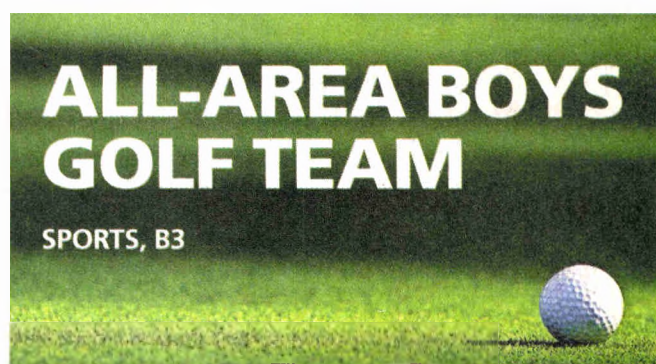


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Backyard Birds to close after 20 years

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Backyard Birds, a Plymouth institution that's helped thousands connect with the wonders of nature that lie just outside, will close at the end of August after 20 years. Owner Gary Phillips is retir-

ing for medical reasons: His doctor tells him that lifting heavy bags of birdseed, lawn statues and birdbaths has become too risky, and Phillips says those tasks are a customer-service habit he can't break. Sharing the news has been tough, said Phillips, 67, in his store on Thursday.

"I've already had people — it's awful — breaking down and crying over the counter," said Phillips, who lives in Farmington with his wife, Gene. "We totally underestimated the impact it would have in the community." Phillips added: "I never envisioned that it would end

this way, so it's hard for me." He had been planning to work for five more years. Nevertheless, Phillips sounded upbeat and enthusiastic as he talked about his passion for nature, which led him in a new direction in the middle of a long retail career, and for his store and how cus-

tomers' future needs will be met. Phillips has an agreement with Specialty Pet Supplies, on Ann Arbor Road east of Sheldon in Plymouth, to carry his "all stars," a lineup of the best-selling bird food, feeders, bird

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At attention, the P-CEP Marching Band readies to perform at the "Let's go Blue" concert.

PHOTOS BY JOHN CAMPBELL

City voters head to polls Tuesday

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth voters will head to the polls on Tuesday to narrow — by one — the field of City Commission candidates.

It is the first primary in a city election in several years, with nine hopefuls, including three incumbents, competing for eight spots on the November general-election ballot. The top three vote-getters in November will win four-year terms on the commission, while the fourth-place finisher will win a two-year term.

City Clerk Linda Langmesser predicts a low voter turnout Tuesday, based on the interest shown so far by absentee voters. As of late Friday morning, Langmesser's office had issued 651 absentee ballots, and 332 had been returned.

"It's a little low," Langmesser said. "Usually, about this time, we have about 80 to 85 percent of the (absentee) ballots back."

There could be a surge of interest, though, based on recent campaign activity, she said.

"There're a lot of the candidates out there going door to door, and I've seen a lot of emails going out too," Langmesser said.

Information on absentee voting, and a form to request an absentee ballot, can be found on the Michigan Voter Information Center website, <https://vote.michigan.gov/mvic/>. Voters 60 or older, or those who cannot travel to polling places without assistance, expect to be out of town on election day, or are working as an elections inspector outside of their home precinct are among those eligible to vote absentee.

Beginning Monday, absentee ballots for the primary can still be requested at Langmesser's office, but they must be voted and turned in right away and cannot be taken from City Hall.

On the ballot are incumbent Commissioners Mike Wright, Daniel Dalton and Colleen Pober. Also running are Suzi Deal, Charlie Gabbart, Thomas Guina, Robert Jablonski, Ed Krol and Jack Wilson. Jablonski, Gabbart, Guina and Krol, who say they share a lot of ideas but don't agree on all issues, are running as a slate.

All four of Plymouth's voting precincts are located at the Community Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Tournament of Roses Parade

Packed concert raises money to send P-CEP Marching Band to Pasadena in January

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

It certainly was about showing off Plymouth's Five and Drum Corps and the Plymouth Community Band, but it was also about giving a downtown packed with people Thursday night an up close experience with the award-winning Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band.

And more importantly, the free concert, "Let's go Blue," in Kellogg Park, was designed to raise money to send the P-CEP Marching Band to Pasadena for the 2016 Tournament of Roses Parade.

"We had envisioned a few less people here," said Carl Battishill, Plymouth Community Band director, as he gazed out over the park and the concert goers who had spilled out onto sidewalks.



George Harvell, a mainstay at Plymouth concerts, marched and danced during the concert to raise money to help send the P-CEP Marching Band to the Tournament of Roses Parade.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Michael Meisen and Pam Smith, a Michigan Board of Education member, took the stage, as well.

"They are part of the plea," Battishill said. "Support some kids who got an amazing invitation to play in the Rose Bowl."

Parents of band members were on hand with contribution envelopes and a booth manned by the Booster Club offered a spot where visitors could find out about the trip and drop some money in a drum.

"This is the Super Bowl of Parades," said Chris Zygmunt, president of the marching band booster club.

It is estimated that taking the 180-member-plus marching band, instruments and props to Pasadena carries a price tag of more than \$500,000. The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools does not pay for the band to attend the Rose Bowl, leaving parents and supporters to foot the bill.

The marching band has three times

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Company, Kiwanis reach out to spruce up park

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth's largest neighborhood park got a makeover Friday thanks to a joint effort by the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and employees of a global automotive interiors company with a local presence.

About a dozen volunteers descended on Fairground Park, at Harding and Joy streets, to weed and spruce up a flower bed, put mulch

around new saplings, trim the grass that frames the volleyball court and outfit the court with new sand and new steel posts to hold up its new net. Later, they hoped to have time to touch up the paint job on the playscape.

It was the second year a Plymouth park benefited from Johnson Controls Inc.'s Blue Sky Involve campaign, a community outreach program that also brings a \$1,000 donation

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MATT JACHMAN
Jim Sonnenberg, a Plymouth Department of Municipal Services worker, watches as a city truck dumps new sand on the volleyball court at Fairground Park.



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houses and other items, once Backyard Birds closes.

"It's nice I can give my customers a good place to go," he said.

Passion for nature

Phillips had spent many years in retail when an injury in the 1990s forced him to take a year's leave from his employer at the time. As he waited to hear about his return — the company didn't want him back and eventually gave him a buyout, he said. Phillips studied the nature outside his window: the birds, squirrels and other small animals, and how they interacted.

It was a reawakening, he said.

"It's a passion I had all my life, but no time to enjoy," he said.

When Gene, now retired from the Internal

Revenue Service, suggested he open a business that made a retail-nature connection, "I thought she was crazy," Phillips said. But she pledged her support, he said, and they took the leap.

"The store just took off," he said.

Plymouth turned out to be an ideal location, Phillips said, despite similar stores in town having failed before Backyard Birds, and his customers are extremely loyal.

Phillips also gives a lot of credit to his wife, who has helped out at the store.

"She has been my muse over the years and has had invaluable advice," he said. "She's the touch of art in this store."

When he speaks at schools, Phillips said, he tells students to "follow your dream, follow your passion, and don't be afraid of failure."



Gary Phillips with a bag of "red tag" deluxe bird seed, the biggest seller at his store, Backyard Birds in Plymouth.



A martin house at Backyard Birds. Store owner Gary Phillips says attracting and retaining martins is labor intensive, as they are often chased off by other birds.

'You can't close'

Phillips said he also recognizes his business is quickly evolving: the Internet and social media are changing retail. Brick and mortar stores all over are hurting, and many similar stores have closed in the years since

he opened Backyard Birds.

"My dream worked, but my dream had an expiration date," he said.

Phillips stresses customer service and offers shoppers practical tips: Bird lovers who want to attract songbirds, have blue jays patrol for pred-

ators, discourage grackle, foil squirrels (or feed them) and give woodpeckers a safe place to eat — all in the same yard — can rely on his advice.

"Everything's tweaking and adjusting things," he said. "You tweak it, you adjust it, and everybody's happy."

Longtime customer Linda Carrier of Plymouth Township stopped in Thursday. She hadn't heard the news.

"Gary, you can't close," said Carrier, later wondering where she

will get supplies. Carrier said she stops in every three or four weeks.

Doctor's orders, Phillips responded, explaining the arrangement with Specialty Pet Supplies.

"I love your store though," said Carrier. "I'm sad."

Backyard Birds is having a retirement sale through August. The store's phone number is 734-416-0600 and its website is backyardbirds.net.

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for materials. The money was given to Kiwanis, which in turn is handing it over to the city for the wood chips, sand and other materials that were used.

Last year, the Blue Sky effort tackled projects at Kiwanis Park on Junction Street.

"It's such a nice project that they do. We really appreciate it," said Timothy Tingstad, the Kiwanis chapter's president-elect and also a past president of the Fairground Park Association, the neighborhood homeowners group.

The Blue Sky project this year was technically done by employees of Yanfeng Global Automotive Interiors, a joint venture between Johnson



Dan Koetsier, who works at the Yanfeng Global Automotive Interiors facility in Holland, Mich., sweeps up near the monument sign at Fairground Park on Friday.

Controls and the Yanfeng Automotive Trim Systems Co. of Shanghai, China. The joint venture, which began just last month, created the world's largest automobile interiors company.

Chris Bonyai, an engineer, said the volunteers were from the joint venture's advance manufacturing group, and represented facilities in Plymouth Township, Harrison Township and

Holland, Mich. The group's members work closely together and travel for business, and getting involved in community outreach together is seen as a further team-building project, Bonyai said.

Tingstad said the park gets a lot of use, and that the volleyball court is especially popular.

"It's pretty much every night, and there are usually teams waiting to cycle in and play the winner," Tingstad said.

The new net posts for the volleyball court were donated by Atlas Tube, a maker of hollow structural materials and pipe products that has a local facility. The posts will secure a new volleyball net that was recently purchased by the city.

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Detroit water chief draws Canton support

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Amid hopes her leadership can soften water rate hikes and save local communities money, Canton officials are formally supporting the sitting director of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department as it evolves to a regional authority.

A formal resolution supporting DWSD Director and CEO Sue McCormick to continue leading the new Great Lakes Water Authority was approved Tuesday evening by the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

"It would really be a shame for her not to continue on," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

Local officials say McCormick, since becoming DWSD director in early 2012, has helped improve a financially troubled department that has long drawn criticism from consumers angry over escalating water-sewer rates.

Officials support McCormick as the Great Lakes Water Authority



McCormick

has embarked on a nationwide search for a leader who could be chosen by this fall, as the GLWA prepares to assume control of a water system that serves four million customers.

The latest developments come as Canton is negotiating with Detroit to potentially lease a portion of a DWSD water storage facility on the township's north side. Officials say the deal, if approved, could soften local water rate hikes by allowing Canton to manage its own water flow and ease peak-hour usage.

Canton resident James Fausone, an attorney who chairs the Detroit Board of Water Commissioners, said he has been impressed by McCormick's leadership. He said he believes she should head up the new GLWA come January.

"Having worked with Sue McCormick for three

years now and seeing the transformation in the department and the cost-saving measures she has instituted — and having seen the way she works with the wholesale (water) customer community — I fully support her efforts to move forward as the Great Lakes Water Authority director," Fausone said.

Some officials in other suburban communities also have indicated support for McCormick to lead the day-to-day operations of GLWA.

Before she was tapped for the DWSD job, McCormick served as public services administrator for the city of Ann Arbor, where she managed that city's infrastructure, including the water-sewer system. She first joined Ann Arbor in 2001 as water utilities director.

She also formerly worked for the Lansing Board of Water and Light for 22 years, serving in a variety of jobs.

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Let's dance! Concert has kids taking to Kellogg Park stage

Children's entertainer/musician Guy Louis brought his Chautauqua Express show to Plymouth's Kellogg Park for a Wednesday, July 29, lunchtime concert.

Louis is a perennial favorite at the summer concerts, which are sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. On July 29, a number of children took to the stage to dance, and were joined by some grown-ups at the concert's conclusion.

The PCAC's Music in the Park concerts are noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park. The series will continue each Wednesday through Aug. 26.

Upcoming concerts are:
» Joel Tacey's Tiptop Entertainment on Aug.



Children's entertainer Guy Louis had children dancing with merriment Wednesday, July 29, during his concert sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council in Kellogg Park.

- 5;
- » Gemini on Aug. 12;
- » Barbara Bailey Hutchinson on Aug. 19;
- » Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic on Aug. 26.

Concerts are offered free each summer to the community with the

help of a number of sponsors. The PCAC also has summer camps focused on art, along with extensive other programming for all ages.

For more, visit www.plymoutharts.com or call 734-416-4278.

Holocaust Center part of special radio broadcast

The Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills is partnering with journalist and author Bankole Thompson for a special broadcast on the importance of the Holocaust in the context of social change.

"How Far Has America Come Since the Holocaust?" is the topic of a special edition of "Red-line with Bankole Thompson," on WDET-101.9 FM (Detroit Public Radio), which will broadcast live on Aug. 6, 11 a.m. to noon. The broadcast is the first of its kind in the region to feature a roundtable of Holocaust survivors

including Dr. Guy Stern, director of the Harry and Wanda Zekelman Institute of the Righteous at the Holocaust Memorial Center, and Stephen Goldman, executive director of the Center, discussing the many dimensions of the Holocaust and the southeast Michigan experience.

"I believe it is important to talk about how far we have come as a nation since the Holocaust given all that is taking place as it relates to racism and bigotry," Thompson said. "That is why I thought it is important to engage the Holocaust Memorial Center in this

dialogue and to dedicate the entire hour of Red-line for this conversation. The goal is to engage listeners and metro Detroiters in deeper issues that are topical and resonate strongly in our present-day reality."

"This is a topic of high importance especially considering the situations involving genocide throughout the world today. Holocaust survivors are in a unique position to comment on their feelings about what it means to be a stranger in a strange land through no choice on their part," Goldman said.

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won the national championship title and last year were state champs. The band was last asked to participate in the Rose Bowl Parade in 1973.

"They (marching band) had to be deserving of this (Rose Bowl)," Battishill said. "They had to earn this."

He asked concert goers to take an envelope and make a donation or take the envelope home. "Then it's your decision."

Rose Bowl tab

With the large crowd in attendance, Battishill did the quick math and told the crowd that if each person donated \$1, the band would have thousands of dollars to add to their fundraising. With a \$5 donation, a "serious dent" would be put into paying the bill, and \$10 would be more than a welcome boon.

"The Rose Bowl didn't write them a check," he said. "Our community should support them."

Meissen said the marching band members are "goodwill ambassadors for public education. They are a point of pride for our community."

Organized by band booster parent Rick Stanelo and Plymouth Township resident, attorney and community activist John Stewart, the evening featured Jim Predhomme with the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, Battishill with the Plymouth Community Band and David Armbruster with the P-CEP Marching Band.

"This is a feather in the cap for the school district," Stanley said, referring to the Rose Bowl invitation.

Stewart was surprised at the crowd. "This is overwhelming community support."



Concert organizer John Stewart, a baritone, sings the national anthem.

PHOTOS BY JOHN CAMPBELL



The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps kicked off the "Let's go Blue" concert in Kellogg Park Thursday night.



P-CCS Superintendent Michael Meissen and Pam Smith, a Michigan Board of Education member, cheered the crowd.

The evening highlighted Carl Grapentine, the voice for the University of Michigan Wolverines football team and marching band. A special treat



The well-known Carl Grapentine, the voice for the University of Michigan Wolverines football team and marching band, emceed the concert.

for guests was 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.

Stewart, a baritone, sang the national anthem, while Laurie Aren, executive director of the

Plymouth Salvation Army, conducted the Plymouth Community Band in the Michigan State University fight song.

To donate to the P-CEP Marching Band's trip and performance to the Tournament of Roses Parade, go to the booster club's website at www.pcmb.net

The next significant fundraiser will be Oct. 24 when the Plymouth-Canton marching band hosts the Great Lakes Invitational for high school bands on the Canton High School varsity field.

