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Art in the Park marks its 36th year



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You name the medium, you are likely to find it among the 400 artists headed for Art in the Park.

Nationally recognized event opens Friday in downtown Plymouth

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Raychel Rork was busy chalking booth space in downtown Plymouth when someone asked her if she was planning for the annual Art in the Park. Sure enough, she was. But the planning actually began long ago — almost right after last year's winning event.

With the 36th annual Art in the Park less than a week away, Rork and her volunteers are

still planning and organizing and getting everything just right as 400 fine artists set up shop downtown and draw thousands upon thousands of visitors.

"Our reputation has gone national," said Rork, who works with her mom Diane Quinn, founder of Art in the Park. "We are ranked nationally for arts shows."

To be specific, Art in the Park in 2013 was ranked eighth in the nation by *Sunshine Artist* magazine, as well as among the top 20 shows since 2008 on the 200 Best by the same publication. And *AAA Magazine* has rated the popular show one of the "Gems of the Great Lakes."

The reputation has followed

lots of hard work, trial and error and plenty of connections that began when Quinn started the signature event in 1980.

"Artists are a tight community," Rork said. "We have artists coming from as far away as California and the East Coast."

Art in the Park begins at 11 a.m. Friday, July 10 and runs through 5 p.m. Sunday, July 12. It's also a time when Plymouth gets a chance to show off itself as the artists are placed in the streets — Main, Penniman, Ann Arbor Trail and Forest — surrounding Kellogg Park.

"Anytime you can get upwards of 50,000 people downtown, it is certainly a boon,"

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Museum offers look back at World's Fair

'The Fair That Changed America' is latest exhibit

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

It was the first time Americans rode a Ferris wheel. It was where the first automatic dishwasher was introduced, as was Nikola Tesla's groundbreaking electric alternating current.

Americans were also introduced to cereals Shredded Wheat, Quaker Oats and Cream of Wheat. What would America be without the introduction of the now iconic Cracker Jack, Hershey's cocoa and Heinz ketchup?

And all of this happened at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition.

Also known as the Chicago World's Fair, the 1893 Exposition and all the history it made — 400 years after Christopher Columbus arrived in the New World — comes back to life at the Plymouth Historical Museum through Nov. 1 with the newest exhibit, "The Fair That Changed America."

"It was the coolest one (world fairs)," said Elizabeth

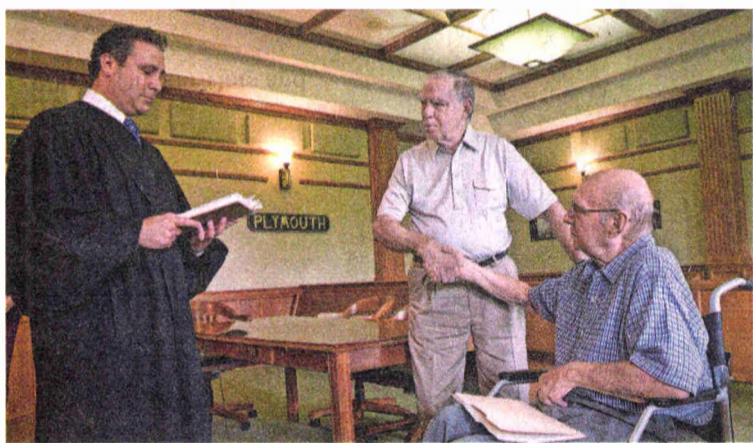


MARTY KERSTENS

Many nations were represented on the Midway Plaisance during the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. The mannequin on the left represents Fatima Djemille, a belly dancer in "A Street in Cairo." Fatima caused quite a stir in a society that had not yet been exposed to belly dancing.

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A historic congratulations!



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Judge James Plakas marries Plymouth Township residents Paul Revoldt and Larry Murawski at the 35th District Court on Thursday.

It was a historic moment Thursday afternoon when 35th District Court Judge James Plakas conducted the community's first same-sex wedding ceremony following last week's U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Plymouth Township residents Paul Revoldt and Larry Murawski happily tied the knot after decades as partners. When asked whether they would take a honeymoon after the ceremony, Revoldt said, "We have had one for the last 33 years."

Plymouth woman creates 'Tree of Memory' website

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

her laugh, you would quickly turn your head."

Athena Osler — Dillon's friend — died in 2010 after being diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. What was at first considered a bronchial problem by doctors soon became a diagnosis no one wanted to hear.

But Dillon remained Osler's go-to-person and spent time with her at the hospital, where they shared memories, stories

Every person has a story. Every family has a history full of stories. But who thinks to write it all down for posterity?

That need came to life when Michelle Dillon, an art mom at Isbister Elementary School, lost her best friend far too young.

"We met in high school," Dillon said. "We hit it off. She was such a loving, non-judgmental person. If you heard

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said Tony Bruscato, Plymouth Downtown Development Authority director. "Our businesses can piggyback and showcase all of their wares. It is an opportunity for the businesses to be noticed."

That's something Rork and Quinn encourage. In fact, as she plans just where each artist will be placed, Rork takes great care that she does not block stores and restaurants from view or access. "We work with all of them to make sure we don't interfere with their business," she said.

On their way

About 100 artists new to Art in the Park will be heading to Plymouth along with the hundreds who have made the community a must-stop on their annual touring throughout the country. The 400 artists who

ART IN THE PARK

HOURS

- » 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 10
- » 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 11
- » 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 12

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will arrive in Plymouth represent a variety of mediums and price points. Organizers take care to ensure that there is something all incomes can purchase at Art in the Park. Name your artistic interest and there is little doubt you will find an artist who shares your

passion.

Visitors will see art in metals, fibers, pottery and ceramics, glass, wood, wax, pen and ink, photography, outdoor art, clothing, gourmet food and jewelry — just to start the long list of artistic wares coming to Plymouth.

"There's a lot of cool stuff," Rork said.

This year, Rork has expanded the event and placed artists not only along Forest, but through the shopping center there. "It will connect the whole area," she said.

As art comes in all form, organizers have paid equal attention to music and drama. On tap for musical entertainment are jazz musician Ron Hark; One Love Reggae Band, considered one of the hottest bands in the Midwest; and Jon Mel-O, a vibraphonist with a deep background in clarinet and saxophone.

Murals will play a large role in the event this coming weekend. Former Canton resident Kristen Dillenbeck-Anderson, now of New York City, will again share her

love of murals with a three-dimensional living mural that uses canvas, paint and live humans.

George Tate will follow a similar concept. As crowds gather round, he stands motionless and every 15 minutes comes to life, as a person in the crowd is asked to join the statue.

At Main and Penniman, local artist Erin Dillenbeck and D&M Art Studio will create a chalk mural on the pavement that will continue throughout Art in the Park weekend.

This year's theme for murals is *The Wizard of Oz*, which, celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2015.

For kids

Kids are not forgotten. In Kellogg Park, kids are invited to participate in an interactive mural that will be all about them. Also in the park is My Adventure Theater that involves kids in the audience who are asked to play a role. They receive a costume and a few instructions to entertain the crowds with laughter, songs and dancing.

Princess Caroline will also be in Kellogg Park to lead kids in song and stories. Of course, there will be plenty of photo opportunities for the kids to pose with the princess.

Now that adults are probably jealous, they will have an opportunity to unleash their Picasso with a Paint Your Own Masterpiece, a class that with the help of an instructor allows participants to recreate a painting.

"I think it is our atmosphere people like. It is pleasant and not overwhelming. There will be places for people to sit down," Rork said. "We do keep it down to earth."

That means visitors of all ages are welcome, whether it's the stroller set, toddlers, teens, adults and seniors. There's something for everyone.

The layout of booths is pretty simple. But should visitors be unable to find what or who they are looking for in the artistic world, two information booths will be strategically placed — one at Main and Penniman, the other at Main and Ann

Arbor Trail.

To avoid driving round and round looking for parking, Rork and Quinn have planned for a shuttle priced at \$3 for a round trip (kids 12 and younger are free). Just head to Automotive Components Holdings at 14425 Sheldon, formerly the Ford Motor Co. plant. ACH's huge parking lot is at the end of the M-14 off ramp at Sheldon. "The shuttle runs continuously," Rork said.

It will drop off people at city hall, where they can also catch a ride back to the parking lot when they are ready to head home. There's plenty of room on the shuttle for packages.

And while making the rounds of Art in the Park, stores and eateries will be open. "You will find that some of the shops will have specials," Bruscato said. "A lot of them will have signs designating a public restroom and some will have treats available. They try to do things to entice people."

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Kelley Kerstens, museum executive director. "It left legacies that are still around."

Let's not forget that the 1893 Chicago World's Fair also introduced Juicy Fruit gum, Aunt Jemima's syrup, the Blue Ribbon that now accompanies Pabst beer and the first attempt at what became a fax machine.

Experiencing the fair

Walk through the museum's doors and visitors will find themselves back in 1893 in Chicago experiencing everything the fair had to offer.

"It's only the fourth day of the exhibit and we have had good admission so far," Kerstens said.

"We hope people will learn about this particular world's fair and how cool it was. No other fair was so impactful."

Even kids are delighted. "We were looking for something fun to do today," said mom Sarah Groeneveld of Superior Township, with her kids, Katelyn, 9, Matthew, 8, and Brooke, 3. "They loved it."

While trying to provide her kids with something different to do, Groeneveld said they all learned something about American history. The miniature Queen Anne House — reminiscent of the 1890s — had the kids looking in with a flashlight to see the furniture and a long ago way of life.

Brooke was entranced with the Thomas the Train set up, while the older kids talked about their visit into a roomful of Abraham Lincoln. "I liked all the law books," Katelyn said, while her brother couldn't believe the lock of Lincoln's hair on exhibit.

"The Fair That Changed America" literally takes visitors on a tour of the Chicago World's Fair. Homage to the Ferris wheel is one of the first displays visitors will see. "They were trying to outdo the Paris exhibition, where the Eiffel Tower had just opened," Kerstens said.

The idea for the exhibit began at the turn of the new year. "They talk about what they want to do," she said, referring to exhibition planners. The exhibits were created with souvenirs, as well as clothing loaned by two collectors.

The exhibit, which includes 29 mannequins well-dressed in the fashions of the late 1800s. Visitors will learn about

DETAILS

What: "The Fair That Changed America,"
Where: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street
When: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
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the World's Fair as they look into store fronts ranging from a hotel, pharmacy, bank, barber-shop and an inspiration window that shows books written by Frank Baum — author of *The Wizard of Oz* — who visited the fair.

"His Emerald City was based on the exhibition," Kerstens said. "Epcot is the closest we have now to an exposition. Walt Disney's dad was a construction worker at the fair."

Stories abound

As the planning for the museum's exhibit continued, Kerstens read *The Devil and the White City*, a non-fiction story that brings to life the stories of Daniel H. Burnham, the architect behind the 1893 World's Fair, and Dr. H.H. Holmes, a serial killer who lured his victims to their deaths in his elaborately constructed "Murder Castle" — the World's Fair hotel.

Holmes, whose real name was Herman Mudgett, was medically trained at the University of Michigan. He is believed to be one of the first well-publicized serial killers in America.

The exhibit features a mannequin of the doctor and his hotel. As it turned out, Holmes was also harvesting bodies for medical cadavers and shipping them back to the medical school, Kerstens said.

In addition to the legacies the exposition left for modern American, the Chicago World's Fair also showed off the country's growing diversity, such as with the Street of Cairo, which at the time caused an uproar because of a belly dancer. The museum's exhibit shows mannequins dressed in international garb represented at the fair.

"We had not heard of belly dancing before in America," Kerstens said. Also to remind visitors of the entertainment that enveloped the fair, the museum shows the Midway Plaisance, where separate from exhibition halls, families would find amusements and sideshows.

An interesting tidbit of history shown at the museum is space given to Buffalo Bill's Wild West show that was denied a role at the 1893 exposition. So Buffalo Bill bought property just outside the midway and staged his own entertainment.

"He drew thousands of people in and made a lot of money," Kerstens said.

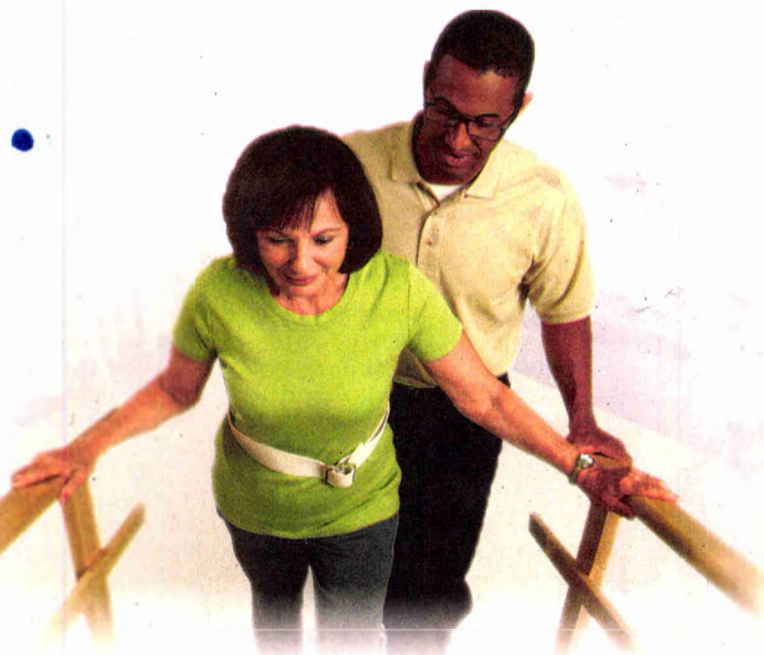
By the time visitors make their way through the exhibit, there's a good chance they will leave with a good understanding of not only what the 1890s were like, but made the Chicago World's Fair so significant in America's history.

