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 Legendary announcer lends voice to concert
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Plymouth part of passenger rail study

By Joanne Maliszewski
 Staff Writer

If you can imagine a passenger train making a regular stop in Plymouth, stay tuned as Michigan By Rail — a group of organizations advocating passenger service — continues its

study and presentations across the state.

"We've been involved for more than a year," City Manager Paul Sincock said. "Admittedly, we have a little interest here."

MBR stopped Wednesday by Plymouth City Hall to con-

duct its public engagement meeting to explain what members are doing and to garner feedback on the possibility of re-establishing a rail service coast-to-coast between Detroit, Lansing, Grand Rapids and Holland. Plymouth could be one of the stops along the

route, as could other communities, including Wayne and Howell.

"This would be a part of our place-making," Sincock said.

The public meetings are among steps in completing an initial feasibility study for coast-to-coast service. The

MBR's steering committee includes CRX, which runs through Plymouth and owns various pieces of property along the route. The Michigan Environmental Council is leading the effort. Liz Treutel, a

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Beth Stewart, executive director of the Michigan Philharmonic, takes part in a July 18 cleanup at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex — the former Central Middle School. The Michigan Phil is one of the organizations planning to locate at the new cultural and athletics center.

Sprucing up the PARC draws 30-plus volunteers

The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex — the former Central Middle School — got a major spruce-up July 18 from more than 30 volunteers, who painted, pulled weeds, cleaned the tennis courts, fixed a broken fence and more.

The PARC organization, which is transforming the former school property into a center for cultural, community and athletic organizations, has been offering swimming programs at the site since June and wants to open the rest of the building next month.

Volunteer support like that shown on cleanup day is crucial to PARC as a start-up, said Wendy Harless, director of marketing and communications.

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PARC BEFORE: One of the flower beds near the former Central Middle School football field before the spruce-up by volunteers.



PARC AFTER: Weeds are gone and the areas is much cleaner after volunteers worked there.

Memorial service set for former Canton treasurer

By Darrell Clem
 Staff Writer

A memorial service for former Canton Township Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter will occur at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, where she used to attend services.

Joy Fischer, one of Kirchgatter's daughters, has confirmed the memorial service and also said the family has chosen three ways that memorial donations may be made to honor Kirchgatter.

One option is to support WSDP-FM (88.1), known as The Park, the student radio station at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Kirchgatter formerly served on the Plymouth-Canton school board.

Checks may be made to the Canton Community Foundation with a notation for WSDP. The foundation's address is 50430 School House Road, Suite 200, Canton, MI 48187.

Donations also may be made on the foundation's website at www.cantonfoundation.org.

Fischer said other memorial donation options include Hospice of Indianapolis and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Kirchgatter died June 25 after an aggressive form of cancer, acute myeloid leukemia, had spread. She was 74.

Kirchgatter served 16 years as Canton treasurer until 2008. She also had been a township board trustee and school board member.

She had moved to Indiana more than a year ago to be closer to family, including grandchildren Brady and Elle.

Earlier this month, Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy called for a moment of silence for Kirchgatter during a township board meeting.



Kirchgatter

Free concert to help P-CEP marching band

By Joanne Maliszewski
 Staff Writer

Kellogg Park is the place to be Thursday night for good music and a great cause — to send the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band to the 2016 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena.

"Let's Go Blue," a free concert beginning at 7 p.m. July 30, will feature not only the nationally acclaimed marching band, but the Plymouth Community Band and the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, playing familiar patriotic music and college fight songs.

The evening will highlight Carl Grapentine, the voice for the University of Michigan Wolverines football team and marching band. "He has the voice of God," said John Stewart, attorney and Plymouth resident and community activist.

Stewart and Plymouth's Rick Stanley have been coordinating and planning the event, designed to provide good music and raise money to offset the estimated \$500,000 cost of transporting some 180 P-CEP marching band students, props and equipment to the Tournament of Roses Parade.

"I really like the fact the band is doing this, because I don't think they get out in the public enough," said Chris

Zygmunt, president of the marching band boosters. "We have been promoting the concert."

The marching band, which is still in preseason mode and planning its show for the coming year, is likely to play for about 15 minutes, Zygmunt added.

In attendance at the lead of their musical groups will be Jim Predhomme with the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, Carl Battishill with the Plymouth Community Band and David Armbruster with the P-CEP Marching Band.

"This is on a tight schedule," Stewart said, referring to the evening's music program.

A special treat for guests will be the meet-up of Matt Cloutier of Grosse Ile and the University of Michigan's drum major with George Harvell, former Michigan State University drum major and resident of the Plymouth Tonquish Creek Manor.

While the event is free, donations will be accepted throughout the evening. Another special treat will come from Cheryl and Jeff Doultter, owners of three Jimmy John's, two in Canton and one in Plymouth, next to the Penn Theater. The couple will donate 20 percent of their gross proceeds that day, at the three

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League urges voter preparation for Plymouth ballot

Voters in the city of Plymouth will see nine candidates running for the city commission on their ballot when they vote in the Aug. 4 primary election. The eight candidates who win the most votes will advance to the Nov. 3 general election.

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County urges voters in Plymouth to prepare for the primary election by visiting its website at LWVnorthwestwayne.org to link to VOTE411.org, the league's online voter guide. VOTE411.org provides voters with candidate biographies and their responses to relevant questions. Voters may also confirm their polling place, voting hours and check tips about voting in Michigan.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, public service organization that never supports candidates or political parties.

RAIL

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policy associate at the council, who brought this week's public meeting to Plymouth, was unavailable for comment.

Michigan previously had a coast-to-coast passenger system, but it was eliminated in 1971, due to the lack of profitability, said Larry Krieg, chairman of the Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers.

The current study is expected to be done by December 2015, followed by a more detailed study with environmental issues and alternatives proposed to be completed by late 2018 or early 2019.

MBR's ultimate goal is to offer limited- and full-service operations by 2024.

"Everywhere, including Plymouth, we have had a pretty enthusiastic reaction," said Krieg, who sits on the MBR steering committee. "We had a broad range of Plymouth people — retired, career and the millennials."

The \$100,000 study now underway is not only gathering public comments, but collecting information on the potential cost and the potential for a return on investment. The study has been funded with a federal transit grant, accounting for 20 percent of the cost, with 80 percent shared among interested com-

munities. Plymouth's share in the effort is \$900, Sinccock said.

The steering committee is also working a company experienced in evaluating railway corridors. "It's not something to be done quickly," Krieg said. "We are taking a careful look at how many people can we really expect to ride and how much will it cost."

Yet in its travels around the state — and examples from other states, such as Florida — MBR is finding support. Times have changed. In particular, the millennial generation is seeking other modes of transportation. "This age group is disenchanted with the auto and want options for getting

around," Krieg said.

Part of the study will include findings on potentially three levels of service, from conventional to high-speed trains. The type of service will impact lines in Plymouth, for example, as conventional speeds (about 79 mph) make it possible to perhaps use existing rail lines. High-speed trains, on the other hand, would require additional tracks that are spaced at a required distance from the freight trains that cross the community.

"It would be great to go to a train station in town," Sinccock added.

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PARC

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"We are just getting on our feet, so we don't have the type of capital it would take to get the facility looking like the first-class arts and recreation center that we want PARC to be," Harless wrote in an email. "We have concerts and live theater events planned for August, so we really need to get things looking great before we open our doors to welcome guests for those events."

"Saturday demonstrates the tremendous support in this community for this project," said Don Soenen, PARC president. "We had over 30 people come in and enthusiastically work most of the day."

People continue to contact PARC regularly, Soenen said, to find out how they can help.

Harless said more chores remain on PARC's to-do list, including interior painting, installing new carpeting, polishing floors and setting up offices for tenant organizations. PARC has already rented



Jack Farrow (left) and Robert Harley work July 18 trimming shrubbery outside the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex.

out two of the building's floors, Harless said.

Another cleanup is being planned, and prospective PARC volunteers can sign up at <https://www.plymouthparc.com/index.php/sign-up/>.

Several area businesses helped out with the July 18 cleanup: Old Village Landscaper, Rizo Environmental Ser-

vices, Christensen's Plant Center, CYLC, the Trading Post and Home Depot.

— By Matt Jachman

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Golf club manager ends Pheasant Run career

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Club has become much more than a 27-hole course where avid golfers play their favorite sport.

General manager Greg Bores has played a big role in that.

"We've created an environment where people feel welcome. It's like a second home to them," he said.

Bores, 37, ended his 17-year career at Pheasant Run on Friday, mere days before he moves to Charleston, S.C., with wife Kelly and sons Cass, 5, and Jude, 2, to start a new career.

His supporters say he will be missed.

John Anthony, a township trustee and golfer, said Bores' leadership as general manager has made a tangible difference at Pheasant Run, which sprawls over 330 acres.

"He's a good golfer, he's a great guy and he has a lot of people skills," Anthony said. "He's done a lot at that golf course. He really turned it around and made it profitable. He's been very good to the township."

"Whatever he's going

to be involved in," Anthony added, "he will do well."

Ironically, Bores plans to open three stores in Charleston that have nothing to do with golf. He wasn't at liberty to discuss his new job until the company makes a formal announcement.

That said, he expects to have much more time to golf after he leaves the golfing profession. Bores - designated as a Class A member of the Professional Golfers Association - can't count the times his job has pulled him away from the course.

"Outside of my children and my wife, golfing is my number one passion," he said. "But I rarely get to golf."

Bores, who has a degree in marketing and advertising from Wayne State University, began working at Pheasant Run as a pro shop counter assistant. He rose through the ranks of assistant golf professional, head golf professional and general manager.

Bores toured the country golfing early in his career, though not as part of a formal PGA tour. Yet he found his niche in Canton.

"He has done a great job at the golf course,"

said Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Canton Leisure Services director. "The team there really gelled. They have consistently demonstrated a lot of teamwork to operate as efficiently as they can."

Bores' job has been posted, but his successor hasn't been chosen.

He has overseen 60 part-time employees, three full-time employees and a \$3 million annual budget. He hasn't done it alone; he singled out Don Jarrett, a Pheasant Run Golf Club coordinator, for his efforts.

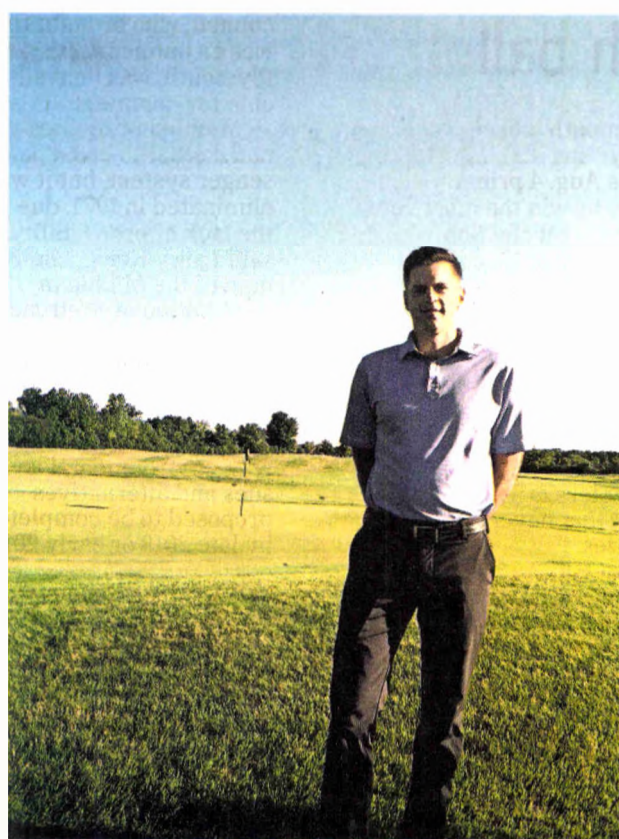
"He's one of the pieces of glue that holds the place together," Bores said.

Bores is proud of Pheasant Run events such as one sponsored every year by St. Joseph Mercy Health System, which raises about \$150,000 to improve services and help charities.

As he moves on, Bores reflects fondly on his career at Pheasant Run and what he and his team have accomplished.

"I love this place," he said. "I think it's a fantastic community asset."

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P-CEP grads put STEM education to use as Yazaki summer interns

Plymouth-Canton 2015 graduates Matthew Malinak and Megan McKeehan are putting their STEM Academy to good use this summer as engineering interns in the Component Business Unit at Yazaki in Canton.

