John Pikur, Todd Shanker and Matt Friedrich. The Cobras competed against the Livonia Hawks, South Farmington Bombers, Livonia Cardinals and Canton Predators.

Bronze medalist



Livonia's Nick Joseph (right), a rising senior at Novi Detroit Catholic Central High School, captured a bronze medal June 20 in the IFJ Division (ages 18-20) at the USA Judo National Championships in Irving, Tex. The 17-year-old Joseph, who trains under coach Noboru Saito out of the Birmingham YMCA, posted a 3-2 record, including three ippons (major wins). Last year, Joseph was ranked No. 1 in the Junior B Division (ages 15-17) at 66 kilograms before moving up to the 73-kilogram class. Joseph is also a member of CC's varsity wrestling team.

SUMMER CAMPS

Madonna volleyball

The third of three Madonna University volleyball camps will be held July 6-9. The camp will emphasize hitting and defense.

For camp information and registration, contact Madonna head coach and camp director Jerry Abraham at 734-432-5612 (office), 734-748-3128 (evening) or jabraham@madonna.edu.

To view or print a camp brochure, visit madonnacrusaders.com.

Churchill football

The Livonia Churchill summer football camp for kids entering grades 3-8 will be held from 7-9:20 p.m. July 22-23 at the school's football stadium.

The fee is \$35 if registered before July 1 and \$50 after that date. All participants will receive a T-shirt.

All participants must bring cleats, running shoes and have a signed liability form.

For more information and a registration form, visit churchill.livoniapublicschools.org.

Churchill hockey

The Livonia Churchill hockey camp will be held from 8-9:20 p.m. Aug. 3-7 and Aug. 10-14 at Eddie Edgar Arena. The cost is \$175.

For more information, contact head coach Jason Reynolds at JayRey48152@gmail.com.

Harrison volleyball

Harrison High School will host a girls volleyball camp July 21-23 in the school gym.

The cost is \$55 at the door. There is a family discount of \$50 per child for families with two or more attending the camp. A camp T-shirt is included.

The first session is 12:15-2:15 p.m. each day for girls who will be in grades 4-6. The second session will follow at 2:30-4:45 p.m. for girls in grades 7-9.

There will be an extra session 5-6 p.m. for additional instruction in hitting or setting. The fee is \$20 at the door.

A completed and signed concussion form is required. Go to www.farmington.k12.mi.us to find and print the form. Click on "Athletics" on the left and scroll down to "Concussion Info."

For more information, contact coaches Mike Love at 313-758-1185 or Sue Kendall at 248-505-7261.

Stevenson hockey

The Livonia Stevenson Summer Hockey Camp will be held July 6-21 at the Eddie Edgar Ice Arena. The camp will include on-ice and off-ice sessions. The camp will be run by head coach David Mitchell, his staff and former Stevenson players. Camp will cover skill development, position development and scrimmages.

For more information, contact Mitchell at dmitchel@livoniapublicschools.org.

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Megan Keller of Farmington Hills also played a key role in the offense. She had four goals and 20 assists in her first season of collegiate hockey.

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U.S. national team.

She also represented the U.S. at the IIHF under-18 world championships in late 2014. The Americans were runners-up to Canada in that tournament.

Winning the gold medal this year ranks as a career highlight for Keller, at least in her short international career.

"At BC we made it to the Frozen Four and came up short against Harvard, but we had a great season," she said. "It was the first time we had ever been ranked No. 1, and our team competed well all year long. I'm proud of that, too."

Living the dream

Given her place in the U.S. program, Keller is living a lifelong dream and sometimes finds it hard to believe it's a reality.

"It's pretty surreal," she said. "I grew up watching women's hockey in the Olympics. That was the only time you got to watch it. All these girls were my idols. To be able to play with them now is pretty awesome."

Her rise to an elite level has happened faster than she anticipated and puts her on a solid path to earning a spot on the Olympic team.

"It was a long journey," Keller said. "To be part of the program right now, it's a great experience to learn from a bunch of the older girls. I'm going to take that moving forward and, hopefully, one day play in the Olympics."

"I look up to a lot of the older girls on the team. I see all the things they do right and take a piece of their games and incorporate it into mine and just try not to be nervous out there."

Favorite players

Not surprisingly, Keller's favorite hockey players are former defensemen — Angela Ruggiero, a four-time Olympic medalist with Team USA, and

perennial Red Wings all-star Niklas Lidstrom.

"She was a great leader on the ice," Keller said. "She was very offensive minded and a big defenseman out there. I try to model my play after her and Nik Lidstrom."

"I was a huge Red Wings fan growing up, and he was always one of my favorites. He moved the puck quickly and found the open man. He was such a force out there, and people looked up to him."

Another hockey player who had an impact on Keller was her older brother, Ryan, who played at Catholic Central High School and will be a senior forward on the Michigan State team in 2015-16.

"I got into hockey because of him," Keller said. "He always let me tag along and let me play. He'd dress me up in goalie gear and shoot at me. He definitely made me tougher and a better hockey player."

Successful season

After helping the renowned Honeybaked program win a national championship in 2013 and earn a pair of runner-up finishes, Keller earned a full scholarship to Boston College.

The North Farmington High School graduate was instrumental in the Eagles going 34-3-2 and reaching the semi-final round of the NCAA tournament before losing to Harvard, 2-1.

"It was unbelievable; Boston is an awesome place," Keller said. "I got to go out there with three of my best friends from home, and I got to play with them every day."

"The coaches expected a lot from us. More than anything, they want us to become better people as well as hockey players."

As much as she enjoys playing defense, Keller also likes to get involved in the offense just as Ruggiero and Lidstrom did.

She had four goals and 20 assists for BC and made the Hockey East all-rookie team. She had at least one point in 18 games.

"I love the defensive aspect

of the game and the physicality," Keller said. "But I'm also one of those 'D' that likes to jump into the play and rush the puck. I get to play the best of both worlds."

Adapting to college

The 5-foot-10 Keller also likes to use her height to her advantage with poke-checking and putting the body on people while trying to avoid a penalty, she said.

Despite her vast experience, Keller had to adjust to the stepped-up pace of the college game.

"The girls are just stronger," she said. "You have to move the puck quicker and know what you have to do with the puck before it comes to you. You have to think one step ahead."

Being away at college was not a big adjustment for Keller. Three of her former Honeybaked teammates also play for BC — Andie Anastos, Tori Sullivan and Haley McLean.

"Yeah, it made it a ton easier," Keller said. "It was kind of like a home away from home. Going in, I met a lot of the girls through Andie and Haley, and that made it a lot easier."

Pursuing a bigger goal

Keller, who was a four-year standout and all-Observer selection in softball at North Farmington, is doing off-ice training and other pastimes such as beach volleyball and jet-skiing this summer. She'll be back on the ice soon, however.