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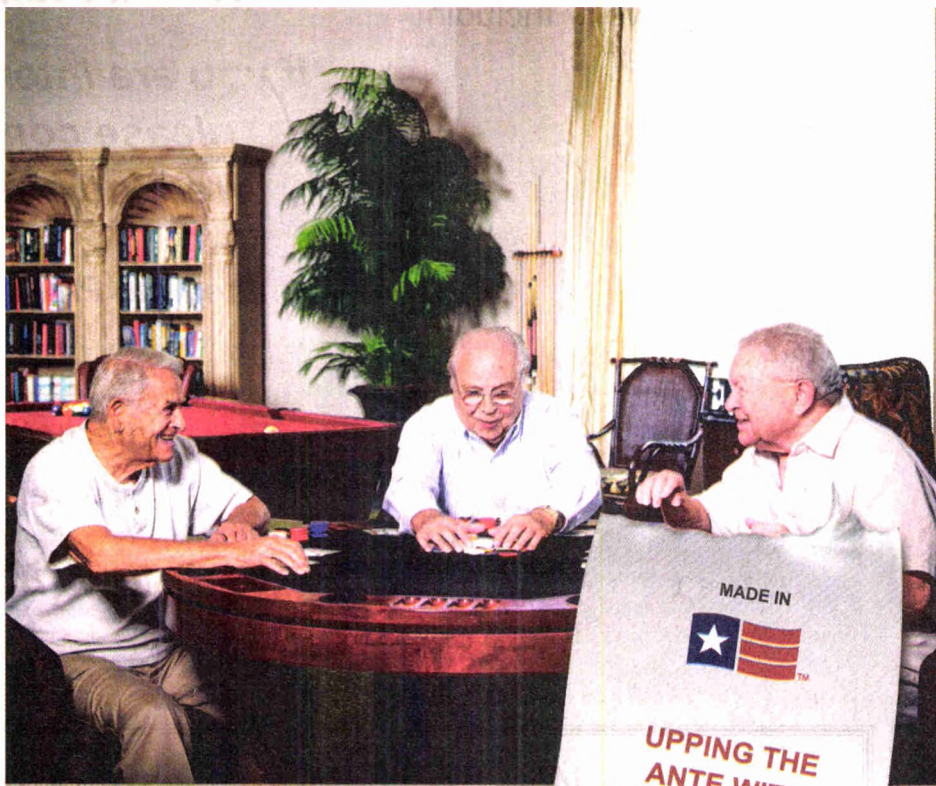
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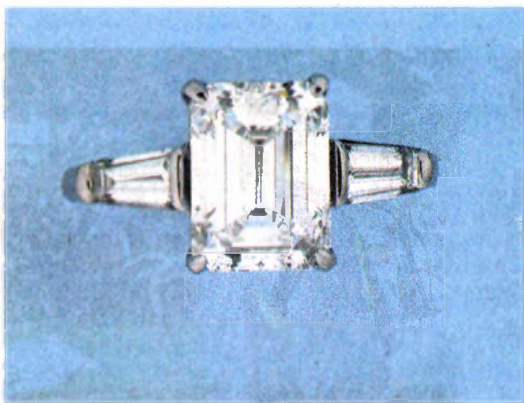
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College. Whoa. It still gives me chills just thinking about the endless possibilities ahead of me this upcoming school year. The transition from high school to college is unlike anything I have ever experienced before; I certainly don't feel like a high schooler, but I'm not quite a collegiate yet either. "Toto, I have a feeling we're not in Canton anymore."

The transition from middle school to high school was a walk in The Park ... literally. I still sat in a classroom with about 30 other students for six hours a day, ate whatever my mom packed me for lunch, and nagged the bus driver to hurry home so I wouldn't miss the beginning of *The Ellen Show*. It was so repetitive and boring that I was desperately longing for adventure and excitement.



Emily Finn
GUEST COLUMNIST

Peter Parker's Uncle Ben said it best, "with great power comes great responsibility."

ment.

Whether my new fellow collegiates and I realized it or not, higher authorities, i.e. your parents and teachers, had total control over our lives. They decided what clothes we wore and bought with their rules and dress codes. They determined what food we would eat with their cafeteria selections (thanks a lot, Michelle Obama) and brown bag lunches. They even controlled what we studied with their state-required curriculum and parental expectations.

Let's be honest, this really made us hate those cap sleeved tops we bought so we didn't show our shoulders at school, those mysteriously mushy apples they put on our cafeteria trays every day at lunch, and especially those dreaded classes like geophysical science (seriously, who really cares if a rock is sedimentary or not?).

Now that we are on our way to college, we have the power to not only pick our own classes, express our individuality through fashion, and eat whatever makes us happy (Chipotle every night? Yes, please!), but to lead a life we've always dreamed of living.

Everything has been perfectly planned out for us up until this point, and now we're being thrown into this crazy new environment with nothing more than the "Good luck, honey!" your parents will yell over their shoulders as they drive back to the only thing you've ever known — home.

Peter Parker's Uncle Ben said it best in the original *Spider-Man* movie, "with great power comes great responsibility." As fun and exciting as these next four years will be, it's so important that we (I'm talking to you, collegiate!) stay true to the core beliefs and values that our parents and teachers tried so hard to engrave in our brains.

So, what is the phrase they're praying we will remember in order to stay successful during

these next four years of our lives? School comes first: as much as that party in the dorm room down the hall sounds really fun, your future CEO self will thank you for deciding to study for your big test instead.

I'm in this limbo of stress and anticipation with shackles chaining me to my past life in the locker-lined hallways of Canton High School. OK, so it's not that dramatic, but this is the best way I can describe how I've been feeling this entire summer. The clock is ticking and, as each day passes, the burdens of buying new sheets and pillows (yawn ...) and selecting new classes (yikes!) are quickly becoming too much to handle! I have definitely moved on from high school, but the second I move into my new dorm room, I will be released

from these chains and have to fend for myself against whatever challenges and obstacles await me in — gulp — college.

Fear not, fellow collegiates, with the help of Sparknotes and your mom's Bed Bath and Beyond shopping list, we will be able to make it through this experience together. I see this quote on Twitter all the time: "What a beautiful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven't happened yet."

With all the pressure and anxiety we are all feeling right now, let's not forget to enjoy and cherish every moment of this new experience; bring it on, college!

Emily Finn is a 2015 Canton High School graduate who will attend Central Michigan University to major in journalism.

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STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Honors/dean's list

Concordia University

Elizabeth Matthews of Canton, who is majoring in biology, made the university's honors list for the second semester of the 2014-15 academic year.

University of Iowa

Canton residents Emma Buchele and Melanie Pickert have been named to the dean's list for the 2015 spring semester.

Gaining experience

Saginaw Valley State University student Eric Madill of Canton has gained valuable experience with The Dow Chemical Company in a co-op position.

As part of the SVSU Cooperative Education and Internship Program administered by the Office of Career Services, students such as Madill can apply their academic coursework into a real-world setting.

Placing gold

Canton resident Erica Perdue served on a winning Eastern Michigan University team that captured a first-place gold designation in a prestigious marketing contest against other college teams from around the world.

Perdue and teammates Tori Alston, Jennifer McDermitt and Duane Sprague were among 200 student teams that won 2015 awards in the graduate category of Marketing Edge's Collegiate ECHO Marketing Challenge. Team members are in EMU's master's degree program in Integrated Marketing Communications.

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Study shows Wayne County leads United States in new manufacturing jobs

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

A recent study shows Wayne County added the greatest number of manufacturing jobs in the nation last year, totaling 4,225. Schoolcraft College manufacturing instructor Gene Keyes believes that number should be higher.

"There's so many companies looking for help right now, it's unbelievable," he said. "Most of the companies are expanding. They need more help and they just can't find it."

The study, released earlier this month by a company called Headlight Data, listed Wayne County as tops when it came to new manufacturing jobs. The list detailed several Michigan counties leading the way in new positions, with four counties in the top 10. Those included third-place Macomb, which added 3,727; seventh-place Kent, which added 2,492; and 10th-place Ottawa, which added 2,069. Oakland County was 13th, adding 1,938

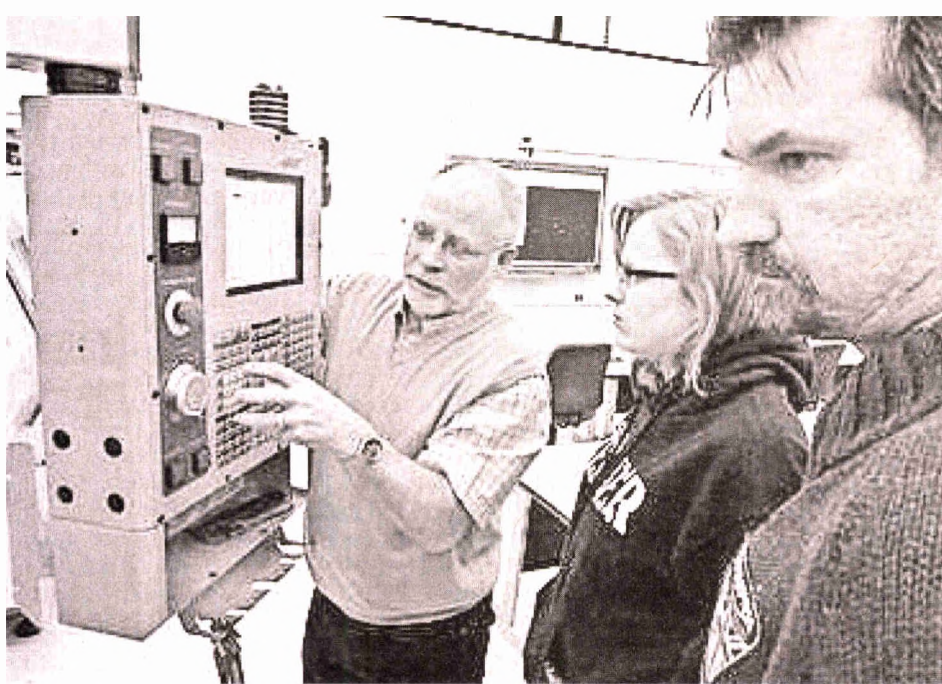
jobs over the same time period.

Wayne County has seen explosive growth, Keyes said, and it's all based on different types of products and lines. Other counties rely specifically on one type of industry with manufacturing, such as Macomb County with many federal contracts, while Wayne County has a wide array of goods produced.

"We're really diverse here," he said. "Here, we have to survive every day on what we produce."

The trend in growth is one several western Wayne County companies have seen recently, including Livonia-based Linear Mold and Engineering.

Paul Parzuchowski, director of marketing and business development, said the company, a provider of tooling for injection molds, compression molds and tooling required for processing thermoplastic resins through means such as additive manufacturing, has seen a big growth spurt in the past



Schoolcraft College instructor Gene Keyes (from left) shows students Alexis Carlson of Commerce Township and Mike Guider of Livonia how to program a mill in this file photo.

FILE PHOTO

six months. He said the company, which has been in Livonia since 2003, has brought in more than 40 new employees of all types of skill sets in 2015 and is looking to expand more in the future. This area has seen

successful growth in part because of the types of employees Wayne County has, Parzuchowski said. While there was a notion for many years that manufacturing was not a sustainable career path, that idea is begin-

ning to change, especially with people in their teens and 20s.

"People here like to build things because it's our history and it's in our DNA," Parzuchowski said. "For years, we've been telling the genera-

tions following us that manufacturing is dead. We lost a generation of skill sets for that. The jobs we provide here at Linear kind of bridges those gaps."

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said having that foundation, especially with so many auto-workers and an automobile culture, gives Wayne County an advantage in the future to continue expansion in the manufacturing field.

"Southeastern Michigan, built on the automotive industry, has the facilities, experienced workers and infrastructure in place," he said. "Our region has the best foundation to add more jobs and auto companies, auto suppliers, and other supporting companies are prepared to make more investments to grow local operations if they can find enough qualified, quality workers to support added production capabilities."

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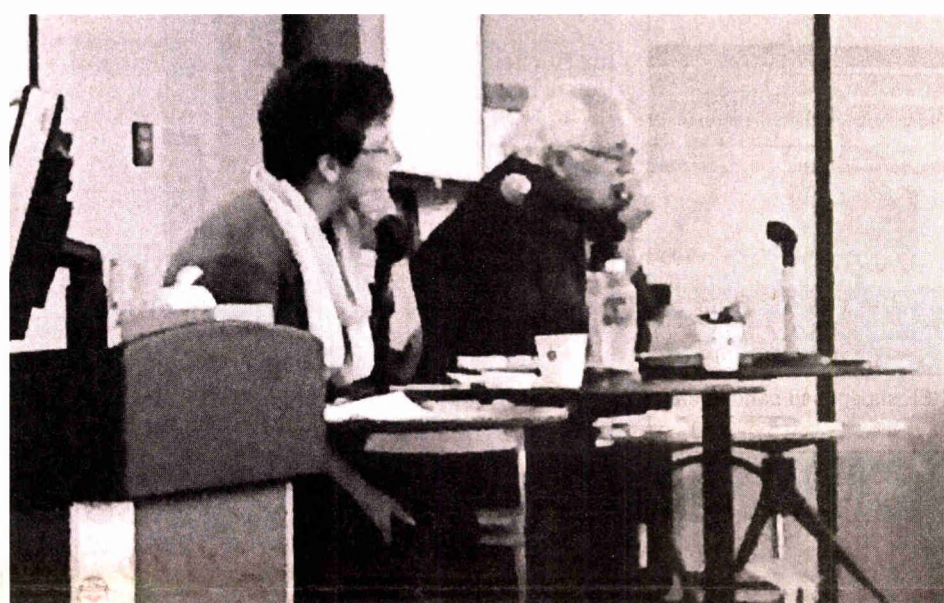
Local leaders to state adviser: We need skilled workers

Business, education and elected leaders from several western Wayne County communities bent the ear of Gov. Rick Snyder's top advisor on workforce development Tuesday.

Stephanie Comai, director of the newly created Michigan Talent Investment Agency, met for two hours with a group from Livonia, Westland, Wayne, Northville, Plymouth and Canton at Schoolcraft College. The focus was on the state's shortage of young people pursuing careers in skilled trades, technology and construction. Most of these positions only require one or two years of post-secondary education, and often pay more than many who earn a bachelor's degree.

"Locally, statewide and nationally, we are all looking for talent, but we are concerned the feedstock is dwindling in our workspace," said Chuck Dardas, president and COO of Livonia-based manufacturer AlphaUSA. Comai said her agency, created by the governor in March, is charged with developing state initiatives that better prepare young people for in-demand jobs.

"We need to overcome the stereotypes that exist about skilled trades," Comai said. "We plan to begin focus groups with



Michigan Talent Investment Agency's Stephanie Comai and AlphaUSA's Chuck Dardas listen to Tuesday's workforce discussion with leaders from across Western Wayne County.

parents to identify what they need to hear so they encourage their children to look at these careers."

Paul Bohn, a lawyer and partner with the Northville-based firm Fausone Bohn, said there are programming gaps in education and there are unreasonable state demands for professionals to teach career technical education (CTE) classes.

"Guys like Chuck Dardas, who is an accountant and successful chief executive of a manufacturing company for many years, is not 'qualified' to teach a business

class in a Michigan school," Bohn said.

Comai acknowledged CTE certification requirements are "horrifying."

Educators detailed challenges they face promoting CTE and science, technology, engineering and math programs (STEM). With the need for education cuts in recent years, educators said limited demand for such curriculum made CTE programs an easy target for the budget ax. Additionally, local educators identified other issues:

enough students using these labs.

» Ann Owen, principal of Livonia's Emerson Middle School, said she consistently sees seventh-graders and eighth-graders drop out of school. She suggested more active and engaging classes, such as robust shop classes, might keep these at-risk students in school.

» Dr. Michele Harmala, superintendent of Wayne-Westland schools, said technical education is primarily discussed at the high school and college level, but it needs to be introduced at younger ages, which may entice more students to these careers.

Employers like Ted Barker, who runs Livonia-based Shaw Construction and Management Co., said there is a lack of awareness about opportunities in his industry.

"We have a lot of employees who make a very good living working for

us, and only two of them have a bachelor's degree," Barker said.

Harmala said CTE is a less-expensive option for parents concerned about the costs of their child's college education. And in many cases, Harmala added, a motivated, experienced young worker with an associate's degree will have a chance to earn a business, engineering or management bachelor's degree with the expense covered by their employer.

Other leaders involved in the discussion included: Dr. Randy Liepa, the outgoing Livonia schools superintendent who will soon lead Wayne RESA; Dr. Michael Meissen, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton schools; Mayor Jack Kirksey of Livonia; Supervisor Phil LaJoy of Canton Township; and Supervisor Shannon Price of Plymouth Township.