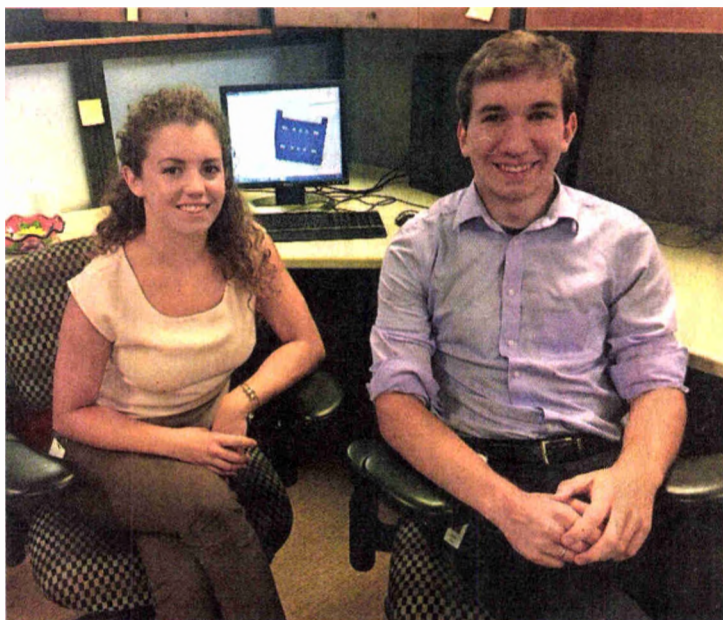
Malinak and McKeehan are Yazaki's first interns who have not yet attended college. Yazaki has partnered with the STEM Academy to sponsor Senior Capstone Projects and offer internship opportunities for students to get hands-on engineering experience before college.

Partnering with the STEM Academy is a great way for Yazaki to support the local community and encourage jobs in the STEM field among local high school students. It also promotes the automotive industry, while filling the talent pipeline at a young age.

During Malinak and McKeehan's senior year, they completed a Senior Capstone Project with teams of STEM students. The objective for the project was solving a current problem in the automotive industry by creating a new product.

Malinak and his team realized a large number of teenagers were getting into crashes due to distracted driving. To solve this problem, the team created a head tracking system composed of cameras, sensors and LED lights that sounded an alarm to alert the driver when they have been looking away from the road for too long. To ensure their system was effective, Malinak and his three teammates programmed and tested it in many different circumstances and received positive results.

"I was able to gain experience that most people do not get until starting college," Malinak said. "I will have a college level understanding and practical knowledge in a professional setting before



Yazaki interns Megan McKeehan and Matthew Malinak, recent P-CEP graduates.

even starting college because of Yazaki and the STEM Academy."

McKeehan and her team were concerned with children and pets being left in cars and suffering from heatstroke or death. They created a product made of motion sensors and an alert system that could be installed on 80 percent of vehicles after-market. Alerts would come from the operating system, NEMO (Next-Gen Emergency Monitoring On-board), to the driver and selected in case of emergency contacts with a warning and location of the vehicle.

"The STEM Academy provided me with not only great real-world skills that I'm using at Yazaki, but also many opportunities to network with and be mentored by professionals that will help me further myself as a student and a professional," McKeehan said. "I'm fortunate to continue doing that as an intern at Yazaki."

The knowledge and skills

the STEM Academy has provided the students with is particularly beneficial during their internship at Yazaki. Classes offered by the academy deliver information that is crucial for real-life STEM jobs and have prepared Matt and Megan for the work they are doing this summer.

While at Yazaki, the students are working with teams of interns studying future automotive trends and applying the knowledge they gained during their time in the academy. Working closely with their peers and mentors provides them with a great environment to learn even more from other interns and expand their network further.

"We are excited about offering students the opportunity to gain valuable experience through internships at Yazaki and fostering the knowledge and skills they bring with them," said Tanisha Thibodaux, talent acquisition specialist responsible for the YNCA Student Program.

Help Olaf find princesses at Plymouth museum

Anna and Elsa, the *Frozen* princesses, have vanished! Help Olaf track their whereabouts in a scavenger hunt Sunday, Aug. 9, at the Plymouth Historical Museum. 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 every 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.

STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Scholarship winner

Demian White of Canton received one of 100 college scholarships July 15 at Metro Detroit Youth Day on Belle Isle.

Scholarships awarded this year at the event totaled \$60,000.

The scholarships were developed to provide resource opportunities to every deserving and willing young person who desires a higher educational experience. More than 205 submissions were received this year.

Dean's list

Students who made the dean's list at Olivet Nazarene University for the spring 2015 semester include Canton resident Raychel Parks.

Students on the dean's list at Saginaw Valley State University for the winter 2015 semester include Canton residents McKenzie Haack, Erika Hatcher, Stacey Jedele, Emily Lipa, Eric Madill, Ben Merbler, Cassandra Misiolek, LeAnn O'Shaughnessy, Kaila Pantaleo, Christopher Perkovich, Alyssa

Peters, Laura Seely, Chyna Williams and Alexandra Zelek.

Plymouth resident Phillip Flesch was named to the University of Delaware's dean's list for the 2015 spring semester.

Plymouth High School graduate Jamie Dottavio, a sophomore mathematics major at Grove City College, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester.

Saginaw Valley State University

Canton residents Margaret Donnelly and Jacob Misiolek graduated from Saginaw Valley State University in May. Donnelly also made the president's list, which includes earning a 4.0 grade-point average.

Marquette University

Jessie Ronayne of Plymouth earned a Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology and Audiology.

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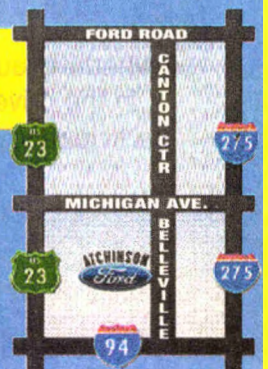
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The 4,500-square-foot branch is staffed with local experts who are uniquely qualified to help members make sound financial decisions, and to achieve the life milestones most important to them. The new location features two drive-up teller lanes and a drive-up ATM, and will host a variety of no-cost financial education seminars to guide Plymouth residents to short- and long-term financial success.

“Our team’s goal is to build financial confidence in – and ensure the long-term financial success of – our members by dedicating all of our resources to empower them to achieve financial success throughout their

lives,” said Mark Shobe, president and CEO, DFCU Financial. “Our new Plymouth branch and the team that calls it home are examples of our ongoing commitment to elevating the unique culture of service and education members across the state of Michigan have come to expect from us.”

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- Retirement readiness

In addition to educational seminars and one-on-one financial counseling sessions, local residents who become DFCU Financial members at the organization’s Plymouth location are eligible for CASH BACK, the credit union’s record-breaking cash loyalty reward. Last year, members received more than \$24 million, the largest payout by any financial institution in Michigan. The average CASH BACK payout was \$250 per member, and many members received thousands of dollars.

And following its arrival in Plymouth, DFCU Financial, a longstanding advocate for student achievement and school-age financial literacy programs, also pledged a donation of \$12,500 to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation.

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

Visit dfcufinancial.com for more information about DFCU Financial’s holistic approach to personal finance and financial education, or to register to attend one of the organization’s seminars in branches across the Ann Arbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids and Lansing areas.

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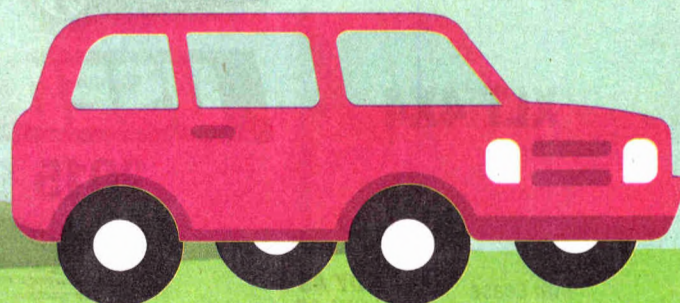
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*While it is the intent of the DFCU Financial Board of Directors to pay CASH BACK every year, and we have done so since 2006, it is not guaranteed and the amount of CASH BACK will depend on our financial performance.

Livonia teens to play game of Quidditch at The Henry Ford

Teenagers from Livonia and surrounding communities will demonstrate how to play Quidditch, a game from the Harry Potter books, at the Maker Faire at The Henry Ford in Dearborn on Sunday, July 26.

The game is played with brooms and features handmade goal posts, sashes, snitches and other materials. Three games will be played and in between the teenagers will conduct a Quidditch Training Camp that teaches fundamentals of the game.

The Livonia Public Library Harry Potter Club is entering its fourth year this fall. The club meets on a weekly basis and has played more than 10 Quidditch games in the last three years.

"We are makers in the world of Harry Potter," says librarian Michelle Stienon, who has volunteered at the Maker Faire in the past and who sees it as the place to showcase the club's talents. The materials used in the game have been



FILE PHOTO

Quidditch, a game from the Harry Potter books, is played with brooms and features handmade goal posts, sashes, snitches and other materials. The Livonia Public Library Harry Potter Club meets weekly and has played more than 10 Quidditch games in the last three years.

handcrafted by members of the community, including the hula hoop posts that serve as goals.

Harry Potter plays Quidditch by flying on his broom, but the Harry Potter Club members play it by running with

the broom between their legs. Teams are comprised of bludgers, beaters, chasers, keepers and a snitch runner. Points are scored by throwing balls through the hoop and by catching the snitch.

"Our Harry Potter Club is very popular," Teen Services Librarian Patty Goonis said. "We're excited about spreading our love for this game so we can have other teams to play in the area."

Renewal by Anderson offers free child safety kit event

Renewal by Anderson in Livonia will host an Operation Kidsafe Safety Week program July 27 through Aug. 1.

Operation KidSafe is a digital fingerprint and photo safety program that captures your child's picture and fingerprints using a digital video capture device, digital ink-less fingerprint capture device and specialized software. The captured data is assembled and a quality 8 1/2- by 11-inch printout is given to the parent. The parent can use the print-



Each safety kit contains the child's photo and fingerprints. No database or records of children are maintained. The only record of the visit will go home with the parent for safekeeping.

out they receive to provide to law enforcement anywhere in the world to instantly aid in an in-

vestigation. No database or records of children are maintained. The only record of the visit will go home with the parent for safekeeping. Safety tips to start a family safety action plan are also included.

The service is free for parents. Renewal by Anderson is at 37720 Amrhein Road in Livonia. Operation KidSafe safety kits will be offered each day during normal store hours. For more information, call 734-237-1052.

Wildcats boosters, The VET collaborate on 'Warrior Obstacle Challenge'

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Organizers of the Wildcat Warrior Obstacle Challenge — a fundraiser for the Plymouth High School football team and military veterans — have rescheduled the event for Saturday, Sept. 12 at the high school.

That gives plenty of time to practice ready to test your mettle — and your muscles.

"I'm looking for a good turnout. It's helping both good causes," said Todd McCall, president of the Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club.

The challenge involves lots of fun stuff: mud — lots of mud — obstacle courses, climbing hills, bales of hay and some sand. Yep. Expect to get a bit dirty, but it will be fun, McCall said.

A fundraising event, the obstacle challenge is also a collaboration with The VET — Veteran Education and Transitional — Program. "The football program is always fundraising," McCall said. "We try to tie the community back into these fundraisers."

Coach Mike Sawchuck suggested teaming with The VET Program for the Aug. 1 obstacle challenge. "As of recently, we've had a lot of groups fundraising with us," said Sara Fader, whose husband, Scott, began the nonprofit while he served in Afghanistan in 2012.

When Scott Fader returned home the nonprofit took off in 2013 first as Suits for Soldiers. The Faders decided the organization needed a broader scope, now known as Rochester, Mich.-based The VET Program, which includes education, providing business attire, help with resume, for example.

"We help veterans and their spouses and older veterans," Sara Fader said.

The boosters and The VET Program will split proceeds from the obstacle fundraiser. Booster parents plan to reach out to military recruitment offices for participants, as well.

"It is open to everybody," McCall said. "There is no age limit. We're letting anyone come through the obstacle course."

Veterans will be hand, some volunteering to organize the waves of participants who take turns on the course, as well as veterans giving the obstacles a try. "Everyone who participates will get a medal," McCall said.

Two or three days before the event, volunteers will be out with hoses and sand preparing the obstacle course at Plymouth High School.

The Sept. 12 event starts with check-in at 8 a.m., followed by the first wave of participants starting at 9:15 a.m. at the high school, 8400 Beck Road, Canton.

Meanwhile, the booster club is seeking sponsors for the event. Businesses or organizations that are interested may call McCall at 734-748-9649.

Participation costs include: \$30 for adults; \$20 for ages 13-19, \$10 for ages 10-12 and kids nine and younger are admitted free. Admission includes the course, a drawstring backpack, buff and finishers medal. Kids nine and younger will not receive a bag or medals.

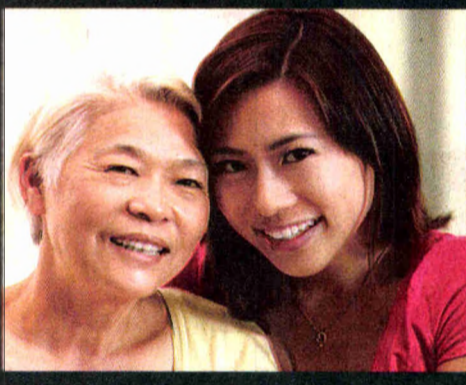
Registration is ongoing and may be completed online at www.TheVETProgram.org (under events). Participants may also register and pick up information packets the weekend before noon-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 5 at Plymouth High School.

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Project: Northville Public Schools
Northville High School -Stairwell Supplemental Heating and Cooling Coil Replacement

Owner: Northville Public Schools

Scope of Proposals: Sealed proposals from Prime Mechanical Contractors for the construction of all Trades Construction Work are requested.

