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Plans for historic Plymouth school get preliminary approval

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

There were congratulations and thank-yous, for the most part, Wednesday as developer Mark Menuck and the Plymouth Planning Commission reached tentative agreement on Menuck's plans for the former Starkweather School.

ment status by commissioners Wednesday after Menuck pledged to repurpose the old school before selling any single-family lots. Planning board members had been concerned that the restoration part of the project would be neglected while the single-family houses were built.

front porches on Menuck's planned single-family houses, whereas the standard for new construction is a 4-foot encroachment. Commissioners say they want to promote walkability in what will be a major addition to Old Village. Site plan OK'd The project was also given preliminary site-plan approval, and Menuck is to seek final approval at next month's planning meeting when he returns with a revised site plan.



A builder wants to convert the former Starkweather School property in Plymouth's Old Village into apartments and put 23 single-family houses behind the school building.

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This is not a sight you see very often. People at the Concours d'Elegance of America preview event at the Inn at St. John's stand with their backs to a 2015 Lamborghini Aventador.

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CONCOURS TO REUNITE RARE SPORTS CARS

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Two out of three ain't bad. But sports-car lovers can see all three Bizzarrini 5300 Spyders together again later this month. Mark and Allison Sassak of Plymouth own two of the three Bizzarrini Spyders ever built. The low-slung, high-style cars were the brainchild of Giotto Bizzarrini, an engineer and designer who found fame in the 1950s with his work for Ferrari.

Sassaks own the first production model, from 1968, in red. Meluzio owns the second and final production model, also from 1968, painted blue. The bodies are all hand-built and vary slightly from each other. All three cars, among the rarest in the world, will be reunited later this month when the 37th annual Concours rolls into the Inn at St. John's. It will be only the third time all three have been exhibited together.

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P-CCS on target with fund balance 7 growth

By Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' efforts to grow its fund balance underscores its importance in light of new state legislation — a sort of early warning system — for schools with smaller financial reserves. A list of more than 150 school districts and charter schools that are considered potentially troubled — with lack of a healthy fund balance — accompanied Snyder's signature on a package of bills a week ago.



FILE PHOTO John Barrett



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With a growing fund balance — despite the need for reductions this year to offset an anticipated \$5.3 million deficit — P-CCS was not on the list. "My heart goes out to those districts (on the list)," said John Barrett, president of the P-CCS Board of Education.

The list includes nearby districts, such as Livonia, Garden City, Wayne-Westland and Ann Arbor. It also includes some Plymouth and Canton area charter schools, including South Canton Scholars Academy and Plymouth Scholars Academy. The package of bills come with additional financial reporting requirements for many districts, including those operating with a deficit; more power for the state Department of Treasury to intervene and

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You gotta have Art in the Park

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Parking lots, streets and sidewalks in Plymouth were jammed Friday afternoon as crowds surged into downtown for the 36th annual Art in the Park.

The three-day art festival, often rated as among the top in the country, opened Friday to warm, sunny weather and good-natured crowds that seemed to be buying up art — paintings, yard sculptures, photographs, hand-painted signs, woodwork, fabrics and

more — at a quick pace. Sharon Adams of Osseo, Minn., making her sixth straight appearance at Art in the Park, was doing good business at her booth on Penniman, where she was selling fieldstone-and-metal sculptures under the name Francis

Metalworks. "We have a huge repeat business here," she said. "People come early on Fridays." In the roughly four hours since the show opened, Adams had already sold 12 of the 15

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Great Lakes adventure author to speak July 15

After traveling 3,000 miles of the Great Lakes region on foot or by kayak, author Loreen Niewenhuis released *A 1,000-Mile Great Lakes Island Adventure*, an exploration of the diverse islands in the Great Lakes basin.

Niewenhuis will visit the Plymouth District Library at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, to share her dynamic presentation about the islands of the Great Lakes.

A 1,000-Mile Great Lakes Island Adventure explores islands in each of the five Great Lakes and many in their connecting waters. From the rugged wilderness of Isle Royale in Lake Superior to the bustling streets of Montreal Island in the St. Lawrence River, Niewen-

huis uses her signature humor, sensitivity and knowledge of the ecosystem to craft an engaging and entertaining story.

At 45, Niewenhuis began her journey by hiking the perimeter of Lake Michigan in 2009 as her sons were heading off to college. She pulled on her Keen boots, packed a backpack and set off from Chicago's Navy Pier heading east back to Michigan along Lake Michigan's southern edge. Sixty-four days of hiking and two pairs of boots later, she returned to Navy Pier from the north and had the beginnings of her first book *A 1,000-Mile Walk on the Beach*.

For more information, visit www.plymouthlibrary.org

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moose sculptures she brought, she said. Other offerings at Francis Metalworks included sculptures of rabbits, turtles, cranes and ducks.

"I probably brought four thousand pounds of granite with me," Adams said.

'Great little town'

She pronounced Art in the Park "an awesome show" and said the friendliness of the people she meets in Plymouth reminds her of her hometown in the Minneapolis area.

"Plymouth is a great little town," said Beth Converse of West Bloomfield, who was taking a break nearby with her mother, Roz Erlich of Delray Beach, Fla.

"Quaint. Everything's pretty central." Converse and her mother had picked up some hand towels with humorous sayings on them, and were preparing to do more shopping.

"Lots of different art for different types of people," Converse said.

A few feet away, Rachel Bissonnette and Kyla Suchy were working on a huge chalk drawing, depicting a scene from *The Wizard of Oz*,



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smack in the intersection of Main and Penniman. They teach at D&M Art Studio in Canton Township and were working their fourth festival.

Bissonnette said the familiar portrait of Dorothy, Toto and their friends was drawing a lot of attention.

"This is a lot of fun because it's very recog-

nizable for everyone," she said.

Art in the Park brings in hundreds of artists and craftspeople from across the country, and thousands of visitors over its three days. It is probably Plymouth's best-attended public event, perhaps rivaled by the three-day Plymouth Ice Festival, held each January.

Friday's opening appeared to be among the largest in recent years; crowds were heavy and parking lots surrounding downtown, plus the central parking deck, were full. The festival continues 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and 10 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday.

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(the site could still be entered by motorists via Spring Street) in favor of a "grand entrance" to the school property for pedestrians with a walkway and greenery. That, said Philips, would allow Menuck to reconfigure parking without losing any spaces and create a larger buffer zone between the old school building and the single-family house immediately south of it.

Menuck said he would explore the concept. "I

don't have to be married to what we proposed," he said.

Planners did shoot down Menuck's bid for a 1-foot variance in roof height for the single-family houses. Menuck had sought a 26-foot maximum, he said, in order to make room for the possibility of third-floor loft space, but commissioners for the most part favored sticking with the current 25-foot maximum, as measured at the midpoint between the peak of the roof and its lowest point.

"It's not a deal-breaker, in my opinion," Menuck said.

Praised, panned

The plan revisions won praise from planning commissioners and several members of the public.

"We appreciate your hard work and your ability to be creative and flexible with some solutions," said Wendy Harless of Plymouth Township, chairwoman of the Plymouth Preservation Network.

Taylor resident Dan Sabo, who grew up in Old Village, argued against putting housing on the site, however, saying it should be preserved as green space.

The school site, he said, has been public space since Plymouth's earliest days as a village. Sabo is the great-grandson of George Starkweather, a founder of Plymouth for whom the school is named.

Menuck's plans would be "no different from building a housing project in Kellogg Park," Sabo said.

"You are eliminating forever Plymouth's oldest and largest green space," he said.

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Tiffney Mullinax of Canton looks like she's enjoying the mud. Her 3-year-old son, Evan Searls, isn't very happy about the slop.

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Help Olaf find princesses at Plymouth Museum

Anna and Elsa, the Frozen princesses, have vanished! Help Olaf track their whereabouts in a scavenger hunt at the Plymouth (Michigan) Historical Museum on Sunday, Aug. 9. Children will find the clues and answer the questions to discover the location of the princesses.

The entire scavenger hunt will be held within the confines of the museum. Children must be accompanied by an adult (no more than two children per adult) and the minimum age is 3. Tickets are \$8 per child and can be purchased at the museum during open hours or using Paypal on the museum's website plymouthhistory.org. Hunts will start ev-

ery 30 minutes beginning at 1 p.m. The last hunt begins at 3:30 p.m. A specific time can be requested in the notes section of your Paypal order, or you can call the museum after ordering and leave a message at 734-455-8940, ext. 0.

In addition to the scavenger hunt, children will make-and-take a craft and will be given a small snack.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is at 155 S. Main Street, one block north of Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Ticket holders can view the museum's new special exhibit, "The Fair That Changed America" either before or after their hunt time. The museum will close at 4 p.m. that day.

Mud lovers find plenty to like in Hines Park pit

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Steady rain didn't deter mud aficionados who converged on the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park for the Wayne County Parks annual Mud Day.

For a second straight year, rain kept the crowd down. But those who showed up found the gooey muck to their liking.

"My daughter loves playing in the mud, I knew she would love it," said Heather Espinoza of Westland who was part of a crowd of nine mudders that included daughter Belle, 7, and son Eli, 6.

For more than 25 years, Wayne County Parks has been turning a grassy area into a muddy pit and inviting kids to come and wallow. They also toss in a few races and mud limbo and select the muddiest boy and girl to be King and Queen of Mud Day.

The Wayne-Westland Fire Department provided the water that members of the Western Wayne Hazmat Team used to hose down people once they were done.

This was the first time the Espinozas attended Mud Day, and while Belle liked it, she decided not to try for the honor of being Queen of Mud. Her brother was the cleanest member of the group. According to his mom, he "normally doesn't like getting dirty."

"I don't think I'll do it next year," he said.

Their cousin, Reece Easterling of Canton, who was covered from head to toe with mud, opted out of the games played in the pit. His reason: "It's too muddy." However, "the best part was my little cousins attacking me with mud," he said.

Also part of the group was 5-year-old Mya Cote of Farmington Hills who liked the idea of getting muddy without getting in trouble with her mother.

"I liked sliding in the



The mess of Mud Day begins.

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It's not the Creature from Mud Lagoon. It's Bailey Preston, 11, of Grosse Pointe Farms, wallowing in the Hines Park mud pit.

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mud," she said.

Looked like fun

Deborah Kidd of Taylor had seen photographs on Facebook of last year's event and decided she and son Caedan, 5, had to come.

"I saw the pictures of my friends all muddy and it looked like fun. I said 'we've got to do it,'" she said.

They chased after each other and played paddy cake in the mud, which Caedan thought felt like quicksand.

"He kept saying he felt like he was melting into the quicksand," Kidd said. "I think his favorite part was getting hosed down by the firefighters. He wants to be a fireman."

"I can get in mud at home, but this is more fun," Caedan said.

Elaina Carr of Allen Park was there with sons Kason, 5, and Avery, 8. This also was their first time at Mud Day. She found out about it from a woman at work who does it every year.

"I made sure to take the day off," Carr said. "I came prepared, too. I brought garbage bags."

Joining them was Mark Curtis of Allen Park. He and Kidd planned to join the kids in the mud pit.

"Oh, yes, we're going in; we can't let them have all the fun," Curtis said.

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Canton math students make the grade

Four Plymouth-Canton students were members of winning teams in the American Regions Mathematics League (ARML) Competition.

Members of the Michigan teams were selected from the top 100-plus students out of more than 7,000 who participated in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition (MMPC) last fall, an activity of the Mathematical Association of America-Michigan Section.

This is the 26th year Michigan has participated in the competition. The national competition was held May 30, 2015, on the campuses of the University of Iowa, Pennsylvania State University, University of Georgia, and the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. The Michigan team competed in Iowa. A total of 150 teams of up to 15 students each represented various regions of the United States and Canada.

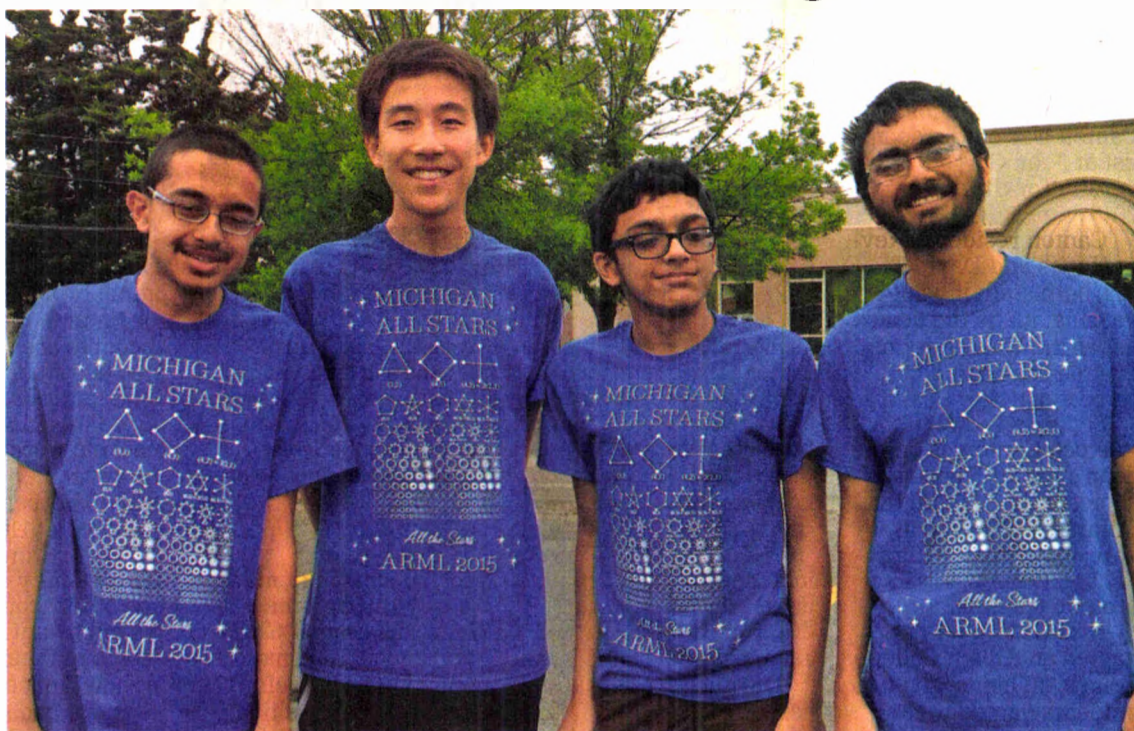
Local Canton students in-

cluded Neel Modi, Sriram Motheram of Plymouth High School; Ankan Bhattacharya of International Academy East; and Hongxiang (Tony) Zhao of Detroit Country Day School.

Bhattacharya was one of the three highest-scoring students on his team in the Individual Round. He qualified for national ranking and participated in the Tiebreaker Round. He was on the Michigan A1 Reals team that placed 23rd nationally out of a field of 90 teams in the A division. They were fifth at the Iowa site.

Zhao was on the Michigan A2 Naturals team, that placed 67th nationally in the A Division and 13th at Iowa. Julian Wellman was co-captain of the team.

Modi and Motheram were on the Michigan B1 Primes, which combined with three students from another state as the Alternate Iowa B1 team. They were 41st out of 60 in the B division.



From left to right are Canton students Neel Modi, Hongxiang (Tony) Zhao, Ankan Bhattacharya and Sriram Motheram.

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recommend an emergency manager; a bigger role for intermediate school districts that could be tapped to review a district's finances and recommend solutions to avoid a deficit, and an increase in the amount of money the state can loan districts.

Districts and charters with less than 5 percent of their general fund revenue in their fund balance — a reserve account districts often tap to balance their budgets — would be required to submit new data to the state that outlines the assumptions they made about enrollment, state funding and expenses when building a budget. If those assumptions are bad, or if their outlook is dire, the state Department of Treasury could declare there's a potential for fiscal stress,

which would trigger a set of new rules.

"I don't think it's a bad idea. But I don't think it solves the core issue," said Steve Ezikian, interim superintendent for the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency. "The core issue is that districts aren't being funded enough, especially in a declining enrollment environment."

Still, Ezikian predicted the new rules would "force local school officials to make the hard decisions a little bit earlier."