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Michigan Phil awards youth string fellowship

Amanda Loescher, an 11th-grade student from Ypsilanti, is the recipient of the Michigan Philharmonic Youth String Fellowship. She is a member of the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

Amanda, a viola player of nine years, studies with Linda Speck. She has played in the Michigan Youth Symphony Orchestra for the past two years, the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra for the past seven years and the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra for the past five years. As part of the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra, Amanda has been a member of the Bernard Galler String Quartet for the past three years. She has also played events in a string quartet with her siblings.

The Michigan Philharmonic Youth String Fellowship operates under an invitation-only application process by director and conductor, Nan Washburn. In order for students to be consid-



Amanda Loescher

ered for the fellowship, students must play viola, cello or string bass, have been a member of Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (top orchestral level) for at least two years and be a current member at the time of application.

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Those receiving the most votes in the primary will advance to the general election in November. Why bother voting in a primary? Because if you don't choose your favorite candidates in the primary, they may not appear on the Nov. 4 ballot. Suddenly, your choice is limited! We are given the enviable opportunity to choose our own local leaders who will make decisions on our behalf for the next several years. Your vote is your voice!

The League of Women Voters, which never supports or opposes candidates, provides information that will help voters learn about and compare candidates and their views. Log on to VOTE411.org to find information about your polling place and what contests are on your ballot. Most local candidates have participated in this public service venture, and this is an excellent way for voters to find last minute information about the candidates. Additional voting information can be found on the League's website: LWVnorthwest-wayne.org.

If you do not vote, you are allowing a minority of voters who do vote to make decisions for you. It takes only a small amount of time to learn about the candidates on your ballot and then 15 minutes to vote on August 4th. Greater participation on voting day results in leaders that are more representative of their citizens. So check out VOTE411.org to help you make confident decisions on Aug. 4.

Angela Ryan, President
League of Women Voters
of NW Wayne County

A thank you

In regards to the article by Patrick Colbeck in the Observer Jul 30, 2015. Thank you Mr Colbeck. Not being a real

supporter of yours I still feel the need to thank you for your continuous stand against any tax increase to fix our roads.

I find it very disturbing that the people of Mich would say that it's OK to raise our taxes. For any reason. This past year alone we have seen Canton taxes, and Wayne County taxes raised. Along with the increase in water rates and I'm sure more. I for one was never included in a survey. Had I been it would have been a no. Thanks again Senator.

Love Canton

I want to say thank you to the township of Canton. I love living here. Family and safety are priorities. I have recently been enjoying the ITT Corridor trails. What a great investment that so many are enjoying. Every time I ride my bike on the trails there are always other people out enjoying them. I have seen so much wildlife (deer, great white heron, birds, and so much more) that it's hard to believe I live in such a populated area.

I also want to say thank you to the Canton police who are continually looking out for our safety on the roads and now to hear they want to offer the station as a place of safety when using Craigslist is awesome. They are also putting in place measures to stop social bullying. Way to go!!

Keep up the good work Canton!!!
Linda Svacha
Canton

Educate yourselves

All facets of the media are bombarding U.S. citizens with news of presidential candidates for 2016. How we wish we would have shorter election cycles similar to those of England and other countries.

As we research the policies, values, accomplishments and goals of the many possible candidates, I suggest we do the same for state and national current or potential candidates. The leaders of Michigan continue to disappoint me. Gov. Snyder and the Republican-controlled Senate and House of Representatives continue to disappoint me.

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They did not solve the problem of the horrible roads in our state; taxpayers bear the brunt.

They discontinued tax credits for the fledgling, growing film industry in Michigan.

In June, the governor signed legislation that allows faith-based adoption agencies to refuse to serve same-sex couples or unmarried couples if the religious beliefs of those couples were violated.

A year and a half ago, the Legislature approved a Right to Life bill Gov. Snyder had vetoed previously and plan to go around him again regarding repealing prevailing wage, which Snyder opposes. Is "the tail wagging the dog?"

In 2018, citizens will vote for governor, secretary of state, attorney general, plus all seats in the state Senate and House. It is not too early to educate ourselves about the 2016 and 2018 elections. We must choose wisely for those leaders who policies espouse/share our values and goals.

Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce

Sour effects of GOP

For those voters who hope and pray that the GOP will control both Houses of Congress, it is time to look at some GOP history and take a good look at the sour effects created by the Republican Party.

For those voters who praise the era of Ronald Reagan, let us face the facts that Reagan increased the bureaucracy, increased government deficits, and presented a so-called "plan" to cut taxes, cut spending, to create a smaller govern-

ment. Reagan said he would cut the Departments of Energy and Education. It did not happen. In fact, Reagan added a Department of Veteran's Affairs. Reagan increased the size of government from 1981-89. When he entered office, the U.S. deficit was \$79 billion. When he left office the budget deficit was \$155 billion. Is that GOP progress?

Today, the U.S. voter faces a new election in 2016. So what might happen if the GOP wins the U.S. Senate? The GOP wants to ban abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy. The GOP wants to strike parts of Obamacare, which affects the working class in America. The GOP wants to shrink the Environmental Protection Agency, which will allow more dirt in the air you breathe and more poison in the water you drink. The GOP Congress will stop all programs in Congress as they have done in the past.

In 1994, the GOP took control of the House and Senate. Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich pelted Bill Clinton to no avail until Gingrich softened and they passed a budget and welfare reform.

So if the American voter wants to see the U.S. government grind to a halt, then let the GOP takeover and we can say goodbye to the EPA, goodbye to Pell Grants for college kids, goodbye to food stamps, goodbye to Consumer Finance Protection. Of course, a GOP Congress and GOP president would spend money and time investigating the Benghazi Affair which is just another Republican mindless witch hunt where there is no witch except in the minds of people like Donald Trump.

Robert Keselowski
retired Livonia teacher

Roads need fixing now

The behavior of our State GOP-controlled House would be hilarious if their incompetent behavior was not so serious. After a two-week vacation, our State House Representatives returned for duty July 14 where they confronted the State Senate road repair bill. The GOP House leadership met for three hours behind closed doors and in se-

cret deliberations.

After these deep and complex deliberations, they met briefly July 15 and declared July the ice cream month. They promptly adjourned and were out of town for the remainder of the week as well as the one following.

As already mentioned, this may be comical behavior except the State GOP-controlled House expresses cowardice and avoidance of a permanent solution to our crumbling roads and bridges. July is the official ice cream month by Legislative decree, but no solution for repair of our roads.

The construction season is already half over and we are faced with the winter of poor and worsening roads. If not incompetence, cowardice and indifference, just what is the reason for this inexcusable behavior by our elected Congressional Representatives?

What will happen when they return? Who knows. There better be a permanent fix to our crumbling infrastructure or they may be on vacation permanently.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Science supports climate change

I am an active practicing geologist with a degree in geophysics. I have followed the developments in climate change over the last decade and I understand the science.

I am a supporter of free speech, but it is time to stop the irrational rants of the climate change deniers. A recent letter to the editor was so biased and full of deceptions that one could only conclude that it was purposefully false.

As if spouting misinformation and ill-founded and goofy calculations will somehow stop the coming changes to our climate? You deniers are causing much more harm than the public realizes and history will prove this out.

We have an opportunity to decrease the pain, but time is running out. So, you deniers out there, please come to your senses. Stop letting your personal biases drive your thinking. Get on board with solutions or

get out of the way.

Steve Hoin
South Lyon

Kroger disappointed

I went to the grand openings of Kroger this past Wednesday in West Bloomfield and was especially impressed with the meat department. Beautiful, well-marbled meat with a little dry age to the meats, most looked almost prime with great prices. I just left (Friday) and was amazed how bad the meat department slipped in three days. Meats looked terrible, no marble, all red fresh cut loaded with moisture and very little marbling, did not even look like choice grade meat, more like select that I wouldn't feed my dog with, if I still had a dog.

Fair disclosure I was a butcher for many years and know my meats.

Just smoke and mirrors for the grand opening cameras, what a shame.

Sanford Litinsky
Southfield

Liberalism has recurring themes

Liberalism has some recurring themes. It's racist to require voters to prove citizenship and who they are. Bad economic reports are always unexpected, usually blamed on the weather. Five months isn't enough time to make up your mind about an abortion. More gun-control laws will stop those who'll ignore them.

Fair share never has a dollar value. If it's reached, you can't ridicule someone for not paying it. Terrorism and a weakened military are less threatening to our security than global warming. The rich should pay more because they can. When in doubt, claim racism.

We need safe spaces on college campuses to protect kids from speech we don't like. Problems can always be fixed with more money — and if it doesn't work, it means we didn't spend enough. We know what the American people want, regardless of what they say.

We don't like free markets because we can't control them. High-speed rail in California is more important than more water reservoirs.

Jack Belisle
South Lyon

Local Applebee's bartender wins statewide contest

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

When 21-year-old Keven Wacker decided to create his own drink, he knew one thing: It couldn't be red.

Wacker, a bartender at

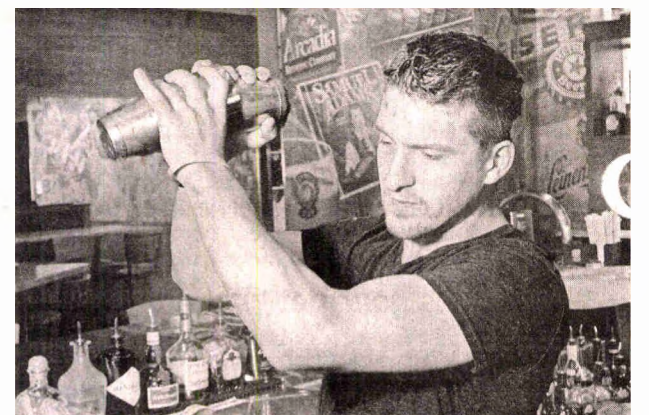
the Livonia Applebee's, began brainstorming a drink and made that cocktail last month during the finals of the first-ever Neighborhood Bartender Mixology Competition, a contest open to more than 400 Applebee's

employees in Michigan. His drink, Southern Peaches, was the winner.

"I wanted it to become a different color because almost every other competitor's drink was red, and I wanted mine to stand out like a sore

thumb," the Westland resident and graduate of John Glenn High School said. "To me, if I'm going taste something peachy, why is it red? My drink was yellow."

And it stuck out for the judges: Wacker's winning



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Keven Wacker mixes up a Southern Peaches, at Applebee's.

drink, which has ingredients such as Pearl Peach Vodka, lemon-lime soda and Southern Comfort, was declared the winner and is expected to be featured on all 66 Michigan Applebee's drink menus starting this fall.

Being a big country music fan, Wacker said he wanted to craft something that had a southern influence and thought to use peaches. He'll continue using the southern fruit this fall, saying the Livonia restaurant will be the only place where the drink is served with fresh peaches.

He began bartending just a few months ago after starting at the restaurant at 13301 Middlebelt, which opened last fall. When the opportunity to begin bartending came up, Wacker jumped

at the chance to learn something new and make more money. Now, he's a regular bartender at the restaurant, especially on Sundays and Mondays.

The final competition took place late last month at the Livonia restaurant and was run by Livonia-based Team Schostak Family Restaurants, which operates all the Applebee's in Michigan.

Wacker's girlfriend, Cassidee Cooper, 21 of Westland, said she enjoyed the drink when she tried it.

"It was good," she said. "I would drink it." He enjoys bartending, but eventually he'd like to see himself move up the corporate ladder in the restaurant business.

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Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, Canton
Details: Children and the young at heart will have a chance to touch and get an up-close look at fire trucks and police cars.

WORSHIP IN PARK

Time/Date: 11 a.m. every Sunday through Aug. 23

Location: Cherry Hill Village School at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill in Canton

Details: Hosted by St. Michael Lutheran Church, a Sunday service will be offered outdoors

HELP OLAF

Time/Date: Beginning at 1 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 9; last hunt begins at 3:30 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, downtown Plymouth

Details: Help Olaf find the Frozen princesses during a scavenger hunt; followed by a make-and-take craft and a snack

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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

CIRCUS

Time/Date: 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8

Location: Wayne's Atwood Park, on Anderson ball field II at the park on Howe south of Annapolis.

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Cost: Prior to the actual day of the circus, tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 children. Tickets are being sold at the Wayne

Community Center, Westland City Hall, Wayne Public Library, Professional Insurance Associates, Jack Demmer Ford, Mark Chevrolet and Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union. Advance tickets are also online at www.KellyMillerCircus.com. Tickets at the door are \$16 for adults and \$8 for children

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

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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

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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

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Contact: www.salineantiques-market.com. To become an exhibitor, contact Doug Supinger, manager, at 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

Contact: Church office, 734722-7688

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Monday, July 27

Location: Fellows Creek Golf Course, 2936 Lotz Road, Canton

Details: The Canton Lions Club is seeking new members and will host a membership drive.

Contact: Lion Bill Van Winkle at 724 254-9404; govbill1@wow-way.com or cantonlions.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 734-394-5300.

MEETINGS CHANGED

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Taking the 3-Day walk

Crazy Legs Dusney laces up shoes for annual event

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

By her own estimation, Sharon Dusney has raised more than \$50,000 simply by putting on a pair of shoes and walking.

"That has to help someone," said Dusney who has joined thousands of men and women in walking in the 60-mile Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day. "You can pick research or assist, I pick assist to help those who are battling breast cancer."

The director of Special Services in the Garden City Public Schools, Dusney has been training since February for the 3-Day which takes place Friday-Sunday, Aug. 7-9. Her involvement in the walk dates back to post 9/11 when President George W. Bush's asked Americans to do one more thing.

Because she's so active in her church and school, she needed to find something to fit in. She was reading a newspaper when she saw an ad for the 3-Day. Her thought was "I can walk, so I can do that" and signed up.

This is the 10th year she has done the walk. The first year she was inspired to walk by school secretary Donna Casteneda who was struggling with breast cancer.

"Last year I said I was done with walking, I'll be a volunteer," Dusney said. "When February came around, I got a little antsy. My husband told me to get up and start walking. Paul has been so supportive since the day I heard about Donna and went home and said I had to do it."



Sharon Dusney (left) was joined by her college roommate Kathleen Donald, a breast cancer survivor, for last year's 3-Day.

The first year Dusney, who has the moniker of Crazy Legs Dusney, walked alone, but has since had a series of partners. She calls them "one and done." They do the walk once and never again.

The first year, former special service director Andrea Witkoski walked with her. Another year her college roommate, Kathleen Donald, a breast cancer survivor, walked. This year it will be Chery Martin, a speech therapist in Dexter.

"I've only had a repeat walker once," she said. "The rest have been one and done. They say they like it and it's fun, but they'll never do it again. The walking is fun, it's like a walking cruise, but the training is the hard part. I'm a fast walker, I try to do 15-minute miles. But on the 3-Day, it's not about how fast you walk, it's about learning about the survivors, meeting people, raising awareness and stopping and talking to people."

"On the 3-Day, you can't walk fast because there's so many people," she added.

Dusney begins her

training in February. This year she was out walking in the snow wearing boots. The 3-Day provides a schedule that gradually builds from three miles four days a week to the 8 miles she did this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. With the 3-Day just around the corner, she'll start backing off on the miles she walks to avoid a sports injury during the event.

"I never use a pedometer, I drive my route first," she said. "I train at Kensington, which has an 8 1/2-mile path that once you start you have to finish. I walk a lot in the metropark and Hines Park. They have a system online where you can find training walks. You can meet up with others and train with them."

She also does a lot of walking around Garden City, doing a loop around the schools, which allows her to use the bathrooms and refill her water bottle. Tuesdays and Thursdays she has been walking from the Central Office on Radcliff to Lathers, the high school and back, almost eight miles.

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MICHIGAN JUNIOR AMATEUR GOLF

Piot edges Trospers to win title

Canton natives battle to final hole before 25-foot putt wins it

James Piot rallied from behind and then held on with great putting to beat fellow Canton resident and 2013 champion Donnie Trospers in the final match of the 37th Michigan Junior Amateur Championship Thursday.

Piot, 16, and a junior-to-be at Novi Detroit Catholic Central, made a 25-foot par-saving putt on the 18th green to edge Trospers 1-up in the championship presented by Miles of Golf/Kendall Academy/Titleist at The Polo Fields-Washtenaw.

