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School starts Tuesday for P-C kids

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Have fun this Labor Day weekend, because Plymouth-Canton kids head back to school next week for a half-day Tuesday, Sept. 8, with a first full day Wednesday, Sept. 9.

While the kids have been on summer vacation, work has continued behind the scenes getting classrooms, buildings, bus routes and everything else in order for that first day.

"For a school superintendent, or anyone in educational leadership, this is absolutely the best time of the year — the

excitement and anticipation of students entering our buildings to continue their passion and quest for learning," Superintendent Michael Meissen said. "At P-CCS, we look forward to the coming weeks and months to ensure that the 2015-16 school year is one in which our students continue to learn, prepare and thrive thanks to our wonderful teachers and fantastic school buildings."

This year marks the opening of the new Liberty Middle School on Cherry Hill in Canton, as well as the first year without Central Middle School and the new use of Allen Ele-

mentary as a preschool center.

In preparation for next week's school opening, take a peek at the following information issued by Kay Elaster, assistant superintendent for teaching and learning:

Starting times

This year P-CEP will begin at 7:10 a.m. and end at 2:20 p.m. (half-day dismissal at 10:16 a.m.) All the middle schools will begin at 8:05 a.m. and end at 3:10 p.m. (half-day dismissal at 11:25 a.m.).

This year, all the elemen-

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The new Liberty Middle School in Canton will open Tuesday and be ready for business.



FILE PHOTO

Downtown Plymouth was transformed into Woodsboro, Calif., during the filming of Wes Craven's "Scream 4" in July 2010.

Late film legend Craven's stop in Plymouth recalled

Film director Wes Craven, a legend in the horror genre who died Sunday at age 76, made stops in downtown Plymouth and several other Detroit-area locations five years ago while filming *Scream 4*, the last in his series of slasher spoofs.

Craven, who came to fame with 1984's *A Nightmare on Elm Street*, brought stars like Courteney Cox, David Arquette, Neve Campbell and Emma Roberts, plus a large crew that transformed downtown into the fictional Woodsboro, Calif., for the shoot.

The action drew large crowds of onlookers, some of whom were hoping to catch a glimpse of Cox or one of the other stars. *Plymouth Observer* photographer Bill Bresler was able to document the scene in some of the photographs we're republishing here.

It was a time when Michigan offered incentives for the film industry, so other major features, like Clint Eastwood's *Gran Torino* and the remake of *Red Dawn*,

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Heise member of panel weighing House scandal

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Staff Writer

A lawmaker from Plymouth Township is helping lead a Michigan House of Representatives committee charged with looking at the qualifications of two House members at the center of a scandal that has engulfed Lansing for weeks.

The committee's hearings, which began Tuesday, could lead to the expulsion of freshman Reps. Todd Courser, R-La-
peer, and Cindy Gamrat, R-Plainwell.

"This is very uncharted territory for all of us," Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, vice chairman of the bipartisan committee, said by phone Monday, "but we're certainly committed to the process and to making sure everybody is heard."

House Speaker Kevin Cotter, R-Mount Pleasant, named the committee after Tim Bowlin, director of the House Business Office, called for one in a report, issued Monday, accusing Courser and Gamrat of "deceptive, deceitful and outright dishonest" actions in covering up their sexual affair.

The six-member Select Committee to Examine the Qualifications of Representatives Cindy Gamrat and Todd Courser convened Tuesday to adopt rules, talk about how it would process information and hear from Bowlin and Brock Swartzle, the House general counsel.

Witnesses are likely to be called and Courser and Gamrat will have the chance to make their cases, Heise said. Cotter said the "committee will have access to every piece of information collected" during the House Business Office investigation.

"This is very much a legislative tribunal," said Heise, who also represents Plymouth, Northville Township, part of Northville and part of eastern Canton Township.

The committee could wrap up, he said, with no decision, with a recommendation that



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Two P-CCS officials to leave district for new positions

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Two Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district administrators are leaving the district — one to move closer to his family, the other to get back to the ground floor of education.

Pat Briggs, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, and Michael Giromini, regional director, have announced their planned departures for new jobs.