"It never really stops, but it's worth it," she said. "It'll be worth it in the long run. There are definitely some sacrifices here and there that we have to make, but the end goal is what we're focused on."

That means winning a national championship for Boston College and a roster position on the U.S. Olympic team.

"You have to keep pushing to get there," Keller said. "There are always girls coming up right behind you who want to take your spot and vice versa. You can never take anything too lightly."

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"A lot of athletes do, but it's a lot harder. I had put tons of thought into it and asked a lot of people who knew me very well."

"After not making the Olympic team, I took that really hard. Track was not nearly as much fun after that. It turned into more work and less play."

"It was more of a job now. I thought it was the best time for me as an athlete and personally to hang up the spikes and retire. It was time to move on to my long-term career path."

Next stage of life

Wade, who trained at Kansas State University under coach Cliff Rovelto and was a volunteer assistant coach for the Wildcats, continues to reside in Manhattan, Kan.

She majored in financial mathematics at U-M and is using her degree in her work for Keating and Associates in the financial industry. She also was married in January.

Wade isn't all that far from her twin brother, Marcellus, who played football at Hillsdale College. He lives in Denver and works in sales.

"Honestly, my priorities have been changing," she said. "I wasn't a young 20-year-old anymore. I was looking at getting married and having a family. It was just time."

"The way I look at it — everything for a season! I had a season for track and field in my life. But I moved on and I'm excited to see where life is going to take me next."

Wade suffered an Achilles tendon injury in 2013, but she overcame that to make the U.S. World team. That was not a factor in her decision to retire.

"I got back in shape, and it didn't bother me at all," she said. "It was all the contract."

The right decision

Wade still works out at the track and stays involved in the sport by doing some private coaching. As far as competition, she's done and doesn't regret retiring when she did.

"Honest to goodness, it was a huge breath of fresh air," she said. "People would say, 'You'll wish you hadn't made that decision. You won't be able to watch a track meet; you'll wish you were there.'"

"I think it was a long time coming. I love track; I love the sport. My passion for it is what kept me in it. I had a lot of disappointments. That's life. You have to pick yourself up."

"I thought I did that after 2012 when I missed the team. I



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Bettie Wade rounds the track in the 200-meter dash.

trained really hard and made the next team. I don't think I ever really gave up."

"But the fun had kind of left me, and it turned into a business. After a while, it was more stressful. I have to get these scores; I have to attain this place; I have to do this to make it worthwhile and earn a living."

"It became too stressful. I stopped having fun with it. I took it as a sign from God when my contract was not renewed to step away from the competition side of it. I feel great. It was one of the best decisions I've made."

Farmington honoree

Wade is a five-time Big Ten champion, six-time NCAA All-American, two-time USA combined events champion and 2008 NCAA indoor pentathlon runner-up. Her greatest achievement is making the 2013 U.S. World team, she said.

"I took it extremely hard, not making that 2012 team," Wade said. "It took a lot for me to pick myself up and throw everything into the 2013 season."

"To come out having made the 2013 team showed me I am resilient and I'm not going to let defeat keep me down."

Wade was inducted into the U-M Sports Hall of Fame last year, and she will receive the same honor at Farmington High School in September.

"I know there are a lot of great people in there," she said. "To be in their company is an honor. One of my goals when I was younger was to get into the high school hall of fame. It's very humbling that they're giving me that honor."

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Tibbits said. "We just played a couple of kids from (University of North Carolina), Alabama and Clemson. We faced the Mississippi State closer two weeks ago. I'm seeing some really good pitching and a high-caliber player."

Tibbits has also had to make a big adjustment to the wood bat-only league.

"Hitting with the wood bats is a lot different," he said. "You definitely have to hit it on the sweet spot for it to go anywhere. I think overall, coming into the next (Madonna) season, it will make me be a better hitter."

The seven-week league consists of nine-inning games each Monday and Wednesday, followed by a pair of seven-inning doubleheader Friday and Saturday.

Tibbits lives with a host family in Statesville (population 24,633), located about 50 miles north of Charlotte. It's the hometown of NASCAR driver Ryan Newman.

"It's a small town, kind of everybody knows each other," Tibbits said. "They have a nice downtown area of southern food with barbecue. It's a nice area. They get around 150-200 people, so it's a lot of fun to play in front a couple hundred people like that in a summer league game."

Tibbits is currently residing with team owner Brian Suarez.

"My host family has a pond in the back, so I'll go fishing," he said. "On Thursdays, I'm



MADONNA ATHLETICS

Madonna outfielder Michael Tibbits is playing for the Statesville (N.C.) Owls this summer.

coaching a baseball team for an organization, Power Cross (Ministries), for underprivileged kids. Just trying to fill my time with that and, I guess, fishing."

After lettering in three sports at Catholic Central, Tibbits went on to play for Holy Cross (Ind.) College, an NAIA school, where he hit .281 as a freshman starting 31 games before deciding to

transfer and come back home.

"There was a coaching change," Tibbits said. "I was fine with that, but never really heard back from the new coach at Holy Cross. Coach (Greg) Haeger (of Madonna) saw me play a couple of times and saw what he liked, kind of gave me an offer that was hard to refuse. It also helped that Madonna was a better program and had a chance to

Rams blank A. Green, 4-0

Zack Schmidtke pitched a two-hit shutout Monday to lead the Michigan Rams to a 4-0 victory over A. Green in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

Schmidtke struck out a dozen batters and didn't walk anybody while throwing a complete game.

Josh Hejka went 5½ innings and took the loss, allowing four hits, walking four and hitting one.

Ben Hart went 2-for-3 and drove in two runs to lead the Rams. Anthony DiPonio, who also knocked in a pair of runs, and Danny Kerr were 1-for-2.

Hart, Kerr, Nolan Page and Zack McGuire scored the runs for the Ram (11-5-1). Jonathan Lapshan and Joey Sweigart had the hits for A. Green (9-10).

win an (NAIA) national championship."

After red-shirting his first season (2012) at Madonna, Tibbits appeared in 41 games, making 12 starts, in 2013 as he hit .333 in spot duty, while specializing as a base stealer, going 21-for-23.

But after just five games in 2014, his season was cut short by the re-occurring shoulder injury. He underwent the knife in May that season before coming back this spring.

"It was frustrating, for sure, not seeing pitching for almost two years," Tibbits said. "Trying to compete at that level is really tough. It was a frustrating season (2015), but I think I grew as a player and it definitely helped my mental game, that's for sure, so hopefully this year help me as well."

And although his baseball career had been curtailed, Tibbits didn't let it affect his standing in the classroom. The criminal justice and theology major was one of five MU

baseball players and among 354 nationally who received the 2015 Daktronics Baseball Scholar-Athletes award for maintaining at least a 3.5 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale).