Due Date and Place: A Walk-through will take place at 3:30 P.M., on **July 29, 2015** at **Northville High School**. All contractor or subcontractor representatives shall meet at the Front Reception Desk. The purpose of the walk-through is to clarify the procedures, scope of work, and to identify any omissions or inconsistencies in Bidding Documents which may impede preparation and submission of representative competitive bids.

Attendance by Representatives(s) of bidders of record is mandatory. Any contractor who missed previous walk-through must contact Bob Roop by 4:00P.M., on **July 30, 2015** to arrange a time to visit project site. Contact Bob Roop at the following phone number (248) 879-5666 or email RRoop@pbanet.com.

All contractors have until **4:00 P.M. on July 31, 2015** to submit a Request For Information (RFI). All RFIs shall be directed to Bob Roop.

All modifications, corrections, or clarifications prior to receipt of the proposal will be made by an Addendum issued by the Owner to all bidders of record.

Sealed proposals shall be received until **2:00 P.M. on August 6, 2015** at:

ATTN: Michael Zopf, Administration Building
Northville Public Schools
501 West Main Street
Northville, MI 48167

At which time all bids will be opened and read out loud.

All proposals submitted shall remain firm for a period of 45 days after the date specified for receipt of proposals.

Bid Documents: Copies of the proposed Contract Documents may be obtained from: Northville Public Schools, under the Business Office, Bid Information Tab: <http://northville.k12.mi.us>
PlanWell via <http://www.e-arc.com/> (formerly dunnblue), Phone: (248) 288-5600
Buy4Michigan via <http://buy4michigan.com>

Rejection: Proposals not received by the time and date specified in this notice, will be returned to the Contractor unopened. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities and to make award in any manner deemed for the best interest of the School District.

Assurance: Assurance of Compliance with Federal and Michigan State Fair Employment Practices Acts: The Contractor and any of his subcontractors will agree not to discriminate against any employee of applicant for employment, to be employed in the performance of the contract, with respect to his hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of race, color, religion, national origin, age or sex.

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Grab your kilt: Highland Games return this weekend to Livonia's Greenmead Village

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Metro Detroit's premier Scottish event is returning to Livonia later this week.

The 166th annual Highland Games return July 31 and Aug. 1 to Livonia's Historical Greenmead Village, 20501 Newburgh. The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit expects to see several thousand fill the village for the annual event, the longest-running highland games in North America, co-chairwoman Peg Dunlop said.

"We're sure hoping there will be about 12,000 people there," said Dunlop, a Center Line resident. "It's always good family fun. It's a good time."

The games begin the festivities Friday night with the Ceilidh, a concert that will feature several new and old names to the festival, including Stone Clover, Seven Nations, Albanach and folk singer Ed Miller.

The variety will appeal to all audiences, Dunlop said, with some groups performing Celtic rock and folk music.

"Last year, it was



Tickets for the games are on sale online through Thursday (July 30). Advance tickets for adults are \$15, while children are free. Tickets at the door will be \$20.

mostly Celtic rock," she said. "It's a wide range this year."

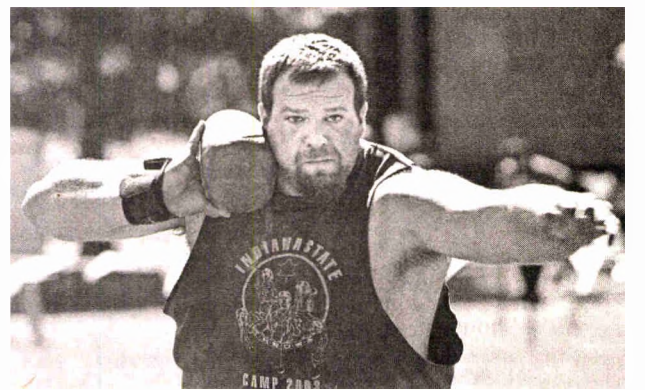
A new addition to the games this year is Celtic chef Eric McBride, whom organizers met earlier this year at the Highland Festival in Alma, Dunlop said.

McBride will be around all day showing off some Scottish delicacies during the games, Dunlop said.

"He's going to be doing food demonstrations throughout the day," she said.

Fan favorite sports

such as the tug o' war return this year with seven teams, including two women's teams for the second straight year. The opening ceremonies take place at noon and will feature many bagpipers. Activities for children will be available



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Jeremy Gillingham warms up before competing in the stone throw, similar to the shot put. He's from New Haven, Ind.

as well. Another newcomer to this year's games will be Kati Meeks, who helped create the state of Michigan's official tartan, which was approved in 2010. Dunlop said she'll be on a stage during the games.

Tickets for the games are on sale online through Thursday (July 30). Advance tickets for adults are \$15, while children are free. Tickets at the door will be \$20.

Shuttle buses will run from Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, to Greenmead, as well as from the Fairfield Inn and Suites, 17350 Fox Dr.,

the official hotel for the games.

More info, including a schedule, can be found on the games' website, highlandgames.com.

Dunlop said the Highland Games have enjoyed being at Greenmead over the past several years, something that will take place again for the next two. The city council agreed to another lease with St. Andrew's Society of Detroit last month, meaning the games will take place at Greenmead until at least 2017.

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Plymouth offers found property sale

The city of Plymouth has started a found property sale program that includes bicycles and skateboards with other items as they become available.

Items are sold on a first-come basis and are sold as is, where is, with no warranty. There is no price negotiation. There is no reserving or previewing of items before sales.

Interested shoppers



CITY OF PLYMOUTH
This is an example of a bicycle for sale.

may pay by cash, check or money order to the

city of Plymouth.

To purchase and pick up the current listed items, visit the Municipal Services Department, 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), at 1231 Goldsmith.

The current found property items for sale are listed on the city's website, www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/In-dex.aspx?NID=1597.

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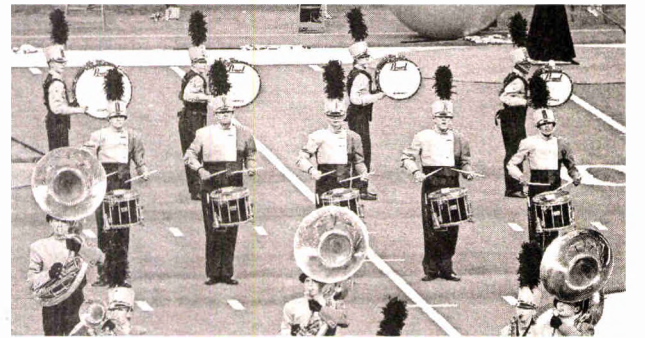
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eateries, to help the marching band's quest for the parade.

The Thursday concert is one of a number of fundraisers scheduled, with more on the way, to offset the costs for the marching band's role in the signature parade.

"It is like moving a small army," Zygmunt said earlier this year. "Moving the equipment in trucks — three days there and three days back — will cost about \$25,000."

Each student will pay an estimated \$2,500 for



The P-CEP Marching Band will be front and center at a Thursday, July 30, concert in Kellogg Park.

the trip.

"I know a lot of families who are not taking summer vacations to help pay for this," Stewart said. "Everyone will be proud of the only high

school that will march 5.5 miles by noon. These are Michigan's children."

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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting for candidates for positions on the Plymouth City Commission. There are nine candidates on the ballot and one will be eliminated in the Primary Election and the remaining eight will proceed to the ballot for the General Election to be held on November 3, 2015.

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POLLING LOCATIONS:

Polling Locations for the City of Plymouth will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close promptly at 8:00 p.m., and are as follows:

PRECINCTS #1,2,3 & 4 PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER
525 Farmer Street

Applications for Absent Voter Ballots for the City of Plymouth registered voters may be obtained at the City of Plymouth Clerk's office, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 curing regular business hours Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Linda Langmesser
City Clerk

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MEETING NOTICE

CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

(734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

- ZONING ORDINANCE INTERPRETATION:**
Section 78-217, Projections into Yards.
- Z 15-09 662 Ann
Non-Use Variance Requested
Allow a Front Facing Garage on a lot less than 60 feet wide lot
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Matt Thurber
- Z 15-10 1032 Beech
Non-Use Variance Requested
Allow a Front Facing Garage on a lot less than 60 feet wide lot
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Matt Thurber
- Z 15-11 189 Hamilton
Non-Use Variance Requested
Side Yard Setback
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Cal & Sarah DePotter

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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Review your alternatives when considering insurance settlement

A few weeks ago, I sat down with a new client to discuss her financial affairs. What made this woman's situation unique is that she has terminal cancer and, according to her doctor, she only has at most about two years to live.

Most of our meeting dealt with getting her financial house in order so that, upon her death, things would be as easy as possible on her children. We discussed wills and trusts, beneficiary designations and other areas to make sure her financial house was in order.

We also discussed her life insurance policy, which has a \$500,000 death benefit and an annual premium of about \$4,500. The policy has some cash value, but not a lot. As we were discussing the insurance, she mentioned that her agent made an offer to buy her current policy. She said he offered \$150,000 to buy out the policy.

Her question was whether I thought this is something she should pursue.

What the agent was proposing – known as a



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

life settlement – was popular years ago, but has fallen out of favor because so many people have been ripped off.

Life settlements are basically where an investor buys someone's life insurance policy during that person's lifetime. The insured then has the proceeds to do as they wish. The investor would then own the policy and is responsible to make the premium payments. Upon death of the insured, the investor would receive the face value of the policy.

The theory behind life settlement is it allows someone to enjoy some of the proceeds of their life insurance policy during their lifetime. This could be particularly valuable for someone who needs the proceeds to increase the quality of their life.

Many people have life insurance policies that they don't need and no longer want to pay the premium. In those

situations, selling your life insurance policy to an investor may make sense. After all, if you don't need the policy and you can make money selling it, why not?

However, the problem develops like in this case where the agent is taking advantage of the situation and his offer to purchase the policy was unrealistically low.

My client does not need the money from the life insurance policy and, considering her health issues, I recommended that she reject the offer.

All too often people who are involved with life settlements are looking at taking advantage of a senior citizen. Therefore, if you are considering a life settlement and selling your policy, proceed with caution. Before you accept an offer consider other alternatives.

Good luck.

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

Seat belts by the numbers

Baseball cards: I would study them, trade them, learn the stats and argue with friends over who were the better players.

Home runs, RBIs, hits and strikeouts were what my friends and I cared about growing up. Oh yeah, of course ... keeping them pristine because we were all going to sell them at some later date for a fortune.

Did you know that back at the turn of the 19th century you could get baseball cards in cigarette tins? At least that's what my grandfather told me. He would find empty tins lying around and check them for cards. He used to collect them, too, but his mother threw them away one day. I guess moms, no matter what generation, don't like things being left out on the table during dinner-time.

Something else I love is when people ask, "Let's see some numbers." Rick from Howell writes, "You talk about seat belts a lot. Do you have any numbers on or stats on your current traffic initiatives? I would like to know the results, if any."

Well, Rick, you couldn't have asked at a



Sgt. Michael Sura
ASK A TROOPER

better time. I do, indeed, have some numbers to throw at you.

Currently, Michigan's seat-belt use remains at 93 percent, which is 10th highest in the nation according to a recent direct observation statewide survey conducted by Wayne State University Transportation Research Group. Michigan's official seat-belt use rate for 2015 will be determined after a second survey to be completed this fall.

The purpose of the current statewide Click it or Ticket enforcement and ongoing Michigan Summer of Safety campaign is to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries on Michigan roads by increasing seat-belt use.

In 2009, Michigan had a record-high 98 percent compliance rate for seat-belt use, which has obviously declined over the last several years. Here's the kicker: For every 1-percent increase in seat-belt use, it means 10 fewer traffic deaths and 130 fewer injuries.

According to preliminary reports, there were eight traffic deaths during the 2015 Memorial Day holiday period; this is potentially the lowest number of traffic fatalities in more than 40 years. Twenty people were killed in traffic crashes during the 2014 Memorial Day holiday. It appears people are starting to utilize their seat belts more.

Law enforcement officers from police departments, sheriff's offices and the Michigan State Police across the state conducted more than 12,700 traffic stops resulting in 6,113 seat-belt and child-restraint citations during the Click it or Ticket enforcement campaign this May.

Remember, enforcement is ultimately to save lives; the only goal is to make sure people reach their destination safely. This to me is as simple as the numbers gets: Wearing a seat belt truly saves lives.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CONCOURS

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 26

Location: Inn at St. John's, corner of Beck and Five Mile, Plymouth Township

Details: The Concours d'Elegance of America is an exhibition of hundreds of collectible cars, trucks and motorcycles, rolls. Cars on display will include this 1934 Ford Pierson Brothers coupe, owned by Bruce Meyers of Hollywood, Calif.

Contact: For information, listing of events and tickets, go to concourusa.org

Cost: Tickets to exhibition only are \$30 in advance; \$35 at the gate.

CANTON AND SHAKESPEARE

Time/Date: July 29 through Aug. 16

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: In its 21st season, the Shakespeare Festival features productions of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Henry IV*, as well as Richard Brinsley Sheridan's *The Rivals* at the Canton performing arts theater.

Contact, tickets: Ticket prices range from \$16 to \$40, depending on a patron's age. For more information, go to www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734-394-5300

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 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

SALINE ANTIQUES

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 9, Sept. 12 and 13, Nov. 22 and Dec. 6.