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This version by Mary Gray has created a story that is closer to the Frank L. Baum book and has added some ideas on technology, self-esteem, youthful restlessness and, of course, home and family, complete with all of the recognizable characters we have come to know and love.

"Baum wrote that the slippers were 'silver' — the movie used red due to technicolor being 'new.' They wanted to add color. In our show we are also entertained



Ivy Davis of Wayne, Sophia Young of Canton, Alison Bradley of Canton and Abby Anderson of Plymouth prepare for the opening night of "The Wizard of Oz."

by the 'Winkies' (they wear yellow), the 'Southlings' (they wear red), while the familiar Munchkins wear blue

and, of course, the Emerald City residents wear green," director Barbara Bloom said.

"Mary Gray also gives



The leading cast includes (from left) Cameron Denby of Manchester as the Cowardly Lion, Katie Montroy of Canton as Dorothy, Taylor Denby of Manchester as the Scarecrow and Cellach Allen of Canton as the Tin Man.

us the 'Flying Monkeys' and the four very familiar leads: Dorothy (a girl with an attitude), Scarecrow (a boy who can't

read), Tin Man (a robot who wants to be human) and Lion (a real scaredy cat). And let's don't forget Toto (this time

played by a very tiny actress who will steal the show)," Bloom added.

The show features more than 50 youths in the production, starting at 5 years and older.

Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday, July 9; 7 p.m. Friday, July 10; and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 12.

Tickets are \$15 and available at 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460 or in person at the Summit on the Park.

The show will be at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

For more information, go to spotlightyouth-mi.com or email soy@mi.rr.com.

Enjoy jazz concerts in July, August in Kellogg Park

Jazz will join the schedule of downtown Plymouth entertainment with Jazz in the Park each Sunday in July and August.

Michael Malott and Jaguar of Novi produce the summer concert series 4-7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free to hear three jazz acts that perform each week. Be sure to bring lawn chairs.

In addition to artist in resident Steve Wood, the following acts will perform: Alex Colista Quartet, Chris Rose Trio, Trio Re Enactment, Nathan Haddock Trio, Cory Allen Trio, Ellie Epstein Latin Trio, Gene-n-Tonic with special guest; Nicole New, Imari Jendayi & In The Tradition, Isis Damil & Zion Yisreal, Gary Greenfelder Trio, Melanie Rutherford, Systematic, Modtie Etiquette, Swingin' Chopin, Eric



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Kellogg Park is the place to be for plenty of music this summer

It's not too late to try out the variety of musical programs in downtown Plymouth this summer. Take a peek and check your calendar.

Plymouth Community Band

All concerts are in Kellogg Park. Dates are July 16, July 23, July 30 and Sept. 3.

The Plymouth Community Band will also sponsor the following groups in at 7:30 p.m. in Kellogg Park:

- » Aug. 6: Irv Feldman & Friends.
- » Aug. 13: Toot Sweet Brass.

Music in the Air

All concerts begin at 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park and are free. Get there early to set up your blankets and chairs. Alcohol is not permitted in the park.

Food and snacks are available in Kellogg Park



Bring the kids out for Music in the Park at noon each Wednesday.

before and during the concerts. Burger Spot and Kilwins are the 2015 food vendors. The Kiwanis popcorn wagon will also be on-site and the Plymouth Community United Way will also be selling snacks and water.

The following concerts are scheduled:

- » July 17: Cosmic Groove
- » July 24: Global Village
- » July 31: Mainstreet Soul

» Aug. 7: Dan Rafferty Band

» Aug. 14: The Phoenix Theory

» Aug. 21: Randy Brock Group

» Aug. 28: Magic Bus

» Sept. 4: Steve King and the Dittilies

Music in the Park Children's Concerts

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its 31st season at noon each Wednesday. Upcoming concerts in-

clude:

» July 8: The Music Lady, Beverly Meyer

» July 15: Nessa

» July 22: Mr. Seley & The Troublemakers

» July 29: The Chautauqua Express

» Aug. 5: Joel Tacey's Tip Top Entertainment

» Aug. 12: Gemini

» Aug. 19: Barbara Bailey Hutchinson

» Aug. 26: Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic

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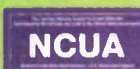
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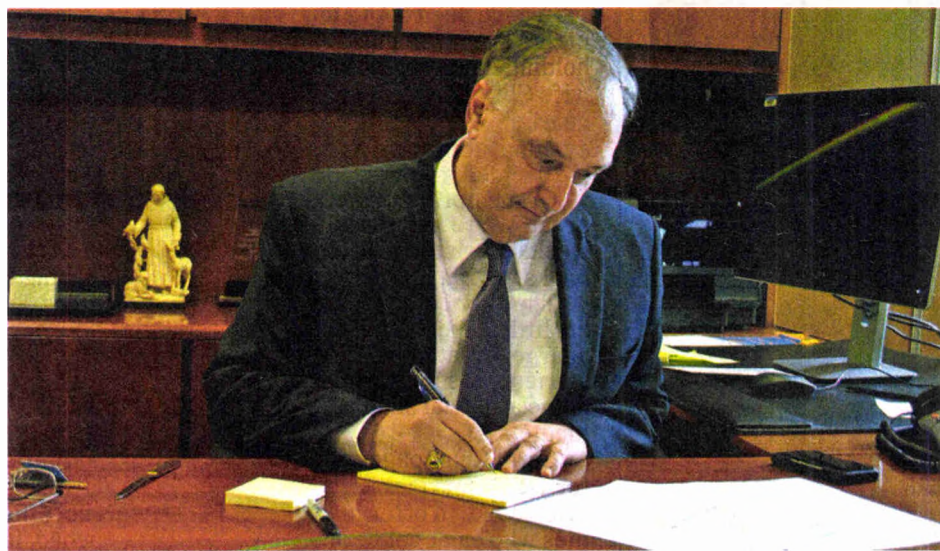
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Madonna's first lay president assumes office

Michael A. Grandillo, Ph.D., assumed the office of president of Madonna University on Wednesday, making him the first lay president in the Livonia university's 78-year history.

As Madonna's seventh president, Grandillo succeeds Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, CSSF, at the helm of the 4,500-student, liberal arts university. Over the last two weeks, he has attended conferences and worked closely with Kujawa to get acclimated. Grandillo and his wife Nancy were planning on hosting a July 4 open house for Madonna faculty, staff and their families. An inauguration is planned for Oct. 17.

"It is a distinct pleasure and a high honor to serve as leader of this fine Catholic and Franciscan institution of higher learning," Grandillo said. "The faculty and staff are stellar and they have welcomed me and Nancy into the Madonna family with genuine enthusiasm and kind-



Michael A. Grandillo, Ph.D., on his first day as the new president of Madonna University.

ness. Together, we will continue to deliver the quality liberal arts education and career preparation that students and employers have come to expect."

Grandillo has more than 35 years of experience in higher education, including academic leadership, recruitment, enrollment management,

public relations and advancement at a number of colleges and universities. He's also served on the city council of Tiffin, Ohio, where he and his wife raised their children, Vincent and Gina. A lifelong Roman Catholic, Grandillo grew up in Dayton, Ohio.

"I am committed to humbly building upon

the legacy of excellence and community service developed by the Felician Sisters over the years," he said. "I was attracted to Madonna's simple, yet universal, Franciscan values and I was equally impressed by the rigor and relevance of its undergraduate and graduate degree programs."

Most recently, Grandillo was a consultant with the Registry for College and University Presidents and served as interim vice president at St. Mary's College of Maryland, where he led the Foundation Board, advancement team and public outreach initiatives. Just prior to St. Mary's, he completed a similar assignment at Bethel College in Indiana.

Prior to his time with the Registry, Grandillo served as president and CEO of Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wis. He served for 17 years as vice president for development and public affairs at Tiffin University and another nine years as director of development at Heidelberg College. His time in fundraising resulted in five successful capital campaigns, tripling of the endowment at two institutions, and raising more than \$80 million.

He began his career in admissions at his alma mater, Ohio Northern

University, where he received the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award. During his tenure as associate dean of admissions at Heidelberg, undergraduate enrollment doubled.

With a bachelor's degree in political science from Ohio Northern University, Grandillo attended the University of Dayton to earn a master's degree in education. In 2006, he completed a doctor of philosophy degree in higher education and Italian Renaissance history at the University of Toledo.

His research and scholarly interests are in the areas of philanthropic support of education, university history and public policy and enhancing the collegiate experience for students and student-athletes. He has presented at numerous conferences, shared his time and talent with a number of community service groups and has enjoyed teaching political science as an adjunct professor.

P-CCS SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Food Service Program

The Michigan Department of Education is offering a Meet Up and Eat Up Summer Food Service Program. This program is offered to children in lower-income areas so they can receive nutritious meals over the summer vacation when they do not have access to the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs. To find the closest site, to go <http://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/schoolnutrition/>

Advanced math packets

High school students who want to improve their math skills can look to the high school website for math packets. To find the websites, go to the district's site at <http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us/schools>. The summer packets are intended to help students brush up and possibly relearn these topics. The packets are for students who will be taking the following advanced math courses in fall 2015 and include: AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus

BC, HL Math 1, Honors Algebra 2, Honors Geometry, Honors Precalculus and IB Math SL

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Community Ed Basketball

The Community Education Basketball League's Kevin Lipp, who served as director for the last 12 years, has retired. Dan Young has been selected as the new director. Young is a P-CCS teach and coach.

West teachers highlighted

West Middle School teachers Amy VanEuewen and Lori Langender were recently featured in an article in *Metro Parent* about teaching American history.

Canton resident awarded one of two scholarships

A Canton resident is one of two recipients of scholarships provided by the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers Foundation.

Olivia Tubaro of Canton and Shelby Lawson of Westland received \$1,500 scholarships. AFPD provided \$51,000 in scholarships this year, bringing the total of all scholarships awarded to \$650,000 over the years.

Tubaro is a sophomore at Central Michigan University, where she is majoring in special education and English and minoring in Spanish. She

graduated from Canton High School in 2014. Tubaro is involved in Colleges Against Cancer,



Tubaro

Student Council for Exceptional Children, Organization of Women Leaders and Best Buddies. She volunteers for Special Olympics Michigan and is a Therapeutic Recreation Program Leader for Camp Leisure Club, a camp for individuals with disabilities.

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Michelle Dillon (right), with her best friend, Athena Osler, whose death inspired Dillon to start the website "Tree of Memory."

WEBSITE

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and good laughs. Dillon remembers her friend's sadness that she would not be around to help her daughter Paige pick a wedding dress when she grew up or to share important stories.

Dillon, who also volunteers for No One Dies Alone at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, recognized that patients in hospice also have memories, stories they want told. "People still want a purpose when they are dying," she said.

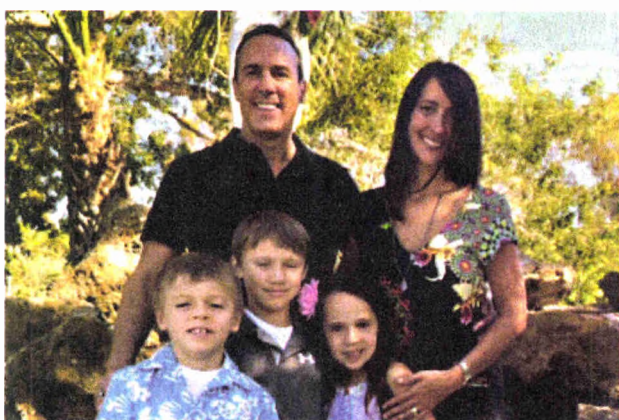
Three years ago, Dillon decided to create a website — <https://treeofmemory.com/> — on which individuals and families can capture their stories, photos and videos. "I want it to be a kind of time capsule," she said.

The website is now complete and ready for use — for free.

"It is geared for hospice patients, but anyone can use it. It can highlight someone every day," Dillon said.

The website is pretty simple to use. It starts with "The Story Begins Here" and provides a series of questions that prompt the user to literally tell their story. The only rule is you have to be at least 13 to use the site.

Dillon describes her purpose on the <https://treeofmemory.com/>



Michelle Dillon's family is another reason she created "Tree of Memory." Pictured here are Michelle and her husband, David, children Cole, Marlo and Sawyer.

com/ site:

"Create a memoir or a memorial by answering some or all of the template questions within the time line. Tag media and documents to create a living legacy. Drag questions and media into the summary for a snapshot of the story. Organize your family tree and share memories within the tree of memory community. Surprise a loved one with a delayed email. Save your legacy."

That's because everyone has a story and the need to be remembered and to save their memories in a digital form. "It is similar to writing a book, but it is digital," she said.

Users can upload videos and photos to preserve memories. There are places to create a family tree and to include friends, as well as

to write a biography or a memoir. And years from now relatives, descendants and friends will have an encyclopedia about their loved ones.

"This is my passion," Dillon said. "There is no financial side to this. My goal is for everyone to have these conversations. There is nothing more precious than knowing your family and friends."

For example, Dillon asked herself whether she knew her great-grandmother's favorite color. The answer would be no. But knowing a favorite color adds life to a family member you may have never met. "Maybe this website will help people answer those questions," she said.

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Library, kids a winning summer combo

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Noah Salter of Plymouth Township was glad to bring his family to the Plymouth District Library the evening of Wednesday, July 1.

"We've been doing family fun nights every Wednesday," said Salter, holding daughter Rosalie, 1½, as his wife Christine and son Eli, 4½, waited nearby in the children's area for an evening story time. "This Wednesday, we decided to come to story time."

Of the library, Salter said, "It's great. We're here usually once a week." Christine Salter gets preschool books for Eli.

The July 1 story time gave Eli and his little sister a chance to kick around a large, inflated ball. They listened to stories and songs, while each took home a special shell as a summer memento.