The P-CCS Board of Education adopted a balanced budget June 23, following weeks of deliberation, to offset an estimated \$5.3 million deficit. The balanced budget included staff and program reductions, many that drew ire from the public and district staff.

But the budget also represents a growth in the district's budgeted fund balance from \$9,639,908 this year to

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

As of June 30, 2015, the district's fund balance was budgeted at 6.22 percent of expenditures. The budgeted plans calls for an increase by June 30, 2016 to 8.2 percent of expenditures and in June, 2017, an estimated 8.95 percent.

"Our local controls are motivated by the guiding principles of maintaining a yearly budget that balances, avoiding borrowing to meet yearly expenses, and to grow the reserve fund balance," P-CCS Superintendent Michael Meissen said.

District officials and the Board of Education are planning budgets on a five-year cycle to ensure solvency and growth in the fund balance.

"With these guidelines, the

fiscal responsibility is designed to be preventive and proactive to avoid a classification as a district in financial distress," Meissen said. "Our board has made very difficult decisions in a challenging economic climate with very limited resources."

At next Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, trustees and administrators will receive an update from consultants Forecast 5 and discuss continued financial planning.

The board's goal is to keep the district's fund balance heading toward 10 percent and above, which ensures a healthy Wall Street rating for the sale of bonds. "We've always been conscious of keeping that a good level," Barrett said.

Added Meissen: "We have been in cost-containment mode with the goal of fiscal health and solvency."

Yet P-CCS is one of the lowest state-funded districts in the region.

The state Legislature's school omnibus budget — funding for K-12 schools — this year meant less than stellar news for P-CCS because it received only a \$36 increase in per-pupil spending.

The \$36 per pupil net increase amounts to an estimated total of about \$631,548 (based on a current 17,543 student count) in additional revenue for the district in 2015-16. The current per-pupil state foundation funding is \$7,241, which with a \$10 equity payment, totals \$7,251, according to the district.

The state's school omnibus budget, however, included a \$140 increase per pupil for charter schools.

The less-than-expected increase in state funding required P-CCS officials to continue with reductions to balance the budget. "We don't like cuts. But we are conscious of income versus spending," Barrett said.

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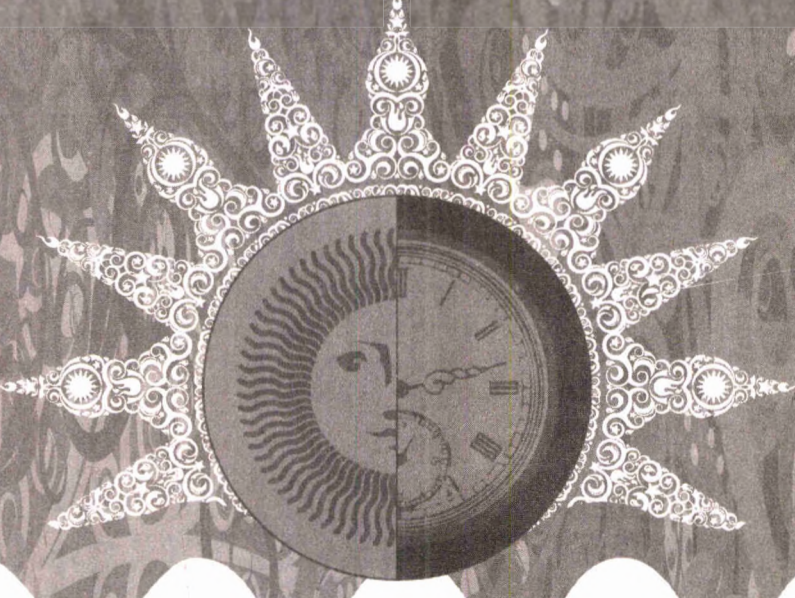
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Graduated

Ryan D. Noe of Canton graduated in May from Boston University with a Doctor of Musical Arts in Brass Performance.

Dean's list

Anastasia Lengel of Canton was on the dean's list at John Carroll University for the spring 2015 semester.

Canton residents Kevin Hayes and David Titus, both studying engineering, made the dean's list at the University of Dayton the Spring 2015 semester.

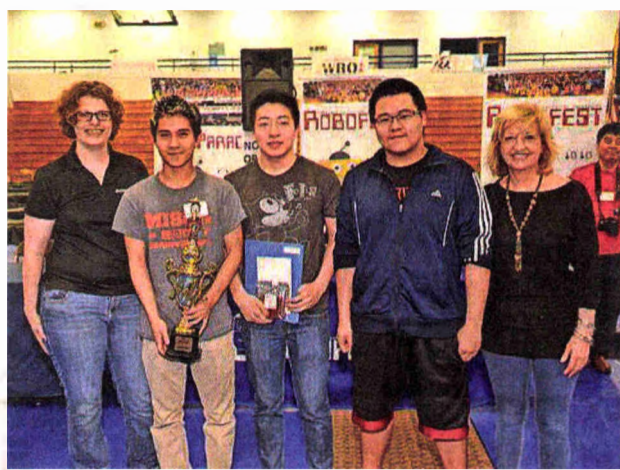
Sophomore Megan A. Wieloch Canton, is on the dean's list 2015 spring semester at Wilmington College. Wieloch, a graduate of Plymouth High School, is majoring in athletic training.

Eric Guindi was named an Albion College Fellow, an honor given to students named to the dean's list for three consecutive semesters. Guindi is majoring in finance and minoring in business and organizations. He is the son of Robert Guindi of Northville and Sandra Wilkinson of Plymouth and a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School.

Christian Osorio was named to Albion College's dean's list for the spring semester. Osorio is majoring in kinesiology, exercise science. He is the son of Mark and Karen Osorio of Plymouth.

Graduates

Three Canton residents were among graduates of the 2015 Middle School program at Dearborn Heights Montessori Center, who were recently honored during a formal ceremony to recognize their academic and service achievements. This year's graduates



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

included Canton residents Arianna Hernandez, Rory McMaster and James Utley.

During the graduation ceremony, each student received recognition for participation in a variety of service activities. Opportunities for service include peer mediation, reading to younger students, assisting with office projects, visiting the school's hot lunch and recycling programs, and collecting donations of food and clothing to benefit those in need in local communities.

DHMC also sets a high standard for students to serve as role models for younger children and demonstrate generosity of spirit, responsibility for others, teamwork, leadership, dependability, courtesy and grace under pressure — building the foundation for a life of good citizenship.

National spelling bee

Caleb Godin, a Plymouth Christian Academy eighth-grade stu-

dent, successfully made his way through the ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) District Spelling Bee, Regional Spelling Bee, and finally to the National Spelling Bee.

The ACSI Mid-America Regional Spelling Bee was held March 20 at Harvest Academy in Elgin, Ill. There were 24 participants from six states. This was Godin's third year participating at the regional level. He earned second place and received a trophy and medal. He also earned the opportunity to compete at the national level for the first time.

The ACSI National Spelling Bee was held May 1-2. There were 47 participants from all across the country including Hawaii and Alaska. Congratulations to Godin for coming in at the National Spelling Bee in the sixth place.

Scholarship awarded

A Salem High School sophomore won a \$1,000 college scholarship in the 2015 Bloomfield Hills

Financial's Fourth Annual Stock-to-Scholarship Challenge. Over 500 high school students from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county high schools competed in the three-month contest for \$8,500 in total college scholarships.

The third-place winner was Madeleine Doute, a sophomore at Plymouth Salem, who won a \$1,000 scholarship.

The contest provides each student with an online brokerage account for them to manage. The accounts are funded with \$100,000 stake for students to trade. During the contest major stock markets were flat. Doute improved her account by over 10 percent and finished with \$110,452.08.

"We are amazed by the ingenuity and dedication of our contestants. It's important for young people to take an interest in their financial futures. Pensions and social security are at risk. They may not have the safety net of past generations. The Stock-to-Scholarship Challenge gives them an opportunity to trade and invest using an array of financial instruments for free. These students maximized their opportunity," Kevin Van Dyke, founder and president, Bloomfield Hills Financial.



SUBMITTED The wallet included Greg J. Houston's student ID card from 1963-64 and his photo.

Wallet from 1963 found in ceiling of Livonia school

A crew renovating Emerson Middle School in Livonia found a wallet Monday containing a student ID card from 1963-64 in the ceiling of the building.

The wallet belonged to Greg J. Houston, who was a seventh-grader at the time at the school at 29100 W. Chicago.

The wallet made its way to the district's Communications office, where Communications Specialist Katie Patterson began the search to locate Houston. Patterson took a photo of the wallet and its contents and posted it to her personal Facebook page. The photo was shared more than 1,000 times in less than two hours.

"Almost as soon as I shared the photo, I began receiving messages

and emails with possible leads," Patterson said.

Thanks entirely to social media, Patterson was able to locate Houston's daughter, Hannah Houston. Hannah Houston confirmed that the wallet belonged to her father, who now resides in an assisted living facility. When asked if she had any idea how the wallet ended up in the ceiling, Hannah said she believes it was taken as a prank and thrown into the ceiling.

The wallet will be mailed to Hannah Houston, who now resides in Capac.

The renovations at Emerson are part of the ongoing \$195 million bond issue, which was approved by voters in May 2013. Emerson was built in 1958.

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A GOOD DEED

Canton Public Safety officers help homeowner

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

After a vehicle slammed into her privacy fence facing Sheldon Road recently, Canton police Sgt. Joe Bialy knocked on homeowner Noreen Armstrong's door.

In addition to telling her what happened to her fence, Bialy asked how she was. Armstrong told him her husband had passed away and she was not feeling well. When Bialy asked if there was anything he could do for her, Armstrong responded affirmatively.

A shed in her backyard has long needed to be torn down. Unfortunately, her husband passed away before he could get to it. "I said, 'well, we could probably do that,'" Bialy said.

Sure enough. On Friday morning, about 20 Canton Public Safety



Canton Public Safety officers Darren Kossick, Lewa Araj and Jesse Dunlap dismantle the backyard shed.

officers — police and firefighters — rolled up their sleeves, got out their tools and tore down the shed. The debris was put into a dumpster loaned by Rizzo Environmental Services.

Although the shed was down, public safety officers decided they

also needed to fix some of the landscaping that had been damaged. "We're trying to clear the backyard," Bialy said. "We started at 8:30 a.m. This has gone quicker than we thought."

Some of the police officers and firefighters had just finished their

night shifts, others were off for the day — but all were willing to help out Armstrong, who was not feeling well.

"We try to help people," Bialy said.

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Sgt. Matt Jenkinson wheels a load of rubble to the dumpster, which was loaned by Rizzo Environmental Services.



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Noreen Armstrong's privacy fence was damaged recently by a car.



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Cathy Buchanan and Fran Francavilla of Independent Carpet One in Westland hold the plaque containing a piece of steel from the World Trade Center, presented by retired New York City battalion chief firefighter Ed Breen.

FDNY brings piece of Ground Zero to Westland

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Ed Breen stopped by Independent Carpet One in Westland last Wednesday, but he wasn't there to buy floor covering. The retired Fire Department of New York battalion chief was there to honor the store and its employees for their support of Building for America's Bravest program.

FDNY representatives are traversing the country, visiting more than 700 Carpet One stores around the coun-

try to present plaques containing a piece of steel from Ground Zero as a way of saying thank you for helping in the construction of hi-tech "smart homes" for service members returning from war who have been catastrophically injured.

Carpet One Floor and Home and its manufacturing partner, Mohawk, have committed to providing flooring materials and installation for 46 "smart homes."

Employees of the Westland store recently installed flooring in a smart home built in Lu-

dington for retired Sgt. Eric Lund who was severely injured in Afghanistan when a Humvee he was riding in was hit by an improvised explosive device. The explosion flipped the vehicle, pinning Lund's arms under it. He lost both arms and suffered additional injuries throughout his body in the incident.

BFAB is a program of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, named for FDNY firefighter Stephen Siller, who was in Queens when the WTC was attacked

on 9/11. Siller was on his way to play golf with his brothers when the attacks occurred. He put on 65 pounds of gear and ended up running back to provide assistance. He lost his life when the second tower collapsed.

The BFAB program builds hi-tech "smart homes" for service members returning from war who have been catastrophically injured.

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Canton man joins staff of MotorCities Partnership

The MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership has added a new person to its staff. Austen Smith of Canton is now the organization's communications coordinator.

Smith, who joined the staff last month, is handling media relations, content creation, social media and more for the Detroit-based nonprofit group dedicated to preserving and promoting automotive and labor heritage in the region.

"I am thrilled to be on board with this great mission of promoting the region's automotive and labor heritage, and even more excited to be working with this dedicated group of individuals,"



Austen Smith

SMITH SAID.

Smith is working closely with executive director Shawn Pomaville, Brian Yopp, director of operations and community liaison, and Tiffany McFarland, ad-

ministrators.

"I'm excited to help raise awareness for wonderful local programs such as our ongoing Autopalooza series of car events, and challenge grants which recently provided funds to restore a portion of the historic Packard Proving Grounds and new foundation bricks for the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum," he said.

Smith graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. He worked for community-based news publications as a reporter and editor in Washtenaw and Wayne counties for 12 years.

He brings a wealth of

writing and editing experience to his new role where he is tasked to continue to build on the MotorCities mission and brand.

Married, he and his wife Susan have two daughters.

The MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership is a nonprofit corporation affiliated with the National Park Service. Its mission is to preserve, interpret and promote the region's automotive and labor heritage.

Find MotorCities on the web at motorcities.org, on Facebook page at facebook.com/motorcities and on Twitter/Instagram: @MotorCities.

Westland looking for emergency dispatchers

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland is accepting applications for emergency dispatcher through Friday, July 24. Civil Service testing will be conducted to create a list of qualified applicants to fill future openings, including some anticipated later this year.

The Westland Police Department is trying to get an expanded pool of applicants for the positions.

"We're not sure why we didn't get a better response (earlier). We don't know if we needed to advertise better or maybe the job market is better," Westland Deputy Police Chief Todd Adams said.

The dispatch center, which is located at the Westland Police Department, handles emergency calls for police and fire in Westland, Wayne, Garden City and Inkster. Currently, there are 21 full-time dispatchers.

Qualified individuals must complete a job application, submit a resume and meet minimum qualifications. Those minimum qualifications are successful

completion of the 40-hour Basic Telecommunications course (Module 1) and/or Emergency Fire Dispatch training as approved by the State of Michigan preferred, or prior experience as an emergency services dispatcher or similar position; high school diploma or GED, type 35 words per minute, and speak and write English.

Applicants must be able to multitask, work in a high-stress environment, work varying shifts, extended hours, overtime, weekends, nights and holidays. Convicted felons are prohibited from operation of LEIN system or systems that interface with the LEIN system.

The city will limit Civil Service testing to the first 50 applicants, based on date of submission of application and resume, who meet the minimum requirements.

Applications and resume along with five references are being accepted at the personnel office in Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. The deadline is 4 p.m. Friday, July 24.

CONCOURS

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Auto-centered weekend

The local Concours, set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 26, will feature more than 300 vintage and collectible cars, motorcycles and trucks. A series of related events, from a motoring tour to an RM Sotheby's car auction to parties and a fundraising dinner, make for a full Concours weekend.

The vehicles on display during Wednesday's preview at St. John's hinted at the variety that will be on view: There was the Sasseks' Bizzarini, a 1934 Ford coupe, a Duesenberg J Dual-Cowl Phaeton and a 2015 Lamborghini Aventador SV, among others.

"Who doesn't like a Lamborghini?" said Mark Sassak.

Event chairman Larry Moss said this year's Concours promises to be one of the best.

"We've expanded our program over three days in order to attract a wider audience of automotive enthusiasts and first-time visitors," Moss said.

Public events during Concours weekend include an auction preview at St. John's and a concert at Plymouth's Kellogg Park accompanied by a small car exhibit, both on Friday, July 24; and a "Concours d'Lemons" and a "Taste of the Motor City," both at St. John's on Saturday, July 25.

That evening's \$250-a-ticket Motor City Mingle at St. John's Grande Ballroom is a fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. Forgotten Harvest and the College for Creative Studies will also benefit from money raised during the Concours.