And with one more season of eligibility left, Tibbits sees better days ahead at MU going into 2016.

"It was kind of tough having two shoulder surgeries and trying to stay up on my strength and conditioning and everything," he said. "I'd say, overall, I'm the same player as I was before the surgery. It's starting to feel a lot better and hopefully I'm improving as well."

And with his shoulder close to 100 percent, Tibbits feels he can shoulder more responsibility.

"It feels great, actually the best it ever felt," he said. "I think I can throw the ball a lot harder now. It's not sore anymore. It feels good."

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Realtor explains Aug. 1 pre-approval change, hails better local market

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Local Realtors are pleased with the upswing in the housing market. "The market is picking up," said Tony Schippa of Remerica United Realty in Novi. "Right now, we do have a shortage of inventory."

Schippa, a Plymouth resident, has seen homes sell in one to two weeks. "We're definitely seeing an upswing," said Schippa, in the field since December 2000 and having grown up in Milford.

New construction of homes is also improving, Schippa noted.

Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the West Bloomfield-based Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, said a total of 373 single-family home permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties in May 2015. Activity in May fell by 7 percent compared to a revised April 2015 total of 400 permits. Oakland County still led the way with 173 permits in May, but that total was down 14 percent from April and down 23 percent compared to May 2014 (225).

Stoskopf, a resident of Williamston, Mich., noted a decline in Macomb County building, specifically Shelby Township, but said Oakland has boom areas such as Lyon Township and Novi and western Wayne such as Canton Township.

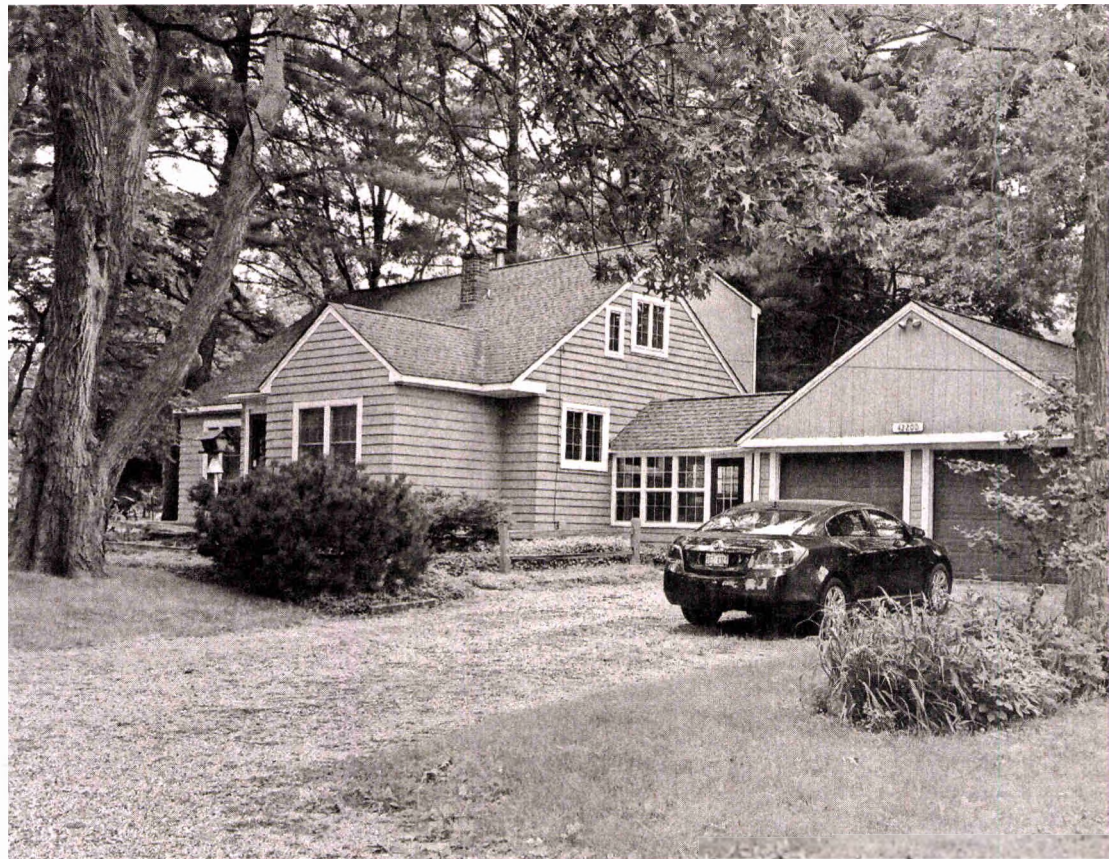
Schippa cited a trend toward smaller homes, some in urban downtown areas like Detroit.

"I know some of the young Realtors down there who believe in the city," he said, and are aiming to revitalize Detroit. Homes in downtown Plymouth and Northville are also selling fast.

"We're seeing it across the state," including Grand Rapids, Schippa said. On square footage, buyers often now seek 1,200 to 1,600 rather than larger homes.

The city of Plymouth has seen some tear-downs of smaller homes replaced by larger ones, he noted. "I don't know if that trend's going to continue," he added, an issue that has raised some local controversy with residents there.

"It's challenging to find stuff," he said of local inventory. "People are starting to get equity in their homes



Existing home sales are on an upswing in metro Detroit.

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again."

He works with many seniors who want ranch homes or condos as they downsize and there's a shortage of those locally. Locally, younger millennials are also entering the market, he added.

Schippa urges buyers to get their pre-approval by meeting with their loan officer, noting extensive changes coming Aug. 1. Some local residents have lost jobs that pay in the range of \$25 an hour, he said, and are earning less now as their former employers went out of business.

"We've been doing an awful lot of training on it," Schippa said of pending pre-approval changes, including work with banks and title companies, "to make sure everything is in place and ready to go."

"The best thing is to sit down, be truthful, get all your documents in order," he said. A credit check will reveal detailed information. If a potential buyer forgets something, he or she may lose a chance to buy.

"That's the hard part, especially if you've found a house you like," Schippa said.

Stoskopf said the top four municipalities in his area are Macomb Township, Lyon

Township, Canton and Novi. "The activity is actually steady (there)," Stoskopf said.

Macomb County's Shelby Township is down 107 permits this year compared to last, he said: "One community has really affected the numbers."

For new homes, 2013 came on strong following the recession, Stoskopf noted, with some subsequent decline, only 25 municipalities with 20 or more permits this year, compared to 35 such municipalities in 2014.

"There's been a contraction in the market of where this is going on," Stoskopf said. "Existing home activity is picking up. We track some of those numbers."

Existing homes are seeing values rise, Stoskopf said, and inventory improve. He noted the housing cycle which encourages some residents now to mull selling a home.

"It sort of goes back and forth," Stoskopf added.