Briggs and Giromini follow Erin MacGregor, who served as assistant superintendent for teaching and learning. He

left this spring to serve as superintendent of the Howell Public Schools. Former regional director Kay Elaster assumed MacGregor's position.

"We thank Mr. Briggs and Mr. Giromini for the hard work and passion that they have dedicated to our district

during the past few years," Superintendent Michael Meissen said. "P-CCS is a better place thanks to the work of these two gentlemen and we wish them both nothing but the best in their future endeavors in the world of edu-

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Bogus DTE caller seeks to scam customers

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A scam artist posing as a DTE Energy employee has struck in Canton, but his attempt to get money from a dental office was thwarted.

DTE officials and Canton police are warning residents and businesses to beware of attempts by phone to swindle DTE customers.

DTE spokesman Scott Simons said bogus calls are being made warning that a shutoff of service looms within hours unless arrangements are made, typically by phone using a prepaid credit card, to pay an alleged bill.

"It's a national problem, not just here," Simons said.

The latest incident in Canton was reported Aug. 26 after a dental office employee received

a phone call from a male caller claiming he was from DTE and warning of a power shutoff.

However, the quick-thinking employee asked the caller to confirm the account number, causing him to hesitate and then provide inaccurate information before he hung up the phone.

In Livonia, a 40-year-old woman who owns a restaurant on Five Mile told police she lost \$900 after she received a call from a bogus DTE worker. She said he told her she was late on her electric bill and would lose power unless she paid the money within an hour.

She went to a CVS store, put more than \$900 on a MoneyGram and made the payment. The caller told her where to send the money. She later became suspicious, called MoneyGram and

was told it appeared the transaction was fraudulent.

Canton police Lt. Craig Wilsher said DTE would typically send a notice by mail of any legitimate shutoff rather than calling and demanding an immediate payment.

"DTE is not going to call you on the phone and threaten to shut off your service," he said.

Simons said small businesses are often the target.

Simons said every DTE worker has an employee identification number that customers should request — especially if they believe their account is paid up.

He urged anyone who needs to check their account balance to call 800-477-4747.

Anyone who may have become a victim of phone-related scams may call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

Staff Writer David Veselenak contributed to this story.

And the winner is ...



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Jason Kizy (second from left) of Jay's Stuffed Burgers wins the 2015 Operator of the Year for Best Concept on Tuesday from Atlas Wholesale Foods Co. Jay's is located at 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

Sign up for free Plymouth-area CPR training

Plymouth Community United Way is partnering with Huron Valley Ambulance and St. John Neumann Catholic Church to present a free CPR training course. The class will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. The session can accommodate 30 people.

The program will prepare students to identify and begin treatment of common life-threatening emergencies such as:

- » A person having a heart attack or stroke.
- » A person suffering from cardiac or respiratory arrest.
- » A person who is choking.
- » A child or infant

with a respiratory or cardiac emergency.

To sign up and for more information, contact Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or randi.williams@pcuw.org. For more information about PCUW, go to www.plymouthunitedway.org or facebook.com/plymouthunitedway.

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Courser's and Gamrat's qualifications not be relinquished or with a recommendation that their qualifications are such that the House should vote to expel them. The committee could also recommend expulsion for one but not the other or choose public censure as a lesser penalty.

'Extraordinary proceedings'

"These are very extraordinary proceedings," Heise said. Similar proceedings in 2001 led to the expulsion of David Jaye, a Republican from Macomb County, from the Michigan Senate.

It was in early August that audio recordings were made public that showed Courser had asked his staff to send a fake email, saying he was addicted to drugs and pornography and had paid men for sex outside a Lansing bar, in order to distract attention from an affair he had with Gamrat.

Bowlin's report said Gamrat's claim that she did not author or participate in sending the phony email is "refuted by both audio recordings and staff testimony." Courser has claimed he was being blackmailed by someone sending him threatening text messages.

Both legislators, married and with children, have resisted calls to resign.

Heise, has not called

upon Courser and Gamrat to resign, saying he wanted the House Business Office investigation completed.

"Many will come to these hearings with foregone conclusions," Heise said in a statement issued after Tuesday's committee meeting. "But it would be a mistake to view these proceedings as a formality. We're getting to the bottom of a very dramatic situation and we must be conscious of the kinds of precedents we are setting as a body."