The Concours of



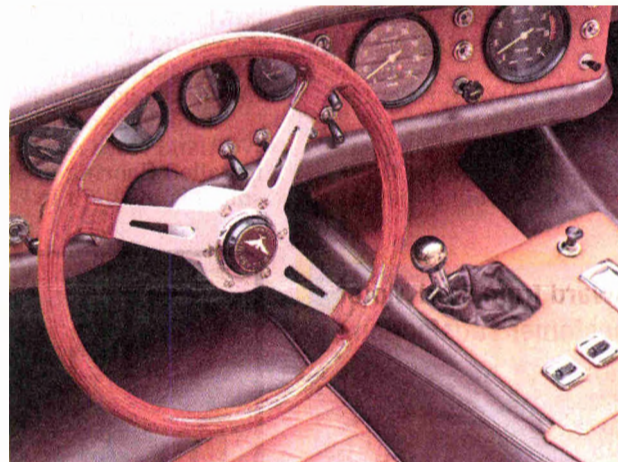
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A 1929 Duesenberg J Dual-Cowl Phaeton, with coachwork by Murphy. Owned by Charles Letts Jr. of Bloomfield Hills.

America is a community effort: civic groups provide volunteers; the Automotive Components Holdings plant on Sheldon Road provides free parking (shuttle service is also provided from several locations) and local officials get involved to make sure the Plymouth-Northville area looks its best.

This year's will be the fifth Concours at St. John's; for its first 32 years, the event was at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills.

General-admission tickets for the July 26 Concours exhibition are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the gate. For more information, visit the Con-



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'Action Speaks' to group of area volunteers

By Jay Young
Correspondent

For the past five years, a contingent of residents from Canton, Westland and other western Wayne County communities have journeyed to Mount Joy, Pa., to join other volunteers from around the country at a large distribution center operated by Global Aid Network (GAIN), the humanitarian arm of Campus Crusade (CRU).

Seven area residents who made a recent trip included Jay and Linnea Young of Canton, Orville and Pat Butzin of Canton, Dennis and Della Danielson and Ruth Wenzel of Westland.

Founded in 2003 as an outgrowth of Operation Care Lift, another arm of CRU, the organization offers a holistic approach to meeting the needs of displaced and disadvantaged peoples throughout the world through several avenues, including food, seed/harvest, education, water, sanitation and hygiene and relief programs.

According to the latest statistics from the United Nations, the number of displaced persons today stands at more than 43 million, the highest number since the mid-1990s. Of that number, 27 million have fled their home countries due to sectarian conflicts in the Middle East and elsewhere. Of the total number of refugees, 41 percent are children. Women account for about half of all refu-

gees, most seeking refuge in developing countries which can least afford to care for their needs.

Modern facility

It is within that context that GAIN purchased a large, former fish hatchery in the farms lands of central Pennsylvania and transformed it into a modern distribution facility, complete with a large meeting room, called the Gospel Hall, fully-equipped kitchen and administrative offices and 70,000 square feet of warehouse space.

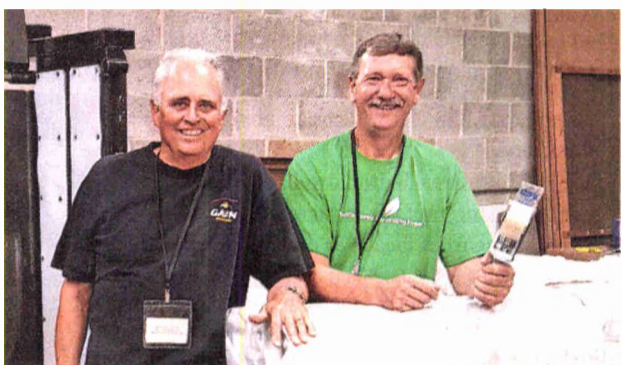
Since its founding in 2003, \$226 million in aid, consisting of thousands of packets of seeds, bales of clothing, bags of beans and rice, medical and hygienic supplies, blankets, quilts and water filtration and irrigation systems, have been shipped around the world.

Much of the work has been accomplished through the efforts of more than 100,000 volunteers who have gathered twice a year in June and October to sort, stuff, count, package, sew, cut, measure and otherwise perform the time-consuming tasks necessary to get the various supplies ready for shipment.

"We couldn't afford to ship nearly the amount of aid around the world we do without the help of these volunteers," said Phil Liller, director of the GAIN Logistics Center. "We purchase some aid and stockpile donations for months prior to



Pattie Butzin shared her love of quilting while at the large distribution center operated by Global Aid Network, the humanitarian arm of Campus Crusade.



Jay Young (left) was among a group of western Wayne County residents who helped package items for the Global Aid Network.

our two work weeks to provide the items to keep our hundreds of volunteers busy," he said. "Local residents also come in throughout the year to sew, quilt or string gospel beads and process clothing, among other things."

In addition to gathering and shipping aid around the world, GAIN supports trips to a number of third world countries where volunteers

conduct vision screenings and construct eye glasses; distribute water filtration and irrigation systems; provide natural disaster aid, and host dental or medical clinics organized by in-country CRU staff.

Realities of life

GAIN president Al Goff challenged this year's volunteers to "Go, give, volunteer and pray." He told the story



Volunteers work at Global Aid Network's distribution center in Mount Joy, Pa

of an encounter with a Syrian refugee during a recent trip to a Middle Eastern refugee center to illustrate the harsh realities of life for thousands of displaced persons.

While at the camp, he met a young woman who was forced to marry at age 13, had three children and was then abandoned by her husband by age 19. She was subsequently imprisoned for two years for her conversion to Christianity before being released and escaping to a refugee center in a neighboring country, where she was helping other refugees cope with being separated from their homes and families.

"Action Speaks" was the theme of this year's work week emblazoned on T-shirts worn by volunteers and was a motivating factor for the Michigan volunteers in attendance.

Anyone interested in going, volunteering, giving or praying for the work of GAIN is encouraged to visit its website at www.gainusa.org.

Canton resident Jay Young has been part of a group of volunteers to the GAIN Logistics Center for the past five years. He is the former director of Community Relations for the Livonia Public Schools. Retired in 2007, he and his wife Linnea like to travel and do volunteer work.

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

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 2015-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES.

Section 1 The City of Plymouth Ordains:

Section 78, "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by adding the following described text revisions.

Section 2 Modify Article III, Section 78-43 to limit attached, front facing garages in single-family residential districts and provide an incentive for placing garages in the rear of the lot

Section 78-43. Single family dwellings unit standards.

No residential structure, garage (attached or detached), mobile home, manufactured home, modular home or prefabricated home shall be built unless the dwelling unit has been reviewed by the building official subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Dwelling units shall conform to all applicable city codes and ordinances and state and federal requirements with respect to the construction of the dwelling.
(2) Dwelling units shall be permanently attached to a perimeter foundation. In instances where the applicant elects to set the dwelling on piers or other acceptable foundations which are not at the perimeter of the dwelling, then a perimeter wall shall also be constructed. Any such perimeter wall shall be constructed of durable materials and shall also meet all local requirements with respect to materials, construction and necessary foundations below the frost line. Any such wall shall also provide an appearance which is compatible with the dwelling and other homes in the area.
(3) Dwelling units shall be provided with exterior finish materials similar to the dwelling units on adjacent properties or in the surrounding residential neighborhood.
(4) Dwelling units shall be provided with roof designs and roofing materials similar to the dwelling units on adjacent properties or in the surrounding residential neighborhood.
(5) Dwelling units shall be provided with an exterior building wall configuration which represents an average width to depth or depth to width ratio which does not exceed three to one, or is in reasonable conformity with the configuration of dwelling units on adjacent properties or in the surrounding residential neighborhood.
(6) The dwelling shall contain storage capability in a basement located under the dwelling, in an attic area, in closet areas, or in a separate structure of standard construction similar to or of better quality than the principal dwelling, which storage area shall be equal to ten percent of the square footage of the dwelling or 100 square feet, whichever is less.
(7) The building official may request a review by the planning commission of any dwelling unit with respect to subsections (3), (4), and (5) of this section. The building official or planning commission shall not seek to discourage architectural variation, but shall seek to promote the reasonable compatibility of the character of dwelling units, thereby protecting the economic welfare and property value of surrounding residential uses and the city at large. In reviewing any such proposed dwelling unit, the building official may require the applicant to furnish such plans, elevations and similar documentation as is deemed necessary to permit a complete review and evaluation of the proposal. When comparing the proposed dwelling unit to similar types of dwelling areas, consideration shall be given to comparable types of homes within 300 feet. If the area within 300 feet does not contain any such homes, then the nearest 25 similar type dwellings shall be considered.

(8) Attached garages that face the street are allowed on lots that are sixty (60) feet wide or greater.

(9) The total width of a garage attached to a single family dwelling shall:

- a. not exceed 50 percent of the width of the entire front facade of the residential dwelling, and
b. is a minimum of twenty-two (22) feet wide, measured from the exterior of the garage walls.

(10) Attached garages shall not protrude more than six feet in front of the front facade or covered porch of the living area for the residential dwelling.

(11) New single family homes are encouraged to positively contribute toward neighborhood enhancement and the walkability of the City. Walkability is the extent to which walking is readily available as a safe, connected, accessible and pleasant mode of transport. One way to accomplish walkability is to locate garages at the rear of a lot. Garages at the rear of a lot (whether attached to the home or as a free-standing detached garage) help to support walkability by:

- a. minimizing the width of the driveway at the front of the house, allowing more space in the front yard for trees and vegetation, and more space along the street for street trees,
b. minimizing the potential of parked cars left in front of the garage door to block the sidewalk,
c. allowing space on the home's front facade for windows and other human-scaled architectural elements, and
d. allowing space on the home's front facade for a porch, where residents can interact with neighbors on the sidewalk and observe activities on the street.

To encourage locating garages at the rear of a lot, single family residential projects that locate the garage in the rear may also locate a covered front porch in the front yard setback by up to four (4) feet. In addition, the area that the covered front porch occupies shall not be considered in calculating lot coverage. To be eligible for this exception, the proposed construction must meet all of the following standards:

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b. The project includes construction of a new garage which is located either in the rear of the new building (attached) or in the rear third of the lot (detached). Projects that do not include a new garage are not eligible for the front yard porch exception.
c. The front porch must be:
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2. no less than four (4) inches or more than eight and one-quarter (8.25) inches from the elevation of the front door (i.e., at-grade decks and patios are not eligible for the front yard porch exception), and
3. a minimum of six (6) feet in depth (distance between the front exterior wall of the residence and the edge of the porch deck), and
4. covered with a roof, and
5. unenclosed by walls, windows or other enclosure. This standard does not include open railings and balustrades.
d. The front setback line used to determine where the front porch can be located on the lot shall equal the setback required by Section 78-190 and 78-191.

(Ord. of 10-6-03; Ord. No. 06-03, § 3, 9-5-06)

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(Ord. of 10-6-03)

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ARTICLE XVII. SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS

Sec. 78-190. Limiting height, bulk, density and area by zoning district.

The following table indicates the height, bulk, density and area limitations by zoning district:

Table with 11 columns: Zoning District, Minimum Size Lot Per Dwelling Unit (Area in sq. ft., Width), Maximum Height of Structure (In Stories, In Feet), Minimum Yard Setbacks (Per Lot in Feet) (Front, Sides (Least one, Total of two), Rear), Minimum Floor Area Per Unit (sq. ft.), Maximum % Lot Area Covered By All Buildings. Rows include R-1 One-Family Residential, RT-1 Two-Family Residential, RM-1 Multi-Family Residential, RM-2 Multi-Family Residential, O-1 Office, O-2 Office, B-1 Local Business, B-2 Central Business, B-3 General Business, ARC Ann Arbor Road Corridor, MU - Mixed Use, I-1 Light Industry, I-2 Heavy Industry.

(Ord. of 10-6-03; Ord. no. 2013-04, § 9, 11-5-12)

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Festival of Chariots highlights India's culture

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The 30th annual Festival of Chariots/Rathyatra parade will take place Sunday, July 19. Novi Mayor Bob Gatt and other dignitaries will help celebrate the event showcasing India's spirituality and culture.

"This year, we are expecting close to 10,000 people," said committee member Ganesh Kathiresan, a Novi resident. "They want to enjoy the culture. It's Indian culture (but) I think it's more than that. Everybody is a child of God. It doesn't matter which religion or background you are from."

The focus is on helping the needy and working together, he said. "It explores Indian culture," including arts, music and yoga, "that oneness of being together and loving one another."

Festival of Chariots, one of India's most ancient and popular festivals, is celebrated in hundreds of cities throughout the world. The 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. event begins with a three-mile parade



The Festival of Chariots rolls along 10 Mile in Novi in a previous year. This year's event is Sunday, July 19.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

through major streets of Novi featuring a 40-foot tall, hand-pulled chariot and live music.

The parade will begin at the Novi Civic Center on 10 Mile, east of Beck Road, and culminate at Fuerst Park, where more than 20 tents are set up with entertainment, a free lunch, yoga, live

music, cooking demos, shopping and more. The Kirtan Yoga Fest, 2-6 p.m., will feature artists from New York, India and around the world. The festival wraps up around 6 p.m. It is open to the public and admission is free.

Festival of Chariots has been held the past six

or seven years in Novi, said Kathiresan, who appreciates city of Novi support. It was earlier held on Detroit's Belle Isle.

"Novi is a great suburb," he said, central to Canton, Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield. "There is a diverse group. It's a great place

for people to enjoy the festival. They can all come to Novi and enjoy it. I think it's a great place.

"This festival is celebrated all over the world," said Kathiresan, who coordinates media efforts with volunteer committees totaling some 50 people. "People understand the significance."

A volunteer committee builds the 40-foot chariot, with other committees ranging from food to music. Work starts six months in advance, Kathiresan said, with details coming into focus closer to the date.

"It's really fun to see such a big chariot and everyone pulling it. You're inviting God into your heart," he said.

Two Hindu temples, including one in Farmington Hills, are key to the annual event, he added.

More than one million people participate in this thousands-year-old Indian celebration.

"There is activities for people of all backgrounds and ages. You can just enjoy it at your own pace in a nice park,"

Kathiresan said. Yoga's popularity, physical and mental, brings attendees, he added.

The local event was moved this year to Sunday, he said, based on feedback. The Sunday date helps organizers with their legwork, which has also included distributing many fliers to raise awareness.

The Festival of Chariots was first performed outside of India on July 9, 1967, in San Francisco, under the supervision of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. Srila Prabhupada is the founder-Acarya of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness. Today, the festival is performed down Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, along Pacific Coast Highway in Laguna Beach, through Trafalgar Square in London, England, and elsewhere. Detroit held its first Festival of Chariots in 1985 and it has become one of the largest celebrations outside of India.

For more information, go to www.thefestivalofchariots.com.

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Section 78-191. Notes to schedule.

- The side yard abutting upon a street shall not be less than eight feet for R-1 districts or 12 feet for RT-1 districts when there is a common rear yard. In case of a rear yard abutting a side yard of an adjacent lot, the side abutting a street shall not be less than the required front yard of that district.
- The height of any main building or accessory buildings may exceed the maximum permitted height by one foot for each additional one foot by which the width of each yard exceeds the minimum yard requirement with a maximum height not to exceed five feet above the maximum height permitted.

The building height of a single-family home in the R-1 zoning district shall be limited to 25 feet or as otherwise permitted in this section. Loft areas or finished attics in the R-1 district, which have a floor area of less than 1/3 of the floor area of the floor below, shall also be restricted to a total building height of 25 feet and shall be required to have a minimum side yard of 12 feet and a minimum lot width of 60 feet.

(c) The total number of rooms in a multiple dwelling structure of two stories or less shall not be more than the area of the parcel, in square feet, divided by 1,300. The total number of rooms in a multiple dwelling of over two stories but not exceeding four stories shall not be more than the area of the parcel, in square feet, divided by 900. Not more than ten percent of the units on any given parcel may be of an efficiency apartment type. For the purpose of computing rooms, the following shall control:

Efficiency apartment unit	=	1 room
One-bedroom unit	=	2 rooms
Two-bedroom unit	=	3 rooms
Three-bedroom unit	=	4 rooms
Four-bedroom unit	=	5 rooms

Plans presented showing one-, two-, or three-bedroom units and including a den, library, or other extra room shall count such extra rooms as a bedroom for the purpose of computing density. The area used for computing density shall be the total site area exclusive of any dedicated public right-of-way of either interior or bordering streets.