Nationwide, the existing real estate market is also improving. The National Association of Realtors reports May sales are up regionally and nationwide, with first-time buyers a major factor.

Total existing-home sales, which are completed transactions that include single-

family homes, townhouses, condominiums and co-ops, rose 5.1 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.35 million in May from an upwardly revised 5.09 million in April. Sales have now increased year-over-year for eight consecutive months and are 9.2 percent above a year ago (4.90 million), according to the NAR.

Total housing inventory at the end of May increased 3.2 percent to 2.29 million existing homes available for sale, which is 1.8 percent higher than a year ago (2.25 million). Unsold inventory is at a 5.1-month supply at the current sales pace, down from 5.2 months in April.

The median existing-home price for all housing types in May was \$228,700, 7.9 percent above May 2014. This marks the 39th consecutive month of year-over-year price gains, according to the NAR.

In the Midwest, existing-home sales rose 4.1 percent to an annual rate of 1.27 million in May and are 12.4 percent above May 2014. The median price in the Midwest was \$181,900, up 9.4 percent from a year ago, the NAR reports.

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Santa Fe commercial area pricey

Q: I am interested in buying a building on Canyon Road in Santa Fe, N.M., to rent out an art studio. Can you give me some idea of the prospect of being able to secure same?

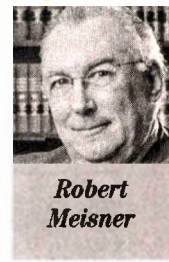
A: Most every space is taken up on Canyon Road for galleries and a restaurant or two. There are particular areas that are available for purchase with respect to raw land. The price, as you might expect, is extremely high. For example an area in the downtown riverfront area of Santa Fe of approximately 2138 square feet or .28 of an acre is being offered for \$1,050,000.

Obviously, the cost of same on Canyon Road would be even greater. It may be possible for you to rent or co-own a place where the gallery is closing out business or wants an additional co-partner. See an experienced real estate broker who specializes in commercial property.

Q: Do you have any resource for determining the real estate market and the cost of buying homes in southwest Colorado, particularly around Durango?

A: Yes, most real estate companies publish their own brochures including a magazine called Homes & Land in SW Colorado located at homeandland.com. While the prices do not command the same premium as in other ski resorts in Colorado, their nearness to New Mexico, plentiful mountain skiing and canoeing areas, and the relatively competitive pricing make this area an ever popular place for retirees as well as families. The rental market is also very strong there because of the amenities including the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of March 2-6, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
2083 Briarfield St	\$190,000
2044 Brookfield St	\$164,000
44708 Fenwick Dr	\$320,000
42790 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$79,000
1805 Lincoln Dr	\$236,000
1348 Longfellow Dr	\$185,000
1413 Manton Blvd	\$212,000
45050 N Spring Dr	\$201,000
47747 Ormskirk Dr	\$155,000
7760 Oxford Dr	\$680,000
41536 Pheasant Creek Dr	\$249,000
658 Princess Dr	\$183,000
43833 Proctor Rd	\$199,000
6236 Runnymede Dr	\$190,000
42564 Saratoga Rd	\$72,000
1947 Vanderbilt Rd	\$175,000
47829 Vistas Circle Dr N	\$275,000
GARDEN CITY	
583 Arcola St	\$75,000

29150 Florence St	\$115,000
32116 Maplewood St	\$53,000
30445 Rush St	\$42,000
LIVONIA	
14016 Brentwood St	\$125,000
9620 Brookfield St	\$115,000
9602 Cavell St	\$121,000
36520 Dowling St	\$135,000
15040 Fairfield St	\$38,000
15044 Fairfield St	\$20,000
18885 Flamingo Blvd	\$135,000
28763 Grandon St	\$129,000
10016 Hartel Ct	\$120,000
34284 Hathaway St	\$185,000
18994 Laurel Dr	\$290,000
17350 Mayfield St	\$140,000
30626 Minton St	\$105,000
14435 Newburgh Rd	\$164,000
9900 Oporto St	\$100,000
29433 Orangelawn St	\$48,000
34127 Parkdale St	\$232,000
31288 Schoolcraft Rd	\$113,000
36157 Sherwood St	\$265,000
15594 Westbrook St	\$209,000
NORTHVILLE	
18760 Bayberry Way	\$620,000
18362 Blue Heron Dr W	\$525,000

19523 Dartmouth Pl	\$138,000
39764 Glenview Ct	\$265,000
39700 Rockcrest Ln	\$207,000
512 W Dunlap St	\$390,000
40322 Woodside Dr S	\$446,000
PLYMOUTH	
529 Jener Pl	\$415,000
12258 N Canton Center Rd	\$250,000
49952 Plymouth Way	\$115,000
46080 Rockledge Dr	\$289,000
1340 Sheridan St	\$535,000
12431 Woodgate Dr	\$162,000
REDFORD	
25301 5 Mile Rd	\$18,000
9250 Appleton	\$70,000
25778 Beech Ct	\$70,000
8809 Farley	\$73,000
18497 Fox	\$35,000
9085 Hemingway	\$105,000
18622 Indian	\$58,000
26325 Ivanhoe	\$158,000
11410 Lucerne	\$25,000
20010 Macarthur	\$63,000
18873 Olympia	\$36,000
24640 Orangelawn	\$47,000
19943 Poinciana	\$45,000

20075 Seminole	\$50,000
12800 Winston	\$45,000
12867 Woodbine	\$87,000
9063 Wormer	\$56,000
12956 Wormer	\$60,000
WAYNE	
4521 Coolidge St	\$85,000
35010 Elm St	\$60,000
34232 Glover St	\$41,000
4462 Mildred St	\$57,000
WESTLAND	
886 Alvin St	\$65,000
8332 Denne St	\$110,000
35036 Fairchild St	\$66,000
35136 Fairchild St	\$83,000
8306 Gary Ave	\$127,000
7335 Iroquois St	\$105,000
35114 Palmer Rd	\$15,000
1850 S Karle Ave	\$45,000
1554 Shoemaker Dr	\$41,000
265 Stephanie Dr	\$193,000
611 Summerfield Dr	\$90,000
38284 Timberland Dr	\$234,000
34240 Tomahawk Dr	\$128,000
1606 Winifred St	\$74,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