Carol Champagne, department head for youth services at the PDL, said, "We do like to offer it at night for families who can't get here during the day," of story times such as that evening's with its summertime theme.

The Summer Reading Program with its "Every Hero Has a Story!" theme has enrolled 1,000-1,100 kids, with sign-up ongoing through the end of July, she said. "We've had a really busy couple of days," after the library's main entrance reopened as part of construction.

On Thursday, July 9, "Become a Superhero" will offer the weekly fun. "They'll be making their own costumes," Champagne said, noting times and other details are listed online at www.plymouthlibrary.org.

On Thursday, July 16, Paws, the Detroit Tigers mascot, will visit the Plymouth library for the Summer



JULIE BROWN

The Salter family of Plymouth Township (from left), Rosalie, dad Noah, mom Christine and Eli, enjoyed the Plymouth District Library story time.

Reading Program.

The Thursday, July 23, "Ancient Superheroes" also promises fun. "That will include chariot races," she said.

The Thursday, July 30, "Animal Superheroes" will feature animal visitors to the library.

"It's been a little quieter than usual," Champagne said, citing the library renovation. "Ever since the front door opened, it's been really busy in here. It's been jumping, since we opened the door it's been jumping."

She noted summer gives kids a great chance to read for fun and still learn. "That just helps their skills so much when they choose. They enjoy it so much more," she said.

A "Who Was ..." series of about 100 biographies is popular non-fiction among kids. "They're reading those for pleasure which is thrilling," Champagne said. In Summer Reading, kids can explore non-fiction as an optional component "and explore what's over there."

The Canton Public Library also has a summer reading program for kids, with information online at www.cantonpl.org.

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Schoolcraft College to offer bachelor's degrees

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

After several years in the making, Schoolcraft College will begin offering something it's never offered in its history this fall: a bachelor's degree program.

The Livonia-based college recently received approval from the Higher Learning Commission to proceed with offering the program, which will be a bachelor of science in culinary and dietary operations management. The college is the first traditional two-year institution in Michigan to offer this specific degree, college President Conway Jeffress said.

"This was a long haul to get to this point. The work was difficult and frequently not that pleasant," he said. "I'm very very pleased with our getting started."

The degree builds onto what culinary students at Schoolcraft College will learn, combining business and science courses to provide the culinarian with knowledge and ex-



Pastry chef Heather Moore is a student at the college.

FILE PHOTO

perience in management, food science and nutrition. It's also expected to help prepare students for testing to be certified dietary manager credentials from the Association of Nutrition and Food Service Professionals, a credential for students interested in food service operations.

They are important skills to have and build

onto the foundation set up in the associate's degree in culinary arts the college already offers, Jeffress said.

"You're adding the whole issue of kitchen safety, the whole issue of really adding professionalism onto the degree of being a good chef," he said. "It's a bigger picture. It's for the food industry and not just for

one chef."

Expanding offerings

The Michigan Legislature approved bills several years ago allowing community colleges the ability to offer bachelor's degrees in several specific subject matters, including culinary arts. Several other two-year colleges in Michigan already offer bachelor's

degree programs: Jackson College in Jackson offers a four-year degree in energy production, while Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City offers a bachelor's degree in maritime technology.

The Schoolcraft program, which opens in August, will require students to first earn an associate's degree before enrolling in the additional two years of courses. Jeffress said he did not know the exact number of students enrolling in the additional courses this fall, but said they would be full enough for courses to take place.

At least one new faculty member has been hired to assist with the program, with the possibility of more if demand requires it, Jeffress said.

When it comes to cost, Jeffress said he's committed to trying to keep the price of tuition for those final two years the same as other credits earned at Schoolcraft.

"You don't want to match the cost of a university," he said. "What

you want is to offer a unique advantage."

The cost per credit hour beginning this fall for in-district students is \$96. Out-of-district Michigan residents will pay \$139 per credit hour and out-of-state students will pay \$205 per credit hour.

Jeffress said he hopes the college will be able to launch other four-year degrees in the future, including one that's still being talked about in Lansing.

Bachelor's degrees in nursing are not able to be offered by two-year colleges, though that's a program supporters say they hope will be a reality in the future. If that's the case, Jeffress said that's a four-year program he'd desire for students at Schoolcraft.

"That's probably the one that really has my interest," he said. "You always want to look at those with good possibilities."

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W-W maintains educational choices, fund equity in new budget year

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will continue to offer a full complement of educational programs for students and add to its fund balance in fiscal year 2015-16.

That was the message delivered by Deputy Superintendent Jim Larson-Shidler in presenting the amended 2014-15 and proposed 2015-16 budgets to the school board last week.

"It's important to know that the district is still funded at the lowest rate in the state and is in the company of 300 other

school districts," Larson-Shidler said, referring to the \$7,392 per student the district will receive in from the state School Aid Fund.

The district finished the 2014-15 budget year with a lower than projected fund balance, due in large part to a \$783,376 mid-year reduction in money it receives to cover increased retirement costs. It had revenues of \$102.838 million, down \$1.897 million from its January projection, and expenditures of \$103.357 million, also down \$1.416 million.

The district expects to take in more than \$104 million in revenue in

fiscal 2015-16 and spend just under that amount, allowing it to add \$85,538 to this year's fund balance of \$3.287 million.

Larson-Shidler also is projecting a continuing drop in student enrollment; however, due to a change in how the student count is done, the loss will be 276 students. The \$140 per-pupil increase in state school aid will bring in an additional \$1.6 million, based on a projected enrollment of 11,603 students; however, the elimination of the \$50 per pupil best practices money from the state will be a \$600,000 loss.

2015-16 projections

Larson-Shidler is projecting local tax revenue of \$15.74 million, which

includes \$288,000 in delinquent property taxes and \$82.324 million in state money — \$63.559 million in school aid and more than \$8 million to offset an increase in retirement costs.

The percentage the district pays in retirement costs is based on payroll and the amount will jump from 33.41 percent in 2014-15 to 36.31 percent on 2015-16. The state has capped the increase at 25.78 percent and provides funding to cover the difference.

"What we receive from the state we send back," he said. "It's an in-and-out. It's based on our payroll for 2014-15."

Health insurance will increase 3 percent under that state hard cap; how-

ever, the actual increase from MESSA, the district's insurance provider, will be 2.2 percent. The district has a high-deductible plan and as a result will be able to deposit more into employees Health Savings Accounts this budget year.

The school board put off acting on the budget until later in the month. In the past, it has approved the amended and new budgets at its regular monthly meeting. However, the special meeting allowed Larson-Shidler to "get much more information and have a pretty accurate forecast."

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Here are three unique and convenient tools, chargers and gadgets that don't come with a cord.

» **Pluck:** This quirky egg-shaped kitchen utensil allows you to easily separate yolks from the egg whites. It's a device long overdue and, at \$4.99, a device everyone could put in



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their kitchen.

» **EGO power mowers and yard tools.**

Imagine cutting your lawn without having to buy gasoline or pulling cords. The EGO Power Mower is a fully-electric mower that operates with a 56-volt lithium battery. It offers 600 watts of powers, which is comparable to a gas mower experience, and can run for up to 45 minutes on a full charge. The coolest feature of

the mower, however, isn't even related to the battery. It has built-in LED lights so you can cut at night. And with 30 percent less noise than a conventional gas mower, you are less likely to annoy your neighbors.

Ego also offers a variety of cordless trimmers, edgers, leaf blowers and other lawn tools. Nothing is worse than unraveling and repositioning those orange extension cords when you are trying to spruce up the yard.

» **LEGO Power Brick:** Phone charging has reached the next level with power pads that can charge devices that are placed on top of

them. With the LEGO Power Brick, you can also charge with a bit of nostalgia for your childhood toys. The charger can be customized and changed with LEGO pieces that are provided at purchase, but customers are encouraged to hit their basements or closets and add their own old LEGO pieces.

The Power Brick checks in at 20 amps, which is enough to charge an iPad, Kindle or other tablets or small electronics. It weighs 15 grams, which makes the charger ultra-portable, and retails for \$49.

If you want a more sophisticated charging set-up, you can buy a

charging station from a top phone manufacturer like Samsung. Just be sure that your phone is compatible with the charger you select. Compatibility is the biggest concern facing wireless charging. But the technology is set for huge growth in the coming years, which means more options, better compatibility and, hopefully, lower prices.

Buyer beware

Not all wireless technologies are created equal. Recent research from *Popular Mechanics* uncovered lackluster components for the Beats By Dre line of headphones. Beats By

Dre offers conventional and wireless headphones ranging from \$179 to more than \$340.

A dissection of the popular "Solo" headphone showed parts were glued together instead of being screwed and had non-functioning pieces of metal added to make the headphones appear stronger and more durable. The sound components also revealed to be standard and not in line with what the company portrays to be a premium product.

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Understand the legal and financial consequences of marriage

The United States Supreme Court ruled last week that same sex marriages are legal throughout the country. Many couples may assume that they should automatically get married. However, before getting caught up in the excitement, it is important to understand the legal and tax consequences of marriage.

In many situations, a couple may find that purely from a financial or legal standpoint, marriage is not the way to go. Particularly for couples who have already been involved in a long-term relationship, it is important to review some of the legal and financial consequences before saying "I do."

From a tax standpoint, if a couple gets married, they no longer have the option of filing an indi-



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

vidual return. They would either have to file a joint return or a married, filing separate return. In most cases, filing a joint return is preferable than filing married filing separately.

However, there are many cases where filing two individual returns is better than filing a joint return. For example, in a situation where both parties are highly paid individuals, the marriage penalty can be severe. For example, if both parties are making over \$300,000 a year, the top bracket individually is 33 percent. On the other hand, if they get married, the top bracket would be

39.6 percent. Another issue that couples have to consider is government benefits. When someone is married, it boosts household income and as a result many find that they do not qualify for certain types of assistance. An example for older couples could be Medicaid, where household income may disqualify someone from benefits. An example for younger couples could be being disqualified for certain programs based on in-

come designed to make it easier to pay off student loans.

Couples need to decide their estate planning wishes before they say, "I do." As a married couple, there are certain obligations each spouse has to each other. Those obligations don't exist unless a couple is married.

A couple may want to consider a prenuptial agreement. After all, we cannot forget that marriage is also an economic partnership.

As a reminder for individuals who do get married, if you have existing estate plans, those need to be changed. A will and trust would need adjustments and any powers of attorney that you have.

Many same sex couples have been in a committed relationship for years and now will face a decision as to whether they continue their relationship as is or legalize it. Obviously, whether it is a heterosexual couple or a same sex couple,

love for each other should be the driving force. However, we all know that life has its complexities. Before entering into marriage, consider all the legal and financial implications and make an informed and educated decision. Good luck.

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Even cyclists have to obey road rules

Ah, what a beautiful Sunday morning. I think I'll go for a bicycle ride.

If you read this every week, you know I love my bicycle. I roll out of my driveway and down the street. Riding fast, I fly through the stop sign at the intersection. I'm on my bike — what's the big deal? There are never any cars there anyway.

I take a left on the next street, a right on the following street and head out a little farther into the country, to enjoy the scenery. There is less traffic out here and, anyways, people have to watch out for me — so



Michael Sura
ASK A TROOPER

lazily I ride along in the middle of the road. A car pulls up behind me, but I stay in the middle of the road. I'm a vehicle in the road way — I'm good, right? They can go around and pass me.

Oh, wait! Here is the next road I want to turn on, so I quickly cut over into oncoming traffic turning left and go onto the next road. Now, there is no traffic on this road at all and I am already in

the oncoming-traffic lane. I can see any cars coming, so it doesn't matter.

I continue to ride and eventually reach my destination, the state park. What a nice ride. One question for all of you: How many infractions did I commit, if any? Answer before continuing to read.

I don't know about you, but that was not a very safe bicycle ride. Yet people ride bicycles like this every day.

Remember, in Michigan, each person riding a bicycle on a roadway has all of the rights and is subject to all the duties

applicable to the driver of a vehicle. In other words, you have to obey the traffic laws.

The first violation was riding through the stop sign. Not only is it dangerous, but on a bicycle you still have to stop. The second and third violations were failing to signal my turns. It is important, just like when driving a motor vehicle, to give warning of lane changes and of any turns you intend to make, to avoid an accident. The fourth violation was impeding traffic. If the roadway the bicyclist is riding on has no minimum speed limit, then

they are traffic according to the Michigan Vehicle Code, and therefore cannot be impeding traffic because of their speed or because they are riding a bicycle.

I failed to signal another turn and then rode in the wrong lane of travel. That would make the fifth and sixth violations of the law. I committed six violations in the above bike ride.

Here are a few more things to remember.

One, do not ride next to each other when riding. It is impeding traffic.

Two, make sure your bicycle has working

breaks.

Three, if you ride at night, your bicycle must have lights to the front and the rear.

Four, you cannot text while riding a bicycle. You have to keep both hands on the handlebars.

Bicycling is a great family activity and good exercise. Just remember, as always, to be careful and have a great summer of safety.

If you have questions or comments, email them to askatrooper12@gmail.com, or mail them to Ask A Trooper, Michigan State Police Brighton post, 4337 Buno Road, Brighton, MI 48116.

ACT quickly to help prevent heatstroke-related injury, death to kids

Every 10 days in the United States, a child dies when left alone in a hot car.

There have been five confirmed heatstroke deaths in the United States already this year and one-third of all the deaths have occurred because a child gained access to a car on his or her own, according to information provided by the Livingston County Department of Public Health.

"These types of tragedies can happen to anyone, and most of the cases are to loving, caring parents," said Elaine



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Brown, personal and preventive health director and deputy health officer for the local health department.