(d) In RM districts the minimum front and rear yards shall be equal to the height of the building, except that where a front lot line abuts a street, 1/2 the width of the right-of-way of such street may be considered as front yard setback, but in no instance shall any front or rear yard setback be less than 25 feet.

- In all RM-1 and RM-2, Multiple-Family Residence Districts, the minimum amount of usable open space or recreation area per dwelling unit (exclusive of a required front yard, parking areas or driveways) shall be equal to 150 square feet of lot area per bedroom.
- If more than one building shall be constructed on the same site the following requirements shall also apply. Minimum distance between buildings shall be:
 - Seventy feet when front to rear.
 - Seventy feet when front to front.
 - Seventy feet when rear to rear.
 - Twenty-five feet end to end.
 - Fifty feet end to front.
 - Fifty feet end to rear.

(e) For each story in excess of two stories, a side yard of 2 1/2 feet for each additional story shall be provided, in addition to the minimum ten foot requirement. The distance between buildings on the same lot shall be regulated by the building distance formula specified in subsection (d) of this section.

(f) No side yards are required along the interior side lot lines, except as otherwise specified in the building code. On the exterior side yard which borders on a residential district, there shall be provided a setback of not less than ten feet on the side or residential street. If walls of structures facing interior lot lines contain windows or other openings, side yards of not less than ten feet shall be provided. The setback shall be measured from the nearest side of the existing and/or proposed right-of-way lines, whichever is greater.

(g) One-half the width of alleys at the rear of the lot may be considered in computing rear yard setbacks.

(h) Parking shall be permitted in a required front yard.

(i) An obscuring screen shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of section 78-206. The greenbelt planting plan shall be reviewed and approved in conformity with section 78-203.

(j) Off-street loading space shall be provided in the rear yard in the ratio of at least one space per each establishment and shall be provided in addition to any required off-street parking area. Off-street loading space shall further meet the requirements of section 78-273. This provision shall not apply in the CBD district as defined and encompassed by Wing, Harvey, Church, Deer and Union Streets. In those instances where properties abut an alley such alley may be substituted for off-street loading requirements in business districts. In office districts off-street loading may take place in undesignated places in parking lots provided such loading is of a short-term nature.

(k) For side or rear yards which border on a residential district, there shall be provided a setback of not less than 20 feet in the I-1, light industrial district and 40 feet in the I-2, heavy industrial district. The side yard requirement on an interior side yard abutting an industrial district may be waived by the planning commission providing that the combined total side yard requirement of 20 feet in the I-1 district and 40 feet in the I-2 district is located on the other side and provided further that the planning commission finds that such a building location on the lot line shall not adversely affect existing and/or potential development patterns in the area and that the building location and construction are acceptable to the city building and fire departments.

(l) A minimum lot size of not less than 10,000 square feet shall be provided for any multiple dwelling sites.

(m) Parking shall not be allowed in a front yard setback area other than in the driveway.

(n) Per the overlay district map for the central business district, building heights are limited to 40 or 50 feet for specified areas of the downtown.

(o) The established front setbacks for structures within established R-1, RT-1, MU O-1 and O-2 zoning districts shall be at least 90 percent of the average front yard setback of surrounding buildings. The average setback and front building line shall be determined by examining existing buildings located on the same side of the street and within 200 feet of the subject parcel. If the resulting setback is less than 15 feet, then the allowed setback shall be no less than the allowed setback average. For a singlefamily residential project that meets the standards listed in 78-43(11) or 78-53(11), the average front setback shall be calculated using the front wall of the surrounding buildings rather than the edge of any existing porches. In any case, the minimum average front yard setback for an incentive porch shall not be less than fifteen (15) feet. The building official may exclude structures used in calculating average front setbacks when the structure deviates by more than 25 feet forward or back from the average setbacks of other structures found within 200 feet.

(p) The planning commission shall have the authority to approve an increase in building height up to a maximum of 38 feet, provided that the building does not exceed two stories and conforms to one of the following criteria.

- The additional height is necessary to achieve two stories due to the particular nature and functions of the approved use.
- The additional height is necessary to accommodate architectural features that enhance the character of the building and the district.

(q) When parking is furnished between the building and the street, a front yard of not less than 75 feet shall be provided.

(r) When a side yard is adjacent to a residential use, a side yard of not less than 20 feet shall be provided.

(s) Side yards are not required along an interior side parcel line, where all walls of building's abutting such interior side parcel line are wholly without or other openings and are of fireproof construction, but if the side wall is not of fireproof construction, a side yard of not less than ten feet shall be provided. When an interior business parcel abuts a residential parcel, a side yard of not less than 20 feet shall be required in addition to the required screening and land use buffer.

(t) When parking is furnished in the side yard on the street side of a corner parcel, a side yard of not less than seven feet shall be provided.

(u) When such a use is adjacent to a residential district and not separated there from by a street, a side yard and/or a rear yard of not less than 75 feet shall be provided.

(v) For projects that meet the standards listed in 78-43(11) or 78-53(11) and construct an eligible front porch, the area of the eligible front porch shall be excluded from the lot coverage calculation.

(Ord. of 10-6-03)

Section 6 Rights and Duties

Rights and Duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

Section 7 Validity

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part therefore, other than the part declared invalid.

Section 8 Ordinances Repealed

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

Section 9 Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

Introduced June 15, 2015

Enacted: July 6, 2015

Effective: July 13, 2015

DANIEL DWYER

LINDA LANGMESSER

MAYOR

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Hire an attorney when doing any real estate transaction

Q: Dear Rick: Ten years ago I was in pretty bad financial shape and my credit was ruined because of a divorce. Because I could not qualify for a mortgage I ended up buying a house on land contract. The contract was for 10 years. At the end of the 10-year period there was a lump-sum payment. I made all the payments (including the lump sum) on time. I received a discharge of land contract and the deed. I just found out that there is another mortgage on the property. I talked to the mortgage company and unless I pay, they will foreclose. I can't believe



Rick Bloom
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this is happening to me as I think I did everything right. What should I do? Neither the seller nor I used an attorney. We used one of the online legal companies to complete the forms. Help!

A: The first issue is whether or the mortgage company is right. Can they foreclose on your property? The answer to that is yes. The fact that you paid the land contract is relatively immaterial to the bank. What is relevant to the bank is whether the mortgage was paid. Since it was not, they have every right to foreclose on the property. As far as they're concerned, they had a proper lien on the property. Whoever bought the property after the lien was placed on the property is subject to it.

Even though the bank can foreclose, you do have some recourse. Most likely, the land contract between you and buyer requires him to deliver the property to you, free and clear of any liens. As a result, since the property was not given to you free and

clear, you can potentially bring a cause of action against him - you can sue for the amount of the unpaid mortgage. That would require you to hire an attorney to represent you.

I cannot stress enough how important it is when doing any real estate transaction to have an attorney. I love the idea of trying to save money on legal fees, but you don't want to be penny wise and pound foolish.

Even the simplest of real estate transactions can have complexities and it is important that you dot the i's and cross the t's. Particularly, when you're dealing with a land contract.

Many people think a land contract is the same as a mortgage, but it is not. When you buy a home and obtain a mortgage to help finance the home, the deed is in your name and the mortgage company basically has a lien on the property. When you use a land contract, the deed does not transfer until the land contract is paid off.

Land contracts are not popular, however, they are extensively used when a buyer cannot obtain traditional financing such as a mortgage. Basically, in a land contract situation, the seller is doing the financing of the purchase.

The question always is

whether I recommend land contracts. If I represented the seller, my answer is generally no. My philosophy is if someone can't obtain a traditional mortgage, do you want to take that risk?

On the other hand, when I represent a buyer, a land contract can be a valuable tool.

One last note. Don't delay in retaining an attorney.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Building torn down at former psychiatric hospital

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

It will take a lot of time and money, but the buildings on the old Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property will come down. Building 72 is evidence of that.

Building 72 was the old hospital's nurse's quarters, located on the western edge of the property off of Seven Mile Road in Northville Township, which now owns the

land. The 19,851-square-foot structure was recently torn down.

"There were no unforeseen issues with the abatement or demolition," Northville Township Public Services Director Tom Casari said.

In the last couple of weeks, contractor Adamo has been conducting the final grading and cleanup of the site.

The abatement and tear down cost around

\$200,000. The township has already taken down a couple of other buildings, including the powerhouse.

The main building still stands; it could cost into the millions to tear down.

"Not sure what is next on the site," Casari said. "We have been looking for funding sources to help continue with the removal process."

"We don't receive enough CDBG funding on an annual basis to

remove a building. So, we'll keep searching," he said.

Until then, frequent trespassers on to the property will be ticketed and the big building will continue to stand as an eyesore.

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A canon shoots jets of water May 26 on the now-demolished remains of the nurse's quarters building at the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile. The building, like many others on the facility property, was in decay after being unused for more than a dozen years.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 16, 2015. The bid opening will be at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 16, 2015 for the following:

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PUNJABI FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, July 18
Location: Canton Sports Center in Victory Park, on Michigan Avenue east of Beck
Details: The one-day Michigan Punjabi Khel Mela, featuring sports competitions, a Punjabi concert, ethnic food, vendors and camaraderie. The festival features four main sports competitions, including Kabaddi, which is a contact sport originating in India, volleyball, soccer and athletic events such as running.
Cost: Free
VISIT THE FAIR
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Nov. 1
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: The Fair That Changed America — also known as the Chicago World's Fair, the 1893 Exposition and all the history it made comes back to life at the Plymouth Historical Museum through Nov. 1 with the newest exhibit, "The Fair That Changed America."
Admission: \$5 for adults; \$2 for children ages 6-17. Through



PHOTO BY 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 bellydancer in "A Street in Cairo." Fatima caused quite a stir in a society that had not yet been exposed to bellydancing.

Labor Day, active duty service men and women are admitted free to the museum, designated as a Blue Star Museum.
Contact: www.plymouth-history.org; or 734-455-8940

NEW FOOD PANTRY

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m., every Thursday
Location: Abundant Life Church of God, 21000 Hannan, Canton

Details: The church has opened a food pantry for individuals and families in need
Contact: Church office, 734722-7688

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Monday, July 27
Location: Fellows Creek Golf Course, 2936 Lotz Road, Canton

Details: The Canton Lions Club is seeking new members and will host a membership drive
Contact: Lion Bill Van Winkle at 724 254-9404; govbill1@wow-way.com or canton.lions.org.

GRUB CRAWL

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m., Tuesday, July 21
Location: Canton eateries
Details: A chance to mingle and sample the community's restaurants
Cost: \$35 to sample local cuisine and beer from 15 establishments
Contact: www.cantonchamber.com, call 734-453-4040 or stop by the chamber office, 45525 Hanford Road, west of Canton Center.

MEETINGS CHANGED

Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. second Sunday of each month, beginning July
Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
Details: PFLAG P-C has changed its meeting days. PFLAG P-C is committed to advancing equality and societal acceptance of LGBT people through its three-fold mission of support, education and advocacy.

CARS & CAFFEINE

Time/Date: 8-10 a.m. each Sunday
Location: Parking lot of Biggby Coffee, 44601 Five Mile, Plymouth
Details: Car buffs and enthusiasts are invited to bring themselves, their families and their classic or hot-rod vehicles for a weekly gathering for talk and coffee
Cost: Free

BLUES AND JAZZ @ ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month is Blues @ The Elks; 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month is Jazz @ The Elks
Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: The Elks offer live music and dancing
Cost: \$5 donation at door for blues nights; \$10 donation for jazz nights
Contact: 734-453-1780 or go to www.plymouthannarborelks325.com

CANTON MARKET

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday (except July 5)

Location: Preservation Park on Ridge Road, Canton

Details: Canton Farmers Market now open

PLYMOUTH MARKET

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 30 (except July 12 and Sept. 6)

Location: In and around The Gathering, downtown Plymouth
Details: Plymouth Farmers Market open

COFFEE AND COP

Time/Date: 9-11 a.m., Friday, July 17

Location: Village Coneyce Department has scheduled a Coffee with a Cop session 9-11 a.m. Friday, July 17, at Village Coney Island, 47182 Michigan Avenue

Details: These ongoing sessions are open to the public and provide a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Canton's neighborhoods and business districts.

Contact: If you have a business or organization interested in hosting a two-hour session of Coffee with a Cop, contact the police department at 734-394-5401.

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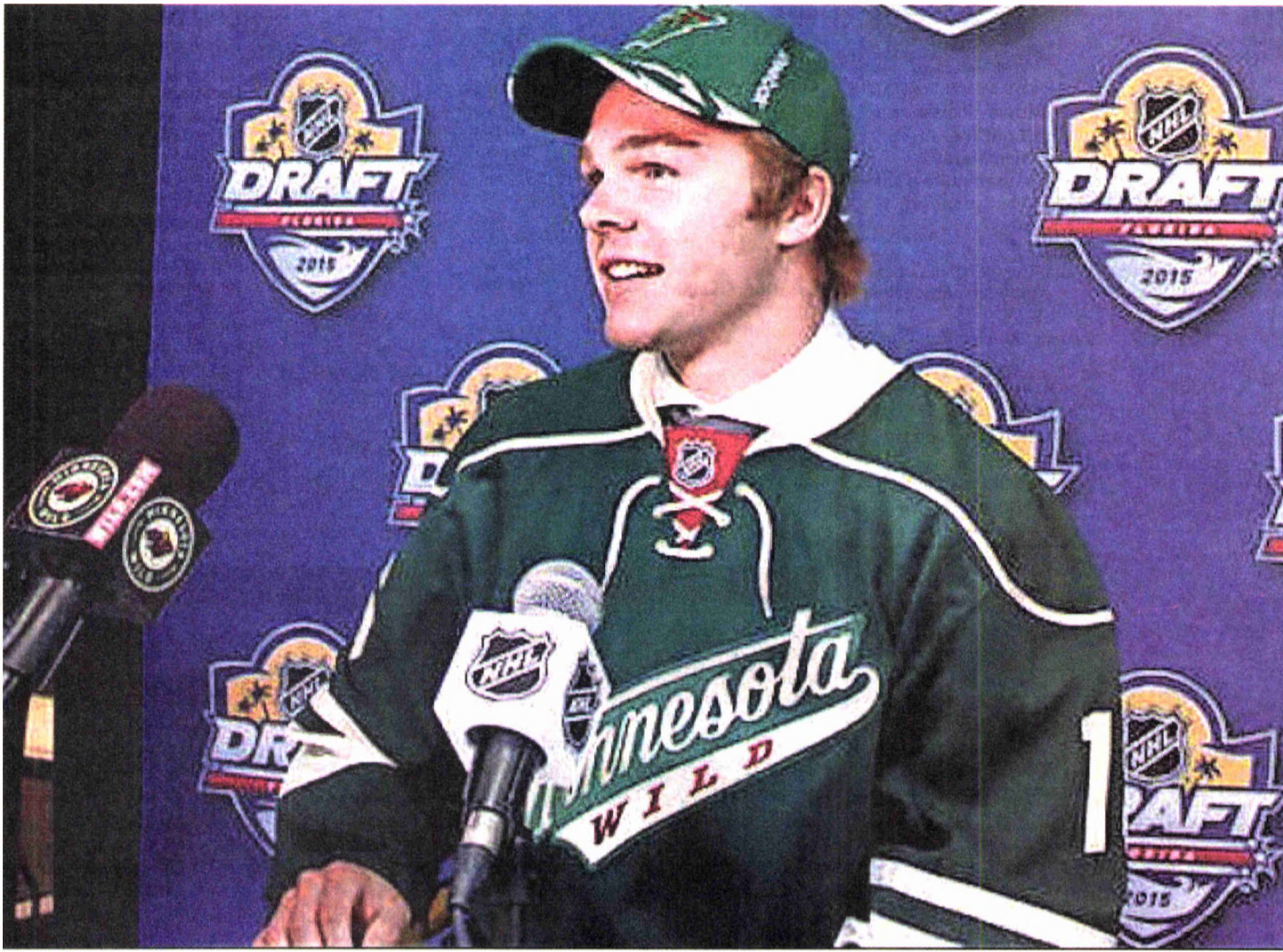


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MINNESOTA WILD

After donning a Minnesota Wild cap and jersey, Nick Boka proudly stands at the podium after being drafted by the NHL team.