"We're going to be judicious. We're going to focus on the facts and weigh the options to make the best possible decision on behalf of the constituents of these districts and the institution in which all representatives have had the

privilege to serve," he added.

However, Heise said Monday that he believes Courser's and Gamrat's "personal conduct has clearly impacted their performance as legislators."

The special committee chairman is Rep. Ed McBroom, R-Vulcan; other members are Rep. Rob VerHeulen, R-Walker; Rep. Andrea LaFontaine, R-Columbus Township; Rep. John Chirkun, D-Roseville, the minority vice chairman; and Rep. Frank Liberati, D-Allen Park.

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USA Hockey teams to visit Music in the Air

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Concert-goers at the last concert of the Music in the Air summer season will get a double treat Friday night when the two USA Hockey teams hop on stage.

Forty-four hockey players ages 16-18 will arrive about a half-hour or so before the 7 p.m. concert — featuring Steve King and the Ditties — to introduce themselves and mingle with the crowd.

“They are hardly ever in one place together,” said Denise Ronayne, USA Hockey sales and marketing director. “They are like the top American select teams.”

USA Hockey head coach Danton Cole will get on stage and introduce the teams before the concert. “We will



USA Hockey team members and the eagle mascot will be at the Music in the Air concert Friday night in Kellogg Park.

have giveaways for the kids,” Ronayne said, adding a cannon will

shoot T-shirts. “This is good for the kids, parents, the players and the

community.” The teams’ eagle mascot also will visit.

Team members are from all over the country as USA Hockey scouts young players. “They invite the top kids to come. The Russians are emulating our program this year,” Ronayne said.

The players have been attending Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, where USA Hockey has long-standing relationships. Hines Park Lincoln, which sponsors Music in the Air, is one of those long-standing relationships.

“They kind of own these Friday nights,” said Ronayne, who said USA Hockey is also working with the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

“We thought, ‘Oh my gosh, we can all work together,’” she added. USA Hockey has been

training young athletes for the past 20 years for college teams, the National Hockey League and to make strong U.S. Olympic teams. “There is something uniquely amazing about what’s happening here,” Ronayne said. “This is going to be our own Lake Placid.”

The Friday night concert is free. Food and snacks are available in Kellogg Park before and during the concerts. Burger Spot and Kilwins are the 2015 food vendors. The Kiwanis popcorn wagon will be on-site and the Plymouth Community United Way will be selling snacks and water.

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Opa! A Taste of Greece offers food, fun, learning

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The smell of Greek food wafted Friday over Five Mile. Greek music filled the air at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church.

“We expose our culture,” said Thekla Szlinis of Canton, co-chair of the A Taste of Greece festival with Angela Kheir of Farmington Hills. Organizers collect non-perishable food for Northville Civic Concern, which helps needy families, waiving admission for those attendees.

“That’s a way of us giving back to the community,” Kheir said. “This is part of our community involvement.”

Music, dancing, food and church tours were part of the fun at the event, which ran through Aug. 30 at the church on



Bob and Cyndi Naumoff of Plymouth enjoy tasty food during A Taste of Greece festival.

Five Mile, east of Haggerty. This was the 11th year for the festival.

“We just wanted our community to get exposed to our Greek culture,” Szlinis said. “We

serve our ouzo and our Greek beer.”

“Last year, it was around 3,500. We’re hoping for 4,000” attendees, Kheir said.

Szlinis added: “Every

year, it grows in popularity.”

Tours, U-M speaker

Saturday featured a lecture by University of Michigan assistant pro-



Co-chairs Angela Kheir of Farmington Hills (left) and Thekla Szlinis of Canton are among many hard-working church volunteers who put on the annual festival.

fessor Brendan Haug on “Early Christian Papyrology” at the church. Church tours have also been popular.

Diane Michalakakis of Southgate was among church members giving tours. “I’ve been doing this for quite a few

years,” she said. “They’re pretty amazed because they’re not used to this. They make comments about how beautiful it is.”

“Our church is shaped like a cross,” she added,

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Naked woman reports assault after bar outing

Police responding to a domestic dispute found a naked woman - crying, screaming and bloodied - who said she had been assaulted by a man after the two had gone to a bar, a report said.