BIRMINGHAM	
391 Ferndale Ave	\$560,000
1776 Maryland Blvd	\$355,000
731 S Bates St	\$1,045,000
1721 Stanley Blvd	\$285,000
1197 Washington Blvd	\$349,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1052 Stratford Ln	\$235,000
801 W Long Lake Rd #18	\$105,000
711 Westview Rd	\$160,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
4251 Derry Rd	\$240,000
6139 Eastmoor Rd	\$525,000
7119 Lindenmere Dr	\$130,000
211 N Williamsbury Rd	\$400,000
234 Tuckahoe Rd	\$394,000
5615 Wing Lake Rd	\$469,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
8024 Barnsbury St	\$265,000
8387 Lake Pine Dr	\$420,000
9664 Listeria St	\$142,000
146 Oriole St	\$131,000
5322 Weston Ct	\$158,000
FARMINGTON	
23899 Colchester Dr	\$110,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
28147 Brookhill St	\$180,000
29256 Fieldstone	\$30,000
24385 Halsted Rd	\$425,000
24630 Hathaway St	\$548,000
22161 Indian Creek Dr	\$60,000
35888 Knight Dr	\$215,000
23255 Middlebelt Rd	\$90,000
23416 Middlebelt Rd	\$47,000
35376 Pennington Dr	\$235,000
28248 W Greenmeadow Cir	\$280,000
HIGHLAND	
1201 Blue Heron Dr	\$190,000
3955 Chanda Ct	\$207,000
164 Countryside Ln	\$80,000

5575 Jada Dr	\$260,000
4770 Woodside	\$110,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
28452 Woodworth Way	\$140,000
MILFORD	
604 East St	\$211,000
536 General Motors Rd	\$188,000
2575 Hickory Oak	\$287,000
2858 Katie Ln	\$38,000
607 Village Ln	\$132,000
NORTHVILLE	
39014 Cattail Ct	\$288,000
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1. Z 15-06 1065 Linden Non-Use Variance Requested Rear Yard Setback Zoned: R-1. Single-Family Residential Applicant: Joshua & Andrea Birk
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30 Mate's comeback
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38 Help-wanted abbr.
39 Greedy sort
40 From India
43 Cape waver
47 Super!
49 "Jungle Book" actor
50 Three, in combos
51 Pottery flaw
52 Climb a rope
53 Positive response
54 A few thou
55 Shrink's reply (2 wds.)

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1 Aquarius' tote
2 Volcanic rock
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6 Pitchers' stats
7 Back talk

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Level: Intermediate

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

MUSICAL WORD SEARCH

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

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RELIGION CALENDAR

JULY

HOSANNA PALOOZA

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 25
Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Levee, Redford
Details: Free Christian music festival and arts and crafts fair includes 10 musical acts in 10 hours, crafters and vendors will be on site 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 3 p.m. gift drawings
Contact: 313-937-2424

LECTURE SERIES

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 7-28
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Howard N. Lupovitch, director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University, will explore through video clips and readings what the Jewish presence on television reflects about the complex relationship between American Jews and American culture. Topics are From Absent to Invisible, July 7; Criminalizing Anti-Semitism, July 14; Laughing at Jews, Laughing with Jews, July 21 and Beyond the Yiddish Mama, July 28. Free for Beth Ahm members. Tuition is \$50 for the series or \$15 per lecture for nonmembers. Advance registration requested, but walk-ins accepted
Contact: Alison Blau at 248-851-6880 or email ablau@cbahm.org

SINGLES

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 11
Location: New Peking Chinese Restaurant, 29106 Ford Road, Garden City
Details: Faith Uniting Neighbors, the F.U.N. a new group for Catholic singles, ages 30-60, meets for dinner and mini-golf. There is no pre-payment required for dinner. Golf will cost \$5 per person. F.U.N. is a year-round group, sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church and the Northwest Wayne Vicariate of the Archdiocese of Detroit, for single Catholics
Contact: catholicingles@livi-niastmichael.org

SOCCER CAMP

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. July 27-30
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: For boys and girls, 5-12, of any skill level. Cost is \$25 per student and includes water bottle, instruction, snacks and a soccer ball to take home. Register at christoursavior.org
Contact: 734-522-6830

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. July 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 145600 Merriman, Livonia
Details: For pre-K through sixth grade; the sessions will include music, games, crafts, lessons, fun in a luau adventure theme. RSVP by July 5
Contact: Melissa at 734-466-8694 or Tina at 734-716-8986

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. July 20-24
Location: Hosanna-Tabor Church, 9600 Levee, Redford
Details: Camp Discovery theme, with Bible stories, crafts, snacks, games and fun
Contact: 313-937-2424

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan

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

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last

Saturday of the month
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: No documentation needed
Contact: info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

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

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

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

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

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

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

SINGLES

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

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements;

7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

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

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Fireside Church of God

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

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

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

Unity of Livonia

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

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

THRIFT STORE

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

Way of Life Christian Church

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

TOUR

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

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue

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

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

Congregation Bet Chaverim

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

Due Season Christian Church

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

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the

month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 10-14

Contact: 248-349-2345; faithcommunity-novi.org

Faith Community Wesleyan Church

Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., contemporary service, 1:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

Garden City Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicap parking
Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road
Contact: 734-421-7620

Good Hope Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Contact: 734-427-3660

Grace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.
Location: 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township

Contact: 734-637-8160

His Church Anglican

Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna University
Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican.org; 248-442-0HCA

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Faith Forum; 10 a.m. Sunday school; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday worship in the chapel.
Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-1414

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday
Location: 9600 Levee, west of Beech Daly, Redford
Contact: 313-937-2424

In His Presence Ministries

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday
Location: 26500 Grand River Ave., Redford
Contact: 313-533-1956; detroitinhispresence.org

Nativity United Church of Christ

Time/Date: 11 a.m. service with Plumb Line Church with the Rev. JoAnn Bastien, Praise Group, Sunday school and child care. Coffee at 10:45 a.m. Traditional Sunday worship service at 2 p.m. with Bastien.
Location: 9435 Henry Ruff Road at West Chicago Road, Livonia
Contact: 734-421-5406

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WILCOX, DORIS ANN

76, of Garden City, MI, passed away peacefully with her immediate family surrounding her Monday, June 22, 2015 at Maple Manor, Wayne, MI. She was born October 11, 1938 in Garden City, MI to Doris and Harold Anderson. Surviving are one son, Eric Wilcox of Lisbon Falls, Maine; two daughters, K. Aspen Mikella (Todd Steele) and her grandchildren, Kohen, Kipri and Blake of Lisbon Falls, ME, and Melissa Adams (Benjamin) and grandchildren Braeden and Caelen of Pea Ridge, Arkansas; one sister Theone Alashari (Nasrat) and their children, Sherri, Laela and David; two brothers, Harold Whitney Anderson (Christa) and their children, Robert, Cheryl, Sandy and Linda; and Kenneth Anderson (Doris) and their daughter Jerri, and step-children, Rod, Jan and Susi; along with many sisters-in-law and brothers-in-laws, nieces and nephews on the Wilcox side of the family. Doris was a long time resident of Garden City, living in her childhood home until marrying Melvin Wilcox (her children's father) and moving to 28922 Block Street, where she resided for the rest of her life. She graduated from Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing as an RN in 1961. Doris was then employed at the Garden City Hospital for 43 years, many of those years in the ER, and in her later years with G.C. Hospital as integral part of Community Education. Doris was awarded the prestigious honor of the Athena Leadership Award in 2001 for professional excellence and her many years of dedication to the community. She was beloved by all who had the pleasure of meeting her and there will be a void for many that she is impossible to replace. The family will honor the last wishes of Doris and not have a service. There will be a donation to the hospital in her honor, where she worked so selflessly doing what she did best...caring for others.