REC-KING IT

Bottom of the cup

Canton man scores first-ever hole-in-one

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Now *that's* how you start a golf game. Rich Sander stepped up to the first tee at Northville's Bushwood Golf Club on Thursday, July 2, extracted a gap wedge from his golf bag and launched his shot. "It didn't feel right when I hit it," said the 69-year-old Canton man, who began golfing recreationally about 60 years ago. "So I looked to my right and I looked to my left and didn't see it. ... I guess it bounced a couple times and disappeared." His wife, Adrienne, and some friends were there to witness a bit of Sander family history — he sank his first-ever hole-in-one, aching the 105-yard No. 1 hole at the par 3 course. Unfortunately, he joked last

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ADRIANNE SANDER

Rich Sander displays the ball he used to ace the first hole at Bushwood GC in Northville.

CALL OF THE WILD

USA Hockey NTDP success pays off for Plymouth's Nick Boka, drafted by Minnesota

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Nick Boka figured he'd have to wait until the later rounds of the National Hockey League Entry Draft to hear his name called, but that was perfectly fine with him. As it turned out, the 17-year-old Plymouth native who played the last two seasons in USA Hockey's National Team Development Program was spot on with that prediction. The 6-1, 197-pound defenseman waited until the second-to-last round June 27 at the BB&T Center in Sunrise, Fla., finally getting called up to the podium when

the Minnesota Wild selected him 171st overall. Once on the stage, he pulled a forest green team jersey over his head and slapped a baseball cap on top of it. "It's an unbelievable feeling," said Boka during a telephone interview Wednesday from St. Paul, Minn., where he is participating through Sunday at a camp for Minnesota prospects. "Just getting your name called at the draft is pretty special to me and my family." The hard-hitting, 6-1, 197-pound defenseman — who attended Plymouth High School as a freshman and

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MAURICETTE SCHNIDER

Two seasons playing for USA Hockey yielded patriotic moments and medals for Plymouth's Nick Boka. He won a gold medal with the NTDP 17-U team in 2013-14.

AAU TRACK & FIELD

HIGH INTENSITY

AAU Junior Olympics on tap for hard-driving local athletes

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Summer vacation for a lot of young people means taking trips to the lake, devouring ice cream cones and hanging out with friends. That's not how it works for the athletes in the Intensity Track Club. For them, summer's all about working hard, competing for medals and — if everything goes well — traveling to the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics. Thanks to an outstanding collective effort in the AAU regional championship July 4-5 at Ypsilanti High School, there will be 11 young men and women making a road trip to Norfolk, Va., in early August for

GEARING UP

What: The Intensity Track Club, based at Wayne Memorial High School, qualified 11 athletes for the upcoming AAU Junior Olympics in Norfolk, Va. **When:** Norfolk State University will host the national tourney between Aug. 2-8. **Fundraisers:** In order for the group, coached by Jamal Johnson and Jana Hughes, to make the trip to Virginia, it will cost about \$6,000 for expenses. To help cut into that bill, a bowling fundraiser will take place 4 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia (on Five Mile near Merriman). Tickets to bowl will be \$20. There will be a 50/50 raffle and basket raffle and tickets to a Detroit Lions preseason game will be auctioned off. Other efforts to help raise the money include accepting donations through the Go Fund Me website (gofundme.com/intensitytrack) and an ongoing bottle/can drive. **Contact:** Email the coaches at intensitytrack@gmail.com or visit the Intensity Track Club Detroit page on Facebook. Johnson also can be reached at 313-421-3008.

the AAU Junior Olympics. "It's outstanding," said Intensity head coach Jamal Johnson, whose club sent only six

members to the 2014 nationals in Iowa. "It's almost double this year. These kids have worked very, very hard from



JOSEPH GATON

Among club members qualifying for the AAU Junior Olympics are, from left, Shiann Proffitt, Caroline Mahalak, Erica Robinson, Reanna Brown-Deacon, Anavia Battle, Montel Hood, Andrew Chant and Malik Jordan.

cross country to indoor season to the regular high school season. They deserved it. They earned it." The club, however, needs to generate about \$6,000 to fund the Aug. 2-8 trip to Virginia. To that end, a bowling fundraiser is scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday,

July 26, at Merri-Bowl Lanes on Five Mile near Merriman in Livonia. "Tickets are going to be \$20," Johnson said. "We're going to have a 50/50 raffle, basket raffle and also auction

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sophomore before finishing up at Ann Arbor Pioneer — admitted to getting a little anxious as the draft's later rounds unfolded.

"Yeah, I was getting pretty nervous," Boka said. "I went down there with some expectations to maybe be a third, fourth-round guy. When those rounds passed I'd get a little bit nervous."

"But I think it was kind of worth the wait. I'm in a pretty nice place ... with Minnesota. So I'm real happy with the way it turned out."

Feeling wanted

Boka was one of 15 players who skated for the NTDP (which is relocating this summer from the Ann Arbor Ice Cube to the former Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township) to get drafted.

At the top of that list, of course, were forward Jack Eichel (second overall, Buffalo) and defenseman Noah Hanifin (fifth overall, Carolina).

Nearly two weeks later, Boka described the whole scene as "pretty surreal, still."

Minnesota brass, led by general manager Chuck Fletcher, also were surprised that Boka — who will play Division I hockey for Michigan in the fall — remained available that late.

"They told me right after they drafted me, they said 'I don't know how we got you in the sixth round, we had you much higher in the (draft) list,'" Boka recalled. "They were pretty stoked about that, they like how I'm a physical, shut-down player who can get add in to the offense as well."

"What I like most about the draft is that they wanted me and I felt wanted and I think that's the best feeling you can have."

Different routes

Waiting it out during rounds 2-5 and well into the

THE BOKA FILE

Who: Nick Boka, 17, a 6-1, 197-pound defenseman from Plymouth.

What: He was selected 171st overall (sixth round) by the Minnesota Wild in the recent NHL Entry Draft.

Gold: Boka played the last two hockey seasons in the USA Hockey National Team Development Program. He was part of a gold-medal winning team with the U17 squad in 2013-14.

Blue: The Ann Arbor Pioneer graduate (who attended school at Plymouth his freshman and sophomore years) will play Division I men's hockey beginning this fall at the University of Michigan.

Family ties: Boka's parents are Don and Lora Boka of Plymouth. He has a younger brother, 16-year-old Luke, a forward who will skate for the Ontario Hockey League's Windsor Spitfires in 2015-16. His sister, Allison, 12, is a student at West Middle School in Plymouth.

sixth round were his parents, Don and Lora Boka of Plymouth, along with siblings Luke and Allison (age 16 and 12, respectively). Also there were an aunt, Lisa Allen, and an uncle, Jim Kotoula.

Luke Boka could someday find himself waiting his turn at an NHL draft, too. He is a forward who will play for the Ontario Hockey League's Windsor Spitfires in 2015-16.

Yet instead of going down the same path Nick did, going through the NTDP and then on to a D-I college, Luke opted for the pro-like grind of the OHL.

"I think we're both pretty supportive of each other," Nick Boka said. "I think in his situation that (OHL) was the best route for him and I think he's going to do really well there."

"I'm excited to see how he does and make a name for himself in Windsor."

Still, the college-or-OHL scenario is something that likely was a regular topic of discussion in the Boka household.

"It was always our plan to have both boys go the college route with the



Celebrating with Nick Boka, third from left, on NHL draft day June 27 are younger brother Luke, far left, parents Lora and Don and younger sister Allison.

"It's an unbelievable feeling. Just getting your name called at the draft is pretty special to me and my family."

NICK BOKA, Plymouth

dream they would play at Michigan together," Lora Boka said. "Luke made it clear to us this past year that he needed to jump out of his brother's lane and try something different."

"We took a leap of faith agreeing to let Luke go the OHL route and we have been thrilled with the Windsor Spitfires organization so far. Time will tell how that is going to play out."

Just golden

As far as Nick Boka is concerned, playing two seasons for USA Hockey's NTDP helped him immensely to get him ready for the Big Ten let alone a prospective professional career.

In 2013-14, he was part of the gold medal-winning U-17 team and he followed that up playing last season for the U-18 squad.

"It helped me a ton, playing against older competition," Boka emphasized. "The 17 year we played in the United States Hockey League, against anywhere between 17 and 20-year-olds."

"And then playing my 18 year against college teams.

So the range can go anywhere (up) to 23-24. So just playing against bigger, stronger guys really helped me a lot."

Once the Wild prospects camp concludes, he will return to Ann Arbor to train for the U-M hockey season and take summer classes. "We'll really pick it up in August, September, and we'll be ready to go by October."

If Boka keeps progressing as he did through the NTDP, it might not be long before Minnesota tempts him to leave college early, a la Dylan Larkin — another USA Hockey stalwart who played his freshman season for the Wolverines before recently turning pro with the Detroit Red Wings organization.

"Other teams' top players I like to make it hard on them," said Boka, describing his style of play. "That's the role I kind of take and I have fun doing it."

With a laugh, he added that there's still room to crank up the physicality even more as he approaches his 20s.

"I definitely can get stronger," Boka said. "I'll hopefully grow a couple more inches. My dad's 6-3, I'm hoping to get up there with him."

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WHEELCHAIR HOCKEY TOURNEY

WHEELS IN MOTION

USA Hockey Arena to host PowerHockey tourney July 16-18

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The Wheelchair Hockey League (WCHL) and their local travel team, the Michigan Mustangs, are proud to host the 2015 U.S. PowerHockey Championship running July 16-18 at USA Hockey Arena, located at 14900 N. Beck Road. The event is free.

This elite PowerHockey tournament features wheelchair hockey teams including the current defending champions Philadelphia PowerPlay, along with the Minnesota Selects, Texas MotorMavs and host Michigan Mustangs.

Players — men and women — range in age from 10 to 60-plus and have a variety of disabilities that include muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, arthrogryposis and osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bones). This tournament will determine the 2015 United States PowerHockey Champions.

The U.S. PowerHockey Championship is a bi-annual tournament that actively promotes the sport of adaptive power-wheelchair floor hockey, also known as PowerHockey.

The schedule starts Thursday with games 3:30 p.m. (Michigan vs. Philadelphia) and 5 p.m. (Texas vs. Minnesota).

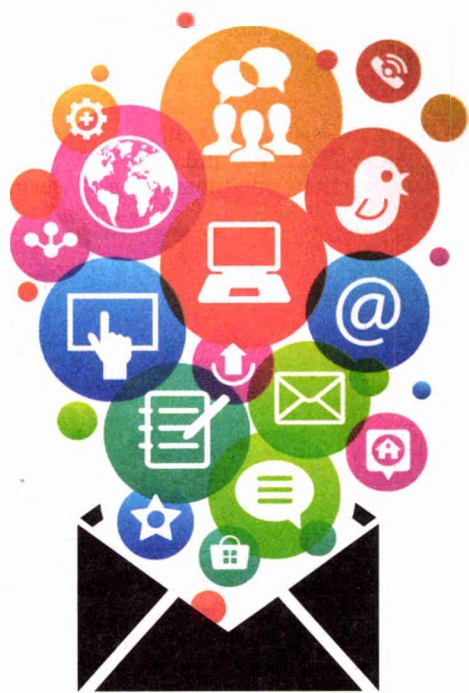
Four games take place Friday (Minnesota vs. Philadelphia, 10:45 a.m.; Texas vs. Michigan, noon; Minnesota vs. Michigan, 2:45 p.m.; Philadelphia vs. Texas, 4 p.m.).

Championship Saturday starts with quarterfinal games at 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. respectively. The semifinal game of the tournament runs at 2 p.m., with the championship game scheduled for 4 p.m..

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

1. Application 1530, 11825 & 11847 Brownell, R-1: is requesting one variance to allow a six (6) foot vinyl fence around both property lines. *The variance requested is two (2) feet of fence height.*
2. Application 1531, 15100 Beck RD, IND: is requesting one variance to allow a wall sign with individual letters totally 126 square feet of area, whereas a total of 90 square feet is allowed. *The variance requested is 36 square feet of signable area.*
3. Application 1532, 15100 Beck RD, IND: is requesting one variance to allow two ground signs for the development, whereas only one ground sign is allowed per development parcel or premises. *The variance requested is one additional ground sign.*
4. Application 1533, 42016 Micol, R-1: is requesting one variance to allow a six (6) foot vinyl fence on the east and north side of the backyard, a 6 foot fence already exists on the west side. *The variance requested is two (2) feet of fence height.*
5. Application 1534, 40905 Greystone, R-1: is requesting one variance to allow a six (6) foot wood fence around his property line in the backyard. *The variance requested is two (2) feet of fence height.*

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

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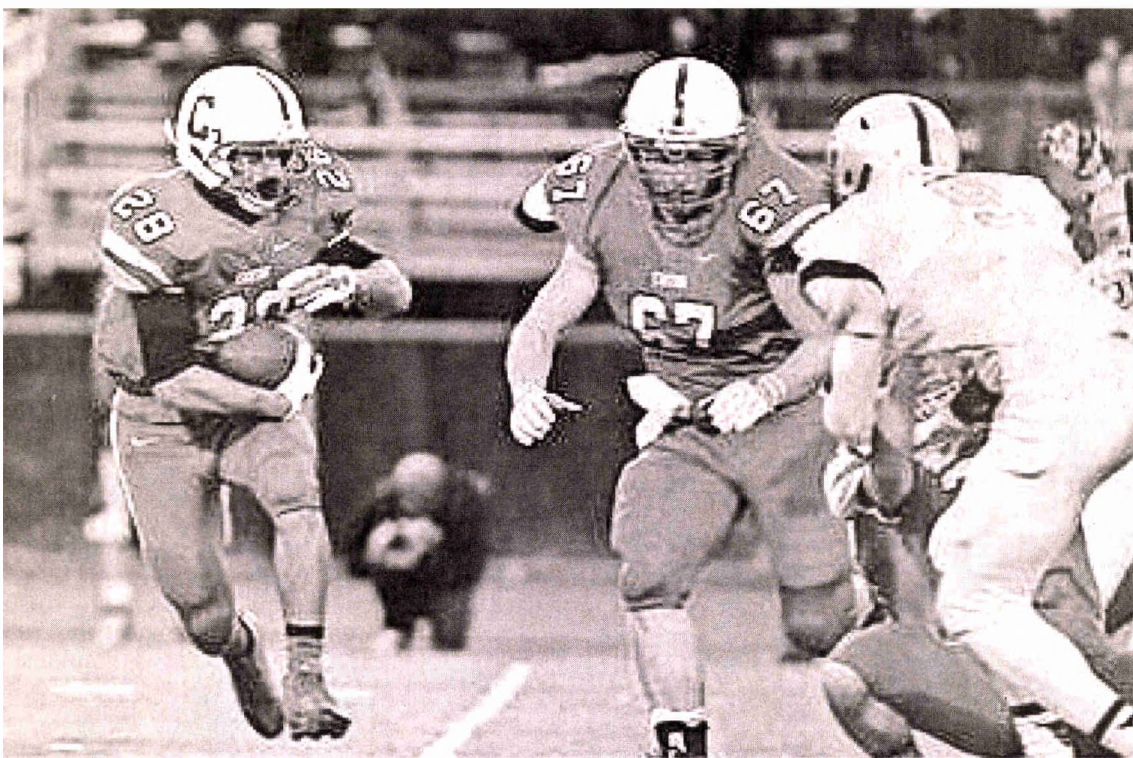
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Sturdy, reliable running back Chuck Turfe (No. 28) carries the football for the Canton Chiefs during a 2014 game.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Turfe pumped to join Zips

Canton grad to be red-shirt freshman at D-I Akron

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Hard-nosed running back Chuck Turfe can't wait to tear up some turf for the Akron Zips football team.