"It's easy to become distracted when you are a new parent and are sleep-deprived or when your routine is disrupted. Data has shown that heatstroke tragedies happen more often when the daily routine is changed," she said.

"That's why LCDPH and Safe Kids are asking everyone to protect kids from this preventable tragedy by acting."

Experts recommend when it comes to heat strokes to remember to ACT:

A: Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving a child

alone in a car, not even for a minute, and make sure to keep the car locked when not in it so children do not enter.

C: Create reminders by putting something on the backseat of the car next to a child such as a briefcase, a purse or a cellphone that is needed at the final destination. This is especially important when not following a normal routine.

T: Take action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 9-1-1. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life.

To learn more heatstroke safety tips, go to www.safekids.org/heatstroke.

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TAMING PAIN
There are a group of medications called the Non Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory drugs (NSAID's) that physicians prescribe to treat pain and inflammation. Pain specialists and pharmacologists tell physicians that all NSAID's are alike. These medications stop pain by inhibiting the action of the chemical cyclooxygenase and all the drugs in the NSAID class are hard on the liver and potentially dangerous to the kidneys. Also, NSAID's accelerate coronary atherosclerosis.
In contrast to the warnings of experts, NSAID's occupy a strategic place in the medical community in the treatment of pain. These drugs include: ibuprofen, naproxen, diclofenac, celecoxib, indomethacin, meloxicam, and more. The reason why the medical community turns to these medication is because they work.
In order to reconcile the hazards of NSAID's with their value in practice, doctors must adopt a security guard attitude. In my practice I find that ibuprofen as Advil or naproxen as Aleve are helpful in providing pain relief for patients age 80 and older. However, the patient must strictly adhere to a restricted total dose each day and I must monitor how the liver and kidneys are responding by laboratory testing, doing so on a monthly basis.
Patients often question why a drug such as Advil or Aleve, that in the past they took without concern or supervision, now comes with such strict rules: patients particularly object to the requirement of frequent blood tests. I have to point out that the NSAID's for all their drawbacks are less a hazard to their health than narcotics, and that the cost of monitoring is far less than treating the patient for liver failure or kidney insufficiency.
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Visitors to Bill Brown Ford in Livonia on July 11 can sign a mobility-equipped 2015 Ford Explorer and 2015 Ford F-150 with messages of support for military families for their sacrifices in exchange for a donation.

Bill Brown Ford hosts event to aid wounded veterans

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Those who want to help provide mobility-equipped Ford vehicles to combat-wounded veterans so they can have the freedom to live productive, quality lives are invited to a special event July 11 at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia.

The dealership will host Wounded Warriors Family Support's High Five Tour 2015, where attendees can sign a mobility-equipped 2015 Ford Explorer and 2015 Ford F-150 with messages of support for military families for their sacrifices in exchange for a donation.

The money raised will be used to help provide about 100 mobility-equipped vehicles to combat-wounded veterans, said Richard Palaikis, marketing director for Bill Brown Ford.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the dealership, 32222 Plymouth Road.

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held concurrently. It starts at 9 a.m. and goes until 2:45 p.m. To sign up for the blood drive, go to redcross.org and enter sponsor code billbrownford or go to billbrownford.net and click on the link.

Palaikis said the dealership was approached in February about being a host and it seemed like a good thing to be involved in. "The military has done so much for all of us, it's the least we can do for them," he said.

The event is not about Bill Brown Ford selling cars, but about helping veterans, he said.

Wounded Warriors Family Support's The High Five Tour 2015, themed "Mobility is Freedom," is visiting 65 cities across 48 states, stopping at car dealerships, community events, veterans organizations, military bases and race tracks so communities can show appreciation and support to military families for their sacrifices.

The program aims to enhance the freedom and independence of combat-wounded veterans by providing grants to purchase Ford vehicles adapted to suit their unique needs.

For more information on the High Five Tour 2015, go to www.HighFiveTour.com. For more information about Wounded Warriors Family Support, go to www.wwfs.org.

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Man claims father threatened to kill him

A 42-year-old Canton man told police that his estranged father, a Belleville resident, threatened to kill him, according to a police report.

The son went to the Canton police station last Friday to report the incident along with a friend, through whom the alleged death threat had been made.

The son told police that his grandmother had recently died and, through her trust, had left a vehicle to his daughter. However, he said he needed to get his father to sign off on a legal document.

The son told police he doesn't get along with his father, so he asked the friend to contact the father and try to convince him to sign the document, the police

report said. The friend said the father refused and threatened to kill the son if anyone came to his house to pressure him, the report said.

The son filed a police report for documentation, although he asked police not to go to his father's house, saying he is unpredictable and doesn't like law enforcement. He also said he didn't want his father to possibly seek vengeance.

The son told police he didn't wish to press charges.

Dog bite wounds

A 72-year-old man delivering auto parts to a Canton shop told police he was bitten by a Great Dane when he went inside the office to leave an invoice, a police report said.

The man said the incident happened about 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at an auto shop on Michigan Avenue. He told police he

was bitten on the left hand when he dropped off the invoice. A police report indicated he had several puncture wounds on his hand and arm.

The man took himself to Oakwood Hospital in Wayne for treatment.

Bike troubles

A 20-year-old Garden City man's \$1,200 bicycle was stolen from the Canton Walmart store on Ford Road, but was spotted a short time later at a Garden City skate park, a police report said.

The victim told police he had hidden his bike behind some bushes near the east door of the store — where he works — about 1 p.m. Tuesday. He learned it was missing when he returned about five hours later. He said the chrome BMX bike cost \$1,200.

As the man was explaining the incident to police, he received a phone call from a friend

who had spotted the bike at a skate park on Ford Road in Garden City, the police report said. The investigation was continuing.

The man told police the incident marked the second time within a week that his bike had been stolen. The police report didn't indicate how he got the bike back the first time.

Cat vs. cop

A Canton police officer was injured by a mother cat who swatted him with her paw after he accidentally stepped on one of her kittens during a police run to the 800 block of Lotz, a police report said.

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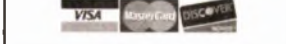
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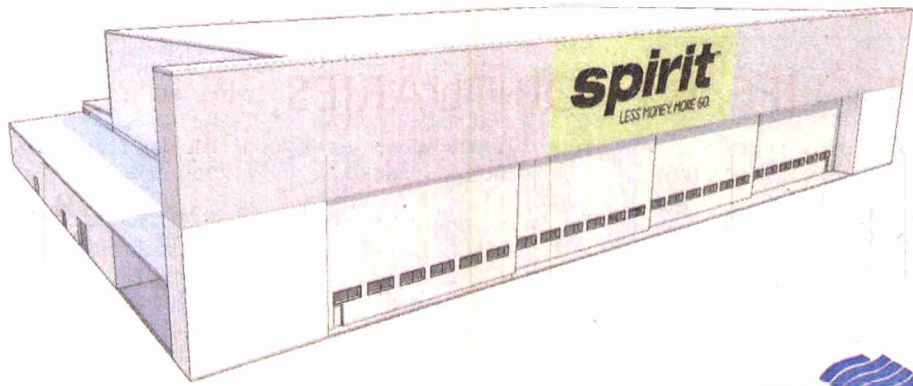
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Spirit Airlines' new maintenance hangar adds 84 jobs

Spirit Airlines, Inc. is constructing a new maintenance hangar at Detroit Metropolitan Airport with support from the Michigan Strategic Fund and the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

"Michigan's economy is soaring back and this new investment by Spirit Airlines underscores Michigan's greatly improved business climate and a talent pool that can compete with any place in the world," MEDC Chief Executive Officer Steve Arwood said. "It is through the efforts of the city of Romulus and the Wayne County Airport Authority that these well-paying jobs are coming to Michigan residents and we are pleased to support that collaboration."

Spirit Airlines is an ultra-low-cost, low-fare airline based in Miramar,



NEW MAINTENANCE HANGAR FOR SPIRIT AIRLINES
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Airlines Inc. is constructing a new maintenance hangar at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Fla. The company was founded in 1964 as Clipper Trucking Co., a Michigan company. The company plans to construct a new 126,000-square-foot commercial

airline maintenance hangar at Metro Airport, investing approximately \$31.7 million and creating 84 jobs related to commercial airline maintenance and repair.

As a result, the project has been awarded a \$1 million Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant. Michigan was chosen over a competing

site in Texas. Romulus has offered support to the project in the form of property tax abatement.

"Spirit Airlines has a long and proud history with Michigan and specifically Detroit Metropolitan, Wayne County Airport," Spirit Airlines President and CEO Ben Baldanza said. "This new hangar will allow our maintenance technicians to more efficiently and more effectively service our planes in a controlled environment. We're also excited that Spirit will be bringing additional jobs to this community."

The Wayne County Airport Authority is supporting the project by investing in the site preparation costs at the site, as well as surrounding sites, to make it development ready.

"It is very gratifying to see the hard work of our team and the support

of our local and state partners, come together to accomplish new development and job growth at our airport," Airport Authority CEO Thomas Naughton said. "This Spirit Airlines investment is another positive example of what we can achieve working together and the value and importance the business community places on our airport and region."

The Michigan Business Development Program provides grants, loans and other economic assistance to qualified businesses that make investments or create jobs in Michigan, with preference given to businesses that need additional assistance for deal-closing and for second-stage gap financing.

For more on the MEDC and its initiatives, go to MichiganBusiness.org.



Canton Public Library offers July activities

The following are activities scheduled in July at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

For information or to register, contact the library at 734-397-0999.



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- » Great Craft Challenge: 6:30 p.m. July 14
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- » Farmers Market Pinterest Live: 9 a.m. July 19
- » Teen Washii Tape: 7 p.m. July 20
- » Amazing Artists: 2 p.m. July 21
- » Homemade Pet

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Lip Sync Battle

Pick your song and get ready to engage in an epic lip sync battle at 7 p.m. July 30.

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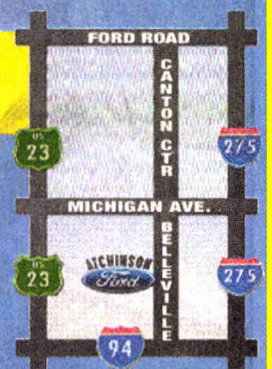
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YOUTH HOCKEY

AREA PLAYERS WIN GOLD

Observerland talent plays major role in Team Metro West winning tourney title

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

An all-star team composed largely of Observerland hockey players pooled its talent to win the gold medal June 25-28 at the annual Meijer State Games in Grand Rapids.

For three of the players – Farmington's Jason Petras, Hartland's Kyle Mazur and Salem's Evan Newel – it was their second championship in three years.

Team Metro West also included players from Livonia Franklin and Stevenson high schools, Novi, Farmington Hills Unified, Walled Lake Western and Northern and White Lake Lakeland.

The event was an Olympic-style tournament with eight teams in the 15-17 age group, each representing a different



Team Metro West hockey players and coaches celebrate their gold-medal victory in the Meijer State Games.

geographic region of the state.

In the championship game June 28 at Southside Ice Arena, Petras and Stevenson's Nate Sudek scored goals as Team Metro West defeated

Metro South a second time, 2-1.

Hartland goalkeeper Christian Spangler made 28 saves for the winners. He backstopped the team to three

tournament wins; Farmington's Hunter Firestone had the other two.

Metro West's leading scorer in the five games was Franklin forward Chase Wallis, with

four goals and two assists for six points. Western's Joe Pace led the team with a plus-8 rating.

The all-Franklin line of Trevor Lassaline, Brendan Whitney and Wallis managed to go the entire tournament without allowing a goal to be scored against it.

Metro West began its 5-0 run through the round-robin tournament with a 5-3 win over Metro South in pool play. Wallis saw to it the local team had a good start with a three-goal hat trick.

Whitney also was instrumental in the victory with three assists. Hartland's Gabe Anderson and Newel scored the other goals. Spangler made 22 saves.

The all-Hartland trio of Blake Heier, Jacob Behnke and Anderson netted goals en route to a 5-2 defeat of Team North in the second game.

Unified's Joey Lajcaj and Whitney also contributed to

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DRAG RACING



Posing beside her 1968 Chevelle, Karri Anne Beebe was named one of the 10 Hottest Women in Racing in 2013.

FROM NOVICE TO CHAMPION

Westland woman went from caring little about cars to being a first-rate drag racer

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

When Karri Anne Beebe's husband suggested she get behind the wheel and learn to drag race nine years ago, she was perfectly fine with that.

The 45-year-old Westland resident and grandmother has been driving her team's green 1968 Chevelle in competition for Beebe Motorsports ever since and loving the experience.

Beebe, who had been part of the crew and involved in

the sport, was more than willing to take up the challenge.

"I didn't look at it and say, 'I wish you'd put me in the car,'" Beebe said. "It was just, 'I'm going to put you in the car.' I've always been very competitive. It's not just racing cars. I'm competitive in every aspect."

"I like the atmosphere of the track. I like the camaraderie of the track, between the racers. For the most part, the men I compete with in my class are extremely nice men in this

area."

Beebe, who has a full-time job as an accountant, became quite good at racing and was named 2013 Female Driver of the Year at Milan Dragway. Though she was a quick study, it took a little time to get there.

With no particular interest or background in cars until she met her husband, Matt Beebe, she learned how to handle a powerful vehicle and drag race with his help.

"I've grown up with the Chevelle," she said. "With everything we've done to the

Chevelle to make it bigger, badder and faster, I have grown with it.

"When we started, it was a small-block, street-driven car. We took it out to Milan because it's close. For a couple weeks, all he had me do was burnouts, heat up the tires and roll out.

"He said, 'OK, the next step is to do burnouts and go to the light and, when it turns green, idle down the track.