Location: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor/Saline Road, in Ann Arbor

Details: The Saline Antiques & Vintage Market is open. The event is pet friendly, but pets must be leashed. The event continues rain or shine. Everything is under cover with food and refreshments.

Cost: Admission is \$6. Parking is free

Contact: www.salineantiques-market.com. To become an exhibitor, contact Doug Supinger, manager, at 937-875-0808 or email salinemarket@gmail.com

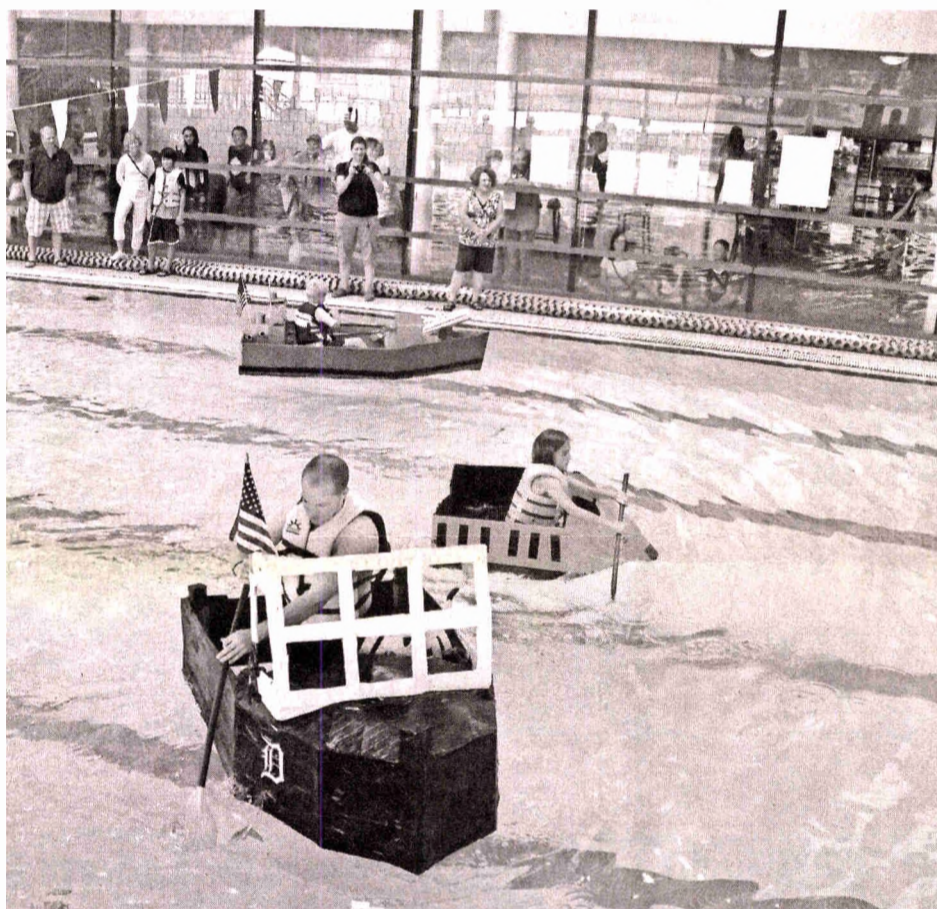
NEW FOOD PANTRY

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. each 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



Last year's race is proof a cardboard boat can float.

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 cantonlions.org.

RALLY ON RIDGE

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 28

Location: Cherry Hill Village District, at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads

Details: Food, run and music — all to benefit the Canton Farmers Market — will join forces for the second annual Rally on Ridge Road. On tap for the evening is live music featuring local artists, such as Meg Nye, Oakland County Brassworks and Ryan Brake; and tasty food truck fare from Smokey Rhodes BBQ, The Rolling Stoves, Shimmy Shack, The Mean Weenie, Hero or Villain, Delectabowl, Time2Chill Detroit Gelato Truck and more (while supplies last). A portion of the proceeds collected during the fundraiser will benefit the Canton Farmers Market, which is currently celebrating its eighth season

Contact: Cantonfun.org under the community events tab or contact the market manager Tina Lloyd at 734-394-5375.

CARDBOARD BOAT RACE

Time/Date: 3:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

Location: Summit on the Park Aquatic Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

Details: Family or business

teams, will build and paddle their boats to the finish line. Paddles will be provided for participants and boats can be raced by one or two individuals. Races will be done by heat, with five boats per heat. Awards will be given to the fastest and most creative boats. Plus, the most dramatically sinking boat will receive the Titanic Award.

Contact: If you need assistance finding cardboard material, contact the recreation specialist at 734-394-5467.

Cost: The event entry fee is \$20 for Summit members, \$25 for Canton residents and \$30 for non-residents. Register in person at the Summit or online at www.cantonfun.org

RED VELVET

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 2-6

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill

Details: The Spotlight Still Got It Players presents the comedy, *The Red Velvet Cake Wars*.

Contact: Visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734-394-5300.

Cost: Tickets range \$16 to \$18 per person and may be purchased online at www.spotlight-playersmi.org or by calling The Village Theater Box Office at 734-394-5300. Tickets are also available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time.

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 Biggys 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

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Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday

Location: Preservation Park on Ridge Road, Canton

Details: Canton Farmers Market now open

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REC-KING IT



Tossing the 'heavy' ball during warmups is Mudville pitcher Bill Springer of Canton. At right is Livonia's Marc Baron.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lakers tryouts

The Livonia Lakers 14U travel baseball team will hold tryouts 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 27, at Livonia Franklin High School. For more information, email coach Aaron Rumberger at ccrumberger@yahoo.com.

Today's the day to bowl

The Intensity Track Club is hosting a bowling fundraiser at 4 p.m. Sunday at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia (Five Mile near Merriman).

Tickets to bowl will be \$20 and there will be a 50/50 raffle, basket raffle and Detroit Lions preseason tickets to be auctioned off.

Money generated by the event will help Intensity, based at Wayne Memorial High School, to make an August trip to the AAU Junior Olympics in Norfolk, Va.

Rams win two

The Michigan Rams broke out early Monday night against the Southfield Lightning at Ford Field in Livonia, scoring three runs in the first inning and four more in the second en route to a 11-1 victory.

Sparking the Rams to the five-inning Livonia Collegiate Baseball League win were Zack McGuire (2-for-3, double, three runs), Westen Price (2-for-3, three runs), Ben Hart (1-for-3, three RBIs) and Nolan Page (1-for-3, three runs).

Other hits were collected by Danny Kerr (1-for-2, two runs), Anthony DiPonio (1-for-3, one RBI), Kevin O'Malley (1-for-3, one RBI) and James Hall (1-for-2). Josh Bays started and gave up one run before winning pitcher Alex Kinch came on with one out in the third with the Rams up 7-1. He gave up just two hits the rest of the way.

On Wednesday, Price went 3-for-4 and drove in two runs as the Rams defeated the Storm 6-2, improving to 24-8-1.

Also chipping in with multiple-hit games for the victors were Sean Winkelseth (2-for-3, two RBIs), Hart (2-for-4, two runs) and McGuire (2-for-3, run). Jared Tobey pitched four shutout innings and got the win; finishing up with three innings of work was McGuire.

STILL IN THE GAME



Peering out in the direction of the Capitol Park baseball field before the game starts is Bill Springer.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Middle age doesn't cramp his style when it comes to playing rec baseball

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Bill Springer can barely keep from grinning whenever he steps onto a baseball diamond to compete.

Rocking wraparound sunglasses and his gray-and-green Mudville uniform, the 50-year-old Canton resident did just that recently in a Detroit Men's Senior Baseball League game at Capitol Park in Redford, Twp.

Oh sure, the southpaw —

CHECK IT OUT

Canton's Bill Springer said the Detroit Men's Senior Baseball League always is looking to recruit players age 18 and older who maybe didn't know fastpitch leagues existed.

"Come out and take in a game; see what you think," Springer said. "We've got levels of play for everybody in this league."

League fees for Mudville this season are more than \$300 per person. For info about the DMSBL, go to www.detroitmsbl.com.

who returned to the game of his youth in 2008 after deciding slow-pitch softball wasn't for him — knows his days as a hard-throwing pitcher are long gone.

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PRO BASKETBALL

Dezelski's getting it done over in Luxembourg

Former CC, Hillsdale standout excels in first season

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Tim Dezelski wouldn't exactly call it a European vacation, but for the former Novi Detroit Catholic Central High and Hillsdale College basketball standout, it was the next best thing.

The 6-foot-6, 228-pound forward from Farmington Hills landed in the tiny country of Luxembourg playing for Residence Walferdange, a second-division team.

He averaged more than 17 points and a league-best 15-plus rebounds per game in his inaugural pro season.

Dezelski was stationed five minutes outside the capital city of Luxembourg and helped his team to a 30-3 overall record and an 11-3 mark in the playoffs.

"It was great," Dezelski said. "I was playing in a little village and it was awesome. Very nice city and the whole country is beautiful. But Luxembourg city is a really cool place, too."

The nine-month experience overseas left nothing but a positive impression in Dezelski's eyes, not to mention the fringe benefits and getting paid

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HILLSDALE COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Tim Dezelski (left), now playing professional basketball in Luxembourg, was a four-year standout at Hillsdale College and also played at Novi Detroit Catholic Central High School.

Softball tryouts

The NFWB Impact will have tryouts for its 14U, 12U and 10U travel softball teams in early August. The day and time will be the same for all three levels.

Tryouts will take place 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Pioneer Park in Farmington Hills and 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, at Drake Park in West Bloomfield.

Players should arrive for registration at 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Pioneer Park is on Farmington Road, north of 13 Mile; Drake Park is on Drake Road, south of Maple.

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PGA CHAMPIONSHIP AWAITS

WALKING THE WALK

Fox Hills teaching pro Cairns takes 'par-fect' approach to PGA success

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

With his gray-speckled Van Dyke beard and glasses, Brian Cairns looks more like a college professor than a guy who is about to make his third trek to the PGA Championship.

He sounds like one, too. Well-measured words are spoken in a low voice, but his message is always on point.

That's just how the 51-year-old Walled Lake resident and PGA teaching pro at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth approaches the game he excels at enough to be on network television with a galaxy of big-time stars.

Not a long hitter off the tee, Cairns relies on smarts and a penchant to turn potential problems into solutions (he calls them "tide-turns"), as well as his proficiency with irons, wedges and putters.

"You really that good? You really that good to play in the PGA?" Cairns said, responding to a question about what his high school students often ask him these days. "How'd you get into that?" Most of the kids don't fathom the difference between me and those guys."

Cairns then mentioned the names of Jordan Spieth and Tiger Woods, who incidentally are not among approximately 150 golfers competing Aug. 10-16 in the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits Golf Course in Kohler, Wis.

"It's unbelievable how good those guys are," Cairns said. "And just to kind of be able to walk the same grounds and hit the same shots and feel the same thing they're feeling for a little bit of time is kind of cool."

He belongs

At the 48th PGA Professional National Cham-



VICKI FOLEY

One thing Brian Cairns would rather do than golf is teach the game to high school kids at Fox Hills Learning Center in Plymouth.

pionship, held June 28 through July 1 at the historic Philadelphia Cricket Club, Cairns showed that, yeah, he's pretty good, too.

He registered a four-day tally of 283 (including 69 in both middle rounds) to finish in a tie for fifth place. With that performance, Cairns qualified a third time for the PGA Championship.

He also made the cut in 2011 and 2012, at Atlanta Athletic Club and Kiawah Island, S.C., respectively.

This time around, he figures to be better equipped than the first two times at just focusing on each shot as it comes.

"I won't look around as much, that's for sure," Cairns said during an interview Thursday at Fox Hills. "I definitely looked around, just the mass and size of the event. It's pretty amazing.

"But it's just a golf tournament with all those people. And in '12, I think I competed better because I had Jordan (Young) with me, director of instruction here. I was a lot calmer. But this year, I expect to at least compete right out of the gate and not be so awestruck."

With a knowing nod, Cairns credited Young for enabling him the chance to concurrently enjoy

THE CAIRNS FILE

Who: Brian Cairns, PGA teaching professional at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth.

What: The 51-year-old Walled Lake resident will compete Aug. 10-16 in the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits Golf Course in Kohler, Wis. He qualified by finishing in a tie for fifth June 28 through July 1 at the PGA Professional National Championship at the Philadelphia Cricket Club.

Third time: He also competed in the PGA Championship in 2011 and 2012.

Honors: Cairns was named the Michigan PGA Player of the Year in 2000, 2011, 2012 and 2013 and was Michigan PGA champion in 1996, 2000 and 2013.

A Champions Tour member in 2014, he also was a National PGA of America Top Ten Player of the Year in 2000, 2012 and 2013 and earned Maxfli National Player of the Year honors in 2000.

careers as a golf instructor and PGA pro.

Double-duty

None of what he is doing now would be possible without that go-ahead.