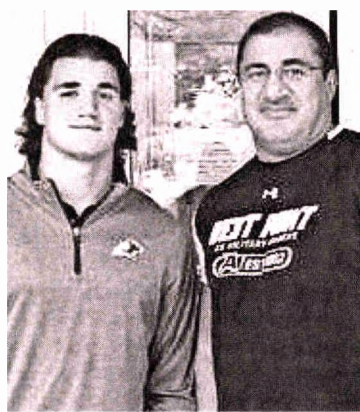
Turfe will soon begin doing just that on the practice field, but he'll have to wait another year to get into an official game.

The recent Canton High School graduate is optimistic about joining the Division I program, although he said he will be red-shirted for the 2015 season.

"I start next week," Turfe wrote in an email to the *Observer*. "They're getting me down there early to work out with the team."

"They expect me to be their featured back in my later years. I sat in the head coach's office with coach (Terry) Bowden for 45 minutes. He told me how much I remind him of Connor Hundley."

Hundley is a slashing half-



Visiting the University of Akron campus are Chuck Turfe and his dad, Norm Turfe.

which he excelled with the Chiefs), Turfe said he hopes to help the Zips as a return specialist.

At Canton, he also played in the defensive secondary.

Turfe, as a red-shirt, is permitted to practice with the Zips, but is not allowed to play in games. His four years of eligibility would begin with the 2016 season.

He probably could have gotten into the lineup this fall had he signed with a Division II program.

"I had many Division II offers," Turfe said. "But playing D-I was my dream. And it's been reached."

Recently, he visited the Ohio campus with his father Norm Turfe (a safety at West Point in the late 1980s) and grandfather Lee Turfe.

Turfe intends to major in business, with a minor in psychology.

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back with reliable hands who is 6-foot-1, 213 pounds entering his senior season. Turfe is 5-11, 197 and looking to get bigger and stronger.

In addition to duties as a running back, which would include busting out of the backfield to catch passes (at

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off some (Detroit) Lions tickets."

The nonprofit organization also is looking to raise money through the Go Fund Me website (gofundme.com/intensitytrack) along with an ongoing bottle and can drive.

Heating up

Johnson also coaches the varsity boys track and field team at Wayne Memorial, where Intensity holds practices Monday through Thursday during — yes — the hot summer.

"And on weekend we normally have track meets," said Johnson, adding that the busy schedule helps youngsters who range from high school sophomores to recent graduates such as Caroline Mahalak (Westland John Glenn), Malik Jordan (Wayne), Ledell O'Bryant (Wayne), Corey Goodloe (Monroe) and Will Jackson (Hartland).

Most members of that quintet will attend college, a source of much pride for Johnson.

With a smile, Johnson added that he and Intensity assistant coach Jana Hughes did give the 15 athletes in the club a week off to rest and relax following the conclusion of the spring high school season.

When the second week of June rolled around, however, it was back to work.

Johnson and Hughes, who are juggling fundraising and coaching efforts ahead of the anticipated trek to Norfolk, agreed that it's worth the extra summer sweat for their athletes.

"For one, it helps you get recruited for colleges," Johnson noted. "Two, it teaches you responsibility, knowing you have to be at practice every single day, you can't just throw your summer away doing whatever."

"You have to do everything right and that's how they got to this level, how they got to this point. And there's discipline, it's extremely tough (in the summer). We hold every one accountable."

The coaches will accompany the group to Norfolk State University, where the AAU Junior Olympics will take place.

"I'm excited, I'm very hap-



JOSEPH GATON

Malik Jordan rounds the corner during a recent Intensity Track Club practice.

py," Hughes said. "They just work so hard and it's good to see. They know they worked hard and they get rewarded for it."

"The trip to Virginia, it will be fun. Hopefully we'll be able to have practice on the beach."

Making the cut

Most of the Intensity contingent qualified for the AAU Junior Olympics in the age 17-18 division at regionals, although several made the cut in the age 15-16 bracket.

To qualify, athletes needed to finish: in the top 6 in running events; in the top 4 for relays; in the top 5 for field events.

The big winners at Ypsilanti High School were Jordan and Montel Hood (who will be a senior at Wayne in 2015-16).

Jordan won the 3,000-meter run in the men's age 17-18 division, finished second in the 1,500-meter run and third in the 2,000-meter steeplechase.

"That's not an event contested in Michigan high schools," Johnson said. "Steeplechase is a mix between track and cross country, there are five barriers on the track. They are hurdles, but they're a lot thicker and sturdier."

"One of the hurdles you jump onto and jump into a pit of water. And you keep going. I convinced him of doing it and he turned out to be pretty decent at it."

Hood finished first in the 400 and 800 runs (the former with a personal best of 48.02, which Johnson said was the third-best time in that event all year in the state) and was part of the victo-

rious 3,200-meter relay with Jordan, Goodloe and Jackson.

In the women's age 17-18 division, Mahalak grabbed the championship in the 3,000-meter race walk.

Placing third in the 800 and 1,500 runs was another Rocket, Shiann Proffitt (who will be a senior next year).

On their radar

Also on the women's side, Wayne had two national qualifiers in the age 15-16 division.

Anavia Battle, entering her junior season with the Zebras, placed third both in the 100 and 200 dashes, with respective times of 12.53 and 25.67.

And soon-to-be-sophomore Alyssa Johnson qualified in the discus (87 feet, 7 inches, exceeding her personal record by 11 feet) and shot put (31-02).

Others qualifying include Wayne's O'Bryant and Andrew Chant and St. John's Steven Linton.

They all will have the chance for even more medals to come, perhaps at the AAU Junior Olympics. And Johnson emphasized that doing so will only open doors for them.

"Whenever you have athletes who compete at a national level, that's all college coaches go to," he said. "They want to see if you can compete at that level, how you handle it, and if you have what it takes."

"Because in college, you're going to get the best of the best, all at the same school every day at practice."

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REACHING HIGHER

High school hoop showcases on tap

Milford to host MHSAA, BCAM tourneys

Milford High School will be the site of the seventh annual Reaching Higher showcases for Michigan's top high school boys and girls basketball players.

The boys event will be Wednesday, July 15, followed by the state's top girls prospects taking the floor Thursday, July 23, both at Milford.

More than 200 athletes with aspirations to play at the college level will train and scrimmage under the tutelage of high school coaches from across the state and in front of college coaches expected to represent all three NCAA divisions, the NAIA and junior college levels.

Coaches from 33 college basketball programs, including nine from NCAA Division I schools, attended the 2014 Reaching Higher events.

An educational effort by the Michigan High School Athletic Association and the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan, the Reaching Higher experience includes classroom sessions for student-athletes and their parents as well as on-court drills and scrimmaging.

The events aim to give athletes a vision of what it takes to become a college basketball player and also succeed in college life.

Participants in the program were selected by a committee of BCAM members.

The process began in De-

cember when local high school coaches submitted nominations to the selection committee. Participants were chosen in February.

The boys event begins at 3 p.m. July 15 with scrimmages running from 5:45-8 p.m. The featured speaker for the boys session is Willie Green, a graduate of Detroit Cooley High and former University of Detroit Mercy standout who recently finished his first season with the Orlando Magic and 12th season in the NBA.

Locals to play

Among area boys invitees: Cass Phillips, White Lake Lakeland; Jordan Graham, Farmington; Logan Ryan, Canton; Triston Jackson and Kevin McAdoo, West Bloomfield; Miquel Priest and Michael Flowers, Southfield; and Brock Washington, Southfield Christian.

The girls event begins at noon with scrimmages from 2-4:25 p.m. July 23. The roster includes Peyton Jones (South Lyon East), Jessica Moorman (Northville) and Amanda Sape (Bloomfield Hills).

Former Grosse Pointe North and University of Notre Dame standout Ariel Braker will be among speakers for the girls session. She led Grosse Pointe North to the Class A title in 2008 and started her final two seasons at Notre Dame while serving as captain as a senior during 2013-14.

MICHIGAN YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL

Teamwork at 'Core' of success

Canton first-grade team victorious at Midwest Regional Championships

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Canton Core flag football team is comprised of seven first-graders, but those young players already are experienced winners.

At the recent Michigan Youth Flag Football Regional Championship, those youngsters crushed it — defeating the Indiana-based Scrambler by a 12-6 score to win the first-grade division championship.

That June 13 triumph at Ford Field in Detroit capped quite a tournament run, as the Core went 6-0 and outscoring their opponents by a

96-12 margin.

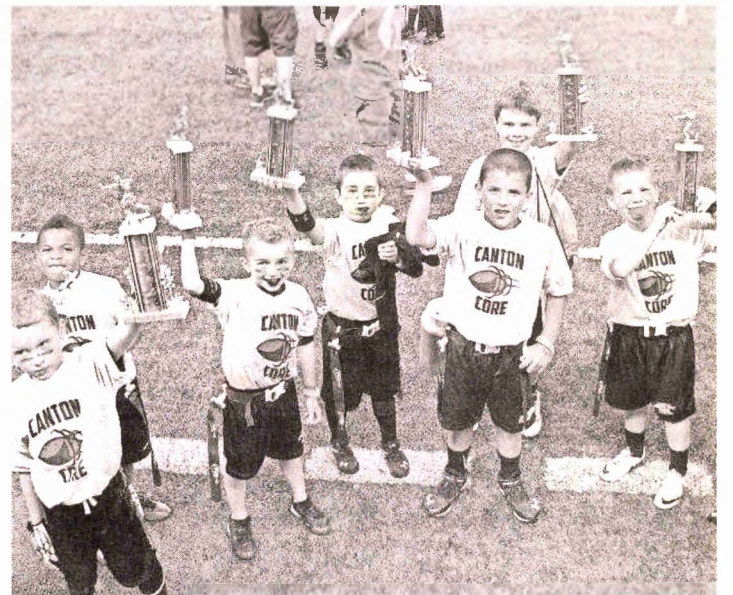
Victories were secured against teams from far (surrounding Midwest states) and near (communities such as Northville and Clarkston).

"It was a great experience for the players, coaches and families," said one of four parents who coach the team, Bryan Regner, in an email to the *Observer*.

In addition to Regner, Core coaches include Brian Jansen, Tony Swearigen and Ken Young, who "all had a part in shaping and preparing this team."

Players (listed in alphabetical order) included Dominic Allen, Lorenzo Barber, Drew Eisenbeis, Drew Jansen, Ty Regner, Cam Swearigen and Drew Young.

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BRYAN REGNER

Celebrating their victory are Canton Core players (from left) Drew Jansen, Lorenzo Barber, Ty Regner, Drew Young, Drew Eisenbeis, Dominic Allam and Cam Swearigen.

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week, the rest of his 9-hole round didn't go quite as well. He registered an eight on the second hole and with a 49 score.

"All the luck I had in my hole-in-one was reversed on the next hole," Sander noted. "... I wish I could have had a better round after that."

Sander added that while he is proud of finally registering a hole-in-one, "you don't want to look at the rest of the scorecard, because the rest of the round was

downhill."

Hole-in-one club

Sander had company as far as enjoying any golfer's biggest thrill.

Scoring a hole-in-one Tuesday at Carrington Golf Club in Monroe was Canton's Jim Montgomery.

He aced the 110-yard No. 12 hole, using a 5 club for the shot.

Montgomery's hole-in-one was his first in 48 years of golfing. He finished his 18-hole round with a score of 99.

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BOOK INSPIRES WOMEN TO WEAR THEIR 'BRAVE GIRL BOOTS'

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Tami Walker knows a thing or two about bravery.

At 31, she traded a "great job" in corporate America to lead a women's ministry at Connection Church in Canton.

When she felt a "nudge" from God to run a 60-day prayer challenge last year, she didn't worry about logistics. She embraced the project, dubbed it Brave Girl Boots, and recruited local women to write about their own struggles with faith, courage and action. Two hundred fifty women signed up to receive the daily emailed inspirational messages.

When she felt that nudge again a few days into the challenge, Walker knew she had to turn the inspirational stories into a book.

"I run a ministry but I've never written a book before. God was saying to me, you've got to put on your own brave girl boots," Walker said. "OK, Lord, you want us to do a book. I don't have any money to do a book. It's \$3,000. If that's your vision, you'll have the provision. I'm a firm believer that if something is of God, it can't be stopped."

She and other women involved in the church, in the church's quarterly cross-denominational girl's night out called Commonground, and in a Facebook prayer page, bought and sold T-shirts with the message, "keep calm and put your brave girl boots on," to raise money for publishing costs. They also held a fundraiser breakfast.

After nearly a year of writing, revising, editing and "a lot of late nights," *Brave Girl Boots*, a women's devotional with 40 inspirational stories, is set to launch locally at the next Commonground gathering, 7-10 p.m. July 24, at Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon. The event, which typically draws women from 30 metro area churches, will include worship, inspirational teaching, an outreach project and party with appetizers, giveaways, and coffee bar, in addition to the book launch.

"It was exciting to see God move in that it was supposed to launch in July and it's already on Amazon and Barnes & Noble. It took off on Amazon. We couldn't believe it," Walker said. "For a while, we were in the top 10 new devotionals for several weeks on Amazon."

40 prayer days

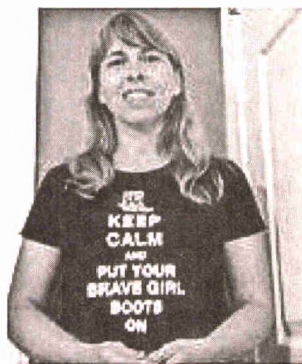
The book asks readers to pray daily for "God to plant a seed of vision" in their lives, for the sensitivity to see a need they can fill that day, and for bravery to act upon the need. They also read one inspirational story and answer a related question each day. There's room in the book to write a few notes after reflecting on the essays.

Walker introduces each writer in the book as though they were joining her for coffee at the breakfast table.

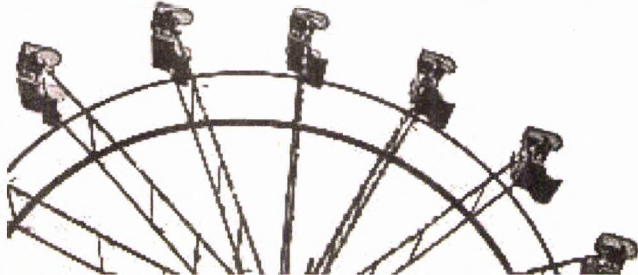
"Carrie Stanley is in the kitchen this morning," Walker prefaced the book's "Day 14" entry. "She is as bold for Jesus as her hair color. You'll be friends with her in no time."

Stanley, who attends Connection Church, wrote about her faith being tested in 2009 when her youngest child, then 18 months, was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer. Doctors predicted her toddler's life would end in 2010. She's alive, although still terminal with a two- to three-month life expectancy, Stanley said.

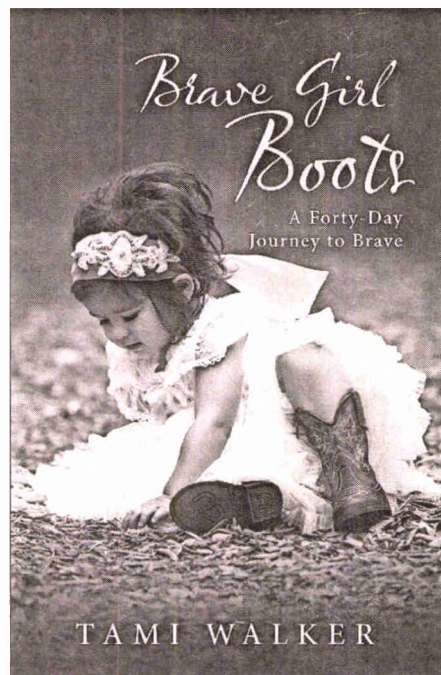
"I wrote an analogy of sitting in front of Hoover Dam and watching



be brave today.



Local women sold T-shirts to raise money for the "Brave Girl Boots" project.



Tami Walker compiled inspirational stories from women for this new devotional.

the water as though it's there without the dam," said Stanley, adding that she doesn't know when the water will "come crashing down."



A member of Commonground, a quarterly women's event at Connection Church, in Canton, works on an outreach project. "Brave Girl Boots."

"It's about being in a state of limbo and how that requires consistent faith. I've had to surrender the whole experience several times."