"Then he taught me how

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JUNIOR GOLF

Young golfers demonstrate sharp skills

PGA's Drive, Chip & Putt event draws large turnout at Whispering Willows GC

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Whispering Willows Golf Course professional Paul Worley marveled at the skill and ability of the young contestants in the Drive, Chip & Putt event June 27 at the Livonia facility.

"Some of them can't be any more than 50 or 60 pounds, but they hit it 150 yards or more off the tee," he said. "It's pretty amazing."

"It's kind of fun for us to be out there and running the event, just seeing the solid technique some of these kids have at such a young age, in their pre-teen years."

One of those young players

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Luke Aldrich of Plymouth checks the green for the break before making a putt.

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The Stevenson High School varsity pom team received the Grand Champs Award – the highest award given – for their performance at the Mid American Pompon camp in June. The Spartans also received the Team Unity and Most Congenial Team awards. Team members include (front row, from left) Mid American staff member Amber Prong, Natalee Dagher, Caitlyn Regan, April Burling, Casey Figures, Jaime Roderick, Cady Ericson, Allison Paulus, Lauren Raden, Julia D’Orazio, Alaina Pierson and staff member Cassidy Koviak, (second row, from left) Alex Engle, Katie Orlich, Jocelyn Figures and Eva Koelzer, (third row, from left) Hope McMullen, Janine Shymanski, Keri Martin, Jenna Fisher, Jenna Roderick, Kelly Jarosz and Holly Cleaver and (fourth row, from left) Shelby Pelc, Caroline Kaniowski, Lexis Cholette, Maddie Dawson, coach Kelly Sikorski, coach Shaylyn Sikorski, coach Savannah Sikorski and coach Jessica Wilhoite.

State Cup soccer champs



Canton Celtic '99 Black, coached by Pete Alexander, became the first team in club history to win the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association under-16 State Cup with a 1-0 victory over the Grand Rapids Crew Juniors in the finals May 31 at the Saginaw Township Soccer Complex. Celtic went 7-0 during its tourney run, highlighted by a 4-1 semifinal victory over the Michigan Wolves '99 Black and a 2-1 win over the Michigan Wolves in the quarterfinals. Members of Celtic, which advances to the U.S. Youth Soccer Midwest Region II championships June 20-24, in Fox Cities, Wis., include: Cade Kozlowski and Justin Savona, Novi Detroit Catholic Central; Ryen O’Meara, Steven Page and Matthew Rockafellow, Canton; Matthew Weiner and Anthony Iacopelli, Plymouth; Austin Andres and Brian Schlientz, Plymouth Christian; Jason Figueroa, Dylan Stephens and Maxwell Tanau, Ann Arbor Pioneer; Sebastian Iniquez, Robert Rust, Christian Kotila and Sevrin Williams, Ann Arbor Huron; David Rubin, Ann Arbor Greenhills; and Riley Alexander, Pinckney. The team manager is Mike Rockafellow.

SUMMER BASEBALL

Rams celebrate with pair of wins

By Dan O’Meara
Staff Writer

There were pre-holiday fireworks of a different kind Wednesday night at Bicentennial Park in Livonia, courtesy of the Michigan Rams baseball team.

The Rams went into the Fourth of July weekend on a celebratory note after sweeping a doubleheader and improving their record to 13-5-1 in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

They pounded eight hits and broke a 1-1 stalemate with a three-run fourth inning, defeating the Hurricanes in the opener, 5-2.

Jake Balicki struck out 10 batters and pitched a four-hitter as the Rams whipped the Storm in a shortened, five-inning nightcap, 11-1.

Chase Flannery got the first-game victory, holding the Hurricanes to two hits and two runs over 4½ innings. Sean Martens pitched 2½ innings of one-hit, scoreless relief.

Danny Kerr and Westen Price went 2-for-4 and Zack McGuire hit a solo homer for the Rams. Kerr knocked in two runs.

Price had a double, as did Ben Hart, who scored twice. James Hall and Anthony DiPonio had one hit, one RBI and one run scored apiece.

Dan Cameron had two RBIs and Jared Hagen scored both runs for the Hurricanes (9-10). Kyle Roberts allowed three runs on four hits and four walks over three innings.

In the nightcap, DiPonio went 2-for-3 and drove in four runs to lead the Rams. Kevin O’Malley knocked in two runs, Price and Zack Schmidtke one each.

Hart was 1-for-2 and scored three runs, Schmidtke two. Price and Nolan Page contributed a double to a seven-hit offense and scored one run each.

Timmy Lyons was 2-for-2 for the Storm (9-11). Marcus Doughton pitched 1½ innings and allowed two runs on one hit and five walks.

The Storm led 1-0 after one inning, but the Rams scored twice in the second and six times in the third.

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BEEBE

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to use a trans brake. When you let go, your foot is all the way to the floor, so you take off. I had to learn to do that. It was an adding up of all the different pieces."

Iconic green car

When her husband planned to buy a car to race, he asked Karri Anne: If she could have any car in the world, what would it be?

Her answer was a '68 Chevelle, recalling the neat car a teenage girlfriend's brother drove, and the search for one began.

"We drove out to this guy's house," Beebe said. "He opened the garage door, and the angels sang. There sat this white '68 Chevelle with no motor, no trans, no interior. It was just a daily driver, never a race car."

Matt Beebe built it into one and outfitted it with all the necessary safety equipment. The car has become iconic at race tracks and its brand synonymous with the Beebe name.

Track champion

Beebe's best year was 2013, when she won the Nitrous Drag Radial championship at Milan. She also was named one of the The 10 Hottest Women in Racing that year by *Drag Illustrated*.

"We had struggled in the beginning of the year," she said, citing car problems. "It seemed every time we thought we were going to get ahead, we got kicked in the pants."

"It was more like the slow and steady. I think we only won one or two races, but we were consistent enough to accumulate enough points to win the championship."

"It came down to the last race, and we needed 30 points to win. When we could pause and celebrate, our team surrounded me with silly string and just buried me. It was really nice."

It takes a team

Beebe, who lived in Farmington Hills and attended North Farmington High School, emphasizes the team aspect of racing.

Her husband, who raced the car originally, is the crew chief and prefers that role. Other family members serve as part of the team, keeping the Chevelle in working order.

"Yeah, it's my name on the door," Beebe said. "I'm the one who goes down the track. I'm the one everybody knows, but I can't do it by myself."

"It's a 'we' - 'we' win; 'we' lose. 'We' did this; 'we' do that. It was a tough, tough battle. We worked the hardest for that championship."

Beebe has exceeded 180 mph, but her time record is 7.97 seconds at 179.9 mph on a quarter-mile track. Most races are now one-eighth of mile long. Beebe's best at that distance is 4.94 seconds at 145 mph.

"I still run a quarter of a mile. They just stop timing me at the eighth," Beebe said. "It does reduce the wear and tear on your car. It's cheaper because you're not using so much nitrous."

"But I don't think it's as exciting. I know a lot of fans don't like it. They say it's safer. I like the speed of a quar-



Karri Anne Beebe and her husband Matt, the crew chief for Beebe Motorsports, work together as a team.

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Karri Anne Beebe does a burnout as she gets ready to race.

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ter-mile. But, if an eighth of a mile is what they're going to offer me, that's what I'm going to do."

Safe at any speed

Safety is a primary concern and something Beebe and her team take seriously. A 2010 crash destroyed the front end of the car, but she wasn't hurt due to the cage Matt installed on the interior.

"At the time, I was one of the first drivers to wear a Hans Device," Beebe said. "It goes over your shoulders and connects to your helmet. It holds your head to your body in case of an accident. If Dale Earnhardt had been wearing one, he'd be alive."

Beebe, who wears fireproof clothing like NASCAR and Indy car drivers, did suffer a broken ankle in 2009 when the transmission exploded at the start of a race and came through the floor of the vehicle.

"The only thing going through my

head was, 'Could I drive with a prosthetic foot?'" Beebe said, adding she has "never felt unsafe in the car, ever."

Not always accepted

While there is camaraderie among the racers, it hasn't always been easy for Beebe, being one of the few women in her class and sometimes the only woman racer at a track.

"It took the guys here a while to accept me," she said. "At one of the first races, my husband and I were standing next to the car. The driver I was supposed to race goes to shake my husband's hand and says, 'Good luck, be safe.'"

"My husband says, 'Thank you, but she drives.' I consider him a friend, but this wasn't something he was expecting or used to. Now we joke about it."

"When I go down south, I've had really dirty looks. I have gotten out of the car and gotten looks like, 'Who are

you? What are you doing here?' They're not surprised looks; they're nasty looks."

On another occasion, an opposing driver asked Matt Beebe if "she" takes a long time to get ready (to race).

Karri Anne's reply was: "First, I do an across-the-line burnout. Before I back up, I'm going to check my hair and makeup in the mirror. Then I bump-in the first bulb and check my nails. Is that enough time for you?"

Memorable win

Beebe is one of two women to win the Pinks All Out, a series of televised step-ladder races in Norwalk, Ohio. Through time trials, 32 cars are selected for the elimination rounds.

She received \$12,500 for the 2010 win, driving a car loaned to her team since the Chevelle was out of service.

"Because the car wasn't mine, I gave half that money to the guy who owned the car," Beebe said. "If it hadn't been for him, I wouldn't have been there in the first place."

"On the way home, the transmission went out on the truck used to haul the car, so the second half of it went to fix the trans. But it was fun; it was neat."

More than a racer

Beebe, who earned a degree in accounting from the University of Michigan, is more than just a racer. She also plays the flute in a three-woman trio, is an avid reader, makes quilts and likes history.

With all of those interests, she still finds time to drag race on weekends and be a success at it.

"I'm a doer," Beebe said. "I'm not a stand-around, doing-nothing person. I'm a horrible spectator. Now that I drive, other than going to watch the pros, I want to be in the action. I want to be down in there."

GOLF

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was Alana Jones of Farmington Hills. The soon-to-be 15-year-old was at the upper end of the age range and was arguably the most impressive golfer.

Jones, who attends North Farmington High School, had the highest score with 134 points and easily won the girls 14-15 age group.

"I was on my game," Jones said. "The strongest things about my game are chipping and putting, so that's why I did so well."

An all-Observer golfer last fall, she scored well in all three events, earning 43 points in the driving portion, 40 in chipping and 51 in putting.

"Since it was windy, I knew the wind was blowing into my back and the ball was going to travel far," Jones said as to why she did so well off the tee, too.

Jones, who plays in the Adams Junior Golf Tour this summer, will advance along with other qualifiers to a sub-regional Aug. 11 at Prestwick Village Golf Course in Highland Township.

"I think I'll do pretty well," she said. "It will depend on who I'm competing with. There might be some people older than me who have more power off the tee."

Numbers increase

Worley registered 190 youths had registered for the event, sponsored by the Michigan PGA, and approximately 140 actually participated in the local qualifier. That was double the number from last year's inaugural event at Whispering Willows and a great turnout, considering the



Livonia resident Sean Gormsmith follows the ball off the tee at the Drive, Chip & Putt competition.



Alana Jones



Christian Allen

weather was awful, Worley said.

"If it was just windy and warm or just rainy with no wind, one of the elements would have been a lot easier to handle than both at the same time," he said. "But the kids didn't seem to mind. I think it was the parents who were more, 'Let's hurry up and get out of here.'"

Scoring points

Contestants made three drives, three chips and three putts, earning points for each one. The age groups for girls and boys were 7-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15.

Driving points were based on distance as long as the participants kept the ball with-



Troy Watson of Westland lines up a putt for the right tap on the ball.

in a 40-yard-wide fairway. They received no points if it was outside that boundary.

Each contestant had to make a putt from six, 15 and 30 feet. There were five rings around the hole and they earned so many points for being inside each ring. If they holed the putt, it was worth 25 points.

In the chipping portion, each youth had three shots from the same spot. The rings were bigger - two feet apart instead of one.

"If someone chipped into the hole, he or she got 25 points," Worley said. "Two feet from the pin was worth 20, four feet 15, six feet 10, eight feet five, 10 feet two. Anything outside of that was worth one point."

"There were a lot of talented kids out here. Then we had the novices as well. You don't have to be good to participate. It's a fun event. We were hoping to get some kids who weren't involved with golf before."

"The success of it was actually fantastic, given the weath-

GOLF RESULTS

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June 27 at Whispering Willows

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Girls 10-11: 1. Jillian Friya, Ontario, 23-31-21, 75; 2. Addalynn Delcamp, Rochester, 20-7-36, 63; 3. Elin Gebrowsky, Clarkston, 23-3-31, 57; A-Lily Bargamian, Grosse Ile, 15-17-16, 48; A-Alaina Harris, Temperance, 19-16-12, 47.

Girls 12-13: 1. Nicole Whatley, Northville, 37-35-31, 103; 2. Amaya Melendez, Ann Arbor, 17-26-36, 79; 3. Maggie Pietila, Brighton, 39-21-13, 73; A-Juanita Delacruz, Saginaw, 21-31-4, 56; A-Morgan Chaudhary, Birmingham, 10-4-41, 55.

Girls 14-15: 1. Alana Jones, Farmington Hills, 43-40-51, 134; 2. Annie Pietila, Brighton, 51-40-15, 106; 3. Abigail Livingston, Northville, 41-35-26, 102; 4. Sikha Jha, Troy, 37-30-31, 98; A-Sofia Elise Cuevas, Livonia, 17-41-31, 84.

Boys 7-9: 1. Ben Scully, Carleton, 17-36-22, 75; 2. Daniel Rouleau, Bloomfield, 8-3-51, 62; 3. Lucas Ahrens, Wixom, 9-4-35, 48; A-Alexander Pace, Livonia, 13-8-27, 48; Brayden Crowe, Brighton, 12-3-31, 46.