The incident unfolded about 1 a.m. Saturday inside a mobile home at Sherwood Village, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty. The report indicated a 49-year-old Canton man was arrested.

Police had gone to the home amid reports of a possible assault happening where a red truck was parked in front of a residence. An initial report by witnesses said a naked woman and several males may be inside the home.

Police arrived and found the woman, one man and a broken window. Police went inside after observing the man through a window as he yelled at the victim, grabbed her by the hair and dragged her off of a mattress and out of the room where the incident was un-

folded.

Police handcuffed the man as the woman, 46, of Romulus, wept. The report said pieces of the woman's hair could be seen on the floor. She implied to police that drugs were part of the problem, but the report didn't elaborate.

She told police the two had been to a bar. Back at the home, she said the man began assaulting her, prompting her to grab a small safe and throw it at a window in an attempt to attract attention of neighbors and get help.

The woman told police she had rug burns, missing hair and a possible broken foot. She was taken to a hospital for care.

More domestic violence

A Canton woman, involved in a fight to get her iPhone back, told police she was concerned the incident may have strained her, just one week after she had reconstructive breast surgery.

The 31-year-old victim notified police about 1:40 a.m. Monday, saying the incident started

when her on-again, off-again girlfriend, 39, came to her residence, accused her of talking with a man, seized her iPhone and left.

The victim said the girlfriend came to her residence at Fordham Green Apartments, on Ford west of Lilley, after the girlfriend and the girlfriend's sister already had been calling her and harassing her, a police report said.

After having her iPhone seized, the victim told police she decided to go to a home in Inkster where the girlfriend's sister lived so that she could get back her phone. She said she got it back after a fight.

The victim told police she then started receiving threats that her windows would be broken out. She declined prosecution, but wanted to document the situation.

Police advised her to find a different parking spot for her 2015 Chrysler 200.

Drunken pedestrian

Police went to the area of Warren and Beck after receiving reports shortly before 3

p.m. Friday that a woman was lying in a grassy area near the intersection.

Turns out she was allegedly drunk.

A report indicated the police talked with her when arriving on the scene and were told she had been walking to her mother's house. Police noticed the woman had been drinking and asked her to submit to a test that showed her blood-alcohol level was 0.38 percent - more than four times the legal limit, if she had been driving.

The woman was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital for treatment. She also was cited for public intoxication.

eBay incident

A 17-year-old Canton girl bought an iPhone on eBay only to learn it was stolen, a report said.

The girl bought the phone for \$160 and went to a T-Mobile store in Canton to get her account going, only to be told by a store employee that the phone apparently was stolen. The phone's number had been

blocked so it couldn't be called and no determination could be made about who may have had it.

The girl also told police she got an email from eBay saying the phone had been stolen. She filed a police report Friday evening so she could get her money back.

Post-drinking scare

Canton firefighters took a 41-year-old Canton woman to a hospital for treatment after her husband found her lying face down on the floor after a night of heavy drinking, a police report said.

The woman was noticed unconscious about 7 a.m. Saturday in a home on Indian Creek, near Warren and Canton Center. Her husband told police the two of them had consumed a lot of alcohol the night before. He became concerned when he found her on the floor the next morning.

The woman was taken to a hospital for care.

- By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Township man loses nearly \$1,000 in phone scam

A 55-year-old Plymouth Township man was conned out of nearly \$1,000 late last month by someone posing as a representative of DTE Energy.

The victim told police he used a money transfer service to credit an account with \$998.95 after receiving a phone call saying he was three months behind on the electric bill for a property he owned and that power would be shut off if the bill wasn't paid immediately, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

The victim offered to pay through a credit card or a checking account, but the caller said he could only accept payment through the transfer and provided the

account number, the report said. The victim went to a Walmart in Canton Township to use the service.

Later, the report said, he thought the incident was suspicious and confirmed with DTE that he had not been behind in his bill. He called police.

Warrant arrest

A man police said was acting suspiciously outside a township apartment complex was arrested on outstanding misdemeanor warrants from Canton and turned over to police there.