"It means a lot," Piot said. "It's my



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James Piot of Canton watches a shot during his match Thursday against Donnie Trospers.

first win of the season actually, and I thought I played pretty well and I've been working hard. Hard work pretty

much pays off."

Trospers, 18, the 2014 GAM Junior Boys Player of the Year, and the top seed because he was medalist in the 36-hole match stroke play at the start of the week, birdied two of the first three holes and had a 3-up lead through five holes.

Piot rallied strong and quickly though with three consecutive birdies, two of which won holes and was just 1-down starting the back nine.

Trospers went 2-up at the par-5 10th hole with a birdie, but Piot battled back, winning holes with pars at 14 and 15 where Trospers missed greens and par-saving putts.

The two Canton golfers each birdied 16 and then at 17 Trospers' shot flew right over the top of the flag and into a

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Harrison grad Laird excelling

Farmington Hills Harrison graduate Molly Laird is excelling on and off the fairways at the University of Detroit Mercy.

A mechanical engineering major, Laird has teamed up with UDM men's lacrosse player Austin Ross of Warren to construct a portable motorized device that will allow a powered wheelchair to navigate a flight of stairs.

Using the computer-aided design program SolidWorks, Laird and Ross — both sophomores-to-be at UDM — engineered the lift digitally before construction.

"Typically, students do not get to work with machines until their junior or senior years," Laird said. "We are gaining that experience before starting our sophomore year."

Laird, whose aunt is in a wheelchair, wants to improve the mobility of individuals in wheelchairs.

"I know this project will make a difference in someone's life," she said.

The lift is expected to be fully functional by mid-August.



Molly Laird

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ED WRIGHT
Fourteen-year-old Farmington Hills resident Danny Colleran rips a drive down the middle of the seventh fairway at Whispering Willows Wednesday afternoon.

Young golfers post hot scores at Motor City tourney

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The heat was on Wednesday at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia, but the high-80s temperatures proved to be nothing more than a minor distraction for the nearly 50 youth golfers who competed in the 2015 Motor City Junior Championships.

The annual event attracts junior swingers from throughout suburban Detroit, but Wednesday's tournament had a definite hometown Livonia flavor to it, especially near the top of the leaderboards as the only three non-locals placed in the top two spots in the five age flights (three boys and two girls).

The low 18-hole round of the day was carded by Sterling Heights resident Justin McCown, who won the 13-14 boys division with a solid 77.

McCown capped his memorable day by winning his flight's closest-to-the-pin and long-drive awards as well.

Other standouts in the boys 13-14 standings were Livonia's Brendan Stout, who fired a runner-up score of 85, and Novi's Connor Gallagher, whose 96 was good for third.

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INSPIRING JOURNEY

Livonia's Howse presented with prestigious perseverance award

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

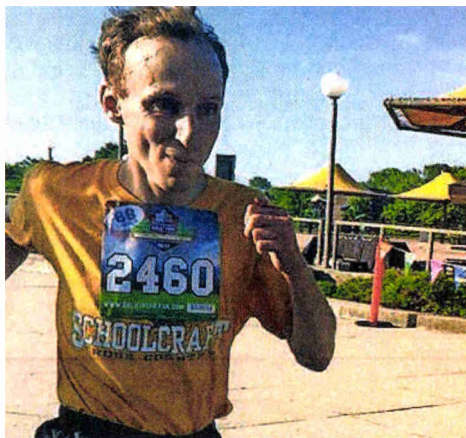
Whether it was completing a high school cross country race with a broken collarbone, learning to talk at the age of 6 or thriving despite the daily obstacles presented by autism, Scott Howse has never backed down from adversity.

On July 20 the former Livonia Churchill long-distance standout and current member of the Schoolcraft College cross

country team was recognized for his unwavering positivity by being presented with the Ralph E. Hay Honors award, a commendation designed for athletes who have achieved great feats in the face of adversity.

Howse received the award at the Canton Pro Football Hall of Fame Gold Jacket 5K post-race awards ceremony in Brownstown Township.

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Scott Howse is pictured crossing the finish line at the July 20 Golden Jacket 5K race in Brownstown Township.

Accidental omission

Livonia Churchill sophomore goalkeeper Brittney Hayes' photo was mistakenly omitted from Thursday's all-area girls soccer story. We apologize for the error.



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Ex-Chief waging battle with rare cancer

Positive attitude benefitting Nolen

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Much like the speedy wide receivers Josh Nolen routinely locked down during his spectacular career as an undersized, tough-as-nails cornerback for Canton's football program, the cancer that has invaded the 21-year-old's body is in for a relentless battle.

On June 24, following weeks of experiencing alarming symptoms that were initially misread by medical professionals, Nolen was diagnosed with renal medullary carcinoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer that affects the kidneys.

Within days of the daunting diagnosis, Nolen was transported to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, where he undergoes powerful chemotherapy treatments that sap his strength, but can't lay a finger on his extraordinary mental toughness.

"Every day when I wake up, I tell myself I have to win this day, I have to stay positive," said Nolen, who is living with an aunt just a few minutes from the cancer center. "It was tough at first, but now I accept what I'm up against and I'm prepared to fight it."

"The doctors have told me I have a lot in my favor, including my age and the fact that I'm physically fit. Attitude is extremely important in beating cancer, but the other two things are probably more important."

"The doctors told me that if the treatments had started even a few days later than they did, I probably wouldn't have made it. I definitely appreciate the smaller things in

life now."

A few months prior to being diagnosed by doctors at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Nolen began experiencing persistent pain in his lower-left abdomen.

"The pain was so bad, I was going through three bottles of Aleve a week," he said. "It got so bad, I finally went in and had it checked out. They told me it was probably a muscle strain, but I told them there's no way that's what it was. I'm an athlete and I know what a muscle strain feels like. This was worse."

A few weeks later, Nolen's urine was streaked with blood, which prompted another trip to the doctor's office.

"They told me it was probably just from something I drank," he said. "When I went in a third time, they told me I had pneumonia."

Nolen's condition had deteriorated to such a degree in late June that he could barely roll over in bed without feeling exhausted. He had also lost 10 pounds in just two weeks.

"I finally decided that I had to call U of M," he said. "I woke up one morning at 7 a.m. so that I could call them as soon as they opened at 7:30. They told me they didn't have an opening until 3 that day, but I was in such bad shape, I couldn't wait that long."

"I decided to drive myself (from Canton) to the St. Mary's Hospital emergency room in Livonia. When I was about five minutes from the hospital, U of M called and told me they could get me in right away."

Immediately after Nolen informed the U of M doctors of his symptoms, they delivered somber news.

"Basically, they told me



Former Canton High School football player Josh Nolen has maintained a positive attitude during his battle with renal medullary carcinoma.

they hoped it wasn't the case, but that they were obligated to tell me that all the signs pointed to kidney cancer," he said. "I was shocked, but I wasn't totally surprised because of the way I was feeling."

After undergoing several tests and scans that morning, Nolen returned home.

"About 15 minutes after I was home, the doctor called and said I had to get back to the hospital ASAP," he recalled. "They had found a mass on my kidney and several small masses on my lungs."

The chemicals that are pumped into Josh Nolen's blood stream during his once-every-three-weeks chemotherapy treatments in Houston are both allies and enemies, hope-instillers and energy-drainers, as they destroy both bad and healthy blood cells.

Following his first chemotherapy treatment at the Anderson Cancer Center, Nolen was able to ride close to five miles on a stationary bike at a nearby YMCA.

However, that wasn't the case in the wake of his second treatment, which was delayed 36 hours by the discovery of a blood clot in his left arm and the onset of an upper-respiratory infection.

"After my second chemo treatment, I couldn't take a step without stopping to rest," he revealed.

Nolen's condition has since stabilized, he added.

"If you had called me seven days ago, I probably wouldn't have been strong enough to talk to you," he said during a Friday afternoon phone interview. "I feel stronger now."

Nolen said his spirits have

remained strong thanks in part to the support offered by his former Canton football teammates and coaches.

With an eye on earning a bachelor's degree in finance at Western Michigan University next spring, Nolen has enrolled in online courses for the upcoming semester.

"Hopefully, if all goes well, I'm planning on being able to attend classes in person for the second semester," he said, his voice strong and assured.

A GoFundMe account has been established to help Nolen handle the onslaught of expenses that have piled up during his battle.

To make a donation to the account, visit gofundme.com/joshuanolen.

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HOWSE

Adding to the specialness of the day for the Howse family was the first-place performance of Scott's brother, Shawn, in the 5K race. Shawn Howse, who ran the entire race in bare feet, earned a berth in next month's Gold Jacket Championship race set for Canton, Ohio, which is the home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Scott Howse, who placed third in the Gold Jacket 5K, was nominated for the Hay award by Ed Kozloff, who is the head cross country coach at Schoolcraft.

"I was excited when I found out I won," Scott Howse said. "I was surprised because it came out of the blue."

Diagnosed with autism at the age of 2, Howse defied some educators, who recommended to his parents, Ken and Connie, that Scott be institutionalized.

Non-verbal until the age of 6, Howse learned how to talk using music therapy - particularly the song "Jesus Loves Me," which he had heard at church one Sunday.

Howse caught the running bug at Riley Middle School, where he won the city championship in cross country. He later excelled in cross country and track & field at Livonia Churchill while running under the guidance of John McGreevy and Rick Austin.

"I like to run because it calms me down," said Howse, who runs approximately three miles, up to five times a week.

Ken and Connie Howse both revealed beaming smiles when asked about the pride they feel for Scott.

"Just knowing what he's been through, we can appreciate the strides he's made," Ken Howse said. "Just getting into a school program was a huge step. He did really well in



Scott Howse (middle) is pictured with his parents, Ken and Connie, and brothers Shawn and Franklin.

some subjects, but struggled in others. We came up with a customized program that helped him get up to a certain level in all subjects so that he could attend public middle school and high school."

The Howses vividly recall the Churchill cross country race when their son got entangled in a large group of runners and tumbled to the ground.

"He jumped right back up and started running, but he was only moving one arm," Ken Howse remembered. "His coach, John McGreevy, shouted for Scott to walk off the course so we could check him out, but he kept going."

"It turned out he had broken his collarbone, but he didn't want to stop the race. We took him to the hospital after the race and he missed a few weeks of running, but by him finishing that race, it showed us what a competitor he was."

Along with attending Schoolcraft and competing on its cross country team, Howse works three days a week at the Detroit Zoo.

He also co-authored a book with his mom - "Autistic and Awesome: A Proven Roadmap for Raising an Autistic Child - which can be purchased on Amazon.com.

"I have wanted to write a book for quite some time that I thought would be meaningful for parents of children with autism," Connie Howse said. "It's an easy-to-read, easy-to-understand book that includes stories Scott wrote and research I have compiled over the years."

"It's only been available for a few weeks, but it has received positive feedback so far. We could have published it as an e-book or a hard copy. We chose the hard copy because we figured people would want it on their shelf so they could have easier access to it."

Scott Howse's life has been jam-packed with notable achievements. For instance, in 2010, he became the first national athlete with a disability to earn Academic All-American honors.

In 2015, Howse will complete his eighth year with the Schoolcraft cross country team.

He is on track to receive his two-year General Studies degree in the spring of 2016.

"God is my biggest inspiration beyond belief," Howse said. "He helps calm me down when I'm having a bad day or I'm angry and he lifts me up even higher on my good days."

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TOURNEY

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Livonia's Jon McDonald, a member of the Stevenson golf team this past spring, won the boys 15-17 division with a sizzling 79 — two shots lower than John Doyle, who competes for Churchill's golf squad.

Along with finishing third with an 84, Alex Westphal was the division's closest-to-the-pin winner.

The boys 12-and-under crown was earned by Birmingham resident Spencer Whittington, who recorded a stellar 78. Livonia's Devin Allen was second with an 80. Allen also won the long-drive award while Evan Westphal took home the closest-to-the-pin medal.

Kendall Payne, a multi-sport standout at Livonia Franklin, won the girls 15-16 championship after shooting a 81, that included a longest-drive title. Emma Whittington of Birmingham finished 11 shots behind Payne to earn runner-up honors. Whittington also was her division's closest-to-the-pin victor.

Summer Horen of Livonia dominated the girls 13-14 flight after registering a 100. Allison Gronau of Livonia was second at 112.

MOTOR CITY JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
Wednesday at Whispering Willows

Boys 15-17

1. Jon McDonald, 79; 2. John Doyle, 81; 3. Alex Westphal, 84; 4. Robert Gulick, 85; 5. Griffin Ahmet, 88; 6. Chase Fallu, 96; 7. (tie) Jake Giacobbi and Kai Lau, 97; 9. Blake Ebling, 98; 10. Matthew Matley,



Livonia resident Megan Gronau, 16, keeps her eye on the ball as she chips onto the sixth green at Whispering Willows Wednesday afternoon.

103; 11. Devin Hotz, 104; 12. Ryan Kuehne, 117; 13. David Brackett, 121.

Boys 13-14

1. Justin McCown, 77; 2. Brendan Stout, 85; 3. Connor Gallagher, 96; 4. Brendan Iatrow, 98; 5. Steve Hunt, 102; 6. Henry Shymanski, 103; 7. (tie) Justin Diegel and Tyson Wisner, 109; 9. Max Proulx, 110; 10. Ian Wood, 112; 11. Joe Sharkey, 115; 12. Stephen McDonald, 118; 13. Mitchell Rhoad, 122; 14. Brendan Fuciarelli, 123; 15. Danny Collieran, 126; 16. Daniel White, 127.

Boys 12 and under

1. Spencer Whittington, 78; 2. Devin Allen, 80; 3. Michael Gallagher, 82; 4. Andrew Creighton, 86; 5. Evan Westphal, 97; 6. Nathan Blazo, 106; 7. Jacob Sager, 148.

Girls 15-16

1. Kendall Payne, 81; 2. Emma Whittington, 92; 3. (tie) Rachel Crachiola and Sofia Cueva, 94; 5. Megan Gronau, 96; 6. Emily Walters, 100; 7. Grace Grellak, 102; 8. Marin Furuyama, 104; 9. Katherine Collieran, 110.

Girls 13-14

1. Summer Horen, 100; 2. Allison Gronau, 112; 3. Anna Haupt, 144.

YOUTH SPORTS TRYOUTS

11U Livonia City Thunder

Tryouts for the 2016 Livonia City Thunder 11U baseball team will be held from 9-11 a.m. Aug. 2 at the Livonia Stevenson varsity softball field.

Players are encouraged to arrive at least 15 minutes early to register and warm up. Baseball attire is required.

All dedicated baseball players are welcomed and all positions are open.

For more information, email s8henriksen@yahoo.com.

NFWB Impact

The NFWB Impact will hold tryouts for its 2016 10U, 12U and 14U teams on Aug. 8 from 1-3 p.m. at Pioneer Park in Farmington Hills and from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 10 at Drake Park in West Bloomfield.

Players are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes early to register and to bring softball equipment to the tryouts.

Pioneer Park is located on Farmington Rd. just north of 13 Mile Road. Drake Park is located on Drake Road just south of Maple Road.

The Impact compete in the Western Wayne County League in addition to playing in four to six tournaments.

For more information, email softball@nfwbimpact.org.

12U Livonia Stars

The Livonia Stars 12U travel baseball team will be looking to add additional players for the 2016 season. Players can not turn 13 before May 1, 2016.

For more information, contact head coach Matt Fournier at mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net or 734-968-0499.

Positive Impact

The NFWB Impact 14U softball earned runner-up honors this summer in the Wayne Western Softball League's Silver West Division. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Nicole Roggow, Kelly McCullough, Hanna Velzy, (top row from left) Ella George, Izzy Randel, Mary Williams, Meghan Roshak, Julianna Petrak, Olivia Elder, Caylin Krause, Anna Ledermann and Sydney Gordon.



ALL-AREA BOYS GOLF TEAM

Elite golfers armed with loads of talent

FIRST TEAM

Donnie Trosper, sr., Canton: An unbelievably talented golfer, Trosper closed out one of the best high school careers ever put together by an athlete at Canton High School in any sport.



With averages of 36 and 71.1 strokes per nine and 18 holes, respectively, Trosper was the Division 1 regional medalist at Dearborn Country Club with an even-par 72.

Trosper went on to finish second at the D1 state finals at Ferris State University's Katke Golf Course.

With a 67-77-144 tally and spark the Chiefs to third place as a team.

And with that, he made the first all-state team for the fourth year in a row.