Boys 10-11: 1. Kaiden Rose, Waterford, 24-32-45, 101; 2. Christian Allen, Canton, 28-40-21, 89; 3. Drew Miller, East Lansing, 26-31-31, 88; A-Matthew Zwack, Monroe, 30-21-26, 77; A-Sajan Brouwer, Ontario, 12-13-51, 76.

Boys 12-13: 1. Neil Zhu, Novi, 24-55-45, 124; Kayden White, Ontario, 33-45-32, 110; 3. Max O'Rourke, West Bloomfield, 50-31-21, 102; A-Tim Johnson, Bloomfield, 20-40-35, 95; A-Tim Braun, Northville, 31-26-31, 88.

Boys 14-15: Jake Colley, Ontario, 36-40-36, 112; 2. Yuqi Zhou, Rochester, 13-40-50, 103; 3. Satchel Brouwer, Ontario, 29-31-36, 96; A-Jamil Morgan, Detroit, 34-26-31, 91; A-Colin Christie, Royal Oak, 29-12-45, 86.

er and number of participants who braved the conditions. We had some 30 to 40 mph gusts and off-and-on rain. It felt more like the British Open."

Taylor Haudek of the PGA conducted the Whispering Willows event and another one Monday at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton.

The top three in each age group from each qualifying site advance to the sub-regional. The top two from there go to the regional at Medina, Ill. The finals will take place next April at the Masters Tournament in Augusta, Ga.

HOCKEY

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the scoring. Firestone was between the pipes and stopped 21 shots.

In the first of two games June 27, Metro West secured first place in pool play by downing Metro North, 4-2.

Petras, Wallis, Heier and Lakeland's Matt Kovach figured in the scoring. Spangler guarded the goal and recorded 24 saves.

In the medal round later that day, Metro West eliminated last year's champion, Team West, with a 3-2 victory.

Northern's Brody Dorner, Sudek and Petras put the puck in the net for the winners, while Firestone made 25 saves to pick up his second win.

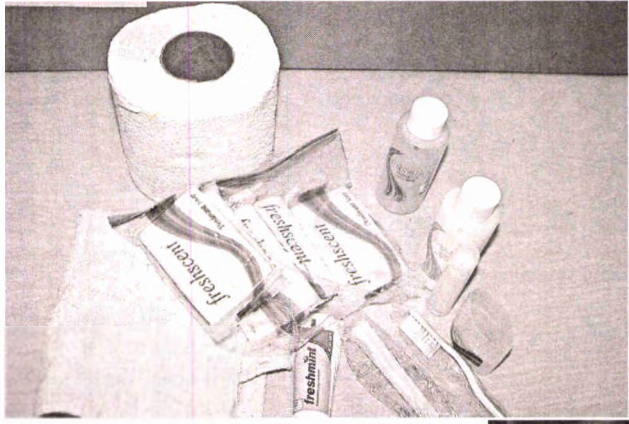
Good defense was as much a factor in the Metro West success. In addition to Mazur and Pace, the goalies had help from Stevenson defenseman Zach Finzel and Kevin Stefanick, Novi's Ryan Fonda and Hartland's Zach Sexton.

"It's great when rival teams and players come together as one to compete and win a tournament," Metro West assistant and Franklin head coach Dennis Gagnon said. "They end up forging a bond for life. We didn't win last year, but the kids, when they see each other at the rink, it's still special. This will make it even more special, winning the gold."

The 20 players who comprised Team Metro West were among the 40 who attended a three-day tryout at Kensington Valley Ice House in Brighton.

Hartland's Rick Gadwa was the team's head coach. Other assistants included Northville head coach Gordie Brown and Hartland assistants John and Ian McCullough.

LIVONIA CHURCH AIDS THE NEEDY



Kit contents include regular and sample-sized products.

Hygiene kits boon to homeless people

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Jim Morski and a crew of volunteers worked like an assembly line, packing personal care items into bags last Tuesday at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Livonia.

The monthly work session is part of a church charity project that helps the homeless and working poor by giving them free hygiene kits. Holy Transfiguration sends 100 assembled kits to St. Dominic Outreach Center in Detroit every month and has distributed more than 4,000 of them since November 2011.

"It takes 20 minutes to set up and 20 minutes to assemble and I generally take it all to St. Dominic on Wednesday morning," said Morski, a Livonia resident who organizes each work session.

A typical kit includes toilet paper, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, a washcloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, razor and lip balm and costs the congregation approximately \$5. During the winter, the addition of a hat and gloves raises the cost to \$8.25 per kit.

Church members donate money, enabling Morski to buy items in bulk. Another parishioner, Elaine Rogozan of Westland, shops local sales for washcloths and Deacon Jacob Frimenko of Northville brings the toilet paper.

"We've found one of the most important items is the toilet paper," Morski said. "There are a lot of places to go to but not a lot of places provide toilet paper. If you're a homeless guy, you're living on the streets and a lot of gas stations are available, but there's not a lot of toilet paper."

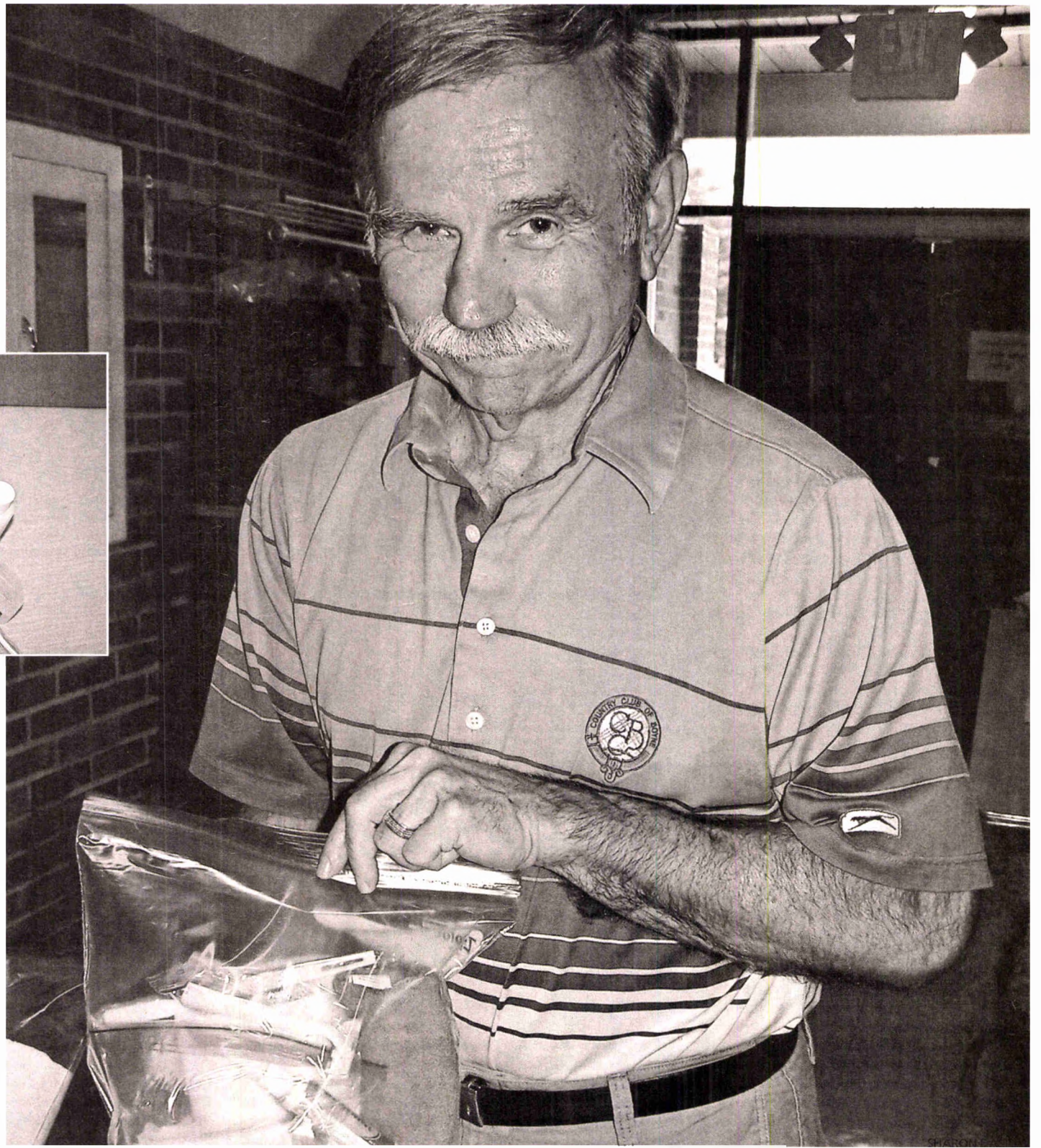
"Every time I go down to St. Dominic I ask if there is anything else we can do. Right now, we're also having an underwear drive. In August, we take 100 backpacks to them."

Morski said the project is easy to sustain and he hopes other churches, groups or individuals will start similar charity drives for the center.

"I'd encourage others. There is a need."

Food, cribs

Sherron Jenkins, St. Dominic Outreach Center executive director, said



Serge Barna, a member of Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Livonia, shows a hygiene kit that will be given to a low-income or homeless person.



Sherron Jenkins is director of St. Dominic Outreach Center in Detroit.

the hygiene kits go to seniors and individuals who can't afford to buy personal products.

"We used to buy them ourselves and it had an effect on our budget. Sometimes we couldn't get everything we needed but because of Transfiguration picking it up, it allowed us to take the money we'd normally use for hygiene kits and put it toward food," Jenkins said.

St. Dominic Center is located west of the Lodge expressway near Trumbull and Warren Avenue. In addition to distributing hygiene kits, it runs a food pantry, clothing closet, offers household items at no cost and gives free cribs to families with newborns.

"The cribs are three-in-one cribs. That was important to me, to make sure they last the children three to four years," Jenkins said. "The crib turns



Jim Morski, left, and Serge Barna, both of Livonia, assemble hygiene kits.

into a toddler bed and then into a twin bed. The only thing the family has to do is to increase the mattress size."

A blessing

Jenkins said Holy Transfiguration is the only church making hygiene kits for the center, although St. Priscilla Catholic Church in Livonia donates shampoo, soap, and other items for families. She's impressed that Holy Transfiguration, an Orthodox church, is eager to help St. Dominic Outreach Center, which is one of the Franciscan Ministries of Detroit.

"Holy Transfiguration has been a blessing to us. They are a lifesaver on the hygiene kits," she said, adding that an additional 50 kits per month would

help meet increasing demand.

Morski hopes Holy Transfiguration's project will inspire others. He welcomes questions and visitors to the assembly sessions which are held the third or fourth Tuesday of the month. See the church website at orthodox-livonia.org for updates.

"We may not have homeless people in our back yard, but I think we're all still obliged," Frimenko said. "Sherron is the one who (works) with the poor, but we're helping. I can't see calling myself a Christian if I'm not doing something like this."

For more on St. Dominic Outreach Center, visit stdominicoutreach.org or call 313-831-6070.

Baby sleeping in bed with mom raises concerns

I haven't been a mom that long. I am certainly no expert about parenting. But I have learned that it's OK to do things differently than what other parents have done.

Take, for instance, my daughter and her sleeping habits. When she first came home from the hospital, she slept in her "monkey bed" which is a Rock 'N Play. The monkey bed was next to my bed, and it was very convenient when she would wake up frequently throughout the night. About two months in, I decided to start putting her into her crib. Welcome world of screams, tears, and more-sleepless-than-before nights. Being a single mom, there was no shot I was getting a night off for any much-needed sleep, so I resorted to trying out a co-sleeper.

The co-sleeper I used for my daughter was one that sat on my bed. Immediately, my daughter started sleeping more, and eventually, for what I consider to be "through the night." I was amazed and excited that finally I could actually get more than two hours of sleep in a row together. It wasn't two months later, however, that she quickly

outgrew her co-sleeper, and my daughter found a way to squirm out of it and snuggle up right nice and close to me. I am certainly not complaining about the heart-warming moment of my daughter first scooting across the bed to snuggle in closer to me. It was one of the best feelings I have ever had, and watching her sleep the rest of the night, all curled up into me, was pretty incredible.

But I knew it was time to make a change. We tried the crib again, but I'm telling you, this girl of mine has no desire to sleep in a crib. I've tried "crying-it-out" and having her fall asleep in my arms first. I have bought and read every book under the sun about sleep solutions, and tried diligently to follow every step listed in every book I read. But there was nothing that would get my precious angel to sleep in her crib.

Dog tired

We bought a dog bed and tried that for a while, using in place of the co-sleeper, since it was larger and could accommodate a bigger baby. But the doctor warned me this could be too soft and wasn't the safest solution, so out went the dog bed, and in went the two of us just sleeping next to each other in the bed. The doctor knows about this, too. His opinion was if she is sleeping in my that's totally up to me, and only

unsafe if she can roll off the bed or if I can roll onto her. But I have built her a "birds nest" out of pregnancy pillows, so she can't get out and I couldn't roll onto her either.

There are many people who think it's a terrible idea to let my 8-month-old daughter sleep in bed with me. But there are others who have been in my boat and have done the same thing. To me, the biggest struggle is accepting the fact that this is what works for us. Almost of all my mom friends have their babies trained to fall asleep on their own in their crib, by 7-8 p.m. It's nothing like that at all for me and my daughter.

Crying in crib

I can put my daughter into her crib at night, and regardless of whether she is barely awake or completely asleep already, she will instantly wake up and start screaming at the top of her lungs. This is not the baby-cry when a baby is hungry or needs a change of scenery. This is blood-curling, someone-save-me screams, with real tears pouring down her cheeks. As a mom, this is the worst feeling ever, to hear your child cry like that.