HALL, MARGARET LANSPEARY

Age 82, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones on July 26 2015. Margaret was born October 24th 1932 in Windsor Canada to Adelia and Dr. William Lanspeary. Margaret is survived by her daughters Beth Hall, Jody Hall, and Amy Nicklay; grandchildren Kathryn Boman, Timothy Boman, William Jones, Sarah Penzien, Philip Penzien; great-granddaughters Taylor Hash and Ryann Hash and sister Elizabeth Duck. Margaret was preceded in death by husband Philip A. Hall; granddaughter Kristina Hash; sister Ruth Turnbull and brother Richard Lanspeary. A memorial service will be held Tuesday July 7th at 10 a.m. at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers a donation be made in Margaret's honor to the American cancer society.

SORONEN, DOROTHY J.

Age 91 of Plymouth, June 23, 2015. Share online condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

Wishes of peace to you and yours in this time of sorrow.

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Madonna University student launches Italian American chorale



Submitted photos
Viviana Garabello conducts fellow students in a performance at Madonna University.



Viviana Garabello, left, listens to Natalie Cappella audition for the Italian American Chorale of Livonia. Cappella became the group's ninth singer.

Change of scenery, change of sounds, her true passion comes to life

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Viviana Garabello quit her job, left her country and followed her passion for music last summer.

Now the Livonia woman is hitting all the right notes both on and off the stage.

"I have been all my life in Italy. I was working there as a quality systems engineer," said Garabello, 34, a soprano who sang with chorales in her spare time back home in the Asti region, in northwestern Italy. "After 13 years, I totally decided to change my life. I just wanted to bloom and I couldn't do it there."

She headed to Michigan, where she has friends, with dreams of singing, composing, conducting chorales and teaching music.

"I have 20 years experience

in Italy and I know I can do it. I had the opportunity to direct two or three chorales over there, too. But it was always a secondary thing. This is what I really wanted to change. I wanted music to become my first job."

Garabello said she had a "very good salary" before she quit her day job in her native country, but money alone wasn't reason enough to stay. She's a sophomore at Madonna University where she is working toward a bachelor's degree in music education. She performs with Madonna's Lyric Theatre, the Madonna University Chorale, and recently started the Italian American Chorale of Livonia. The Italian American Club of Livonia's Charitable Foundation sponsors the new chorale.

"They have been very nice and we have a beautiful (re-

hearsal) room with a piano and big windows."

The group meets 2:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, at the Italian American Club of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia. Eight singers attended the first rehearsal on June 26, but Garabello hopes to expand the chorale and plans to keep auditions open.

"I want to reach big dreams, so I want to have a big group," she said. The group's ninth member joined last week.

Membership is open to anyone who can sing. Prospective singers can meet with her directly after a Friday rehearsal. Foreign language skills are not required, al-

though the group may sing some songs in Italian or Latin, in addition to English.

Writing music

Garabello sees the chorale as a vehicle for performing her compositions. She began composing when she was 15, but put her work aside as her job and other demands took priority. She wrote her first composition "in many years" last October, and directed a quartet of classmates in singing the piece in February at Madonna's international festival.

She describes her music as "between classical and modern" in choral style.

"I have heard a lot of classi-

cal music. My ear is trained for that. But I also like to explore new harmonies. I like to play major and minor chords. You feel happy in one moment and sad in another," she said. "I use a lot of modulation. You always seem to arrive and then it goes another way. That is what I like. You continue to be surprised and you don't get bored."

Garabello hopes the Italian American Chorale of Livonia will be ready to perform its first concert in early fall.

Check out her compositions, including *Alleluia Pop*, *Daydream in Traffic*, and more at her website, giviv81.wix.com.

Call her at 313-690-1093 or email gvivi81@gmail.com.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

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

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

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

Wild Summer Nights: iHeart Family Fun Night runs, 6:30-8 p.m. Starfarm, July 15; Michigan Opera Theatre, July 22; Mr. Seley and the Troublemakers, July 29; Taylor Taylor, Aug. 5; The Verve Pipe, Aug. 12; Detroit Children's Choir, Aug. 19; Candy Band, Aug. 26

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

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

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

Details: 68th annual Michigan Water Color Society Annual Exhibition

Contact: 248-661-1000

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through July 30

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Healing Art," includes works by photographers Michelle Malloch and Amy Lockard and fiber work combined with painting by Kelly Darke

Contact: 734-394-5300

AUDITIONS SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. July 20-21

Location: Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Auditions for *The Producers*, by Mel Brooks will consist of selected songs, cold reading and a choreographed dance. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes for audition. Everyone cast in the show must become a Spotlight member.

Contact: spotlightplayersmi.org

CAR EVENTS AMERICAN LEGION

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, July 2

Location: American Legion Post 32, 9316 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Classic, antique, collectible cars on display; steak dinner available for \$12, along with hot dogs, brats, sloppy joes and burgers, beverages and desserts. Raffles, giveaways, door prizes and other special events. Admission is free

Contact: American Legion at 734-427-5630

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE PREVIEW

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 25

Location: Downtown Northville

Details: Rare, vintage car exhibition features approximately 30 pre-war vehicles and a Ford Thunderbird exhibit. Performers are Boogie Woogie Kid, noon to 1:45 p.m., and The Dave Bennett Quartet, 2-4 p.m.

Contact: downtownnorthville.com



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Dal Buey kicks off the Canton Color Tour jazz series on July 10.