Other highlights for the Canton co-captain — and their were many — included registering a 63 in the SunTel Invitational held at Birmingham Country Club, earning medalist honors in two of four dual matches and in five of eight 18-hole events.

"Donnie is a phenomenal talent," coach Tom Alles said. "His game has no weaknesses. When Donnie plays in competition he expects to win every time."

"His golf course management skills are exceptional and his knowledge of the game is outstanding for a high school golfer. Donnie is the best golfer I have had the honor of coaching in my 21 years as head coach of the Canton Golf Team."

Trosper will golf for the University of Central Florida in the fall.

Justin Kapke, soph., Plymouth: Only a sophomore, Kapke burst onto the scene in a big way to give the Wildcats a dangerous lineup from top-to-bottom. Kapke, an all-

KLAA selection, averaged 39 for nine holes and 76 for 18 and was the top average scorer in both KLAA tournaments combined.

"He had the lowest 18-hole average on our team," coach Dan Young said. "He works extremely hard on his game and it's paying off."

After Kapke shot a 76 to finish fifth overall at the D1 regional at Dearborn CC, he finished with a 85-84-169 tally at the state final.

Kitwana Ashford, sr., Farmington: A repeat member of the all-area team, Ashford qualified as an individual for the Division 2 state tournament and shot well with a two-day total of 149 after



rounds of 75 and 74. Ashford's average score in nine-hole matches was 38; he shot an average of 77.86 in tournaments. His season low was 73 at Pontiac Country Club.

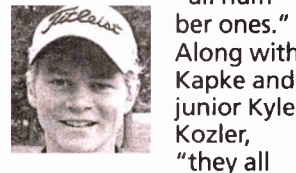
He shot 76 and was fourth overall in the regional at Fieldstone Golf Course and made the state-meet cut. Ashford will be on the Henry Ford Community College golf team next year.

"Kitwana had very high expectations coming into the season," coach Ray Maleyko said. "He wanted to finish in the top 10 in every tournament we played and compete against the best golfers in each tournament."

"Kitwana thrives under pressure and welcomes the challenge. His practice routines are grueling. He'd spend four hours on the putting green or the range, because 'It didn't feel right.'"

"I'm extremely proud that he was able to achieve his season goals and represent Farmington High School at the state final."

Jack Boczar, soph., Plymouth: Boczar is one of three golfers Young considers "all number ones."



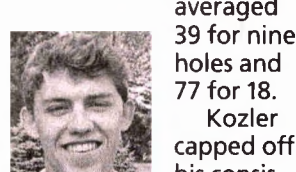
Along with Kapke and junior Kyle Kozler, "they all can go low at any given tournament and did."

The youngest of the trio, sophomore Boczar averaged 37 for nine holes and 77 for 18. He registered the lowest average for nine-hole matches in the KLAA, deservedly earning all-KLAA honors.

At D1 regionals, he came in third overall with a 75, pacing Plymouth to the championship at Dearborn CC. He followed that up at the state finals at Katke, tallying a 80-81-161 scoreline.

"Jack works as hard as anybody and has improved from a year ago," Young said. "... He is a leader in our program."

Kyle Kozler, jr., Plymouth: One of several standout Wildcats was the talented junior, who averaged 39 for nine holes and 77 for 18.

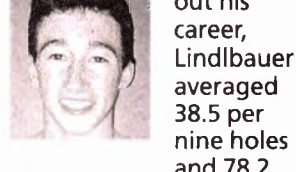


Kozler capped off his consistently splendid season by being the team's top performer at the D1 finals with a 78-74-152 scoreline.

Among a number of stellar performances, Kozler's 76 topped Plymouth's scorecard at the D1 district at Pine View Golf Course in Wypilanti — sparking the Wildcats to the title. He followed that up with a 78 at the D1 regional.

"Kyle was named all-KLAA and was our lowest scoring golfer at the state championship," Young said. "He's a great ball striker who has a very bright future."

Noah Lindlbauer, sr., Canton: Another stellar performer for the Chiefs throughout his career, Lindlbauer averaged 38.5 per nine holes and 78.2 per 18 during his senior season.



A first-team all-conference selection for the second straight season, the Canton co-captain also earned academic all-state honorable mention honors.

Lindlbauer was district medalist with a 74 at Pine View Golf Club and shot 80 or lower eight of 10 times in 18-hole rounds.

He finished 13th overall at the D1 regional with a 79 and then registered a 75-80-155 scoreline at state finals.

"Noah is a very intelligent player," Alles said. "He thinks his way around the course very effectively. He is extremely competitive and will battle the course until the last putt is holed."

"Noah is a straight hitter of the golf ball and possesses an outstanding short game to compliment his accuracy."

Austin Alexander, sr., N. Farmington: A four-year varsity standout, Alexander finished his career as



the third-best player in North Farmington history with an overall average of 38.3.

The only golfers ranked ahead of him are Max Kollin (35.8), who plays for Indiana University, and Don Timmer (38.1). He is tied with Nick Williams.

A perennial selection to the all-area team, Alexander averaged 78.5 in tournament play and 38.6 in dual matches.

"Austin was the medalist in every match he played in this season and is one of the mildest mannered young men I have ever had the honor of coaching," coach Bruce Sutton said.

"During his four years on the varsity, Austin made it to the state final as a freshman and helped the team to a 26-5 overall record."

"He was selected for the All-Observer and OAA All-Blue Division teams four times and was the team MVP for three years. I am proud to say I have been his coach."

Connor Greenlee, sr., Farmington: Greenlee made the jump from the all-area second to first team this year after shooting average scores of



78.7 in tournaments and 39.4 in nine-hole matches.

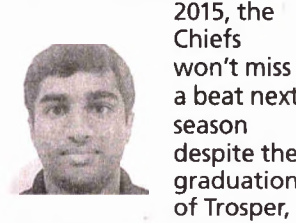
His season low was 73 at Birmingham Country Club. Greenlee was eighth in the Fieldstone regional with a 79 and was one stroke away from qualifying for state.

"Connor's performance on the course was exceptional," Maleyko said. "Connor set the bar high for himself and his teammates, and I'm very excited that he will be playing golf at the collegiate level next year at Henry Ford CC with Kitwana."

"Connor has all the tools you want as a golf coach. One of his best attributes is that he works with his teammates on their games as much as he works on his own. He wants to be a better golfer. He puts in the time and the repetitions to get better."

"I can't tell you how many times after practice, a match or a tournament, he asked to hit balls at the range or putt on the greens. Farmington boys golf will definitely miss him next season."

SECOND TEAM
Suhas Potluri, soph., Canton: With Potluri only a sophomore in 2015, the Chiefs



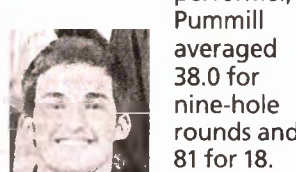
won't miss a beat next season despite the graduation of Trosper, Lindlbauer and others. Potluri was the epitome of consistency, scoring 40.1 per nine holes and 80.1 per 18, earning dual-match medalist honors three times and breaking the 80 mark five times out of nine 18-hole rounds.

A first-team all-KLAA selection for his second straight year, Potluri placed second in the SunTel Invitational at Birmingham CC with a 69 and he shot a 81-84-165 at the state finals.

"Suhas is constantly working to improve his game," Alles said. "He spends a great deal of time on the range and on the practice green to hone his skills."

"He hits the ball a long ways but also possesses a deft touch around the greens. He has a lot of competitive junior golf experience that will serve him well for his junior and senior years."

Joe Pummill, sr., Garden City: A rare four-year all-conference performer, Pummill averaged 38.0 for nine-hole rounds and 81 for 18.



He was a match medalist six times, including back-to-back matches when he carded scores of 36 (at Gateway) and 33 (at Westland Municipal).

"The key to Joe's success this year was his consistency," said Ron Pummill, Joe's coach and father. "Joe knew he needed to shoot low in order for us to be successful and that is what he did."

"He was our leader. In the four years he started in high school, we won two league championships and back-to-back state district titles. I am proud of Joe both as his coach and his dad. It was truly an honor to have coached him and I am going to miss him."

Jacob Kenward, fr., Franklin: The freshman enjoyed a dazzling debut season for the Patriots, capped by a sensational round of 78 at a Division 1 district tournament at The Legacy in Ottawa Lake. Kenward missed earning individual medalist honors at the district by just one shot.

"What made Jacob special is that he played and practiced and kept up with his grades," coach Jason Rammler said. "The first year usually is about experience, playing in matches and tournaments, but he held his own in matches and tournaments."

"Jacob battled through injuries and made it to regionals, and even though he didn't have a good round, he got that experience to keep building for next year. Jacob earned his varsity letter and is helping out with our junior program during the summer. I am glad that I have him for three more years."

Andrew Lloyd, sr., Plymouth: The senior co-captain was instrumental in the Wildcats' success, providing an average of 41 per nine holes and 81 per 18 while contributing leadership.

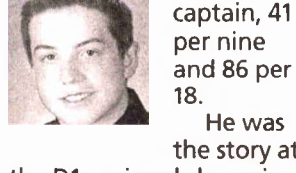


He also had one of the highlights of the season, was match medalist with a 35 in a showdown against Canton for the KLAA South Division title.

"That's huge and it's great for that kid," Young said about Lloyd's clutch performance. "He deserves it; he's a hard worker. He's a great kid. He's captain for a reason."

Lloyd, an all-KLAA pick, also chipped in during postseason tournaments. At the D1 regional, he registered a solid 83. He then tallied a 87-87-174 scoreline at the D1 finals at Ferris State.

Connor Zydeck, sr., Plymouth: Zydeck also provided clutch golf and leadership as the team's other senior co-captain, 41 per nine and 86 per 18.



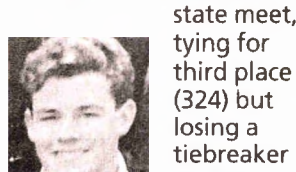
He was the story at the D1 regional championship at Dearborn Country Club, coming through with a 76 to make "the difference" in the Wildcats prevailing, Young said at the time.

"He played in the 5 spot for us and ... he shot eight strokes below his average," Young said. "He got into a good rhythm today and came

through for us when it counted the most."

Zydeck had a 84-84-168 scoreline at the D1 finals at Ferris State.

Joe Majoros, jr., Farmington: Majoros was a solid complement to the team's senior leaders as the Falcons just missed making the cut for the D2



state meet, tying for third place (324) but losing a tiebreaker to Notre Dame Prep.

Majoros, who also plays forward on the school's hockey team, shot an average score of 82.86 strokes in tournaments and 44 in dual matches.

"There was probably more pressure on Joe this year than any other golfer on our team," Maleyko said. "Joe made some major swing and grip adjustments early in the year that paid dividends throughout the season. He met and exceeded my expectations."

"Joe has all the tools to be a very successful competitive golfer. The thing that impresses me the most as his coach is watching him commit to shots during competitions that we work on during practice."

"I'm really looking forward to seeing Joe take the torch from our graduating seniors and leading our team next season."

Chris Dooley, sr., Canton: With averages of 39 per nine holes and 83.2 per 18, Dooley provided the Chiefs with solid, consistent play throughout his senior season.

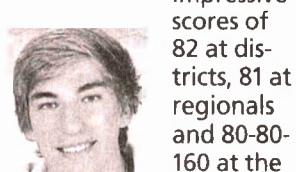


A first-team all-KLAA member who also was named to the academic all-state first team, Dooley was a medalist in one dual match and shot a 77 in the Next Tee Invitational at Oakland Hills North.

"Chris is a very consistent player," Alles said. "He manages his game intelligently. He does a great job of playing to his strengths and keeping his composure."

"Chris has always been the consummate team player. He is extremely coachable and well-respected by his teammates."

Hunter Schlamp, sr., Canton: Schlamp closed out his prep career in grand style, registering impressive scores of 82 at districts, 81 at regionals and 80-80-160 at the state finals.



He averaged 41.2 per nine and 83.4 per 18, shooting 82 or lower five out of eight times in 18-hole events.

"Hunter is very athletic," Alles said. "He has improved considerably over the three years he has been on the team."

"He has a great attitude and rarely gets rattled on the course. Hunter was a big factor in our team being able to qualify for the state finals."

Jared Latham, sr., Garden City: Latham closed out his high school golf career with a bang, averaging 40.4 strokes during nine-hole rounds and 83 over 18. He often played his best during big matches, a prime example being the team-best 77 he fired during the Cougars' second-consecutive Division 1 district championship performance.



2015 ALL-AREA BOYS GOLF FIRST TEAM

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Jack Boczar, soph., Plymouth
Kyle Kozler, junior, Plymouth
Noah Lindlbauer, senior, Canton
Austin Alexander, senior, N. Farmington
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CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR
Dan Young, Plymouth
Tom Alles, Canton

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Canton: Brian Oldani, Phillip Conrad, Josh Johnson; Plymouth: James Baldwin, Joe Fantana; Salem: Hayden Winch; Farmington: Jackson Tellerico, Phil Chacko, Luke Seflic; Harrison: LJ Tucker; N. Farmington: Nate Corley, Chris Matt; Churchill: Griffin Ahmet, John Doyle, Sam Spayd; Franklin: Will Hettei, Matt Wiebelhaus; Stevenson: Noah Pappalardo, Dominic Rea, Hyder Mansour; Garden City: Justin Bastion, Connor Johnson; Redford Union: Evan Albright, Luke Hebnner; Thurston: Alex Williams, Logan Charlton; Wayne: John Hicks, Nick Jefferson; John Glenn: David Hickson, Chase Anderson.

Latham has signed to continue his competitive golf career at Jackson Community College.

"Jared had his best year as a high school player this year," coach Ron Pummill said. "Jared has a desire to play college golf and he put in the work this past summer. That work paid off."

"Jared hit the ball off the as well as anyone on our team, but his improvement on the greens and his course management were why his scores were low. I wish him nothing but the best at Jackson Community College."

CO-COACHES OF YEAR

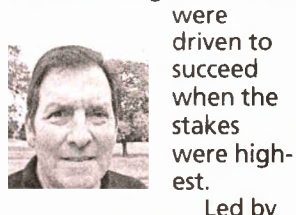
Dan Young, Plymouth: It was another outstanding season for the Wildcats, who won the KLAA South Division with a 5-0 record, then prevailed in the Kensington Conference, D1 district and regional tournaments.

"We had a great season, coming together at playoff time," Young said. "Winning our division, conference, district and regional championships are all hard to do."

With a selfless attitude, Plymouth's lineup had multiple golfers step up at different points of the season. Leading the way were Kapke, Boczar, Kyle Kozler and senior co-captains Lloyd and Zydeck.

"Our team had many contributors and they worked very hard to improve as the season went on," Young noted. "Most importantly, we had a great group of guys who had 'Team First' attitudes. That was the difference."

Tom Alles, Canton: Despite falling short in the division and conference standings, the Chiefs were driven to succeed when the stakes were highest.



Led by senior stalwarts Trosper, Lindlbauer, Dooley and Schlamp, augmented by Potluri and Brian Oldani, the Chiefs placed third at the D1 championship — finishing just two strokes back of runner-up Battle Creek Lakeview.

"Our seniors stayed focused and played very well the entire year," Alles said. "Our third place finish at the state finals was our best showing in my 21 years as head coach of the Canton Boys Golf Team."

"The boys can take great pride in the fact that their hard work paid big dividends with such a high finish at states. It was a pleasure for me to be able to coach such a talented and dedicated group of young men."

AMATEUR TRACK & FIELD

Waza Track Club delivers strong efforts in Ypsi

Waza Track Club performed admirably at the recent AAU Region 12 National Qualifier Track Meet in Ypsilanti from July 2-5.

Of 24 athletes that competed, 22 qualified for the Junior Olympics national championship track meet that will be held in Hampton Roads, Va. from July 31 to Aug. 8.

Waza TC's athletes and relay teams set a total of 30 personal records, meaning they exceeded their previous best mark in their respective event. In addition, three athletes established PRs in their respective events en route to qualification for the Junior Olympics meet.

Among the club's national qualifier champions and runners-up are:

» Akshay Reddy of Commerce (13-year-old age group) - Following up on his indoor national performance

where he won three national championships, Akshay won each of his three events at the National Qualifier with PRs in three events: 800-meter run (2 minutes, 16.4 seconds); 1,500 (4:41.6); and 3,000 (9:56.8).