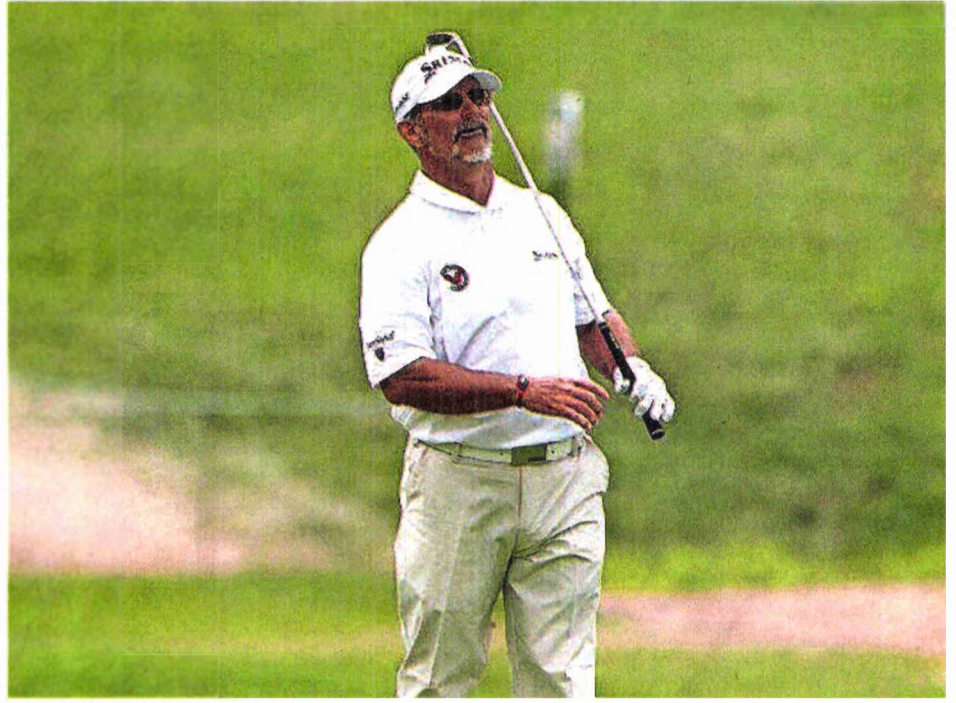
"(Young) said you should pursue that, but you still got to be active here a little bit," Cairns said. "But in a few years, I'll have to make up my mind. Kind of hang up the clubs and teach.

"I got a few more years, I think, and if I keep getting better, it's going to be a few more years after that, so Jordan will have to wait."

That last sentence was punctuated at the end by a hearty chuckle.

Cairns turned serious again and spoke from the heart.

"It's really hard to let go of it when you get inside those ropes; it's a high," Cairns said. "I can see what those guys on TV feel."



MONTANA PRITCHARD | PGA

Brian Cairns follows the flight of an iron shot July 1 at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. He finished in a tie for fifth at the PGA Professional National Championship.

The way things went at the Philadelphia Cricket Club also left Cairns feeling euphoric. Yet he quickly pointed out how things could have played out differently without his trademark even-keeled mindset.

On the seventh hole in the second round, Cairns was faced with another tide-turning scenario.

"It was probably the only time I missed the fairway all week," he said. "I hit it (to the) right, then I slashed another one left. The flag was back-right.

"I hit it above the flag stick about 20 feet. The ball stayed up on this hill, so I had this severe downhill putt. And my caddie said, 'Just keep this close and let's move on.'"

Even better was that the ball rolled into the cup.

"And I make it," Cairns said. "I looked at him (the caddie) and said, 'That's the turning point.' From then on, I was good."

Cairns finished that round with a 69 and was well on his way to qualifying once again for the PGA Championship.

It was a momentum swing that went in his favor.

Feeling confident

"And that's how I teach," Cairns said. "I teach how you have to take advantage of your

tide-turns. And that was a tide-turn, even my caddie (agreed). That could have been a mess."

The way he performed in Philadelphia will give him extra confidence as he sets his sights on Whistling Straits.

"It definitely gives you a good feeling, that your short game can help when you're not hitting it very well," Cairns said.

In Wisconsin, he intends to play well enough to earn a spot on the prestigious PGA Cup Team.

"That's something that eluded me; I lost in a playoff at the Cricket Club," Cairns said. "The Cup Team is comprised of the top 10 golf professionals in the United States against the top 10 club professionals in Britain and that's in late September."

"I pretty much have to make the cut to make that. It's still a goal. That would be a tall task to make the cut at a major - very tall task. (With) my age and my lack of distance, I'd have to play pretty smart."

Cairns will likely need to average in the low 70s to have a shot at making it to the final rounds of the PGA Championship. It helps that he is sporting the best average per 18 of his career - 70.37 strokes.

Words of wisdom

Of course, the way things unfold at Whistling Straits won't deter Cairns from using the experience - good or bad - to serve up new lessons for his golf students.

"The best player I have, James Piot, he goes to (Novi Detroit Catholic Central) and lives in Canton," Cairns said. "He is amazed that somebody can kind of slap it around and play in a major."

"You can still impress kids at times with knowledge and not just mechanics. Experience gets you everything in this game."

Then, as softly as he might loft a wedge shot onto the green, Cairns bottom-lined what it really comes down to for golfers of any age, any skill level.

"It takes a lot of work, a lot of reps, a lot of reps at everything - putting, chipping, pitching," he said. "You name it, drivers, woods, irons. There's a lot that goes into it."

"But confidence and being very comfortable with where you are and who you are has a lot to do with it, too."

Piot and others his age might want to heed that message. After all, Cairns is a man in the ultimate comfort zone these days.

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24TH GAM WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Area golfers among top 20 at GAM event

A number of Hometownlife.com-area golfers participated in the 24th GAM Women's Championship, which concluded Wednesday in Owosso.

Linden's Julie Guckian, a golfer at Grand Valley State University, carded a two-round total of 139 on the par-71 Owosso Country Club to capture top honors. Jennifer Elsholz of Grand Rapids, the defending champion, shot a final round of 66, but still fell two shots short of Guckian with 141.

Ashley Crain (Bloomfield Hills) and Katie



GREG JOHNSON

Julie Guckian, a Grand Valley State University golfer who hails from Linden, captured top honors in the 24th GAM Women's Championship.

Childers (Northville) were the top area performers, as they each

finished at 151 and were part of a five-way tie for 14th place. Crain shot 78 Tuesday and followed with 73 Wednesday for her 151, while Childers went 77-74.

South Lyon's Caroline Harding also placed in the top 20 among the field of 80 players with 152 (81-71).

Canton's Kelsey McDougall tied for 41st with 162 after consecutive rounds of 81. Elizabeth Harding (South Lyon) tied for 64th at 174 (89-85) and Priscilla Harding (South Lyon) tied for 70th at 179 (93-86).

'Sunshine's' is back



TIM SMITH

Friday marked the second annual Sunshine's Skills and Drills Camp at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Here, 8-year-old Peyton Domzalski slams into a blocking dummy held by Plymouth football player Alan Farmer. For the story and photos, please see an upcoming issue of the Observer or go to www.hometownlife.com.

PWBA BOWLING

PWBA tour headed Aug. 27-30 to Canton

Super Bowl in Canton next month will be the host of a stop on the inaugural tour of the new Professional Women's Bowling Association.

The Detroit Open will take place Aug. 27-30 with a field of some of the best women bowlers in the country. Qualifying rounds will take place Friday, Aug. 28, then match play Saturday, Aug. 29, culminating in Step-Ladder Finals that evening at 6:30 p.m.

A Pro-Am will also take place with sessions Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, providing an opportunity for local bowlers, women, men and youth, to bowl with the pros.

This will be a fun 9 Pin No-Tap event, giving the bowlers a chance to meet

the pros, get autographs and possibly some tips for their bowling. Pro-Am participants will also receive a souvenir bowling pin and have many chances to win great prizes. All this for just \$35 per adult or \$30 per youth.

As a closing event on this stop on the tour, the PWBA will present a youth clinic Sunday, Aug. 30, open to all youth bowlers for just \$20. Entries into this clinic are limited.

The PWBA opened its new tour with an overflow of entries in the tournament in Sacramento, Calif., last week and an enthusiastic crowd to cheer them on. The tour will continue to work its way across the country, arriving in metro

Detroit at the end of August on the way to the East Coast for the last two events of this season.

"We're expecting a full turnout of both the professional bowlers as well as the spectators for this exciting event," said Mark Voight, owner of Super Bowl. "Detroit is still the bowling capital of the country and a big supporter of bowling, as both a sport and recreation."

Entries are available to participate in the Pro-Am, which is open to women, men and youth. Tickets to watch the competition are also available with proceeds to support Strike Force Youth Bowling in this area.

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Bill Springer rips a line-drive single to left to score a run during the first inning for Mudville.

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SPRINGER

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Instead, he rears back and delivers a mix of tantalizing breaking pitches, slow, slower and slowest. Regardless of what happens after that, it's still a slice of heaven to Springer, even though on a particular Friday night against the Yankees in a 45-plus league matchup he got shelled.

"It used to be a fastball, change-up and curve," Springer said during a pregame interview. "Now it's more like a slow ball, change-up and a curve. I can't throw nearly as hard as I used to. I'm lucky if I get it over the plate."

"It gets over the plate on the fly and that's all I worry about. At this age, you just change speeds and try and keep them off-balance. I don't worry about radar guns anymore; that's for the younger guys."

Still loves it

But for Springer, results matter less than being out with baseball-loving friends, playing the game they've been around for years.

"Competition's a lot of fun and half of it's getting out here and also hanging out with the guys," he said. "We've had this team (Mudville) since 2011 and I've played with these guys since 2008."

Asked about how long he hoped to continue playing in the adult rec baseball circuit, Springer looked up.

"Until they won't put a number on my back," he said. "Until no one wants to have me on a team."

That might take a few years, because Springer isn't about to stop doing what he loves.

Springer, who played high school and college baseball near Pittsburgh, still enjoys getting into the batter's box and swinging the lumber. Unlike adult softball leagues, DMSBL players swing wood bats.

In his first at-bat against the Yankees, he laced a line drive to left-center to score a run. A half-hour before game time, he talked about the joy of hitting.

"When you can't feel the bat hit the ball and it goes out there, that's the best feeling in the world," Springer said.

The real deal

Before the contest began, Springer loosened his left arm by throwing a "heavy ball." Watching the pitcher get warmed up was another teammate, 47-year-old Marc Baron of Livonia.

Baron, who played high school baseball at Redford Bishop Borgess, echoed Springer and others about what drives them to still put on the spikes.

"Love to be able to play baseball, that's why I come out as much as I can," Baron said. "I like it a lot better than softball, it's still fastball-curveball; it's real baseball."

Springer's check mark also goes into the baseball column.

"I played softball for a few years after I moved here, but it just wasn't the same," Springer said. "The fact that, being a pitcher, that's the big difference, pitching (in) softball and baseball."



After pre-game tuneups, Bill Springer wraps his arm to keep it warm.

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"Stealing 90-foot bases rather than 60-foot bases, outfield dimensions, you have three (outfielders) rather than four. It's just a much different feel."

Of course, middle-aged men have to deal with middle-age issues. For Baron, it was tearing his Achilles' tendon last summer. He now is getting back into gear following surgery and physical therapy.

Injuries for any of the players could happen on any pitch, any swing, any attempt to go first-to-third on the bases.

Having fun

But the possibility of that happening doesn't dim their enthusiasm one bit. Playful banter common in their boyhood years still resonates around the dusty diamond.

"Go get him kid," first baseman Baron yelled to Springer during the Yankees game.

When a Springer pitch sailed well out of the strike zone, Baron barked a Bob Uecker impersonation: "Just a bit outside."

One base runner later, Baron implored his teammates to go for a double play: "Twist it boys, twist it."

Even though the Yankees wound up routing Mudville, it was still a great night for Springer and his teammates, just because they were playing baseball.

"It's nice to get out on a summer night and play a game that you played for a while and compete," said Springer, who is a partner at Conrad Insurance Agency in Canton.

Baseball with his buddies also provides exercise, as well as a way to let off steam from day-to-day issues.

For their friend

Still, real life is hard to shut out for guys in their 40s, 50s and 60s. Cancer struck Mudville teammate Mike Gordon of Pleasant Ridge, who just had surgery.

During good games or bad, Mudville players are thinking about Gordon as he begins his long road ahead.

And soon, a reminder of Gordon will be there with them at every game. Batting helmets will sport decals with Gordon's uniform No. 7.

"We have already dedicated the season to him," Springer said.

Somehow that mission will enable Mudville players to maintain perspective as they ward off errors, injuries and slumps.

After all, life — and baseball — changes fast, especially for guys who just don't move all that quickly these days.

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REMEMBERING WIDZINSKI

Widzinski's legacy carries over

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

A childhood friend of the late David Widzinski since the third grade, Ed Szczypka said the Detroit Catholic Central High weight room was the perfect place to dedicate and honor his name.

"Whenever you needed to find him, just go look in the weight room and he'd be there," Szczypka said. "It's good they named it after him."

Widzinski, a promising sophomore linebacker for the Shamrocks who made a team-high 15 tackles in the 2012 MHSAA Division 1 state championship game in a 36-21 loss to Detroit Cass Tech, was only 16 when, just days later, he tragically died in his sleep due to natural causes Dec. 3, 2012.

Hundreds, including his parents Paul and Barb, along with brother Stephen and sister Emily, were joined by other family members, friends and classmates who recently just inside the weight room, where a brief dedication ceremony was held in Widzinski's honor.

A special plaque was unveiled and the entrance to the weight room bears his name as well.