FILM PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 9; 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 10-11; 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 12

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *The Age of Adaline*; admission \$3

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. July 10 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 11

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

Details: *Jurassic Park*; \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481

SUMMER DRIVE-IN

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

Location: USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth

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

Contact: 734-927-3284

HISTORY KELSEY MUSEUM

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

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

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

Contact: 734-764-9304

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PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17. Free museum admission for active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day
Exhibit: The Fair That Changed America runs to Nov. 1, and focuses on the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, Ill. Many contemporary, commonplace objects were introduced at this World's Fair, including the Ferris wheel.
Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC BLUES@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation
Contact: 734-453-1780

CANTON COLOR TOUR

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 10-Aug. 21
Location: A different parking lot each week along Ford Road in Canton
Details: Dal Bouey kicks off the series at JC Penney, located between Morton Taylor and Sheldon. Herbie Russ is up the following week, performing at IKEA, located at Ford Road and Haggerly
Contact: shopcanton.org

CANTON CONCERTS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, through Aug. 13
Location: Heritage Park, adjacent to the Canton Public Library on the campus of Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
Details: Remedy, July 9; Howlin Mercy, July 16; The Phoenix Theory, July 23; Allen as Tim and the Dance Hall Rockers, July 30; Greg Jaqua with an Elvis Presley Tribute, Aug. 6; and The Dan Rafferty Band, Aug. 13
Contact: cantonfun.org

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, through Aug. 11
Location: Handy Park, 26650 Capitol at Hemingway, Redford Township
Details: Concerts at Handy Park include All Directions, July 7; The Jam Rocks, July 14; Leaky Tiki's, July 21; Stardusters Big Band, July 28; Terry Bar & No Left Turn, Aug. 4; Persuasion, Aug. 11
Contact: 313-387-2650
JAZZ@THE ELKS
Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks



Farmington Community Big Band kicks off Stars in the Park music series July 9 in Farmington Hills.

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Folk artist Hayley Reardon performs July 24 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

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Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email pmouthelks1780@yahoo.com

JAZZ IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Sunday, July-August

Location: Band shell at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: Three different jazz acts perform each week at this free concert

Contact: jazzinthepark.org

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. July 11, and 6:15 p.m. Aug. 29

Location: Kensington Metropark in Milford in July; and Grand Circus Park in Detroit in August

Details: Mowtown, Mamma Mia and More! will celebrate the music of the



Dave Bennett and his quartet will perform at the Concours d'Elegance preview July 25 in Northville.

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1960s-'70s by such artists as The Supremes, Stevie Wonder, The Rolling Stones and The Temptations. Local vocalists, Kathryn Calzone, Lauren Norris and Taylor Wallis, will join the Michigan Philharmonic on the *Mamma Mia* finale. Concerts are free.
Contact: 734-451-2112; michigan-phil.org

MUSIC FROM THE HEART

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, through Aug. 27

Location: Livonia Civic Center grounds, Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Dean Martin and Friends, July 9; Dan Rafferty Band, July 16; The Millionaires, July 23; Steve King and the

Dittilies, July 30; Motor City Soul, Aug. 6; Billy Mack & the Juke Joint Johnnies, Aug. 13; Cosmic Groove Band, Aug. 20; Thomas & Kentucky Strait, Aug. 27

Contact: ci.livonia.mi.us

MUSIC IN THE AIR

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Friday through Sept. 4

Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: Lady Sunshine & The X Band, July 3; Cosmic Groove, July 17; Global Village, July 24; Mainstreet Soul, July 31; The Dan Rafferty Band, Aug. 7; Phoenix Theory, Aug. 14; The Randy Brock Band, Aug. 21; Magic Bus, Aug. 28; Steve King & The Dittilies, Sept. 4

Contact: plymouthmich.org

MUSIC IN THE PARK CHILDREN'S SERIES

Time/Date: Noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, through Aug. 26

Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: The Music Lady, Beverly Meyer, July 8; Nessa, July 15; Mr. Seley & The Troublemakers, July 22; The Chautauqua Express, July 29; Joel Tacey's Tip Top Entertainment, Aug. 5; Gemini, Aug. 12; Barbara Bailey Hutchinson, Aug. 19; Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic, Aug. 26

Contact: plymoutharts.com

STARS IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday through Aug. 27, excluding July 2 and 16

Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Farmington Community Big Band, July 9; Howlin Mercy, July 23; Kari Holmes & The Modern Day Drifters, July 30; Sonic Freeway, Aug. 6; Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 13; Kathy Kosins, Aug. 20; L'USA, Aug. 27

Contact: 248-473-1848

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: The Hummingbirds, July 3; Open Stage at Trinity House Theatre, July 7 and 21; The Tall Trees featuring Tim Grimm, Ben Bedford and Diederek Van Wassenaer, July 16; Rachel Zylstra, July 17; Hayley Reardon, July 24. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

THEATER

PENNY SEATS THEATRE COMPANY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 9-11; 16-17; and 13-15; and 2 p.m. July 19

Location: West Park, 215 Chapin, Ann Arbor

Details: *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare [Abridged]*, features Matt Cameron of Plymouth, Artun Kircali of Ann Arbor; and Leanne Young of South Lyon as three actors who perform — or at least mention — every Shakespearean work in 90 minutes. Tickets are \$10

Contact: pennyseats.org; 734-926-5346

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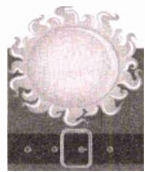
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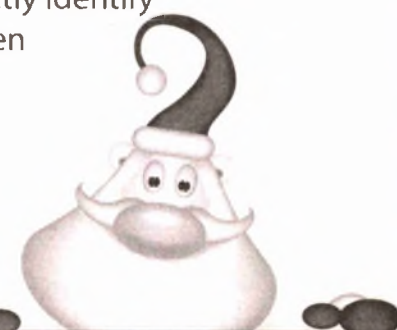
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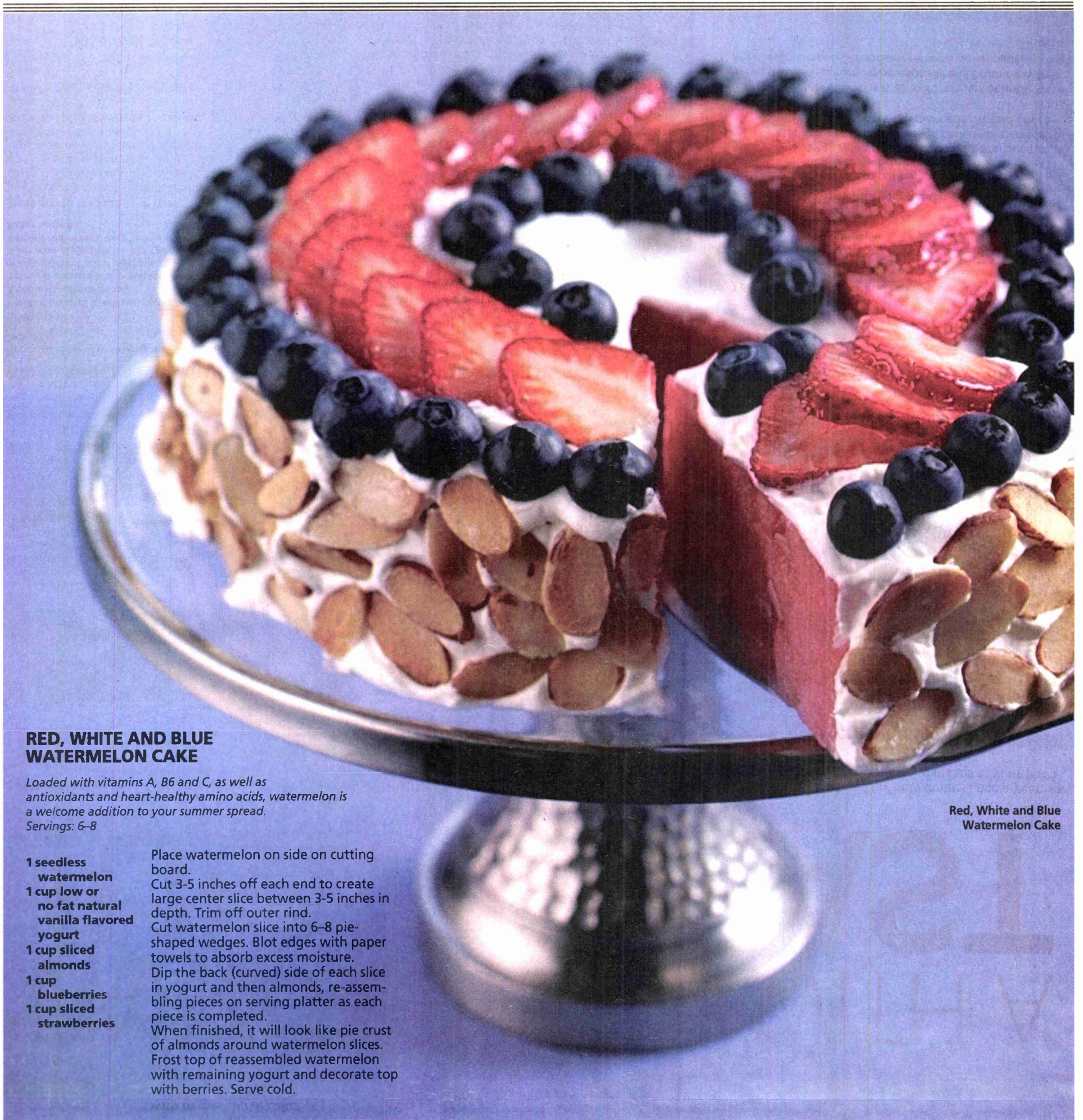
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RED, WHITE AND BLUE WATERMELON CAKE