» Victoria Heiligenthal of Commerce (15-16) - Also following up three indoor national championships, Victoria won two events at the National Qualifier and placed second in another. Her times in her three best events were 2:20.9 in the 800; 4:57.61 in the 1,500; and 10:55.8 in the 3,000.

» Garrett Nagelhout of Plymouth (12 years old) - Set three personal bests and won the National Qualifier in two events. Qualified for Junior Olympics in the 800 (2:29.1) and the 1,500 (5:06.12).

» Lily Wilczewski of Northville (12 years old) - Won the National Qualifier

in the 3000 (12:01.5), earned second in the 1,500 (5:23.37) and also qualified for Junior Olympics with Waza TC's 3,200 relay team.

» Rylee Lukes of Highland (13 years old) - In her first effort at the outdoor pentathlon, Lukes won each of the five events: high jump, long jump, shot put, the 100-meter hurdles and the 800 run. Her score of 1,612 points was impressive considering it was her debut effort in the event.

» Anna Nagelhout of Plymouth (15-16 yr age group) - Nagelhout placed second in the 1,500 along with advancing in the 3,000.

» Barbara Sammut of Commerce (17-18 yr age group) - Sammut placed second in the 2,000 steeplechase.

» Bella Haynes of Dearborn (11 years old) - Haynes placed second in the 3,000. She also advanced in the 1,500

and with the club's 3,200 relay contingent. Haynes set PRs in both the 1,500 and the 3,000 at the National Qualifier.

» Tejas Shivaraman-Novi (12 years old) - Shivaraman placed second in the discus, beating his previous PR by over seven feet. He also set new PRs in both the shot put and turbo javelin, qualifying for nationals in both events.

The 10-year-old 1,600 relay team of Amrita and Aishwarya Shivaraman, Saanvi Reddy and Zoe Adams placed second in the event.

Other national qualifiers included:

» Amrita Shivaraman of Novi in the 800;

» Ava Rathwell of Commerce in the 400 and 3,200 relay; and

» Grace Hoover of Wixom in the 1,500, 3,000 and 3,200 relay.

USL SOCCER

Bucks ousted from PDL playoffs in overtime

The Michigan Bucks completed a historic second half comeback Friday to get to the elite eight Premier Development League matchup with Great Lakes Division rival Kitchener-Waterloo United FC, but couldn't duplicate the previous night's feat Saturday at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

The Ontario team jumped out to a 2-0 first-half advantage and went on to post 3-1 victory to seize the Central Conference title and earn a spot in the club's first-ever PDL final four.

The Bucks entered the match with heavy legs from the previous night's 3-2 overtime marathon victory over the Thunder Bay (Ontario) Chill 3-2 on a late goal.

K-W United and the Bucks played two Great Lakes Division regular-season games, with the home side coming away with an identical 3-1 score line.

The first K-W United goal came during the ninth minute by defender Ken Krolicki off a corner kick past the outstretched arms of Bucks goalkeeper Drew Shepherd for a 1-0 lead.

Just five minutes later, K-W's Adam Polakiewicz sent a low



Tom Owens, pictured earlier in the year, had a just miss, on a corner in the early minutes of the second half.

bouncing ball to the far post that eluded Shepherd and gave the K-W a 2-0 lead on the team's first two shots of the game.

The Bucks looked to have a certain goal in the early minutes of the second half when a Tom Owens corner kick fell to the feet of the Bucks' Francis De Vries, who missed from 6 yards out with what looked to be the spark to lead back-to-back comebacks.

Michigan missed several close-

range opportunities all night with shots that actually missed the goal or were blocked by United defenders.

In the 57th minute, right after a huge kick save by Shepherd, United broke from its own end and played a ball to Sergio Camargo, who played a perfect cross to Wesley Cain, who scored for a 3-0 K-W lead. The Bucks finally broke through in the 77th minute, when De Vries, a New Zealand native, converted a 24-yard free kick.

The Bucks continued to press and had several opportunities during the final 15 minutes, but could never get the score back to within one goal.

Yuta Nomura replaced Shepherd in goal for the final 27 minutes as the Bucks ended their season at 13-3-3.

Nathan Ingram made three saves for K-W United, which moves on to the PDL's final four Friday, July 31, at a site to be determined. K-W United faces the Sounders FC (Wash.) U23, while the Ocala (Fla.) Stampede take on the New York Red Bulls U23 in the other semifinal.

AMATEUR

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back bunker. He left the first bunker shot in the sand and ended up conceding the hole.

Both golfers missed the green at 18 with approach shots, and Piot calmly stroked in his 25-foot par putt to secure the match.

"I played pretty good this week, I mean I beat the whole field by six (shots) the first couple of days," Trospier said. "If I made a couple of those par putts coming in, I probably win it. But James made a lot of putts. He made a great putt on 18."

Piot said he figured the wind would be to his advantage at the start of the match, too.

"Donnie hits it really high, and he might have used too much club at 17, too," he said. "I went for the middle of the green there. I didn't want to end up in that back bunker and my putter came back for me on the back nine. I was pretty confident with it and Donnie missed a couple of par putts he doesn't normally miss."

Piot reached the final with a semifinal win over 2013 GAM Junior Boys Player of the Year Andrew Walker of Battle Creek in 19 holes, and it took Trospier 23 holes and a 30-foot birdie putt to finally top Dylan Deogun of Orchard Lake in the morning.

Trospier, 18, is headed to Central Florida to play college golf. Deogun, 18, is headed to Mercer University in Macon, Ga., and Walker, 17, is an early verbal commitment to Michigan State University.

Piot, who was runner-up to Jake Kneen of White Lake last year, plans to defend his title next summer.

"It feels good to win," he said. "It's a lot of golf and I was pretty consistent all week."

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Help Wanted - General. FRONT DESK ADMISSIONS. Team Rehabilitation has full & part-time positions for Front Desk Admissions at our Brighton clinic.

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At 15, Katie Lee, left, walks in her first 3-Day event with her mother, Lori, and grandma, Jean Makela.

It's all because she cares

Livonia woman looks forward to 3-Day breast cancer walk

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Katie Lee was just 15 years old the first time she walked 60 miles in three days.

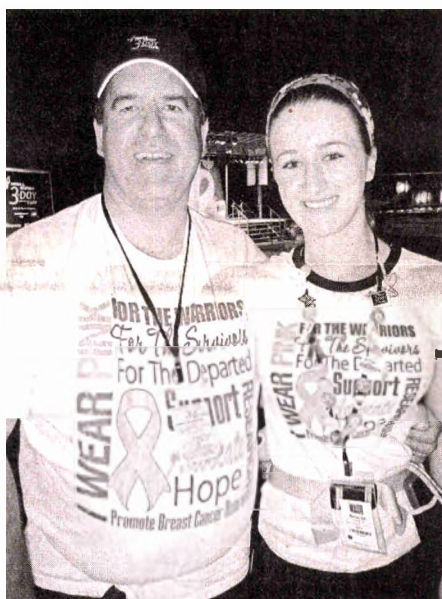
With her mother and grandmother at her side, the Livonia teenager completed her first Susan G. Komen 3-Day, an annual fundraiser for breast cancer research that spans three days and 60 miles. They called their team Cleavage Keepers.

"I had heard about it and it sounded like a cool thing to do, a fun idea, given that my grandmother is a survivor," said Lee, 22, a seven-year veteran of the event, which runs Aug. 7-9 this year. Her mother, Lori, was 46 and her grandmother, Jean Makela, was 70, when they walked in the 3-Day for the first time.

Cleavage Keepers reunited for the 60-mile walk the following year, adding a family friend and some of Lee's classmates from Stevenson High School to the team. Her mother walked with her for their third event, and her father, Craig, kept her company during her fourth walk in 2011. College classmates joined her in year five, and by year six and seven, she took on the challenge by herself.

"I technically walked by myself, but you're never really alone. You are surrounded by so many friendly people. We had all sorts of fun. It's 60 miles of socialization and friendship.

"You meet so many amazing people. There was one woman who was



Katie Lee and her dad, Craig, walk the Susan G. Komen 3-Day in 2011.

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KATIE LEE, 3-DAY WALKER

only 30 when she was diagnosed. She did the walk in a wheelchair for two years. Another woman walked when

she was eight months pregnant. There is one man who is 82, who walks with a walking stick."

Eighth year

Lee, who will start her second year of veterinary school at Michigan State University this fall, has raised more than \$2,300 for her eighth consecutive walk. It starts Aug. 7 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi and ends Aug. 9 at Ford Motor Co. headquarters in Dearborn.

"We've walked through Dearborn, Novi, Northville, Plymouth, Livonia and Farmington Hills. It's amazing where you can get in 60 miles."

She'll walk 22 miles through Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills the first day. Although many participants camp overnight at the Suburban Collection, Lee will sleep at home Friday and Saturday nights. The 22-mile route will take her through Plymouth, Livonia and Northville the second day and on the final day, she'll walk through Hines Park from Livonia to Dearborn.

"I get injuries every year, but that was because I was a dancer," said Lee, who took Irish dance lessons for 17 years. "I have knee problems and shin splints. I tripped last year and I had a big crotch wrap." She doesn't mind the injuries because the event raises awareness of breast cancer in addition to research funds.

Supporters

"You'll see people along the side of the road saying, 'I'm alive because of you. You don't hurt after that,'" she said. "People will drive by and honk. People support us by bringing food and on hot days, cold towels and wash

cloths."

Lee's dog, Hannah, cheered her on last year.

"My mom would drive her and stop every couple of miles (along the route). Everyone loved petting her."

Hannah died earlier this year, but Lee's new pup, Dina, likely will take on cheerleader duties with Lee's mom this year.

Onlookers can show their support for walkers at several cheering stations along the route. On Friday, stations will be set from 7-7:30 a.m. at the Suburban Collection; 8:25-11 a.m. at CVS Pharmacy, 39350 W. Nine Mile, Farmington Hills; and 10:35 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gill Elementary School, 21195 Gill, Farmington Hills. On Saturday, visitors can cheer from 8:10-10 a.m. on Center Street, between Dunlap and East Cady, in downtown Northville, and from 9:20 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main, in downtown Plymouth. One cheering station will be set from 8:45-10:55 a.m. Sunday, at Perrin Recreational Area, 27443 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. Closing ceremonies run 4:30-5 p.m. at Ford World Headquarters, 1 American Road, Dearborn.

Lee, who sports a pink ribbon tattoo on her ankle, said she'll continue to walk as long as she can.

"It becomes such a big part of you. If I can raise awareness by walking and it saves someone from the heartache of dealing with cancer, I can handle a few blisters and the fundraising.

"I look at it as a privilege. I love it."

Find out more about the 3-Day by visiting the3day.org and click on the link to the Michigan walk site. Click "donate" on the Michigan site to find Katie Lee's fundraising page.

Stay alert behind the wheel this vacation season

With our summer season in high gear, more driving miles are being logged than at any other time of the year.

Road trips, travel vacations, and out-of-state family reunions are upon us. For many, work and school vacations are time to "hit the road". A million drivers from near and far are expected at Michigan's famous Woodward Dream Cruise next month.

Increased attention to driving safety is not complete without heightened awareness of the grave epidemic of drowsy driving.

A study on highway safety by AAA Motor Club of Michigan emphasizes motorists' need to "wake up." Research revealed an alarming number of snoozing driv-



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ers. For example, 28 percent of drivers surveyed reported being so tired that they had difficulty keeping their eyes open while driving in a measured 30-day period. Drowsy driving is obviously dangerous because it slows reaction time, impairs vision, and causes lapses in judgment. We are accustomed to multimedia emphases warnings about the danger of drunken driving. More attention needs to be paid to drowsy driving while sober.

Accident risk

Studies have shown that many drivers un-

derestimate the problem of driving while extremely tired and misjudge their ability to deal with it. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Study says that a very fatigued driver may fall asleep for several seconds without even realizing it. The catastrophic effects of a crash can begin in a fraction of one second. Many chronic drowsy drivers believe this an acceptable state of affairs because they have been experiencing it for so long, they can come to believe they are actually good at driving drowsy.

Some warning signs of drowsy driving can include yawning repeatedly, feeling as though your head is heavy, wandering thoughts, inability to recall the last few minutes of travel, and hearing the rumble strips

when your car has veered off lane and is headed for the cement highway barrier.

Eat a pepper

Interestingly, there is said to be a practice in China wherein free hot peppers are given at

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ADHESIVE CAPSULITIS

Adhesive capsulitis is a shoulder condition in which the shoulder joint capsule shrinks resulting in a shoulder that cannot move. Several attributes of adhesive capsulitis make the condition difficult to diagnose and treat.

First, the name adhesive capsulitis. Orthopedists have operated on such a shoulder numerous times. At the time of operation there are no adhesions and microscopy of the specimens invariably finds no evidence of inflammation. Still the name, adhesive capsulitis carries on.

Second, the cause of condition is unknown. People with diabetes are at risk for developing adhesive capsulitis but physicians have no explanation as to why that association occurs. Usually a physician can find no evidence to support the diagnosis from a patient's history of injury or shoulder overuse.

Third, imaging the shoulder does not reveal the presence of adhesive capsulitis. X-rays of the shoulder are normal and are helpful only to eliminate the possibility of a fracture or osteoarthritis. MRI provides extensive information about the muscles and tendons around the shoulder and quality of the bone, but there is no reliable sign that tells the radiologist that adhesive capsulitis is present.

The diagnosis depends on examination that reveals the patient can barely move the shoulder and the absence of any other cause such as shoulder tendinitis.

Treatment by any means is inconsistent in its results. Physical therapists are limited because shoulder movement is so restricted. Steroid injection into the shoulder capsule does not reverse the process of shrinkage. Operation under anesthesia wherein the orthopedist forcibly moves the shoulder has many complications and inconsistent results.

Most often time determines how much recovery will occur.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

Contact: 734-421-1760

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 S. 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 \$25 per rider, and \$15 per passenger. Includes a T-shirt

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

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

Contact: 734-459-3333

SOCCER CAMP

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Aug. 3-7

Location: Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: info@crossroadsnow.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.connectingwithGod.org

Contact: 734-459-3333

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

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

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@tbsosm.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: Ethanief Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

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

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

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

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14

mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

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

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

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

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

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

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@fire-sidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722; www.aa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and

hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Contact: 734-522-6830

Congregation Bet Chave-

rim

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month

Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore

Contact: www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

Due Season Christian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study

Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

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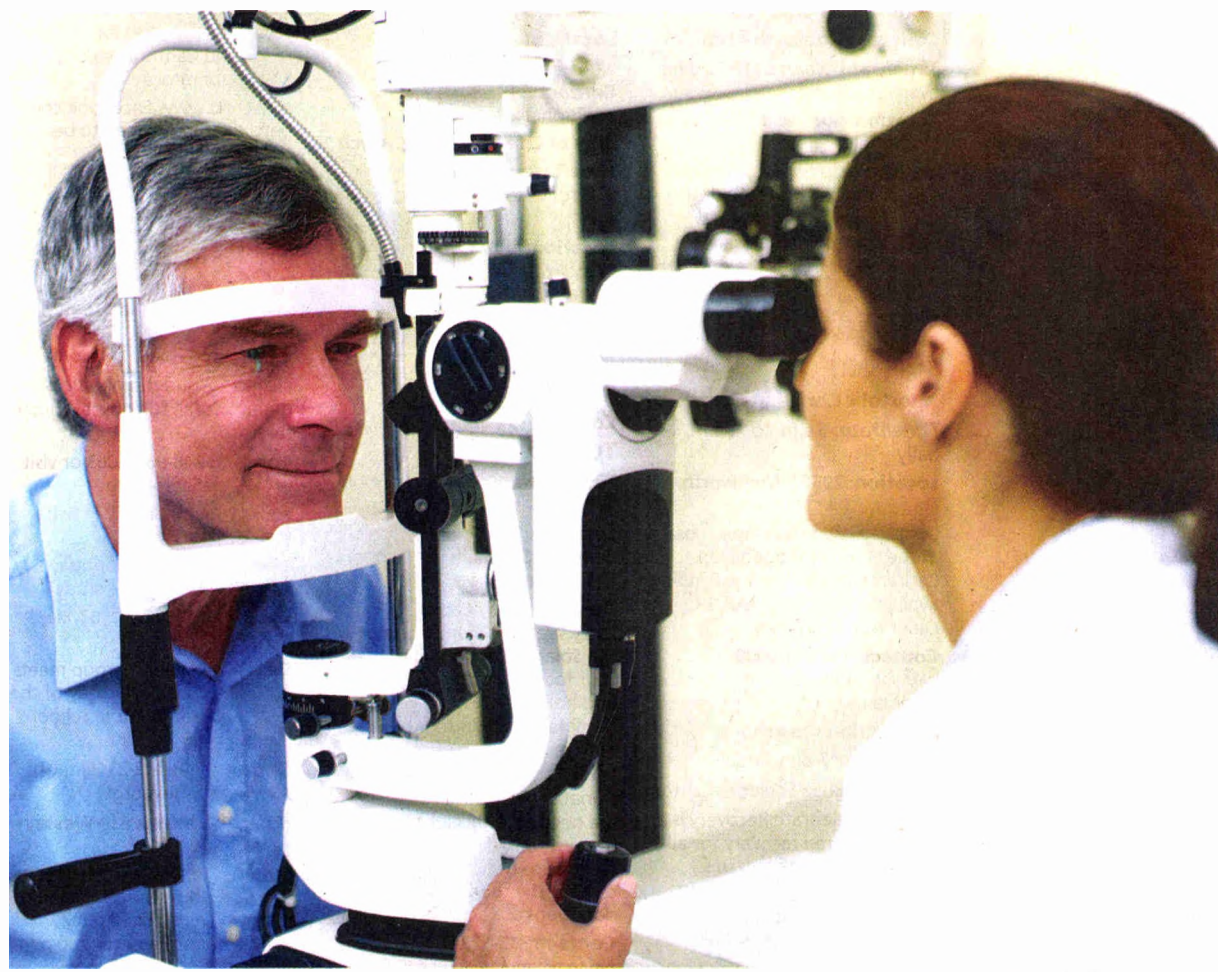
Which health screenings and exams are top priorities for you? If you're like most adults, monitoring your weight, cholesterol, and blood pressure is probably part of your health care routine. But what about vision care?