For example, here's what happened tonight. My daughter just finished her nighttime bottle and it was time to go to bed. This time, I decided to skip trying

the crib since I just didn't feel like dealing with the screaming and crying and really wanted to just let my daughter fall asleep comfortably. I lay her in my bed, kissed her on the forehead, and stepped out of the room. Literally, in two minutes, she was fast asleep. Why would any mother choose not to let her child sleep peacefully?

The choices I make as a mom may not be the choices that other moms would make. Some parents may judge me or ridicule me for not doing things the same way they have decided to. But those things cannot be things that affect me or bother me. Instead, they are reminders that we are not all the same. We have many things in common, us parents, but none of us will do things the exact same way as another. And that's OK. If we were all the same, the world would be pretty boring. What is important is that parents remember that everyone's situation is different, and we should find respect for everyone regardless of the choices they make.

Parenting is not easy. There are books galore to read about, but none of them will ever tell you how it really is. Do what works for you.

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Sarah Davies
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Laurie Boore and Matthew Clor

BOORE-CLOR

Kenneth and Lorraine Boore of Livonia are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurie Boore, M.D., to Matthew Clor, son of Gordon and Karen Clor of Port Huron.

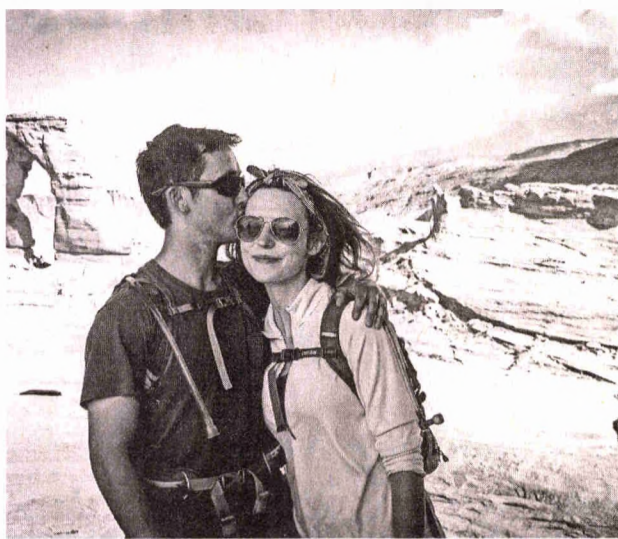
Laurie, a graduate of Ladywood High School, is employed as a geriatric psychiatrist at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Ann Arbor.

Matthew is employed in the Facilities and Design Department at Dart Container Corp. in Mason.

A September 2015 wedding is planned in Plymouth.

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John W. Heathfield and Ashley C. Hatfield

HATFIELD-HEATHFIELD

Ashley C. Hatfield and John W. Heathfield announce their engagement.

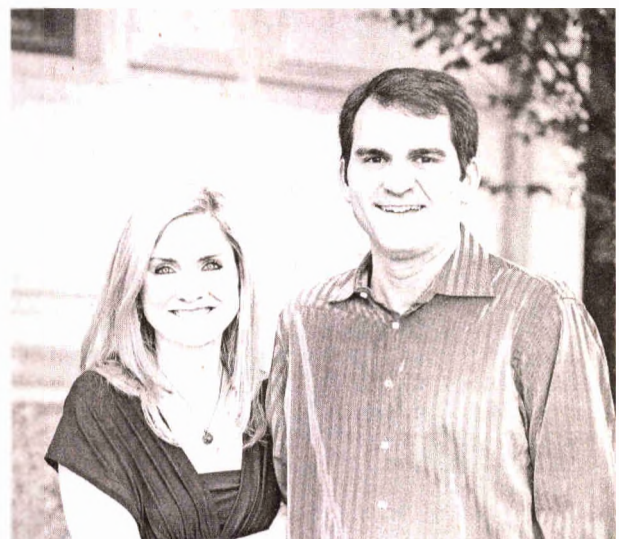
The bride-to-be, daughter of Mark and Melissa Hatfield of Livonia, graduated in 2007 from Livonia Churchill High School and in 2012 from Grand Valley State University. She is employed by Karsten Advisors, CPA.

Her fiancé, son of Mike and Lisa Heathfield of Grand Haven, graduated in 2005 from Forest Hills Central High School and in 2011 from Grand Valley State University. He is employed by CP+B Advertising.

A September 2016 wedding is planned in northern Michigan.

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Jennifer Cordrey and Jon-Paul Martin

MARTIN-CORDREY

David and Rosemary Martin of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their son, Jon-Paul, to Jennifer Cordrey. The bride-to-be is the daughter of James and Margaret Cordrey of Palatine, Ill.

Jon-Paul is a graduate of North Farmington High School and the University of Michigan where he also received a master of accounting degree from the Ross School of Business.

Jennifer is a graduate of William Fremd High School and the University of Iowa where she received a degree in communications studies.

A July 2015 wedding is planned in Inverness, Ill.

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Keep grill fires at bay with common-sense tips

Think fire safety when you light up the grill during the July 4 holiday weekend.

"Keep it safe at the cookout," said State Fire Marshal Richard Miller. "Before firing up the grill, use common sense and follow a few simple safety precautions to avoid serious burns and fires."

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, about 5,700 grill fires occur on residential property each year, causing an annual average of \$37 million in damage, with thousands of people visiting emergency rooms for grill-related injuries.

Miller said the majority of grill fires are caused by a leak or break in a gas grill hose or other equipment.

"So, maintenance is particularly important with gas grills to protect yourself and your family."

Before you light up the grill, remember these tips:

- » Always grill outdoors. Never grill indoors or in the garage. Grills are not only a fire hazard, they release carbon monoxide, a deadly, odorless, colorless gas.

- » Grill on a level surface at least 10 feet away from your house, garage, deck, overhanging eaves, branches, hanging baskets and backyard furni-



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Don't let the grill get out of hand this holiday weekend. Think safety first.

ture. Never use a grill on a balcony.

- » Keep children and pets well away from the grill.

- » Keep a fire extinguisher close by and know how to use it; keep a spray bottle or bucket of water handy for minor flare ups.

- » Never leave the grill unattended.

- » Don't overload the grill with food. Excessive fat and grease dripping on flames can ignite large flare ups.

- » Clean your grill often, removing grease and fat buildup from the grates and in the trays below.

- » Never try and fight a fire yourself. Call 9-1-1 and let the firefighters do their job.

Gas grill safety

- » Check gas tank hoses for leaks before the first use each year. Applying a light soap and water solution will reveal any leaking propane. Never use a match to check for leaks. If you detect a leak, turn off the gas immediately and don't use the grill until it's serviced by a professional.

- » Before filling an LP cylinder, check it for dents or gouges. Don't overfill the cylinder.

- » Never turn on the gas when the lid is closed. The propane may build up inside and when ignited, the lid could blow off or a fireball can explode in your face.

- » If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the

grill and call 9-1-1. Do not move the grill.

- » Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.

- » When finished with the grill, turn off the barbecue burners and the propane cylinder.

Charcoal grill safety

- » Use only charcoal starter fluid — never gasoline or kerosene — to light the grill.

- » If using an electric charcoal starter (which does not use fire) use an extension cord for outdoor use.

- » Always use charcoal grills in a self-ventilated area. Charcoal briquettes give off deadly carbon monoxide gas.

- » Let the coals cool completely before disposing in a metal container or soak partially cooled ashes completely in water before disposal.

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FELIKS, MABLE

June 30, 2015, age 81 of Garden City. Loving wife of Norman. Beloved mom of George (Julie) Yelick, Christopher (Karen) Yelick, Theresa Lenhoff, Helen (Jeffrey) Dundas, Mark (Teresa) Jacobs, and Kenny (Catherine) Jacobs. Proud Grandma of T, Andrew, Chris, Greg, Matthew, Nicole, Molly, Sarah, Joey, Anna, Katie, Brian, Chelsea, Mallory, Chloe, Noah, Maria, and Steven. Great Grandma of Frances, Eli, Saia, Matthew, Melanie, and Evander. Dear sister of Oscar (Pauline) Kanan, Linda Peoples, George (Marilyn) Kanan, Ann Fowlkas, Pete (Mary) Kanan, Mary (Gary) Frame, Joe (Heidi) Kanan, and the late Ray Kanan, Theresa Jacobs, and Yvonne Pryzowski. Visitation Saturday 6-9 p.m. and Sunday 1-9 p.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (btwn. Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Rosary Sunday 7 p.m. In state at church Monday 10 a.m. until the Monday 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial (at Beck), Plymouth. Entombment Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Memorials may be made to the Servants of Jesus of the Divine Mercy Center, 33826 Beaconsfield, Clinton Twp., MI 48035. To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



SHIPPS, MAKAILA JESSIE

Age 31, passed away Tuesday, June 23, 2015. She was born in Birmingham, Michigan and had been a resident of Hampton for a year. For eleven years, Jessie served her country in the U.S. Air Force from September 2003 until September 2014 and achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant. Her last assignment was at the Defense Information School at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland as a photography instructor. Jessie also served as a forensic photographer at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, in Hawaii. During Operation Enduring Freedom, she served with the 455th Operational Support Squadron, at Bagram AB, in Kabul, Afghanistan as a weapons system video technician. As a photojournalist, she had also served with the 344th Wing Public Affairs, at Davis-Monthan AFB, in Tucson, Arizona. She was awarded numerous awards and decorations, including 2 Joint Service Commendation Medals, 3 Air Force Achievement Medals, a Joint Meritorious Unit Award, 2 AF Outstanding Unit Awards, a National Defense Service Medal, an Afghanistan Campaign Medal, a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and an Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border. Jessie is survived by her spouse of 5 years, Leanna Shipp; daughter, Grace Taylor; parents, Richard and Patricia Shipp; and brothers, Alex and Zach Shipp. A memorial service celebrating Jessie's life was held on Monday, June 29 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, in Hampton. Friends are encouraged to visit www.parklawn-woodfh.com to share memories and words of condolence with the family. Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton, VA 23666.

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NORTON, ELSIE R.

Age 86. Wife of the late F. Ronald Norton. 40+ year companion of Ben du Crocq. Beloved mother of Greg (Elissa) Norton. Loving grandmother of Kasey and Emma Norton. Dear sister of Pia (the late Josef) Krawciw. Aunt of Joey (Peggy) Krawciw, Renee (Kurt) Stracka, Debby (Chuck) Wiltzer, and Nickol (Billy) Allard. Elsie loved antiquing, being with her family, and was always up for a good party. Her family will miss her very much and have many fond memories of her. Final resting place Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Condolences to CharlesStepFuneralHome.com. Charles Step Funeral Home and Cremation Services

GARDEN & NATURE

Butterfly photography

Brendon Weil, vice president of Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, will lead a workshop on butterfly photography, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at Brenda's Butterfly Habitat inside Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, Westland. Bring your camera. 734-223-5510; www.sembutterfly.org.

Friends of the Rouge

» Take a dragonfly walk with Julie Craves, Rouge River Bird Observatory manager, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at the Environmental Interpretive Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. Register at therouge.org.

» The organization's annual butterfly walk is 3 p.m. Sunday, July 19, in the restored prairie in Rouge Park, Detroit. The group will meet in the park along the west side of Outer Drive just south of Joy Road. Long pants and covered shoes are



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Kids can decorate a pot and create a container garden, July 7 at English Gardens.

recommended. To register, call 313-799-FORP, email rougepark@gmail.com or visit rougepark.org.

Garden walk

Country Garden Club of Northville's 22nd annual walk is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 8 and includes six local gardens, live music, homemade cookies and garden and craft vendors at Mill Race Village. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main,

Northville; 248-348-3263.

Hydrangeas 101

Learn the basics of growing hydrangeas at a free session, 1 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at Plymouth Nursery, 9900 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. The event repeats Saturday, July 18. Call 734-452-5500 to register.

Master Gardener

Michigan State University Extension is accepting registration for the fall session of the Master Gardener program. Classes will meet 6-10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31-Dec. 7, in Room 201 at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty, Belleville. Cost is \$300, which includes a training manual. Registration deadline is July 31 for payment by check and Aug. 14 for credit card payment. Visit msue.anr.msu.edu/events/master_gardener_program or call Shawn Turner at 734-729-3632.

English Gardens

» Kids will create a decorative pot and con-

tainer garden in a Painted Pot Pals workshop, 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 7. Fee is \$10.

» Learn about hydrangeas in a free workshop, 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18.

» Create a Garden Game: Tic Tac Toe, is at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 21. Kids will create a game to play in the garden. Cost is \$15.

» Perennial Gardening 101 is a free presentation on perennial plant selection and care, 10 a.m. Saturday, July 25.

» Landscape designer Jamie Durie will sign his books, *Edible Garden Designs* and *The Outdoor Room*, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 25 at the Royal Oak store. The event is free.

Events are held at all stores, unless indicated. Nearby stores are located at 155 N. Maple at Jackson in the Maple Village Shopping Center, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive, Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 248-851-7506.



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

Animated music video reminds: Get urine check

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The National Kidney Foundation is using an animated music video called Everybody Pees to raise awareness of kidney health and the importance of urine screening.

"This is the first campaign rolled out by the NKF that has stressed the importance of urine testing and the link between pee and kidney health," said Mary Hiller, communications coordinator for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

The video takes a humorous approach to motivate viewers to get tested. "Prevention is also at the core of our mission," Hiller said. "A urine test can estimate the



Animated characters encourage a urine check in "Everybody Pees."

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amount of albumin in urine, which is a type of protein. High amounts of albumin is a common marker of kidney

damage. People who are at increased risk for kidney disease should be tested annually."

She said the foundation's Michigan office regularly promotes information about diabetes management and

prevention because diabetes is the No. 1 cause of kidney disease. Risk factors include high blood pressure, and a family history of diabetes.