Widzinski, who grew up in Northville, would have been

a graduating senior in 2015. Dan Collins of CC's alumni association made the opening remarks.

"We are here to remember David, to make sure his family knows that we remember him and we'll remember him forever, to make sure that they know that he will continue to motivate and inspire the men of Catholic Central forever," Collins said. "This is more than just a name outside a door that we've done to this room. It bears David's name, but he inspired and continues to inspire us. There are words around this room that David would be proud of. I know he continues to be proud of all of you."

One long inscription on the left wall quotes the New Testament Bible passage from Phillipians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

There will also be a golf outing in Widzinski's honor Sunday, Sept. 6, at Tanglewood Golf Course, 53503 W. 10 Mile Road, South Lyon.

The third annual David Widzinski Golf Classic begins at 9 a.m. with a Mass at the high school, followed by registration at 11 a.m. and shotgun start at noon.

For more information, visit davidliveson.com.

DEZELSKI

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handsomely as well.

"I loved every second of it," he said. "Luxembourg is a pretty wealthy country and I really didn't have much of a transition issue because there's a lot of English spoken there. All my practices were in English. All my teammates spoke English, so as far as that goes, that was relatively easy."

"The people there were super-friendly and they're used to Americans coming over and playing there every year, so they're really welcoming and will help you out with whatever you need. If there was a little problem with my apartment and my car, it was easily handled and they were willing to help me out."

New lifestyle

During his down time, Dezelski stayed occupied outside of basketball, trying to soak up as much of Europe as possible while keeping in contact with his family.

"Luxembourg is awesome because it's pretty much the center of Europe, so I could drive 30 minutes to Germany, France or Belgium, so I was able to do a decent amount of traveling and see different cities," he said. "That was one thing I really enjoyed doing, too. I'd go to Amsterdam and a couple of the other bigger cities in Germany just to see. Every city has beautiful, old architecture and it's pretty cool stuff to see."

"There was a lot of Skype and phone calls home. There was a lot of Netflix watching. I was a finance major, so I was able to follow the markets. The time difference messed me up a little bit because it was six hours ahead, but I tried to keep my brain activated. I was reading books and following the markets and stuff, too. Not just watching Netflix all day, just a couple of hours."

As a senior at Hillsdale, Dezelski was an NCAA Division II third team All-American. He averaged 22.9 points and 9.6 rebounds per game while shooting 57 percent from the field.

During his four-year career with the Chargers, he ranked ninth in career rebounds (713) and fifth all-time in single-season total points (617).

Star teammate

With Residence Walferdange, Dezelski shared the spotlight with the Luxembourg-Total League's leading scorer Everage Richardson, a 6-3 guard from Coastal Carolina who averaged nearly 29 points per game.

"(Richardson) is amazing," Dezelski said. "He was really great to play with. He shot 50 percent from (beyond the arc) and hit 10 threes a game."

The basketball culture in Luxembourg, however, was the biggest shock, something that he had to get acclimated

to. "The two Americans on the team were the only two professionals," Dezelski said.

"And then everybody else either worked or went to school. That was kind of like their high school and college basketball. They'd come all day from working or at school and come to basketball. I thought it was really a test of my professionalism, because we really wouldn't work on defense or discipline or anything like that. You just had to take it upon yourself to work hard on defense and play team defense. It was interesting. It was a lot less intense than college basketball-wise, that's for sure. It was an adjustment from that aspect."

And the import players find themselves more under the microscope.

"The year before I got there, (Residence Walferdange) were in the first division and they had six different Americans in one year," Dezelski said. "They shuffled them out because, as a professional, a lot is expected of you. And if you don't get along with the team, they can just send you home at any time. There's a little pressure from that standpoint."

New destination

While Richardson plans to return for his second season with Residence Walferdange, Dezelski will be headed elsewhere in 2015-16. He hopes to learn within the next couple of weeks.

"I really wanted to go back, but it just didn't work out," Dezelski said. "My negotiations for my second year kind of fell through, so now I'm waiting for my agent to get me something else. I'll be in the same area probably, but I don't know exactly where. The last I heard from my agent was either Germany or the Netherlands, somewhere around there. Hopefully, I have another job. I'm planning on it. We'll see how long I can keep it going."

After playing 43 games, which included 10 during the preseason, Dezelski made sure he got plenty of rest after returning home before resuming his summer workouts at Lifetime Fitness in Novi.

"The body is holding up, but when you come back, you have to take a little time off because pretty much it's nine months of straight basketball over there, every day," he said.

Dezelski, a 2009 CC grad, played his final game in Luxembourg on May 2 and flew home immediately the following day.

"Obviously, my family and my girlfriend I miss the most, but food-wise ... coney islands for sure," Dezelski said. "I think I might have gone straight to a coney island. The food over there is good, but not quite the same. Been getting in my Buffalo Wild Wings fix and stuff like that."

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Dezelski

MID AMERICAN POM CAMP



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth literally got a leg up on the competition at the Mid-American Pom Camp at Davenport University. The team shared Grand Champs honors.

POM CAMP'S A KICK!

Canton, Plymouth programs share Grand Champs honors at Davenport University-hosted camp

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Literally getting a leg up on the competition during the recent Mid American Pom Camp at Davenport University were the Canton and Plymouth pom squads.

The Chiefettes and Wildcats — displaying uncanny athleticism and synchronicity, along with artistic flair — each were named Grand Champs both in the varsity and junior varsity competitions.

It marked the first time two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park pom programs shared top honors at the prestigious event, held July 9-12.

To earn Grand Champs status, a team must finish first in all three categories — speed learning, kick line and original routine (which teams began perfecting prior to going to Davenport).

With the success, both teams will send large contingents to the Mid American Pompon All-Star team and travel to Hawaii in December to perform in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade.

"The girls worked very



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Displaying big-time athleticism and synchronicity, Canton's varsity pom squad shared Grand Champs honors.

hard, grew closer as a team and had a great time," Canton pom coach Jenny Kesler said. "This was a great start to our year and it will motivate the team to continue to reach our goals and vision for the remainder of the season."

Taryn Holowicki, director of the Plymouth pom program, said earning Grand Champs honors "is not an easy task and takes a lot of hard work and focus, both ahead of time and especially during the four days of camp."

"Maintaining a positive atmosphere as a team both in

and outside of practice is what really makes a difference in the strength of a team," Holowicki added. "Our teams (varsity and JV) think of themselves like family first and as coaches we can really see that reflected in the way they perform when they get on the floor."

Canton and Plymouth also scored big in other categories, such as the senior kick competition. Abby Crippes and Micala Tafelski of the varsity Chiefettes finished first in the kick event, with the Wildcats taking second.

Awards were given out daily per category, with overall trophies presented at the camp's conclusion.

The Canton varsity team also won the overall Peppy Pom award for "being the most spirited and cheering other teams on at camp," said Kesler, assisted by Gabby Cayao.

Canton's JV, coached by Brandee Amick and Nikki Battaglia, captured Peppy Pom, Knock Your Socks Off and Showmanship awards.

For Plymouth's varsity (coached by Lauren Fisher and Christie Wilde), senior Ryan

Fisher won the Smile, Sparkle, Shine Award. Meanwhile, the JV Wildcats (coached by Holowicki and Jillian Covault) came away with overall Peppy Pom and Team Unity awards.

Programs from all over the state participated, including Livonia Franklin.

Park rosters

CANTON: (Varsity) Grace Brekke, Maigan Byars, Claire Carrier, Emily Cesario, Abby Crippes, Jessi Dawson, Alexis Faught, Morgan Fillmore, Danielle Guerra, Alia Jones, Clara Mason, Arianna Mattioli, Sophie Mekled, Jenna Milewski, Kendall Milio, Stacey Partain, Shelby Petersen, Nicole Piontek, Brenna Shaw, Micala Tafelski, Mia Tavian, head coach Jenny Kesler, assistant coach Gabby Cayao; (Junior Varsity) Rachel Allen, Jenna Anheuser, Caitlyn Carrigan, Nikki Christensen, Rani El-Amin, Sydney Gruzdelak, Ke-Era Jordan, Brooke Madntyre, Olivia Mueller, Payton Rasmussen, Danielle Sullivan, Chloe Vela, Samantha Yoro, coach Brandee Amick, coach Nikki Battaglia.

PLYMOUTH: (Varsity) Erin Berger, Courtney Bryden, Kelsey Connell, Lily De Santis, Olivia Dillah, Emily Divens, Ryan Fisher, Kylie Foster, Sarah Gamble, Kaytlyn Glud, Jessica Hall, Jessica Isaacson, Kenzie Jones, Chelsea Justice, Urara Kaneko, Jordan Kelley, Brittany King, Makenzie Kreger, Emily Lindbloom, Kennedy Parker, Nina Pasqua, Anastasia Piwko, Alyssa Salloum, Haley Shawver, Kara Timko, Ryan Traver, Taylor Tyszkiewicz, Michelle Zydeck, coach Lauren Fisher, coach Christie Wilde; (Junior Varsity) Kayleigh Belanger, Madison Cashero, Allison Farenberger, Madeline Justice, Jillian Kowiak, Maggie Lloyd, Lian Martin, Alexa Maruszewski, Lauren Merkel, Susan Shelton, Camryn Solomon, Rachael Stoeckle, Rachel Vasilnek, Olivia Walker, Celina Winkler, Delaney Woodard, coach Jillian Covault, coach Taryn Holowicki (PHS program director).

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John Stewart of Plymouth Township, left, with Carl Grapentine, voice of University of Michigan football and marching band.

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'GO BLUE' FOR P-CEP BAND AT KELLOGG PARK IN PLYMOUTH

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Stop by Kellogg Park in Plymouth this Thursday, close your eyes, listen and you'll swear you're at Michigan Stadium on a Saturday afternoon in Ann Arbor.

You'll hear a marching band that will have you cheering, "Let's Go Blue!" and "Hail to the Victors."

The beat of a drum line will get you to your feet. And that familiar-sounding voice? That will be Carl Grapentine, public address announcer for the Michigan Marching Band and Wolverines' football program, calling the action.

"The real rock star is Carl Grapentine. He has a marvelous bass voice that energizes everyone," said John Stewart, the Plymouth Township resident and attorney who suggested pairing Grapentine with the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (P-CEP) Marching Band, the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps and Plymouth Community Band in a free concert, 7 p.m. July 30 at the park in downtown Plymouth. "Let's Go Blue" aims to raise awareness of the P-CEP band, garner financial support for its appearance next year in the

Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif., and to entertain the 1,500-2,000 visitors Stewart hopes will be drawn to the park to hear the legendary announcer and local bands.

"People aren't thinking of Jan. 1 yet ... it will be five months and those kids will be marching 5.5 miles. Those are Michigan children that you and I will be watching on New Year's Day morning." The P-CEP Marching Band, with more than 200 members, is the first Michigan band in more than 12 years to march in the parade. Estimated cost for the trip is approximately \$500,000.

"The band parents will tactfully hand out offering envelopes. It's a free concert but if you want to donate to the band, bring your checkbook and put a little in an envelope."

Stewart said the marching band will perform on stage in concert formation. In addition to the three bands, which will play the pre-game music to U-M football

games, and Grapentine's announcing, the concert will include an appearance by Matt Cloutier, University of Michigan Marching Band drum major and the P-CEP Marching Band drum line.

"They will get everyone's attention," Stewart said, referring to the drum line. "It's going to be loud."

Rock star

The concert began to take shape in February when parents with Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters invited him to a meeting. He suggested they consider

a concert with the Plymouth Community Band and bring in a "rock star" to emcee.

"No one is loved or admired more than Carl," he told the group. "Let me call my friend."

Grapentine, who grew up in Walled Lake, has been the morning program announcer at WFMT in Chicago, Ill., for 30 years. He attended U-M from 1966-71, where he played oboe in the sym-

phony band and was a music education major with a broadcasting minor. Both he and Stewart sang with the Men's Glee Club at U-M.

"I ran into John at a Michigan State game in East Lansing and we hadn't seen each other for a few years and we connected on Facebook," Grapentine said. "He came up with the idea of doing it (the concert). I said I would."

Grapentine, the voice of the University of Michigan Marching Band for 45 years, began announcing the Wolverines football games 10 years ago. During football season, he makes the four-hour drive from Chicago to Ann Arbor on Thursday evening, before every home game to watch the band rehearse, pull a basic script together and "get timing down and see how it all fits together."

"Friday night, I'm holed up in the motel making changes and looking at phonetic pronunciation and memorizing numbers (of football players)," he said.

2015 season

Since he began announcing at Michigan Stadium, Grapentine

The P-CEP Marching Band is the first Michigan band in more than 12 years to march in the parade.

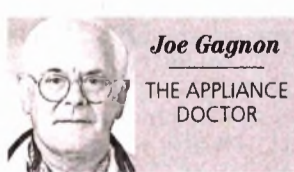
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GUEST COLUMN

On the job: Appliance technician's role gets racy, unpredictable

Some 25 years ago, I began writing this column and I can still remember the thrill of it all. Not having any education in the field of journalism, you can't even imagine the guidance I received from editors with this paper. I must have been listening because I'm still here and love to hear from so many of you.