Melissa Mulvaney, a Canton mom and blogger who attends Westland Bible Church, wrote about hope and faith.

"I used the metaphor of being in the hallway and being outside the door. God is always there with you, no matter what you're facing in that doorway or hallway," Mulvaney said. "It is mostly about weak women who are only brave because of God."

Mulvaney hopes the stories encourage other women as they face their own struggles.

Brave action

"We can be brave in our prayer closet all day, but when God asks us to go on a field trip, through divorce, cancer, a wayward child that you can't believe how he's living, that is when you ... dust them off, slip them on and take God at his word," Walker said, using a tag line to the Brave Girl Boots blog.

She's pleased that some husbands have borrowed the book from their wives and have read the entries and challenge questions.

"It's such a blessing to me that men would meet God in those places."

The book costs \$11.95 and is available at bravegirlboots.org, amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

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IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED

If a patient has knee swelling because of fluid in the joint, the aims of his doctor are to remove the fluid, prevent its return and uncover why the swelling occurred.

In patients over age 50, gout is a cause physicians invariably consider. But what if the physician removes fluid from the knee, sends the fluid to a laboratory for analysis, and the analysis comes back with the report: "no crystals seen." That finding does not end the hunt for gout.

When a laboratory analyzes a specimen of joint fluid, the laboratory looks for crystals, infection, and does a count of the white blood cells in the fluid sample. If a physician receives a laboratory report that states no crystals and only a few white blood cells in the sample, then the physician is on solid ground to conclude that gout is not playing a role in the patient's swollen joint.

However, if the laboratory report shows a high white count in the fluid sample, then the physician cannot say the hunt for crystals is over. In gout, not finding the crystals in synovial fluid only means that gout crystals were not seen: the crystals could still be there. Studies back up that point, as the most sophisticated analysis can reveal gout only 85% of the time.

The doctor is likely to tell the patient that the next time the gout-like pain comes on, the need will again arise to take fluid from the knee. It may take three or four joint aspirations before the doctor can conclusively rule out or finally confirm the presence of gout.

Livonia Artists Club exhibits works for the last time

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Livonia Artists Club will call it quits in September, but will wrap up its final and 55th annual exhibit July 31.

"We have 65 pieces from 12 people," said Al Weber, a Canton resident and club board member, describing the group's final show. "We're all painters or collage people. We have oil paintings and some modified prints, pastel and acrylic. It's a good cross section."

The art is on display at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Ann Loveland, former instructor for the Visual Arts Association of Livonia and Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, judged the show.



Livonia Artist Club member Al Weber of Canton will show this and other works at the Club's final exhibit.

"All art clubs have had problems, but ours is one of the small ones now," Weber said. "We're all getting older and it's getting to be a problem from the standpoint that attendance is nine or 10 people at a meeting." Weber said the club

has approximately 20 members but a little more than half that number participate in exhibits or annual critiques of their works. He said the organization also has struggled financially in recent years as membership declined. "We have to rent a

room for meetings and pay jurors," he said. "We liked the Livonia Club because it's old and has a history behind it. It's very informal, an easy club to belong to."

The organization, founded by Olive Harrington in 1960, met in members' homes before moving to the Livonia Carl Sandburg library. It held meetings and exhibits there until 1990 when it found a new home at the Civic Center Library. Its fall exhibit, The Affordable Art Show, ran from 1999 to 2013, and a spring exhibit shared space in the library atrium with the Chrysanthemum Society show for several years.

Weber said most Livonia Artists Club members are active in other associations, such as VAAL, and will continue to exhibit their works through those clubs.

Celebrate art, charitable causes at Eastern Market

Eastern Market is about to get more colorful — and not just from its flower sales. On Tuesday, it was announced that an inaugural nine-day street-art festival called Murals in the Market will be held Sept. 17-24 throughout Eastern Market. More than 45 international artists, including half who will be local, will paint large-scale murals to enhance the area. The festival's first official mural by Australian artist Meggs (aka David Hooke) also was unveiled Tuesday.



Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE

"Murals in the Market is a project that just brings a little more life, a little more interest and a little more attention to Detroit," said Hooke, who painted the image of a huge tiger with the words "Rise Up" in Detroit's east side last year. Eastern Market also will host panel discussions with artists and local farmers, block par-

ties, art and bike tours, artist talks and more. The non-profit Eastern Market Corporation and art publisher 1xRUN, which owns Inner State Gallery, are the producers of Murals in the Market. Eastern Market has been the go-to place to host social and charity parties. The Detroit Historical Society, the American Heart Association and College for Creative Studies, in collaboration with ORT America Michigan, are just some of the few who have taken over and transformed Eastern

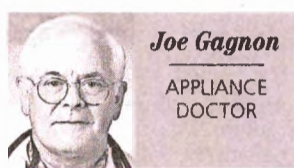
Market's Sheds 2 and 3. Dan Armand, CCS Illustration alumnus, is co-owner of 1xRUN, so everything comes full circle, especially when ORT in the City was held at Eastern Market. The fundraiser supported ORT's and CCS's educational and special student programs. CCS's students, in conjunction with the Somerset Collection-sponsored program, designed shopping bags with Detroit-related themes which were then auctioned at Eastern Market.



Julie Yolles
West Bloomfield residents Sherrie Singer, left, and Jayme Kirschner, along Suzanne Fellows of Farmington Hills, enjoy ORT and the City at Eastern Market's Shed 3.

Appliance maker aims to end DIY product repairs

Many years ago I was driving on I-94 near Jackson and I came upon this beautiful vehicle sitting on the side of the road. Two young ladies were standing beside this Rolls Royce with question marks on their faces, so I pulled over to lend assistance. They informed me that it just stopped running and they were barely able to pull over. I had my tool bag in the car but before I could open the hood they told me that the hood was locked and that no one can work on a Rolls Royce unless it is the dealership. I figured it was a long way back to jolly old England so I gave the ladies a ride home. The ladies happened to be members of The Supremes singing group. Last week, I found out that an appliance manufacturer wants to do this same thing with the products it sells. It wants to lock out anyone who is not authorized from getting into an appliance to do repairs. I'm told that the keypad on a product will have a code that a service technician must



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

enter before he or she can gain access into a product. These technicians will be drug-tested and trained on the products they are approved to work on. I suspect the reason for this sort of thinking comes from the fact that the manufacturer is tired of independent service technicians not doing an adequate job of repairing products and poor customer relations.

Parts suppliers

I don't have to explain that if the service guy can't fix it, you are not going to purchase the same brand again. The big question is what to do with the companies that are in the parts businesses. There are many large parts distributors across this country that make money selling parts and much of it has to do with retail sales. What about the guy down the street who loves fixing

things and the neighborhood counts on him to fix a washer and dryer? What's he to do if he is locked out of doing repairs? The biggest question will be whether there is a method to this madness.

On the subject of monopolies set forth by a company, what will the future hold for us, the homeowners? We all know what plumbers and electricians charge for a service call and labor in the home and how high the price will be for an appliance repair technician. Will a major home appliance become a throw-away item like so many have predicted? Time will tell as to how much of this comes true.

Do it yourself

Oh, how I long for the days gone by when appliances were just plain simple and any average homeowner could fix a washer with a simple instruction over the counter or on paper. I remember those days when consumers would phone me and ask for a service call to their home and I would suggest they

stop by my store and I would show them how to do it themselves. I felt so good when they called me back and told me they repaired it themselves and felt such pride in doing so. I sure felt good when they stopped by again with cookies, candy and all sorts of baked goods. Even today I still get the occasional comment about a rebuilt washer I sold them over 20 years ago which is still doing the job.

In 1959, I would charge a free meal for a repair job and in 1979, I purchased my own business and charged \$19 for a service visit. The labor rate at that time was \$6 for every 15 minutes in the home. Now, I never did make a lot of money in the appliance business but I can tell you for a fact that I made a ton of friends. In all honesty, if I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't change a thing. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appidr@twmi.rr.com.

REUNIONS

DETROIT COOLEY CLASS OF 1965

Looking for classmates from January and June for 50th reunion on Oct. 3 at Livonia Marriott Hotel. For information, email reunioncooley65@aol.com or call 734-397-3308.

FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1954

61st reunion lunch, noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1 at the Stitt American Legion Post Hall in Dearborn Heights. For information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at 313-581-6623 or 318-399-7718 or email PatGastonChiesa@patc629@aol.com

GARDEN CITY WEST CLASS OF 1973

A 60th birthday party is set for July 25 at Garden City Park Pavilion, east of Merriman, north of Cherry Hill Road in Garden City. Tickets are \$10 at the location. Participants should bring their own food and beverages. Grill will be provided. Bring a gift birthday gift. For info, call 734-776-0024

or email blybe7@aol.com.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1995

Seeking classmates for a 20-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Embassy Suites in Livonia. For more information, email melissacohn8@gmail.com or visit [facebook.com/groups/Novi-classof1995/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Novi-classof1995/).

OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1975

Save the date, Saturday, July 25, at Embassy Suites Livonia, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia. Classmates may send their contact information to oak-park1975reunion@gmail.com, and to join the Reunion Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/810805715636204/>.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE ALL CLASSES

6-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy; \$45 per person. Rose Ann Filar at 248-770-1271.

BIRTH

NOLA ROSS ALEXANIAN

Nola Ross Alexanian was born June 23 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

She joins her parents, Alex and Jessica Alexanian, and siblings, Maven, 4, and Zoe, 2, at home in Farmington Hills.

Proud grandparents are Larry and Debbie McDonald of West Bloomfield and Jack



Nola Ross Alexanian

and Diana Alexanian of Bloomfield Hills.

RELIGION CALENDAR

JULY BAKE SALE/PET ADOPTION

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, July 12
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Bake sale with proceeds going to Providing for Paws, a local animal rescue that will be on hand with animals for adoption

COMMONGROUND

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. July 24
Location: Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: This girl's night out "with focus" draws women from throughout the metro area and includes worship, inspirational teaching, appetizers, giveaways, coffee bar, and book launch for a women's devotional. The group will collect \$5 coffee gift cards from Tim Hortons Starbucks, McDonald's and other restaurants, to give to parents of elementary school students on the first day of school

HOSANNA PALOOZA

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

LECTURE SERIES

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, through July 28
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Howard N. Lupovitch, director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University, will explore through video clips and readings what the Jewish presence on television reflects about the complex relationship between American Jews and American culture. Topics are Criminalizing Anti-Semitism, July 14; Laughing at Jews, Laughing with Jews, July 21 and Beyond the Yiddish Mama, July 28. Free for Beth Ahm members. Cost is \$15 per lecture for nonmembers. Advance registration requested,

but walk-ins accepted
Contact: Alison Blau at 248-851-6880 or email ablau@cbahm.org

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, July 12-Aug. 23
Location: Grounds of the Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, at Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton

Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church holds worship services in a casual, outdoor setting. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton

SOCCER CAMP

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. July 27-30
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: For boys and girls, 5-12, of any skill level. Cost is \$25 per student and includes water bottle, instruction, snacks and a soccer ball to take home. Register at christoursavior.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. to noon, July 13-16
Location: Faith Baptist Church, 26305 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights

Details: During "Son Spark Labs," kids listen to music, play games, hear about God, and more. Transportation available
Contact: 313-274-3777

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

AUGUST DEMENTIA SERIES

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26
Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Fourth session on dementia in a series of educational meetings sponsored by the Northwest Wayne Vicariate, focuses on ending the negative social stigma and isolation of someone with dementia and empowering the person who still is there

Contact: Sue Massey at 734-455-5910; smassey@sjncanton.org

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Clothes, home and yard goods, pictures, jewelry, toys and more. Take what you need. No charge
Contact: 734-421-1760

SOCCER CAMP

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m., Aug. 3-7
Location: Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Soccer Camp for boys and girls, 5 and up, any skill level. Nonrefundable fee is \$25 per student. Includes water bottle, instruction, snacks, and a T-shirt. Register at www.crossroadsnow.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 3-7
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Theme is Market Place — Jerusalem AD; for kids age 4-grade five. Register at vbs.connectingwithGod.org
Contact: 734-459-3333

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Faith Community Wesleyan

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

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed
Contact: info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

FAMILY MEAL

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

Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

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Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email StaceyBadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

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Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084

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DISBROW, DOROTHY

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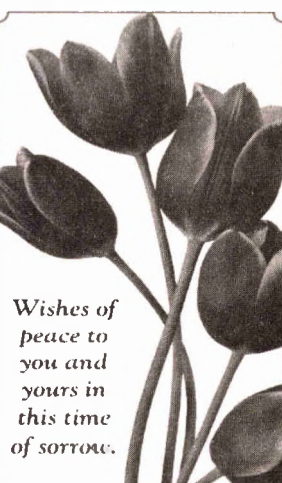
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GERVAIS, ROBERT D.

Age 87, died on Monday, June 29. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Shirley, children, Nancy (Gary) Boledovich, Susan, Diane (Dave) Roberts, Kevin (Luzhu), Lori (Tom) DeWolf, Barbara (Tracy) Ennes, Robert (Stefanie), and Julie (Bob) Roop; and his brother, Louis (Eleanor). In addition, Bob is survived by 20 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Gervais is preceded in death by his grandson, Tommy DeWolf; brother, Edmund; and parents, George and Esther Gervais. Funeral service is Friday, July 17 at National Shrine of The Little Flower in Royal Oak at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be made to the Father Solanus Casey Center, Attn: Director, 1780 Mount Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207.



Oropharyngeal cancer focus of quality of life study

Steven Chang, M.D., a Henry Ford Hospital otolaryngologist, recently received a \$15,000 national award to focus on quality of life for patients with squamous cell carcinoma of the oropharynx.

Oropharyngeal cancer affects part of the throat, base of tongue, tonsils, soft palate and the pharynx. It has been on the rise during the past 35 years and has increasingly affected nonsmoking patients who are younger than 45. Their expectations for quality of life following cancer treatment are different from older, longtime survivors.

"The current first-line treat-

ment is either chemo-radiation or surgery, offering different quality-of-life outcomes. Current clinical trials don't accommodate for the patient's wishes, perspective and choice of treatment, which is very important in the real-world practice of medicine," said Chang, a surgeon in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery at Henry Ford Hospital.

Chang will use the funds provided through Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute's Pipeline to Proposal program to build a partnership of individuals and groups who want to advance patient-



Chang

tered outcomes research that focuses on quality of life.

The Henry Ford project led by Chang is among 47 Pipeline to Proposal Awards winners.

The Pipeline to Proposal Awards enable those not typically involved in clinical research to develop the means to create community-led funding proposals focused on patient-centered comparative effectiveness research.

The program funds three

tiers of awards that help individuals or groups build community partnerships, develop research capacity, and hone a comparative effectiveness research question that could become the basis of a research funding proposal.

"Our Tier I goal creates a patient advisory council of head and neck cancer survivors and caregivers in Michigan, then expands virtually through the Cancer Research Network to provide input about the patient experience after these treatments," Chang said.

Tier I award recipients have up to nine months to complete

their proposed work after which they can apply for Tier II funding.

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute is an independent, nonprofit organization authorized by Congress in 2010. Its mission is to fund research that will provide patients, their caregivers and clinicians with the evidence-based information needed to make better-informed health care decisions.

To learn more about the Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery at Henry Ford, visit www.HenryFord.com/ENT.

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.

Birth classes

A four-part class designed to help prepare parents for childbirth runs 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, 12, 19 and 26, at Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Participants will learn the stages of labor, relaxation and breathing methods, strategies for managing discomfort, the partner's role in labor in deliv-

ery, C-section deliveries, medications, anesthesia and more. Cost is \$75. Register at botsford.org or call 248-888-2500.

Diabetes management

Learn about meal-planning, blood sugar control and medication management at a free seminar on diabetes, 5-7 p.m. July 29 in the Oakwood Physical Therapy & Wellness Center, 17101 Rotunda, Dearborn. Register at Oakwood.org or call 800-543-9355.

Exercise for arthritis

St. Mary Mercy Livonia, in collaboration with the Arthritis Foundation, will offer exercise classes beginning this month 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.