According to the National Kidney Foundation, more than 900,000 adults in Michigan have kidney disease and many likely don't know they do because kidney disease often has no symptoms.

The Everybody Pees website has a list of urine colors and what they mean (good hydration is the key to pale yellow), tips for checkups, information about kidney function and the video that reminds viewers that "Everybody Pees so let's make sure to keep our kidneys healthy."

Visit kidney.org/everybody-pees.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Bereavement Camp

Henry Ford SandCastles is accepting registration for its annual Camp Erin - Detroit grief support weekend for children and teens who have experienced the death of someone close to them. The free camp for youth in grades one-12 will be held Aug. 14-16 at Camp Tamarack in Ortonville. The camp will include fun activities combined with grief education and emotional support. A weekend highlight is an evening memorial service on the beach. Grief professionals and trained volunteers from the SandCastles Grief Support Program, part of Hospices of Henry Ford, lead the program. To register for camp or get information on volunteering, call 313-874-6881.

Breather's Club

The Breather's Club is free and for individuals with COPD, their friends and family members. Group members share ideas and learn coping skills from health professionals. The club meets from 6-7:30 p.m. July 7, at the Oakwood Cardiac

Rehab Center - Dearborn, 22060 Beech. For more information, call Darlene Lingenfelter at 313-562-4132.

Exercise for arthritis

St. Mary Mercy Livonia, in collaboration with the Arthritis Foundation, will offer exercise classes beginning in July for adults with arthritis and other related diseases. A general exercise program will run 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 14 through Sept. 3. Tai Chi classes are set for 11 a.m. to noon and advanced exercises, for those who have taken the general exercise program, will run 1-2 p.m. Classes will be held at the Wellness Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. The general exercise and Tai Chi classes are free but registration is required. The advanced exercise program costs \$5 per session. Register by calling 734-655-1310.

Pink Out tickets

Tickets are available for the fourth annual Pink Out at the Park, the Detroit Tigers vs.

Kansas City Royals game, 7:08 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at Comerica Park in Detroit. The event raises awareness of breast health and helps raise funds for breast cancer research at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Ticket packages range from \$28-\$51 and include a free Pink Out at the Park T-shirt. Buy tickets at tigers.com/pinkout. The event will include a pre-game ceremony honoring breast cancer survivors. Survivors who plan to attend the game can visit karmanos.org/pinkoutsurvivors to find out more about being included in the ceremony.

Stop smoking

St. Mary Mercy Livonia offers a free, four-session smoking cessation program, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5-26, at Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Participants will learn techniques for quitting and get help with challenges such as irritability, anxiety, increased appetite and cravings for cigarettes. Registration and attendance at all sessions is re-

quired. Call Michelle Eggenberger at 734-655-2973 or visit stmarymercy.org.

Walk with a Doc

Jennifer Beal, a geriatric medicine specialist, will talk about maintaining a healthy lifestyle as you age, noon, July 16, at Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. The session also includes a walk. Register by calling Botsford Hospital at 877-477-3621, option 1.

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An Ab-Anon meeting group is available for loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. Mindy at 248-672-9776.

Aquatic classes

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

Bipolar support

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

Breast cancer support

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



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All work and no vacay: Are you taking time off this summer?

RESEARCH SHOWS THAT AMERICAN WORKERS ARE AMONG THE WORST WHEN IT COMES TO UTILIZING OUR PAID TIME OFF — BUT THE SUMMER IS A PERFECT TIME TO TAKE A BREAK AND PLAN A VACATION OR A STAYCATION.

School's out for summer (as my husband, who's a high-school teacher, has been singing all week), but it's business as usual for those of us who work in the corporate world. Research shows that American workers are among the worst when it comes to utilizing our paid time off — but the summer is a perfect time to take a break and plan a vacation or a staycation.

According to a CNN article last fall: "A ... study has found that U.S. workers forfeited \$52.4 billion in time-off benefits in 2013 and took less vacation time than at any point in the past four decades. American workers turned their backs on a total of 169 million days of paid time off, in effect 'providing free labor for their employers, at an average of \$504 per employee,' according to the study."

The problem is that all work and no vacay can lead you to serious burnout.

According to an article in Fortune: "Workers, on average, fail to use nearly five vacation days a year, the U.S. Travel Association found. As a result of all these unused days off, one study puts the liability taken on by U.S. businesses at \$224 billion, due to workers' rolling over unused paid time off. And that doesn't take into account the fact that when people don't take time off to reset, their resulting stress and burnout can be detrimental to both workers and their employers."

Interestingly, if you worked in Japan, tak-

ing time off may not be so much an option as an obligation. According to an article in Time: Japan has plans to legally require its workforce to take a break. ... it's meant as a workaholic intervention."

Crazy as it sounds, it just may work. Research has shown time and again that U.S. workers are among the most over-worked population in the entire world.

I have friends who live in places like Lon-

don and Auckland who enjoy what seems like countless paid vacation days designed for them to be able to travel and enjoy leisure activities they may not otherwise have time for.

It's been a while since I've personally taken time off, but I've got a week-long vacation to look forward to in July during which I'll be attending my best friend's wedding. Thankfully I love my job so much that, unlike a lot of people I know, I don't think of

a break as an escape from the monotony of work — I just see it as a time to refresh and recharge.

And you should, too. You work hard and you've earned it!

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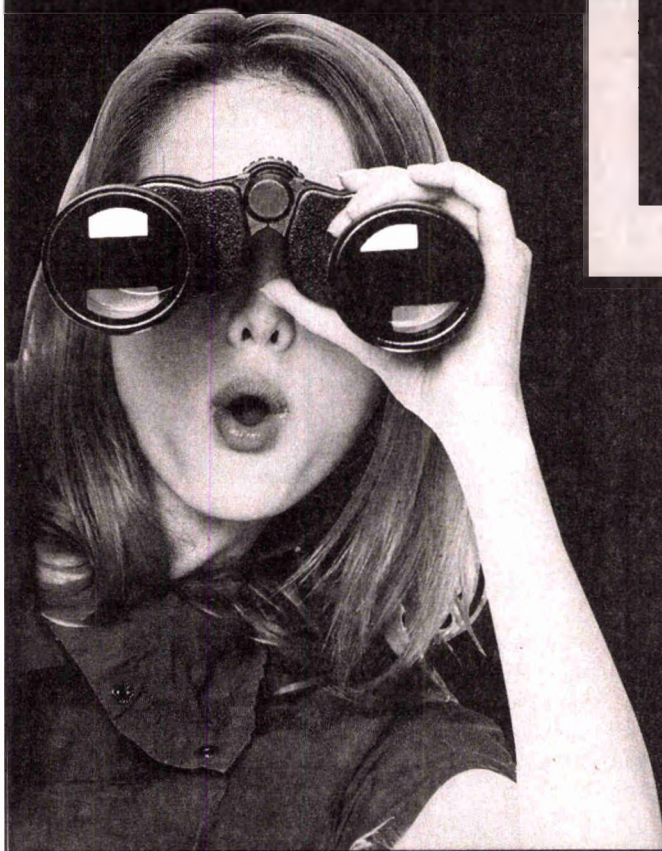
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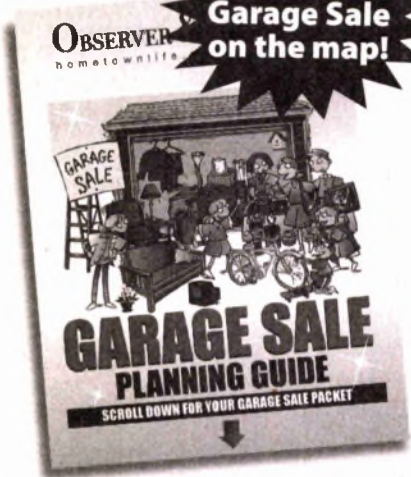
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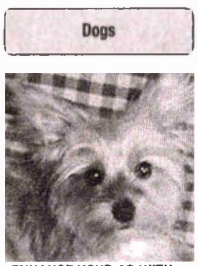
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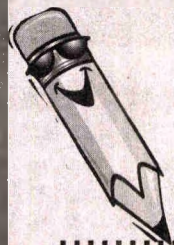
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- 19 Zany
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- 23 Prominent feature
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- 29 Lamas' chants
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- 32 Ginnie or Fannie
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- 35 Do road work
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DOWN

- 1 Not square
- 2 Malt beverage
- 3 Cosmonaut space lab
- 4 Wall climbers
- 5 Anagram for snare
- 6 Numbers game
- 7 Cen. fractions
- 8 Write hurriedly
- 9 Mr. Severeid
- 10 Baste, in sewing
- 11 Rock
- 16 Cats do it
- 19 Corduroy rib
- 20 Flat-bottomed boat
- 21 Heavy reading?
- 22 Take ten
- 23 — Voight of film
- 25 Little bit
- 26 Statuesque model
- 27 Icicle site
- 28 Tall grass
- 30 Remove from office
- 31 Zero, when keeping score
- 34 Grog drinker
- 35 Leaning Tower town
- 37 Bumps on a frog
- 38 Media excesses
- 39 Warmth
- 40 They need a PIN
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- BEDDING
- BIOSECURITY
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- BULL
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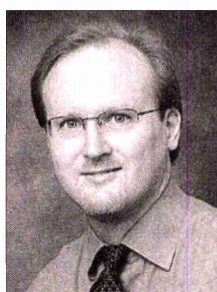
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Car Report

Hyundai, Kia Take the U.S. Lead in Initial Quality, According To New J.D. Power Study



By Dale Buss

The MINI brand is growing up. Or at least its flagship Clubman is. The BMW-owned tiny-car brand is making its premier nameplate bigger and more robust, as MINI pivots toward the mainstream small-car market and away from its historical niche as a provider of cute little fuel-sippers.

It's also launching a car-sharing option with the new Clubman, meaning that buyers can rent their vehicles via BMW's DriveNow car-sharing service and earn money from car-sharing fees when they aren't using their vehicle.

"There will be a different tonality and a look starting with the Clubman" when the car goes on sale in January in the United States, said David Duncan, vice president of MINI of the Americas, at a launch

event in Berlin, according to Automotive News. "We are going to keep a premium nature -- this is a serious car that someone like a junior executive could use on a daily basis."

Indeed, BMW is using the new 2016 Clubman, which will be built on the same platform as the BMW 2-Series compact, to move MINI up into the luxury compact segment, a fast-growing niche worldwide. BMW said that the global premium passenger car market is expected to grow 4 percent a year and account for more than 27 percent of the total global premium passenger car market by 2020.

Thus the new Clubman is 12.4 inches longer and 4.6 inches wider than its predecessor and sheds a quirky door design for four conventional doors, the publication said.

The car has a length of 168.3 inches, and it is 56.7 inches tall and 70.9 inches wide. Clubman is 6.6 inches longer and 0.5 inch wider than the Countryman crossover, currently MINI's largest vehicle, which rides on the old MINI platform.

Clubman pricing will be announced in September. The 2014 Clubman has a base price of \$22,195

including shipping, according to Automotive News.

So as it seats up to five passengers, Clubman comprises the first MINI model to make it into the compact segment.

This will help position Clubman away from previous competitors such as the Fiat 500 and Nissan Juke and, among other things, will help make MINI more of a legitimate feeder brand for premium car buyers that may want to move up to BMWs in the future.

Clubman will use TwinPower turbo engines mated either to a six-speed manual or a six-speed automatic or an eight-speed automatic transmission that is new to the brand. The base Clubman will be powered by a 1.5-liter, three-cylinder TwinPower turbocharged engine with 134 hp. The S has a 2.0-liter, four-cylinder TwinPower turbo and yields 189 hp.

For the first time in a MINI, Automotive News reported, Clubman will have a standard electric parking brake and electric seat adjustment. Interior packages will have new ambient lighting and the MINI logo will be projected onto the ground from the exterior mirror on the driver side when the door is opened and closed. LED headlamps, selectable driving modes and dynamic



The new 2016 MINI Clubman.

damper control also are new options.

As part of its brand and product-line reconfiguration, MINI also is slashing three other models -- Paceman, Coupe and Roadster -- and reducing to five models overall.

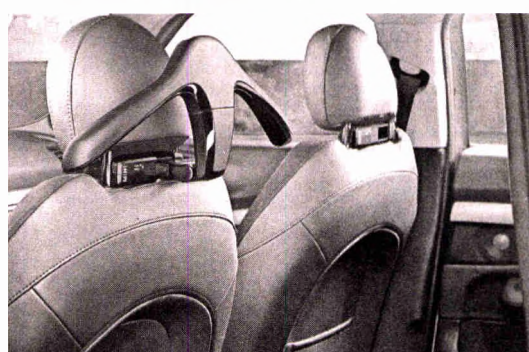
"The new MINI Clubman is the symbol of our refined brand philosophy," Peter Schwarzenbauer, a member of the board of management of BMW AG, said in a company blog post. "We will concentrate in [the] future on five core models with strong characters. We will open ourselves up to new ideas and new business areas. We will develop the brand's visual identity."

As for car-sharing, BMW said that it will offer the new car-sharing program as an option for owners and "for a defined circle of family and friends." The program will be rolled out in the United

States next year, but details "are still being put together," Duncan said.

Owners would also be able to make their MINI available to the DriveNow program, which is a joint venture between BMW and a German car-rental firm, Sixt, that's currently in several European and North American cities. Customers would have to pay a registration fee, a basic usage fee and per-minute rates, like similar services. And, like them, smartphone apps will allow users to locate and reserve vehicles.

MINI expects record sales this year even without a Clubman at the moment, after phasing out the previous version last summer. Thus, BMW executives are bullish about what the brand might be able to accomplish once they've rationalized it -- and given it a flagship worthy of the designation in the 2016 Clubman.



Attention to interior detail is a hallmark of the new Clubman.

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