When adults reach their 40s, they often start to notice small changes in their vision, which can impact their daily lives and job performance. Whether having difficulty reading a book or working on a computer screen, such changes can be frustrating, but they can often be addressed by an eye care professional.

A comprehensive dilated eye exam is the best way to detect diseases and conditions that can cause vision loss and blindness. That's because many have no symptoms in their early stages.

According to the National Eye Institute, all adults aged 60 and older should have a comprehensive dilated eye exam, with the exception of African Americans, who are advised to get the exams starting at age 40 due to a higher risk of developing glaucoma at an earlier age. Even if you haven't experienced any issues with your sight, a dilated exam can detect serious eye diseases and conditions such as age-related macular degeneration, cataract, diabetic eye disease, and glaucoma.

During a dilated eye exam, your eye care professional places drops in your eyes to dilate, or widen, the pupil. This lets more light enter the eye, similar to the way an open door lets more light into a dark room and allows your eye care professional to get a good



A dilated eye exam can detect diseases such as glaucoma and macular degeneration.

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EYE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

Just as the rest of your body ages, so do the eyes. The following are common diseases and conditions associated with aging that can be detected with proper monitoring from an eye care professional:

- » **Cataract.** People who experience this clouding of the lens in the eye often report increased glare and fading of colors.
- » **Diabetic eye disease.** A complication of diabetes and a leading cause of blindness, its most common form is diabetic retinopathy, which happens when the disease damages small blood vessels inside the retina.
- » **Dry eye.** Dry eye can feel like stinging or burning, and can lead to blurred vision or even vision loss if left untreated.
- » **Glaucoma.** Glaucoma is a group of diseases that can damage the eye's optic nerve and result in vision loss and blindness. Open-angle glaucoma is the most common form of the disease.
- » **Age-related macular degeneration.** Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is a disease that blurs the sharp, central vision you need for "straight-ahead" activities such as reading, sewing, and driving. AMD affects the macula, the part of the eye that allows you to see fine detail.

look at the back of your eyes to examine them for any signs of damage or disease.

Regular eye exams go a long way in helping you see well for a lifetime. But there is more you can do. Experts at the National Eye Institute recommend following these additional steps to protect your vision.

1. **Live a healthy lifestyle.** Living an overall healthy life is good for your eyes. This includes:

» **Maintaining a healthy weight.** Being overweight or obese increases your risk of developing diabetes and other systemic condi-

tions, which can lead to vision loss from diabetic eye disease or glaucoma.

» **Eating healthy foods.** You've heard carrots are good for your eyes, but eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables, particularly dark leafy greens such as spinach, kale, or collard greens is important for keeping your eyes healthy, too. Research has also shown there are eye health benefits from eating fish high in omega-3 fatty acids, such as salmon, tuna, and halibut.

» **Not smoking.** Smoking is as bad for your eyes as it is for the rest of your body. Research

has linked smoking to an increased risk of developing age-related macular degeneration, cataract and optic nerve damage, all of which can lead to blindness.

2. **Know your family history.** Talk to your family members about their eye health history. It's important to know if anyone has been diagnosed with an eye disease or condition since many are hereditary. This will help to determine if you are at higher risk for developing an eye disease or condition.

3. **Use protective eyewear.** Protect your eyes when playing sports,

working with hazardous materials, or doing chores like mowing the lawn. Protective eyewear includes safety glasses and goggles, safety shields and eye guards specially designed to provide the correct protection for a certain activity. Most protective eyewear lenses are made of polycarbonate, which is 10 times stronger than other plastics. Many eye care providers sell protective eyewear, as do some sporting goods stores.

4. **Wear sunglasses.** Sunglasses are a great fashion accessory, but their most important job

is to protect your eyes from the sun's ultraviolet rays. When purchasing sunglasses, look for ones that block out 99 to 100 percent of both UV-A and UV-B radiation. Exposure to excess sunlight can increase your risk of cataract and age-related macular degeneration, tissue growth on the white part of eye that can cause discomfort and blurred vision.

You can find more information on these preventive measures and dozens of other vision-related topics at www.nei.nih.gov.

Courtesy of Family Features

Plan for a healthy school year

August is already here and the school year is right around the corner. It's time for the planning to start and lists to be made. As you make a school supply list and shop for new clothing and shoes, don't forget to plan for a healthy school year. Parents often ask how they can keep their children healthy throughout the year but there isn't only one answer to this question. Here are some tips to get your child off to a great start and maintain their health all year long.

Schedule a back-to-school doctor appointment

Before the school year begins, make an appointment with your child's physician to verify all of your child's immunizations are up-to-date. Some of the vaccinations children receive while they are babies or before they began school as a preschooler need to be updated later in life. Also, there are other immunizations such as those that protect against human papillomavirus and meningitis administered during the preteen and teenage years. The physician might also recommend a return visit for a yearly flu vaccination. Having up-to-date immunizations will help your child stay healthier throughout the school year.

At this appointment, your physician may also give your child a basic vision test. Blurry vision can cause reoccurring eye strain and headaches so it's important to know if impaired vision is the culprit. A follow-up appointment with an ophthalmologist may be recommended if your child has difficulty with the exam.



NiJuanna Irby-Johnson
GUEST COLUMNIST

Make balanced nutrition an important part of your daily routine

Good eating habits will help keep your child healthy throughout the school year. A well-balanced breakfast is important. Too much sugar or a meal full of refined carbohydrates can cause blood sugar spikes, which will later result in a dip in energy. Try starting the day with whole grain toast with peanut butter and jelly and a glass of milk. The protein in this meal will keep your child feeling full longer and allow the child to focus on learning.

Continue the nutrition-filled meals into the lunch hour. Although school lunches have become healthier in recent years, it is still best to pack your own. A turkey wrap or tuna sandwich paired with a yogurt, piece of fruit and bottled water will give your child energy for the afternoon.

Don't let the healthy eating stop at the end of the school day. A nutritious family meal is not only good for the body but is also good for your child's development and social skills. Make the dinner table a technology-free zone and catch up on each other's day.

Know when to keep your child home

Germs are everywhere and your child can't avoid them. At some point during the year, illness will most likely set in. When should a child stay home from school? If your child has a fever over 100 degrees, body aches, extreme

sleepiness or is vomiting, keep him or her home for at least 24 hours after the symptoms have subsided. If your child is just feeling off, send a note to school for the teacher or school nurse just so they are aware of your child's minor illness. They will be able to monitor the situation and notify you if the symptoms become worse and your child needs to be picked up.

Other tips for a healthy school year

» **Staying active is a great way for kids to stay healthy.** Since school is very sedentary, children should have at least one hour of play each school day. On weekends, plan family outings that include physical activity such as bike riding, hiking or swimming.

» **Find alternatives to sugary birthday treats.** Fruit kabobs, hummus and veggies or string cheese are healthy options that are also delicious.

» **A consistent sleep schedule is also important for optimum health.** Children under 12 years old should get at least 10 hours of sleep a night and those 12 to 18-years-old need at least eight hours. It's best to have a set bedtime, not only during the school year but all year long. This keeps your child on a routine, maintaining the internal clock and helps the child fall asleep and wake up more easily.

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Pros and cons of freelancing

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With the popularity of companies such as Uber and Instacart, there has been a rise in part-time workers who create their own schedules and work with very little oversight. And while your Uber driver may not technically be a freelancer, the freedoms these kinds of gigs provide show that the desire among workers to make their own way is still alive and well.

Think freelancing might be for you? Here are pros and cons to consider before making the leap.

Pro: Variety

For many, freelancing offers a way to break up the monotony — and not just in terms of the commute, office and schedule. Freelancers also often have more power over what kind of projects they work on, and the opportunity to work on unique projects they otherwise may never have encountered.

"I've learned so much about a huge variety of topics I would otherwise know nothing about — from tech to legal to pharmaceutical. I feel like I obtained so much interesting information about a huge variety of industries," says Abbey Finch, owner of ScribeSpace, LLC. "Plus, as a freelancer, I was exposed to differ-

ent mediums [and] different types of clients — some great, some difficult. Basically, it didn't get boring because my work was always changing."

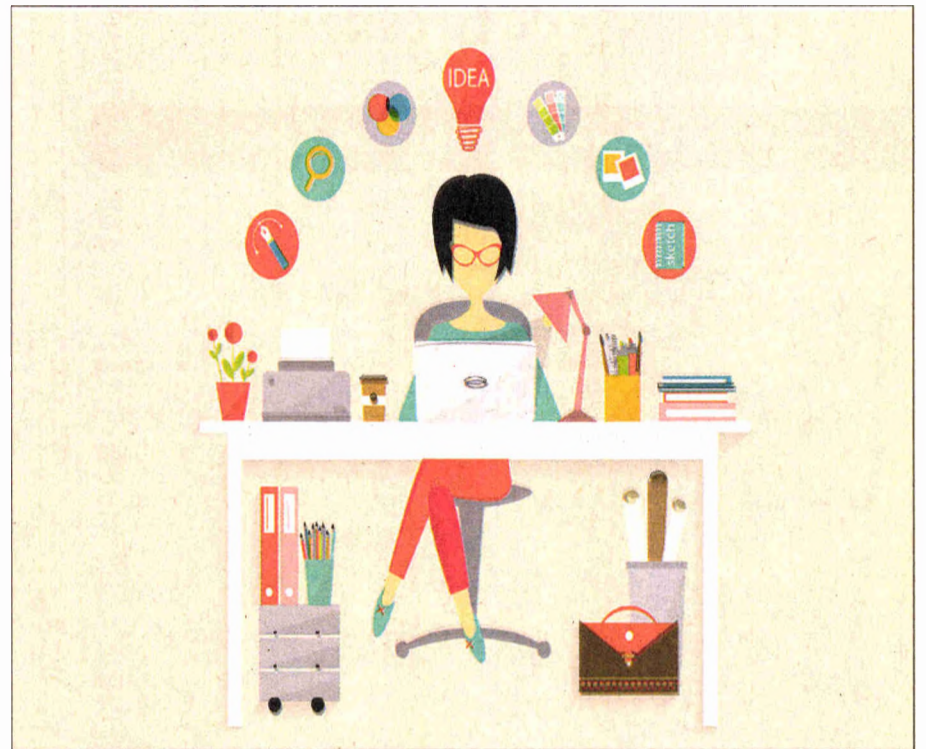
Con: Job insecurity

However, with that freedom comes a degree of instability. "There are usually no contracts that determine your financial income as a freelancer," says Corey Barnett, founder of and consultant at Cleverly Engaged Marketing. "If you aren't putting in the hours, you won't get paid. Generally, you will have less job security than a friend employed at an actual company."

However, Barnett points out that you can create some job security by working with more clients. "If you are fired by a client or let go due to budget constraints, you should have 10 to 20 other clients you are doing work for. Give yourself more security by working with more clients, not fewer."

Pro: Better hours

One of the most common reasons workers choose to freelance is the ability to design a work schedule that fits their personal habits and lifestyle. "A definite positive of freelancing is the ability to set your own schedule and book yourself as solid as you want," says Craig C. Powell, CEO of design firm 5 Block Radius. "You can arrange your workday to whatever fits your schedule — even if that means



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nights and weekends instead of the traditional 9 to 5."

Con: Inconsistent income

Whereas full-time, salaried employees can count on regular and predictable deposits into their bank accounts, freelancers have no such luxury. As a freelancer, your income is entirely dependent on the number of clients you're working with at a given time — which can lead to some lean times when demand is down.

"This can be quite a challenge for someone who has relied on a steady paycheck for the better part of their professional career," says David Bakke, career expert at Money Crashers. "You have to be much more adept when it comes to managing your budget and making smart spending decisions. Also, paying taxes is typically your own responsibility, and you may not have the tradi-

tional option of saving for retirement through your employer's 401K plan."

Pro: Income potential

Of course, this system of payment can also work in your favor. Luck and economic conditions certainly play a role in how much work you can find as a freelancer, but so does determination. And if you're the type of person who dreams of blazing your own trail, odds are you've got that in spades.

"Your ability to make more money or less money in a month or even year is all on you," Barnett says. "It's on your skills, your contacts and your confidence to ask for higher rates."

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- Landers or Jillian
- Salmon variety
- Curved molding
- Slanting
- Cowboy's shout
- Master hand
- Metal in the rough
- Environmental prefix
- Brook's sound
- Hibernian
- Emmet
- Chat, slangily
- Small hill
- Marlins' st.
- Movie showplace
- Dutch airline
- Home page addr.

DOWN

- Commanded
- PC operating system
- Break suddenly
- Ironing accident

Answer to Previous Puzzle

N	O	D	C	U	E	S	G	A	I	T
E	M	U	R	S	V	P	E	A	R	N
R	A	P	M	U	S	I	C	C	H	A
D	R	E	A	D	L	A	C	K	L	A
S	E	C	O	O	Z	E	D			
K	A	T	O	Z	O	O	M	A	T	E
I	V	A	N	A	V	G	S	N	O	B
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O	R	I	O	N	E	C	O			
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	7			8		5		
2	8		7	5			3	
3							4	8
	4		1			8		7
			9	2		4	1	
7								3
					6		5	
4	2				7	9		6
8			4	3		2	7	1

Level: Beginner

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I	R	E	T	A	W	K	C	A	B	T	E	L	L	I	F	U	F	O	P
A	C	Y	L	W	G	F	K	A	L	K	A	L	I	N	I	T	Y	S	A
Y	K	L	E	M	N	R	U	T	M	Y	T	I	D	I	C	A	N	K	R
D	U	F	E	H	T	U	O	M	T	E	K	C	U	B	N	A	E	I	N
R	I	H	R	E	F	R	N	M	D	R	R	W	P	L	C	N	P	A	
C	I	S	T	S	A	C	A	C	L	O	B	G	O	G	R	L	I	P	M
D	F	S	G	R	I	T	R	T	C	R	A	R	A	P	E	L	L	I	R
C	N	S	B	O	C	E	M	A	R	H	N	E	O	D	T	I	D	N	E
C	U	A	T	A	R	A	R	M	A	H	G	O	I	K	A	G	N	G	H
A	I	I	R	I	K	G	G	E	N	F	L	E	L	E	W	L	A	L	S
T	W	T	U	C	A	D	E	A	K	A	E	D	P	C	R	U	H	L	I
L	T	B	A	E	S	B	S	R	B	O	R	S	E	A	A	R	L	A	F
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S	S	N	A	N	C	T	S	B	E	I	P	G	A	I	P	L	S	D	L
H	C	K	N	A	K	W	L	E	T	N	A	Y	C	F	C	U	R	A	A
Y	E	K	C	A	M	C	M	I	I	T	I	I	Y	T	I	H	O	E	U
R	G	K	O	U	H	E	A	G	E	S	U	D	L	A	I	C	D	D	N
S	L	S	Y	O	M	C	G	S	S	L	P	L	E	F	M	O	I	N	C
E	M	R	E	K	H	I	N	A	T	H	D	G	F	B	M	O	N	A	H
S	P	D	H	L	R	B	B	R	E	P	E	E	K	I	B	R	S	S	L

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

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1	7	2	6	3	7	9	9	8
9	8	6	7	1	9	5	2	7
4	5	3	9	2	8	7	6	1
3	2	9	5	4	6	8	1	7
5	1	4	8	7	2	6	3	9
7	6	8	3	9	1	2	4	5
8	4	7	2	6	9	1	5	3
6	9	1	4	7	5	9	2	8
1	3	5	6	1	8	3	8	7

Word Search

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Y	K	L	E	M	N	R	U	T	M	Y	T	I	D	I	C	A	N	K	R
D	U	F	E	H	T	U	O	M	T	E	K	C	U	B	N	A	E	I	N
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The sale is on at Varsity Lincoln in Novi!