Nonverbal kids

Parents of nonverbal children, ages 2-5, can find out more about an early intervention program, It Takes Two to Talk, at a free introductory meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, in the Demonstration Kitchen at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, 6777 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. It Takes Two to Talk is an eight-week program that will teach parents how to help their child's skills in language development, socialization and play. The program includes four individual sessions with the speech-language pathologist. Cost is \$105 for the individual pre-program consultation, \$300 for the eight week group sessions, and \$74 per individual sessions. To reserve a spot at the introductory meeting call 800-436-7936.

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 required. Call Michelle Eggenberger at 734-655-2973 or visit stmarymercy.org for additional information.

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.

Weight loss

Find out if weight loss surgery is right for you at a free seminar, 5-7 p.m. July 15, at Oakwood Hospital-Wayne, 33155 Annapolis Street, Wayne. Register at Oakwood.org or call 800-543-9355 for additional information.

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

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

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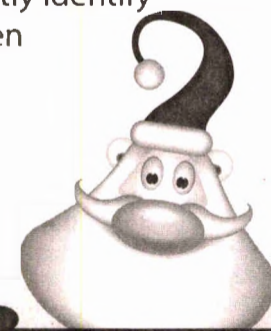
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How to survive the afternoon slump



IF YOU DON'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP AT NIGHT — AND YOU DON'T WORK AT A NAP-FRIENDLY COMPANY — HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO SURVIVE THE AFTERNOON SLUMP

Almost everyone has fallen prey to the dreaded afternoon slump. You feel fine when you sit back down at your desk after lunch, but a couple of hours later, you can barely hold your head up. The reality is that you can't completely avoid this desire to nap; it's a natural part of your body's circadian rhythm.

Michael J. Breus, clinical psychologist and author of "Beauty Sleep," notes, "Right before you go to sleep at night, your core temperature begins to drop, which is a signal to the brain to release melatonin. The exact same thing happens on a smaller scale between 2 and 4 in the afternoon." He calls this a "mini-signal" to take a nap.

In fact, a few innovative companies are no longer fighting nature. The likes of Google, Ben & Jerry's and Nike offer napping rooms, pods or couches for those who need a lit-

tle shuteye to regain focus and boost productivity.

If you don't get enough sleep at night — and you don't work at a nap-friendly company — here are some ways to survive the afternoon slump.

More grains, less grease

What you eat plays a big role in avoiding the afternoon slump. The first thing is to have a good breakfast. Eat whole-grain cereal with fruit or oatmeal that's not too sugary, or have whole-wheat toast with a smear of peanut butter or another form of protein.

Your lunch has a direct effect on your afternoon energy level, too. A fatty meal can lead to a post-lunch dip, according to research presented at the conference SLEEP 2013. The same study found that eating more

carbohydrates increased alertness.

For peak afternoon alertness and general good health, avoid fried foods and dishes covered with buttery sauces. Instead, eat a balanced lunch of complex carbohydrates, lean protein and plenty of fruits and vegetables.

A little coffee has its perks

It's perfectly fine to have a cup of coffee or tea to wake you up, both in the morning and afternoon. Happily, there's also caffeine in chocolate. But as with most things, moderation is key. Too much caffeine can disrupt sleep patterns, so limit yourself to two or three cups a day.

Work it out

A lack of physical activity can lead to poor sleep and exacerbate the afternoon slump. Even if you exercise regularly and get adequate sleep, getting up and moving around an hour or so after lunch can help prevent mid-afternoon drowsiness. A brisk 10- to 15-minute walk outside is an ideal

way to feel energized, but even a five-minute stroll indoors can help.

Timing is everything

Work around the afternoon slump. Take your natural biorhythms into account when scheduling your tasks. Move important meetings to earlier in the day rather than after lunch. If writing a challenging report, tackle that first thing.

Most employees start mentally checking out around mid-afternoon, according to research on productivity conducted by Robert Half. According to the survey, 37 percent of managers said that worker productivity dips most between 4 and 6 p.m. Twenty-eight percent cited 2 to 4 p.m. as the least-productive time of day. As a result, try to save lighter, less-demanding tasks for the afternoon.

Engaged and energized

Staying busy is another effective way to combat the afternoon slump. The hours seem to go by more quickly when you feel engaged. A little interaction, whether it's returning calls, answering emails or meeting with a colleague, can help shake off the sluggishness. For a change of pace, try working standing up. Before you know it, it just might be time to pack up and head home.

Your body may naturally want to slow down in the mid-afternoon, but there is plenty that you can do to affect how drowsy or alert you feel. Find what measures work for you, and you'll be on the way to greater productivity — regardless of the time of day.

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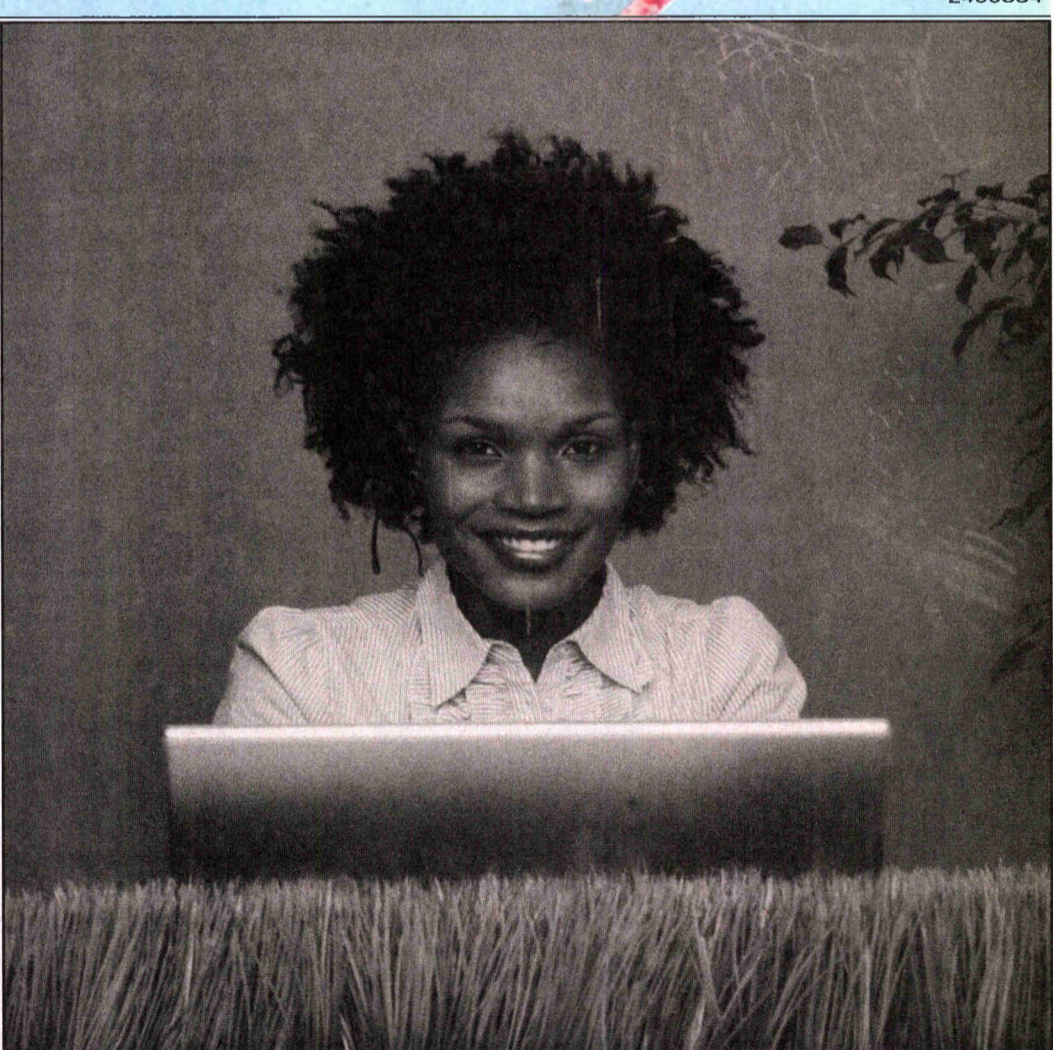
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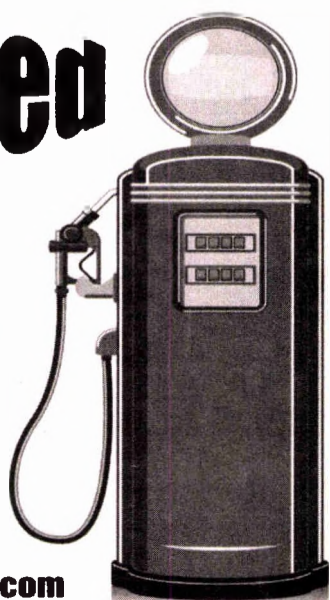
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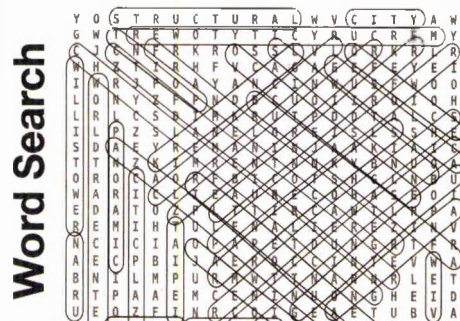
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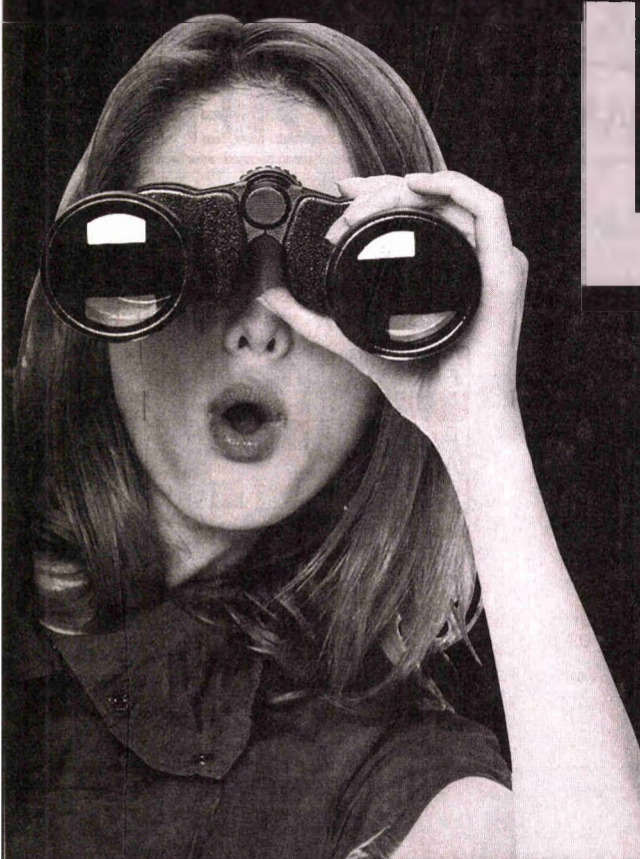
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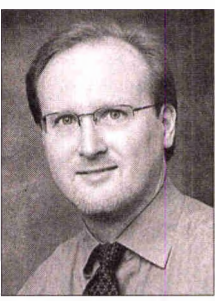
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Car Report

Dodge Challenger Scat Pack Creates a Sublime Green Streak – and Everyone Notices



By Dale Buss

Helicat!

And there's no better testament than how people react to the Challenger to suggest that

There's nothing quite like driving around a lime green – check that, it's officially "Sublime Green" – Dodge Challenger R/T Scat Pack for a week. No one will leave you alone. And it's not even the Dodge Charger SRT

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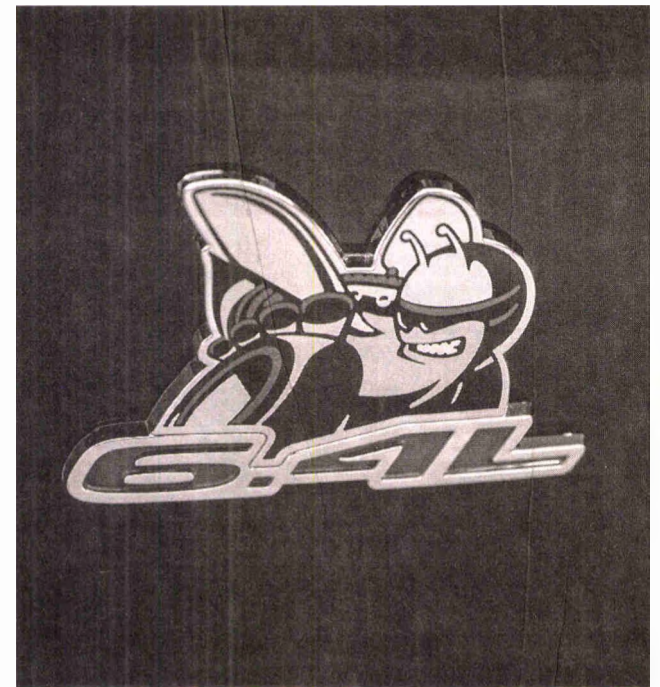
Everyone – and I mean everyone, or just about everyone who came into my purview – looked at this car. I wasn't sure if it was how the 6.4-liter Hemi V8 24G engine growled happily every time I accelerated, at low speeds or high; surely that played a role in the attention-getting. And certainly the retro styling of Challenger still catches the eye of many people who haven't

commercial or maybe old-time movie, asked me, "Mister, what kind of car is that?"

I would get spontaneous thumb's up from other drivers idling at stoplights. Neighbors, some of whom I rarely talk to, would go out of their way when seeing me outside to comment on the car. The friendly local bank manager, who has a hankering for cool cars, was afraid to go on a test drive with me because he was afraid it would get out of hand.

I dare say, in fact, that driving the Challenger Scat Pack made me a better driver, because I sure wasn't going to be able to slip in and out of traffic unnoticed. I imagined that, if I were to put a "How's My Driving?" sticker on the bumper, I'd get calls from people complaining that watching the car was simply too distracting.

Then there was this: I was intending to drive from the southern parking lot at Somerset Collection in Troy, across Big Beaver Road to the northern half of the mall, when I spotted a police car idling in an adjacent parking lot, out of the corner of my eye. I'll admit that I was definitely traveling at more than the assigned 25 miles an hour. So in an instant, rather than sweep this bold statement of a car across the cop's vision, going a little too fast and probably inviting a speeding ticket, I slowed down a bit, kept my distance, radically



altered my course away from him – and spent the next five minutes trying to get out of the labyrinthine Somerset Apartments complex and back to my intended destination in the mall.

But knowing all eyes were on my car wasn't the only signature part of the experience of driving the Challenger R/T Scat Pack. The growling noises were fantastic, and somehow I imagine that – while in earlier days such powerful, emblematic emanations were largely the result of some rogue mechanical processes – today's new Challenger is digitally tuned and that there's a pack of sound engineers somewhere in the Chrysler complex whose joyous job it is to keep the car sounding like something out of American Graffiti.

I also enjoyed, yes, occasionally

squealing the tires and more than occasionally deliberately fishtailing the car. As a young boomer, I was never a real "car guy" or one to cruise, but now I could imagine a bit more – through the 2015 Dodge Challenger Scat Pack – what that scene must have been like on Woodward Avenue when absolutely everyone, apparently, went to the Totem Pole.

I found Challenger's handling very responsive overall as well. And I really enjoyed how the powerful engine converted just a tap of my foot into not only instantaneous and robust acceleration but a sustained delivery of power – so that all some people saw was a Sublime Green streak going by!



Fiat Chrysler may really be on to something with its determination to make Dodge a performance-first brand at lower sales volumes than the company traditionally has targeted for the brand, while Chrysler takes over as the mainstream marque aimed at the company's broadest audience.

How people responded to this car was one of the most interesting experiences I've had in more than a decade of reviewing and discussing cars for Observer & Eccentric – and, indeed, one of the more entertaining

gotten used to how Fiat Chrysler has stuck with the yesteryear positioning of the marque.

But mostly, I think, it was the Sublime Green color. Guys outside the Hollywood Market in Rochester Hills would ask me about the car. A little boy, within site of his mother, ran up to me in another store parking lot while I was loading something in the trunk and, just like a TV

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