Loaded with vitamins A, B6 and C, as well as antioxidants and heart-healthy amino acids, watermelon is a welcome addition to your summer spread.
Servings: 6-8

1 seedless watermelon
1 cup low or no fat natural vanilla flavored yogurt
1 cup sliced almonds
1 cup blueberries
1 cup sliced strawberries

Place watermelon on side on cutting board. Cut 3-5 inches off each end to create large center slice between 3-5 inches in depth. Trim off outer rind. Cut watermelon slice into 6-8 pie-shaped wedges. Blot edges with paper towels to absorb excess moisture. Dip the back (curved) side of each slice in yogurt and then almonds, re-assembling pieces on serving platter as each piece is completed. When finished, it will look like pie crust of almonds around watermelon slices. Frost top of reassembled watermelon with remaining yogurt and decorate top with berries. Serve cold.

Red, White and Blue Watermelon Cake

DAZZLE GUESTS WITH A JULY 4 FEAST

Celebrate warm weather, abundant outdoor activities and all the fun of July 4 with a flavorful and festive gathering. Independence Day only comes once a year, so make it count and invite your favorite guests over for a memorable event. You'll go out with a bang when you serve up these palate-pleasing dishes at your patriotic party.

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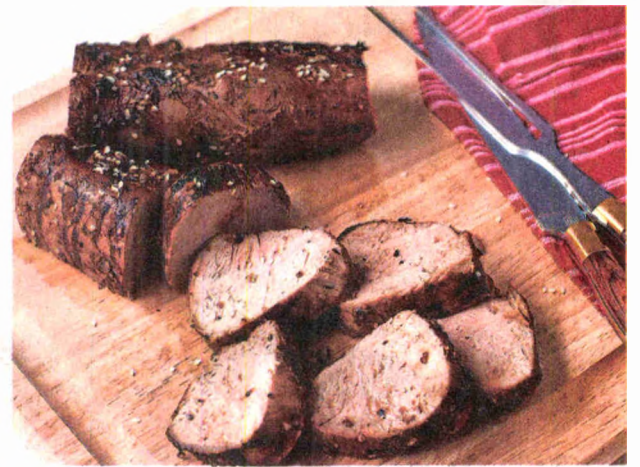


Bison Burger with Blue Cheese

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Red, White and Blue Mousse Parfaits



Grilled Sweet Tea & Soy Pork Tenderloin

BISON BURGER WITH BLUE CHEESE

Recipe courtesy of Michael Symon
Servings: 4

Kosher Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 pound ground bison, loosely packed into burger patties
4 slices Castello Burger Blue cheese
4 brioche-style soft hamburger buns, toasted
1 small red onion, very thinly sliced into rings
1 cup arugula

Heat grill to medium-high heat. Season burgers with salt and freshly ground black pepper on both sides. Drizzle with olive oil, then place on grill. Cook 3 minutes, then flip. Add slices of blue cheese (1 slice per burger), and let cook another 1-2 minutes. Remove burgers from grill and place patties on toasted buns. Top each burger with slice of red onion and 1/4 of arugula. Serve.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE MOUSSE PARFAITS

Serves: 12
Serving size: 1 parfait

3 1/2 cups heavy cream divided
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar divided
2 teaspoons McCormick Extra Rich Pure Vanilla Extract
2 teaspoons red food color
1 teaspoon pure lemon extract
McCormick Assorted NEON! Food Colors & Egg Dye
2 tablespoons white chocolate chips

Beat 1 1/2 cups of the heavy cream, cocoa powder, 2 tablespoons of the sugar and vanilla in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until stiff peaks form. Add red food color; stir gently with spatula until evenly tinted. Beat remaining 2 cups heavy cream, remaining 1/2 cup sugar and lemon extract in large bowl with electric mixer on high speed until stiff peaks form. Remove 1 cup. Add 3/4 teaspoon neon blue and 5 drops neon purple food colors; stir gently with spatula until evenly tinted. To assemble parfait, alternately layer red and white mousses in dessert glasses. Top with blue mousse and white chocolate chips. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

GRILLED SWEET TEA & SOY PORK TENDERLOIN

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Serves: 8

1 package McCormick Grill Mates Smokin' Sweet Tea Marinade
1/2 cup vegetable oil
2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
1 tablespoon sesame seeds
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
2 pork tenderloins about 1 pound each

Mix all ingredients except pork in small bowl. Reserve 2 tablespoons marinade for brushing. Place pork in large resealable plastic bag. Add remaining marinade; turn to coat well. Massage pork and marinade for 4 to 5 minutes. Remove pork from marinade. Discard any remaining marinade. Grill pork over medium heat 25 to 30 minutes or until desired doneness, turning occasionally and brushing with reserved marinade.