Get the Varsity Advantage! Varsity Lincoln of Novi is celebrating summer with a HUGE Certified Pre-Owned vehicle sales event. This event is different than other dealerships - no trips, no chips - just great deals! More than 200 Pre-Owned vehicles are on-site and ready to go. Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln vehicles are available for as little as \$7,995+.

Right now, Varsity Lincoln is offering a Complimentary Maintenance Plan for Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln vehicles. This includes an oil change, tire rotation and multi-point inspection every 7,500 miles for 1 year/15,000 miles. ^

Varsity Lincoln is number one in pre-owned sales globally. Come find out why. An astounding 540 Certified Pre-Owned vehicles were delivered in 2014 at Varsity Lincoln.

The dealership has held the honor of highest volume sales dealer globally since 1997.* Varsity offers a newly remodeled showroom, indoor delivery area and service reception aisle. Varsity Lincoln works to make their customers feel number one.

This year Varsity Lincoln celebrated their 20th anniversary and won six prestigious automotive awards. They encompass the Triple Crown Award, Lincoln Leaders of Excellence, President's Award, Ford One Hundred Club, CPO Sales Leadership and Premier Club.

Visit Varsity Lincoln for the 3-day event to get these deals:

» **Monday, Aug. 3** - 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

» **Tuesday, Aug. 4** - 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

» **Wednesday, Aug. 5** - 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Certified Pre-Owned has a wonderful warran-

ty...it goes up to 100,000 miles on the warranty," said long-time Varsity customer John Kilby.

Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln vehicles come with many benefits including:

» A meticulous, 200-point inspection by factory-trained technicians

» 6-year/100,000-mile comprehensive warranty coverage

» Complimentary 24/7 roadside assistance

"To get a Certified Pre-Owned that comes with warranty, definitely get quality checked, that's important, especially with two girls in college," said five-time customer Julie Wilk.

"There are numerous benefits of purchasing a Certified Pre-Owned, including the outstanding warranty that comes with the vehicles," said Jere Law, Varsity Lincoln's General Sales Manager and Pre-Owned Director. "The 100,000-

mile free bumper to bumper warranty that comes alongside all Certified Pre-Owned purchases is better than a new car warranty! Additionally, any time the vehicle is in for a service visit, you can receive a loaner for no cost exclusively at Varsity Lincoln!"

"The warranty is key. With Certified Pre-Owned, you get the best from Varsity Lincoln," Law said. "Certified Pre-Owned financing is available for as low as 0.9% APR**."

"Leasing or buying from the number one dealer in the country gives you the best selection, price and service," Law said. "Our dealership is ready to assist customers with anything, whether it is special financing or a specific request. We can handle every unique situation."

"Loaded with fea-

tures, a Lincoln will satisfy any customer," Law explained. "Certified Pre-Owned vehicles not only provide peace of mind on the road, but also provide a combination of sportiness and luxury. Benefits include FWD or AWD, EcoBoost, Navigation, Bluetooth, SYNC, an adaptive suspension, a panoramic roof, and heated and cooled seats for comfort, just to name a few," Law said. "Drivers will also enjoy peace of mind from knowing that Lincoln vehicles will hold their value," Law said. "Any depreciation has already been taken on by the previous owner. Plus, advanced styling and dependability add to a Lincoln vehicle's value."

"If you want a really nice experience with a dealership go to Varsity...I see the difference," said first time customer Loretta Mackenroth.

This dealership pro-

vides The Varsity Lincoln Advantage. Varsity Lincoln team members are selected based upon their unwavering focus on customer care and satisfaction.

"Our customers speak for themselves and how their experience is. When you read the reviews our customers write online, you can see how happy they are, before, during and after the sale," Law concluded.

*Based on 6/2015 Total Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln Sales Report.

**As low as 0.9% APR for up to 36 months on select vehicles for qualified customers with Tier 0-1 approval through preferred finance source. Offer subject to change at any time. See Varsity Lincoln for details.

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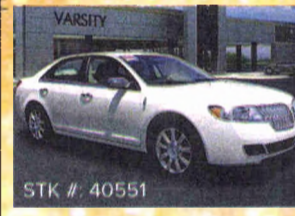
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OPEN HOUSES

Sunday, August 2

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OPEN 2-5PM

15601 Promenade Ave, Allen Park
Premiere broad front ranch in the highly desired Crescent View Sub. \$229,900
3 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Jessica Tremonti (248) 686-3656



OPEN 1-3PM

3320 Bluett Rd, Ann Arbor
Spacious home in popular NE Ann Arbor tree-lined neighborhood. \$289,900
4 Bedrooms | 1 Full and 2 Half Bathrooms
Marianne Prokop (248) 826-2349



OPEN 1-4PM

3186 Margaret St, Auburn Hills
Enchanting landscaping & serene setting for Mechanic's dream garage. \$139,900
3 Bedrooms | 1 Full Bathroom
Scott Jesnig (586) 789-9848



OPEN 12-3PM

3572 Gardner Ave, Berkley
The perfect bungalow. Short walk to downtown. New kitchen. \$274,999
3 Bedrooms | 2 Full Bathrooms
Jeff Smith (248) 686-3656



OPEN 2-4PM

2275 Fairway Dr, Birmingham
Fresh, unique and compelling! Lovely modern style ranch home. \$598,000
2 Bedrooms | 3 Full Bathrooms
Mary Frances McCaleb (248) 686-3656



OPEN 1-3PM

2286 S Hadley Rd, Brandon Twp
Exquisite home & separate apartment on the perfect 10 acres parcel. \$699,999
5 Bedrooms | 3 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Patti Gilman (248) 558-2072



OPEN 1-4PM

8351 Brewster Ln, Canton
Quiet serene nature setting for detached condo in the Ravines. \$464,900
4 Bedrooms | 3 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Christ Patrick (734) 404-7143



OPEN 1-4PM

6450 Kennesaw Rd, Canton
Quiet serene nature setting & serene setting for Royal Pointe West home. \$439,000
4 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Christ Patrick (734) 404-7143



CLAWSON \$234,900

Newer construction steps away from downtown Clawson and park.
3 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Patrick Floch (248) 686-3656



OPEN 12-4PM

37171 Woodpointe Dr, Clinton Township
Gorgeous Tudor in the Monterey Subdivision. Fraser Schools. \$329,000
3 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Host: Angela Levitan (586) 789-9848



OPEN 2-4PM

5401 Mill Race Way, Commerce Twp
Move in time for School in the Award Winning Walled Lake District! \$314,999
4 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Susan Wojtaszek (248) 365-7885



OPEN 11-1PM

1621 High Pointe Drive, Commerce Twp
Awesome contemporary home in the desirable High Pointe Sub. \$260,000
4 Bedrooms | 3 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Susan Wojtaszek (248) 365-7885



OPEN 2-4PM

469 Muskoka, Commerce Twp
Lake access! Well maintained home with attached 4+car tandem garage! \$229,900
4 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Kori Adams (248) 365-7885



OFFER PENDING

Million Dollar Views! Waterfront Bi-Level with fantastic views. \$219,999
3 Bedrooms | 2 Full Bathrooms
Chuck Maniaci (313) 649-4167



OPEN 10-1PM

12 Adams Ln, Dearborn
Beautiful brick home in historic Springwells Park. \$209,000
3 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Jessica Tremonti (248) 686-3656



OPEN 1-3PM

21705 Lujon Dr, Farmington Hills
Meticulously maintained luxurious estate in Meadowbrook Forest Sub. \$547,500
4 Bedrooms | 4 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Marsha King (313) 649-4167



OPEN 1-4PM

31135 Country Ridge Cr, Farmington Hills
This lovingly cared for Country Ridge home is move in ready. \$379,900
4 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Lisa Roderick (248) 686-3656



OPEN 1-4PM

1349 Northway St, Ferndale
Great find, at the end of a dead end street! Clean and tidy ranch. \$129,900
2 Bedrooms | 1 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Karen Greenwood (248) 686-3656



OPEN 1-3PM

883 Neff Rd, Grosse Pointe
Completely remodeled in 2015! Unique condo. Everything is new! \$210,000
2 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Marsha King (313) 649-4167



OPEN 1-3PM

885 Neff Rd, Grosse Pointe
Completely remodeled in 2015! Hardwood floors throughout \$184,900
2 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Marsha King (313) 649-4167



OPEN 1-3PM

822 Neff Rd, Grosse Pointe
Completely remodeled in 2015. Two-story 1/2 duplex. Move in ready. \$159,700
2 Bedrooms | 2 Full Bathrooms
Marsha King (313) 649-4167



OPEN 1-3PM

824 Neff Rd, Grosse Pointe
Rare find! Remodeled ranch with a lake view on 3 parcel lot/.3 acres. \$124,881
3 Bedrooms | 1 Full Bathrooms
Courtney Dunford (248) 686-3656



OPEN 2-4PM

600 Middlesex Rd, Grosse Pointe Park
Spectacular, one of a kind, custom built quad with two master suites! \$565,000
5 Bedrooms | 3 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Chris Dasaro (313) 649-4167



OPEN 2-4PM

718 Canterbury Ct, Grosse Pointe Woods
Custom and beautifully built Cox & Baker 3200 sq. ft. home! \$399,000
4 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Kay Rinke (313) 649-4167



OPEN 1-4PM

25839 Ashby Dr, Harrison Twp
Beautiful wildlife setting, quiet private deck views woods and wildlife. \$225,000
4 Bedrooms | 4 Full Bathrooms
Carol Paton (586) 789-9848



OPEN 1-3PM

9415 Whipple Shores, Independence Twp
The ultimate lake experience. A one of a kind home for fun/entertaining. \$739,000
4 Bedrooms | 4 Full Bathrooms
Patti Gilman (248) 558-2072



OPEN 2-4PM

932 S Long Lake Rd, Lake Orion
Rare find! Remodeled ranch with a lake view on 3 parcel lot/.3 acres. \$124,881
3 Bedrooms | 1 Full Bathrooms
Courtney Dunford (248) 686-3656



OPEN 1-4PM

44624 Aspen Ridge Dr, Northville
Wonderful Cape Cod Condo in popular Woodland Hills. Open floor plan. \$414,500
3 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Patrice Alexander (248) 826-2349



OPEN 1-4PM

49702 Timber Trail, Novi
Pure elegance w/high quality features. Open floor plan. Wood floors. \$479,000
4 Bedrooms | 3 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Patricia Zielinski (248) 365-7885



OPEN 1-4PM

45768 Bristol Circle, Novi
Grand Cypress II model with 4 car garage situated deep in sub! \$450,000
4 Bedrooms | 3 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Milton Brown (248) 826-2349



OPEN 1-4PM

44910 Exeter Ct, Novi
Fabulous Cape Cod on quiet cul-de-sac in popular Dumbarton Pines. \$349,000
4 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Amy Zubor (248) 826-2349



OPEN 12-3PM

150 Burniah Ln, Orion Twp
Beautiful condo, enjoy leisure living. Two-story great room, gas fireplace. \$259,900
2 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Alice Rolfe (248) 923-4072



OPEN 1-4PM

622 Bay Pointe Dr, Oxford
One of a kind 3 story lake home. Courtyard entrance, warm wood floors. \$549,730
4 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Leslie Doran (248) 923-4072



OPEN 1-4PM

511 N Holbrook St, Plymouth
A real treasure in Old Village! 2 family home (easily convert to single family) \$399,900
4 Bedrooms | 2 Full Bathrooms
Chris Patrick (734) 404-7143



OPEN 12-3PM

607 Harding St, Plymouth
Fantastic starter home, room for an addition or to build new! \$249,900
2 Bedrooms | 1 Full Bathrooms
Chris Patrick (734) 404-7143



OPEN 1-3PM

351 Torrent Ct, Rochester Hills
Updated colonial with award winning Rochester Schools. \$309,000
4 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Jeffery Alasina (248) 686-3656



OPEN 11-2PM

4168 Bo'd Meadows, Rochester
Warm and inviting home nestled deep within The Crossings! \$374,900
4 Bedrooms | 3 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Nancy Ritter (248) 923-4072



OPEN 12-3PM

2440 Pleasant View Dr, Rochester Hills
Outstanding opportunity in desirable North Fairview Farms! \$339,900
4 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Nancy Ritter (248) 923-4072



OPEN 1-4PM

450 Maplehill Rd, Rochester Hills
Gorgeous updated ranch on over half an acre in a prime location. \$299,000
3 Bedrooms | 2 Full Bathrooms
Laurie Argeros (248) 923-4072



OPEN 1-4PM

816 Dahlia Ln, Rochester Hills
Well cared for home on a lovely, large lot, stamped concrete sidewalk. \$254,900
4 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Dianne Gouin (248) 923-4072



OPEN 1-3PM

1040 N Altadena Ave, Royal Oak
Charming colonial in desirable neighborhood. Wood floors. \$235,900
4 Bedrooms | 1 Full Bathroom
Sophie Misk Maassarani (248) 686-3656



OPEN 1-4PM

25451 Farmbrook Rd, Southfield
The Hideaway Ranch is just over one mile from quaint Franklin Village. \$289,000
3 Bedrooms | 1 Full and 2 Half Bathrooms
Michele Jarrait (734) 404-7143



OPEN 1-4PM

11386 Big Lake Rd, Springfield Twp
Charming home with walk out basement and Clarkston schools. \$249,000
3 Bedrooms | 2 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Carolyn Smith (482) 558-2072



OPEN 2-4PM

22940 Dorems, St. Clair Shores
"Walk to Lake" Move in ready brick bungalow. Updated Kitchen. \$107,000
3 Bedrooms | 1 Full Bathroom
Dori Daskas (313) 649-4167



OPEN 1-3PM

2720 Merelus Dr, Waterford
Lake Angelus Golf Estates, one of Waterford's best kept secrets. \$169,999
3 Bedrooms | 2 Full Bathrooms
Patti Gilman (248) 558-2072



OPEN 1-3PM

2958 Sleaford Dr, Waterford
Popular Huntoon Shores with privileges on all-sports Huntoon Lake! \$157,000
3 Bedrooms | 1 Full and 1 Half Bathrooms
Nancy Ritter (248) 923-4072



OPEN 2-4PM

2587 Warner Dr, West Bloomfield
Paradise found! Gorgeous renovation of 1930's lakefront home. \$519,900
3 Bedrooms | 2 Full Bathrooms
Karen Thomas (248) 365-7885



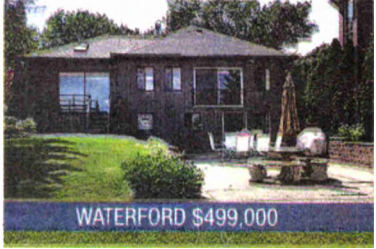
OPEN 2-4PM

405 Coldeale Dr, White Lake
Lake envy! This is the house that stands out from the others. \$688,000
4 Bedrooms | 4 Full Bathrooms
Karen Thomas (248) 365-7885



OPEN 2-4PM

9888 Coldeale Ct, White Lake
Rare find on all sports lake. 3 car attached garage. \$442,900
3 Bedrooms | 3 Full Bathrooms
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WATERFORD \$499,000

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