But I'm going to switch the format a bit, to give you honest-to-goodness true stories that happened in my lifetime as an appliance technician. I expect you will let me know whether they're educational, funny or too serious in nature. I will start with the



Joe Gagnon
THE APPLIANCE
DOCTOR

topic of sex which is the biggest selling part of many advertising campaigns. It's titled, "The lady who tried to seduce the Appliance Doctor."

Years ago while I was the service manager for the Amana Corp., I was told by one of my service technicians that an owner of an Amana side-by-side refrigerator was not happy with her product. This lady wanted to speak with a company representative because her white refrigerator

was almond in color. This was before there even was an almond-colored appliance in the industry.

In my position, I was not supposed to ever go into a home by myself but I was short a few employees so I ventured alone into the western part of the Detroit area and knocked on the woman's door. I could hear about five or six bolt locks being opened and the door opened to reveal a very beautiful young lady inviting me in. We sat at the kitchen table as she gave me details on the refrigerator and how it changed colors from white to almond. She had purchased the product from a longtime Amana

dealer who sold meat and refrigerators and freezers and this particular refrigerator had been sitting in the showroom in the direct sunlight for two years and this resulted in the color change.

Shocking incident

After offering this woman a new product or money in exchange for keeping it, she chooses the dollars. In my endeavor to educate her on the care of this product I gave her a refrigerator condenser brush and got on my hands and knees and physically showed her how to clean the condenser. She stood

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SUDDEN BACK PAIN

For a doctor, any patient over age 70 with sudden back pain represents an emergency. Unless the patient has experienced a sudden fall, the two most important causes are 1) an insufficiency fracture or 2) a cancer, most likely one that has metastasized from its original location.

Patients who have a slipped disk and are feeling the first pangs of sciatica are readily separated as sciatic pain radiates down a leg. The sudden pain I am discussing is a sharp unrelenting pain that remains in the back or moves about in a small area, likely one or two vertebrae up or down, between the shoulder blades, or next to the spine initially feeling the pain.

If the pain came on with a trivial movement such as bending over to pick up a newspaper, or bending forward slightly to put a key into a door lock, then the most likely cause is an insufficiency fracture sometimes called a mini-fracture. Another feature of this type of vertebral fracture is that the pain radiates not down the leg but back to front. The fracture may be so small an x-ray of the back will not reveal it.

A fracture associated with a cancer usually does not come on so suddenly. The person previously felt a discomfort that then suddenly intensified. Another feature is that the back pain lessens when going to bed but returns in the middle of night sufficiently severe to awaken the person. Arising from bed and walking about clears the pain to allow the person to go back to sleep. In this case, x-ray of the back may show an area of density in the back that indicates the presence of the tumor.

A physician's approach to sudden back pain illustrates how important history is to diagnosis.

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Signup deadline for Miss Wayne County pageant is Aug. 10

Applications are being accepted for the 2015 Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant, an official Miss America preliminary. Any woman age 17-24 who

lives, works full time or attends school full time in Wayne County is eligible to apply. Contestants will compete in interview, lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit, eve-

ning gown, talent, and on-stage question. The winner will receive a \$500 cash scholarship and will represent Wayne County at the 2016 Miss Michigan

Pageant to be held in Muskegon. The application deadline is Aug. 10. To apply online, visit www.misswaynecounty.org. For more information, email

SheilaMae116@aol.com. The pageant is set for 4:30 p.m. Aug. 22 at St. Valentine Catholic School, 25875 Hope, Redford. Tickets will be available at the door.

Local Friends of Unity Church leader is ordained

Florence Ernzen of Plymouth Township recently was ordained as an interfaith/interspiritual minister at the One Spirit Seminary in New York.

Ernzen is the spiritual leader of the Friends of Unity Church in Plymouth. As an interfaith/interspiritual minister, Ernzen is committed to deepening her relationship to "the Divine" and supporting others in discovering and deepening their relationships. She celebrates both diversity and unity and is of service to anyone in need, no matter what their worldview or traditions are.

She has led Friends of Unity for five years. The congregation meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.



The Rev. Florence Ernzen with Joseph Hambor, seminary dean. Ernzen recently was ordained.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

JULY LECTURE SERIES

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 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, wraps up a series on the Jewish presence on television with the topic Beyond the Yiddishe Mama. 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, through 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

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 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

FREE STUFF

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

MOTORCYCLE RIDE

Time/Date: Building tours at 9:30 a.m., ride departs at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 22

Location: The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, 9451 Main, Plymouth

Details: Ride for the Red Shield is a motorcycle ride to benefit the Salvation Army of Plymouth and Downriver. The group will depart from Plymouth and ride to the Downriver Corps in Wyandotte. Cost is \$20 per rider by July 31, \$25 after, and \$15 per passenger. Includes a T-shirt

Contact: Sandy Kollinger at 734-453-5464, Ext. 24

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.crossroadssnow.org

Contact: info@crossroadssnow.org or pastor Steve at 248-890-5718

STUDY SERIES

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, beginning Aug. 2

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The Fault Lines series, an eight-week study, will focus on life's

periods of upheaval and how they can either make you better or worse, depending on how you respond. The series looks at how "God forms you best where life's breaks go deep"

Contact: pastor Roger at 313-682-7491

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.connectingwith-God.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. Towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or

Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m. social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connection-church.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Friends of the Rouge

The seventh annual Rouge Cruise is set for 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, starting at Stroh River Place in Detroit. Orin Gelderloos, professor of biology and environmental studies at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, will narrate the tour. Cost is \$55 per person and it includes a dinner buffet. Register and pay at therouge.org.

Turner at 734-729-3632.

English Gardens

» Get low-maintenance gardening tips at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1.

» Kids can learn about succulents and create a succulent garden to take home, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4.

The fee is \$29.99.

» Learn to keep bugs at bay, 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8.

» Make a container garden that repels mosquitoes, 11:30 a.m. Aug. 8. Cost is \$29.99.

» Learn about plants you can use for screening at a free presentation, 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15.

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

Master Gardener

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



FILE PHOTO

Time to reminisce with classmates at a high school reunion.

REUNIONS

DETROIT CODY CLASS OF 1965

50-year reunion is scheduled for Sept. 19. January and June 1965 classmates can email codyclassof1965@yahoo.com or call Christine Snopkoski Nashlen at 734-561-3501 for more information.

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 gag birthday gift. For info, call 734-776-0024 or email blybe7@aol.com.

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 Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com

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.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1995

20th reunion is set for Saturday, Aug. 1, at Genitti's Hole in the Wall in Northville. Email Sandra Borante Brock at borantes@msu.edu for more information.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1995

Seeking classmates for a 20-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Embassy Sites in Livonia. For more information, email melissacohn8@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/groups/Noviclassof95/.

BAND

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has missed only three home games, including the last home game of 2014 when leg surgery kept him home.

He's looking forward to the upcoming Wolverines season, when he'll be back at the mic. In the meantime, he said he'll likely recreate his signature U-M marching band introduction at Kellogg Park, tailoring

it for P-CEP.

Grapentine and P-CEP Marching Band fans alike should get ready to hear "Ladies and gentlemen, presenting the Michigan Marching Band ... band, take the field," with a Plymouth-Canton twist.

For more on the P-CEP Marching Band's upcoming trip to the Tournament of Roses Parade, visit pcmb.net or check out the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters Facebook page at facebook.com/PlyCanMUBoo.

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Food allergies can cause nutrition gaps

The first mission in creating safe meals for children with food allergies is avoiding the offending ingredient. But there can be a downside to diets that miss out on the nutritional value found in foods kicked off the menu, according to Carolyn O'Neil, a registered dietitian and nutrition adviser to Best Food Facts.

A study in *The Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics* cautions that such diets can induce vitamin and mineral deficiencies, anemia and other symptoms affecting a child's growth and nutritional status.

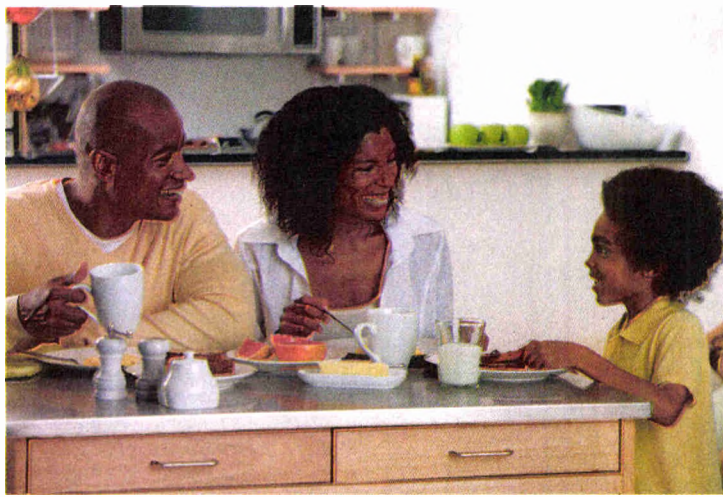
"Food allergies and intolerances are on the rise," said registered dietitian Vandana Sheth, representative for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. "But it's important that we identify that kids are actually allergic (through proper testing) before we avoid those foods unnecessarily."

Common food allergies

The eight foods that account for more than 90 percent of childhood cases of food allergies include milk, eggs, soy, peanuts, tree nuts (such as walnuts, almonds, pecans), wheat, fish and shellfish. Food intolerances such as lactose and gluten add even more children to the at-risk list for nutrient deficiencies.

"A parent should always offer a variety of different foods within a food group," said registered dietitian Cheryl Orlandy, president of the Greater Atlanta Dietetic Association. Gluten-free grains include rice, corn and quinoa. If a child is allergic to peanut butter, substitute sunflower seed butter, advised Sheth.

"If you skip dairy you skip its nine essential nutrients," said registered dietitian and author of *The Greek Yogurt*



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Food allergies can cause nutrition gaps.



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Carolyn O'Neil, registered dietitian, author and journalist

Kitchen Toby Amidor. "Studies show people with lactose intolerance may tolerate up to a cup of fluid milk, which has 12 grams of lactose. Cheeses, Greek yogurt and cottage cheese are much lower in lactose."

Mind the gap

The food allergy study in *JAND* measured the benefit of dietary counseling in preventing and correcting nutrient

deficiencies in children with food allergies. Results from the multi-center study in Italy showed that advice on what foods to eat to help fill in the gaps helped kids get enough calories, protein and other needed nutrients.

"I think it's fascinating," said Sheth. "They showed that dietary counseling really helped and growth patterns were improved."

Sheth added, "A lot of kids outgrow allergies to eggs and milk by age 16. But other allergies such as nuts may be lifelong." Her knowledge comes firsthand, as her own son was diagnosed with over 20 food allergies as a child.

"Now he's a healthy JV football player. He's down to four or five allergies, including all nuts. I always feed the team so I can keep an eye on what he's eating."

When parents are equipped with the proper knowledge of common food allergies, they can help their kids enjoy a healthier childhood. To learn more about food allergies, visit www.bestfoodfacts.org.

Courtesy of Family Features

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

Garden City Hospital offers a one-day class to prepare mothers-to-be and their coaches for the birthing experience, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Medical Office Building, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. \$50 fee for mom, coach is free. Pre-registration is required. Call 734-458-4330.

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 seniors

"A Matter of Balance," a discussion and exercise class for adults, 60 and over, runs for eight weeks from 1-3 p.m., beginning Wednesday, Aug. 5, at the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. The workshop is designed to manage age falls and increase activity levels. During the free class, participants will learn to: view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risk at home and exercise to increase strength and balance. Register by calling 734-458-4259.

Look Good Feel Better

Look Good Feel Better is a nonmedical public service program that teaches beauty techniques to cancer patients to help them with cancer treatment. The group program is open to all women with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy, radiation or other forms of treatment. The program runs 10 a.m. to noon the second Monday of the month at the Beaumont Cancer Center-Farmington Hills. For more information or to register for the session on Aug. 10, call 248-471-8120.

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.

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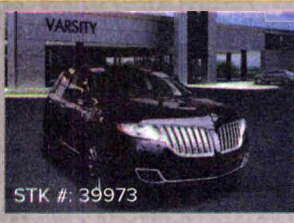
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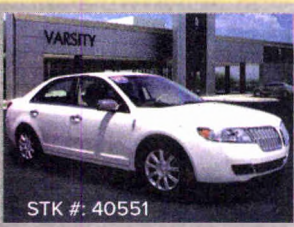
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Passport, check! Camera, check! E-ticket, check! Your well-deserved break has finally arrived. So will you spend the next seven days blissfully ignoring all your email and voicemail messages and avoiding falling into the trap of working on vacation?

Probably not. Let's face it, logging out and switching off while on vacation are not easy, especially when technology, connectivity and our devices are such a part of many workers' identity and habits. Besides, you don't want to face hundreds of emails piled up in your inbox when you get back to work, and that's certain to happen if you don't check your messages while you're on vacation.

So, if you must, how often should you check in while you're officially off-duty? The following tips may help you moderate working on vacation while quelling those guilt pangs -- so you don't reach the end of your holiday needing another one.

1. Tell everyone you're off

People will think twice about contacting you about the small stuff if they know you're on vacation. So whether you're planning a quiet staycation or a trip halfway around the world, let your manager, colleagues and clients know you'll be off the clock. In addition, set an out-of-office message to let folks know you won't be answering emails or phone calls -- or, if you will stay connected, explain in the auto-reply that they shouldn't expect a reply right away.

2. Deploy and delegate

To make sure business and client needs are taken care of in your absence, set the auto-reply on your email to provide the names and contact information for the colleagues who are covering for you. Be sure to give those co-workers any important files, project statuses and other pertinent information so they won't have to contact you unless it's an absolute emergency.

3. Set aside check-in times

If you can't resist the call of duty -- or find it nearly impossible to relax without knowing all is well -- consider setting aside some time each day to touch base. Checking in once in the morning and once in the evening may give you peace of

mind and permission to stop thinking about work the rest of the day. That way, you can leave your work cellphone turned off -- and not feel bad about it -- when you're supposed to be relaxing and having fun.

4. Allow some transition time

You may want to build in a half-day or whole-day buffer at the end of your vacation in order to deal with messages and ease back into the swing of work. Doing so could prevent you from becoming overwhelmed by a work avalanche when you get back to your desk.

5. Prioritize that inbox

If you're working on vacation, whether by choice or not, skimming your messages and answering only the most urgent ones could help prevent you from turning your vacation into a full-time work-from-the-hotel situation. This, of course, requires self-discipline and a little forethought. Set up filters by senders or subjects so you don't have to pore through a sea of emails to find the ones that really matter.

6. Let yourself off the hook

The chances of a crisis happening the one week when you decide to unplug and go on vacation are small. And even if it does, worrying about the possibility won't prevent it from happening. Know that you have talented colleagues who are capable of covering for you. Let them take care of putting out fires for a week.

Whether you decide to disconnect partially or completely, remember that you've earned a vacation. What's more, you need to take time off in order to recharge, revive and not burn out. The first day or two of unplugging will be the hardest, but once you get the hang of it, you'll wonder why you didn't take a vacation earlier.

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19 Pitcher's target

20 Tribute in verse

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23 911 responder

24 Black hole, once

25 Catch on

27 Flaked off

29 "Whether — nobler ..."

31 Do batik

32 Candle bracket

35 Party-tray cheese

38 Benefit

39 Eliminate

41 Tucked in

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44 Measure of gold's fineness

46 Plato's H

47 Blast-furnace input

48 It divides to multiply

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1 Abrupt transitions

2 Bus backers

3 Hong Kong dwelling

4 Ouch!

5 Lowest high tide

6 Bus route

7 Silver, in chem.

8 Distant

9 Decorative embellishment

10 Vile smile

12 Cartoon chipmunk

13 Like some plants

16 Incline

22 Conductor's need

24 Travels on snow

26 Pink lady ingredient

28 Iris locale

30 Buzzes off

32 Evening gala

33 Welcome phrase (2 wds.)

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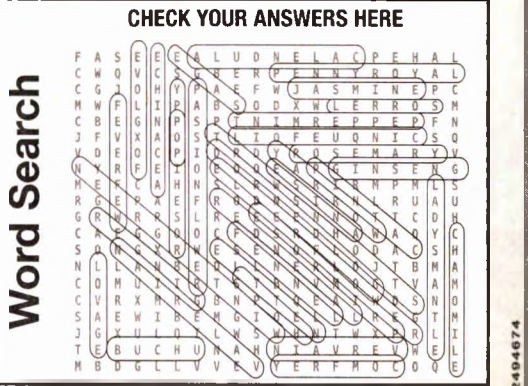
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Word Search



2015 Lincoln MKC: Arrive in style

Ford's premium brand is entering the luxury compact crossover fray with the 2015 Lincoln MKC.

For the folks at Jack Demmer Lincoln in Dearborn, the move is a game-changer.

"It's a unique vehicle to Lincoln," sales manager Steve Hunsinger said. "It's a brand-new product for us, which is fantastic. The '15 MKC is Lincoln's new flagship for a new style and a new product to expand the Lincoln lineup and target additional customers."

"With our location in the heart of Dearborn and in the heart of Ford country, it's great to have the Lincoln lineup available, not just to Ford employees or retirees, but to the Dearborn market itself and Detroit," Hunsinger said. "And with our ever-increasing product lineup, our store is going to expand and it's going to grow. It's just a matter of time — as our volume grows, our clientele list will grow."

"It's a great day for Jack Demmer Lincoln."

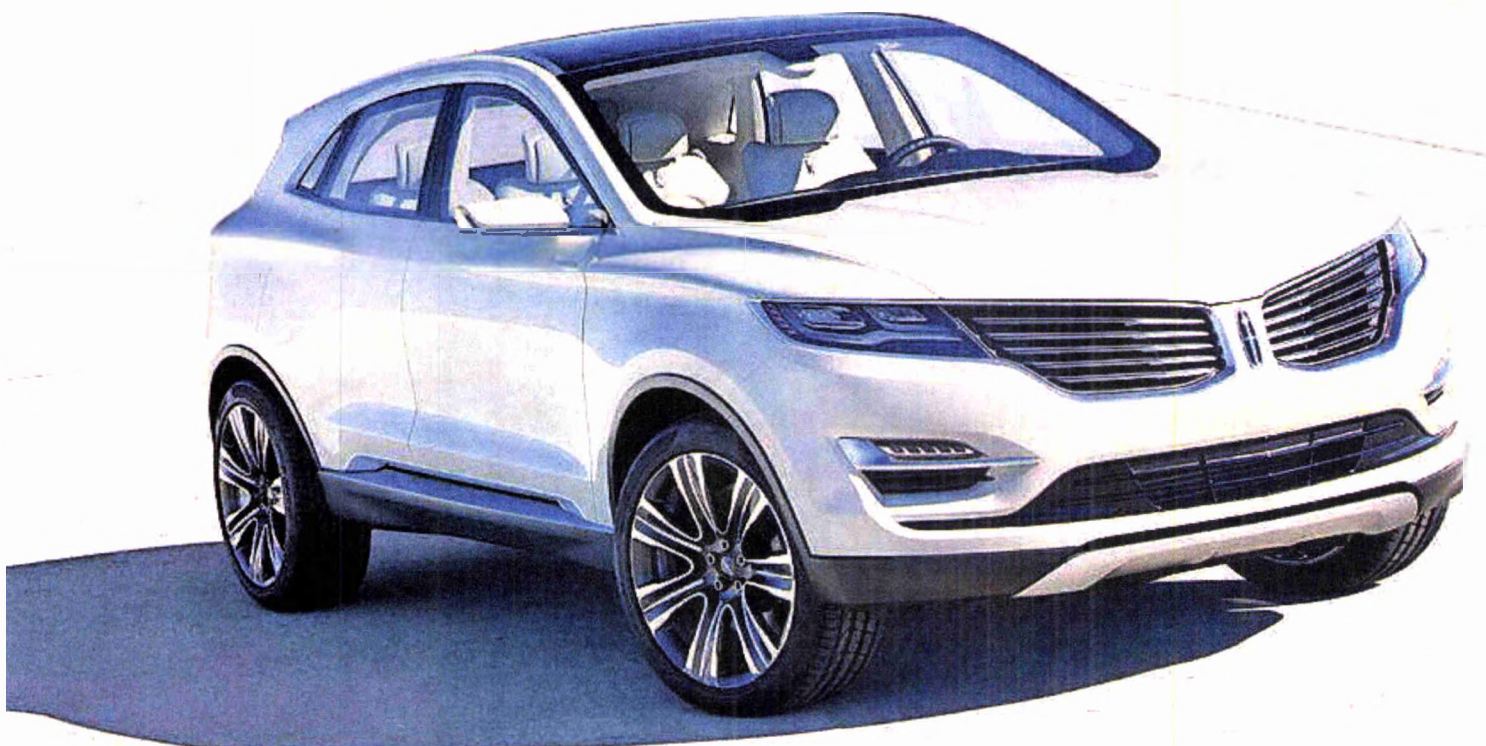
The 2015 Lincoln MKC aims to compete with established luxury compact crossovers like the Audi Q5, Acura RDX and Cadillac SRX and somewhat smaller, new premium entries like the upcoming Mercedes-Benz GLA. The MKC compares favorably, Hunsinger says.

"It's the lowest price of the class, but equipment-wise, it's right up against the toughest competition head to head," he said.

A wide selection of inventory is available now — customers don't have to wait to drive home the model they desire.

Coupled with the seal of approval from A-list movie star Matthew McConaughey — who's appearing in a series of sleek, memorable TV commercials — the 2015 Lincoln MKC is a brand on the rise.

"It shows Ford's commitment to Lincoln and the Lincoln brand with this new product," Hunsinger says. "And tied in with the new spokesperson for Lincoln, it really shows that Ford is standing with a commitment to the Lincoln brand and we're mov-



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ing forward, which is fantastic.

"It's a nice feeling to know that we're not forgotten and we're expanding our product line to increase our clientele base."

Exterior

The MKC slots below the MKX in size and Lincoln stayed true to the concept car in styling the production version. The MKC retains the concept's prominent winged grille, sculpted body, menacing LED-accented headlamps and full-width LED tail lamps with wraparound lift gate.

Interior

Inside, a panoramic sunroof, leather seats with French stitching and real wood trim give the cabin an airy, upscale look. An 8-inch touch-screen that uses Ford's Sync with MyLincoln Touch is front and

center. Unlike many vehicles that use Ford's troubled multimedia system, the MKC's panel also features buttons and knobs for controlling audio and climate functions — a welcome sight.

Connectivity is a highlight. With the MyLincoln Mobile app, drivers can start, lock, unlock and locate their MKC. They also can use the app to call roadside assistance and check the vehicle's fuel level, tire pressure and battery charge.

Under the hood

Although the MKC shares a platform with the Ford Escape compact crossover, one of its powertrains is new. Under the hood is a turbocharged 2.3-liter EcoBoost four-cylinder. Lincoln says it's good for 275 horsepower; fuel-economy figures are not yet out. The standard engine, however, is

the Escape's turbocharged 2.0-liter; it makes 240 horsepower in this application. Lincoln hasn't confirmed the MKC's transmission, but we expect it to use the Escape's six-speed automatic. One item carried over from the concept version is the push-button shifter instead of an actual mechanical shifter.

Front-wheel drive is standard; all-wheel drive is an option and includes a new continuously controlled damping system. Drivers can select from Sport, Comfort and normal drive modes, and Lincoln says CCD continually monitors the road and adjusts the suspension according to the mode selected.

Safety features

The MKC is loaded with safety options, including a blind spot warning system, collision warning with brake

support, lane keeping system, cross-traffic alert and the class-exclusive park-out assist system. Rather than help guide the vehicle into parallel parking spots, the latter system helps steer the car out of a tight parking spot.

Value in its class

The MKC is a well-rounded luxury car with athletic looks and a driving experience to match, along with all the luxury goods buyers expect in the segment. Lincoln sold roughly 600 MKCs per month during its first two months on sale, May and June 2014. Cars.com's national inventory is quickly populating with MKCs and most run from \$40,000 to \$45,000, a price range in which the MKC should be a serious consideration.

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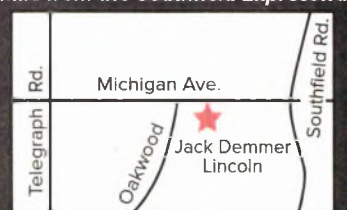
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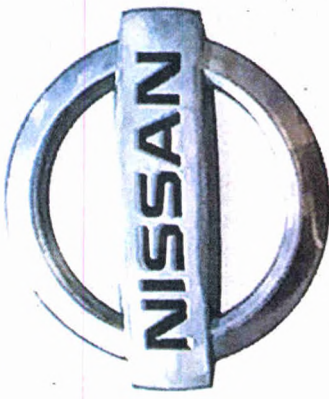
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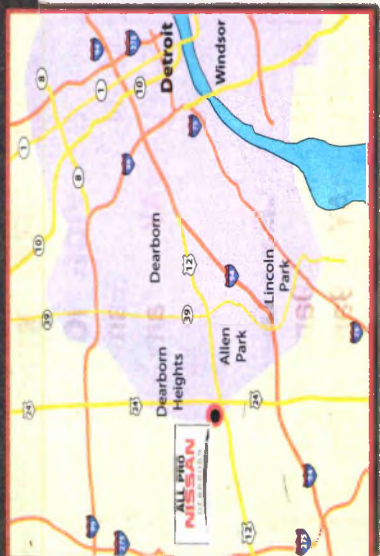
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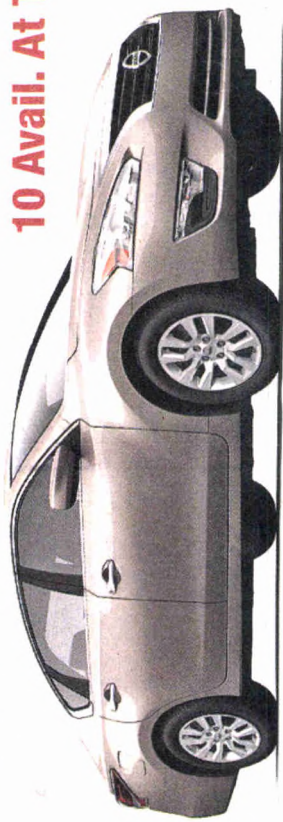
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