An officer spotted the man lying across the front seat of a 1998 Buick shortly before 3 a.m. Sunday outside apartments in the area of Postiff and Lilley, a police report said.

The officer had noticed the stopped vehicle because the

brake lights kept going on and off, the report said. The man told the officer he was waiting for his girlfriend.

When the warrants were discovered, the man was arrested and taken to the police station in Canton.

Dine and dash

A regular at Zack's of Plymouth, on Main Street south of Ann Arbor Road, left without paying his \$10.90 bill early Sunday.

The incident occurred about 2:30 a.m. An employee told police the man, who appeared intoxicated, went outside to smoke a cigarette, then left without paying the bill. The restaurant was to request payment from the man when he comes in again, a police report said.

- By Matt Jachman

Suspect sought in shooting of gas station clerk

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A suspect who shot a gas station clerk during a robbery is being sought by Westland Police.

The robbery occurred just after 10 p.m. Aug. 27 at the BP gas station, 7139 N. Wayne Road.

The Westland Police Department is requesting the public's assistance in identifying the suspect and released a video of the robbery. The suspect in the video is described as a black male in his early 20s, wearing a dark-colored hooded sweatshirt, dark pants and white shoes with black trim.

View the video at <http://tinyurl.com/o3areel>.

The clerk was shot once in the upper leg and is recuperating from non-life threatening injuries. Police noted the suspect could be seen lingering in the gas station as if waiting for an opportunity when he was alone with the clerk.

Anyone with information regarding the suspect's identity is asked to contact the Westland Police Detective Bureau at 734-721-6311 or Sgt. Burke Lange at 734-467-3178.

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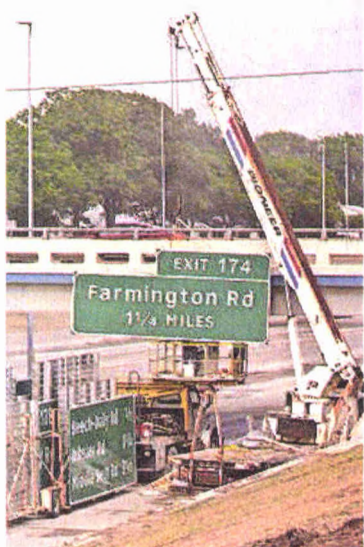
I-96 reconstruction project up for national award

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Drivers who frequent Interstate 96 through Redford and Livonia dealt with more than five months of freeway closures as crews worked to rebuild the road. Now the Michigan Department of Transportation is hoping those same motorists will support the project by voting for it in a national contest.

The project, dubbed the "96fix," is a finalist for two awards from America's Transportation Awards. One of those awards is granted via a public vote, with the Michigan project being one of 10 residents can vote for. It's up against other projects across the country, including ones from Florida, North Dakota and New Mexico.

"We really, really feel that this project is really deserving," MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said. "We learned a lot



FILE PHOTO
The "96fix" project last year is up for a national award and motorists can help by voting for the project.

through this project, but we feel a lot of the success of this

project is really deserving of a national award."

The \$148 million project, which rebuilt seven miles of the freeway between Telegraph in Redford Township and Newburgh in Livonia, closed the freeway completely for the approximate 150,000 vehicles that travel it each day. The freeway reopened last September, several weeks before the deadline, to thousands of people walking on the roadway during the "family fun day" held by MDOT.

Morosi said because the project was awarded a regional award earlier this summer through the Mid America Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, it qualified to move onto the national competition.

The project was recognized for its use of technology to improve and hasten the freeway's opening, something MDOT officials recognized.

"The 96fix is a perfect ex-

ample of MDOT employees using innovation to deliver high-quality projects that save taxpayers' money and time," state Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle said in a statement regarding the regional award. "This award recognizes MDOT's commitment to finding new ways to maximize resources and ensure safe and efficient travel on our roads."

Morosi said using work methods that involved things such as state-of-the-art surveys, paperless work flows and other modern technology helped keep the project on track and, eventually, completed early.

"Not only did these innovations help us do them quicker, but safer and cheaper," he said.

Voting until Sept. 11

Transportation experts with the national organization will vote on one award and the public on the other.

Motorists can vote up to 10

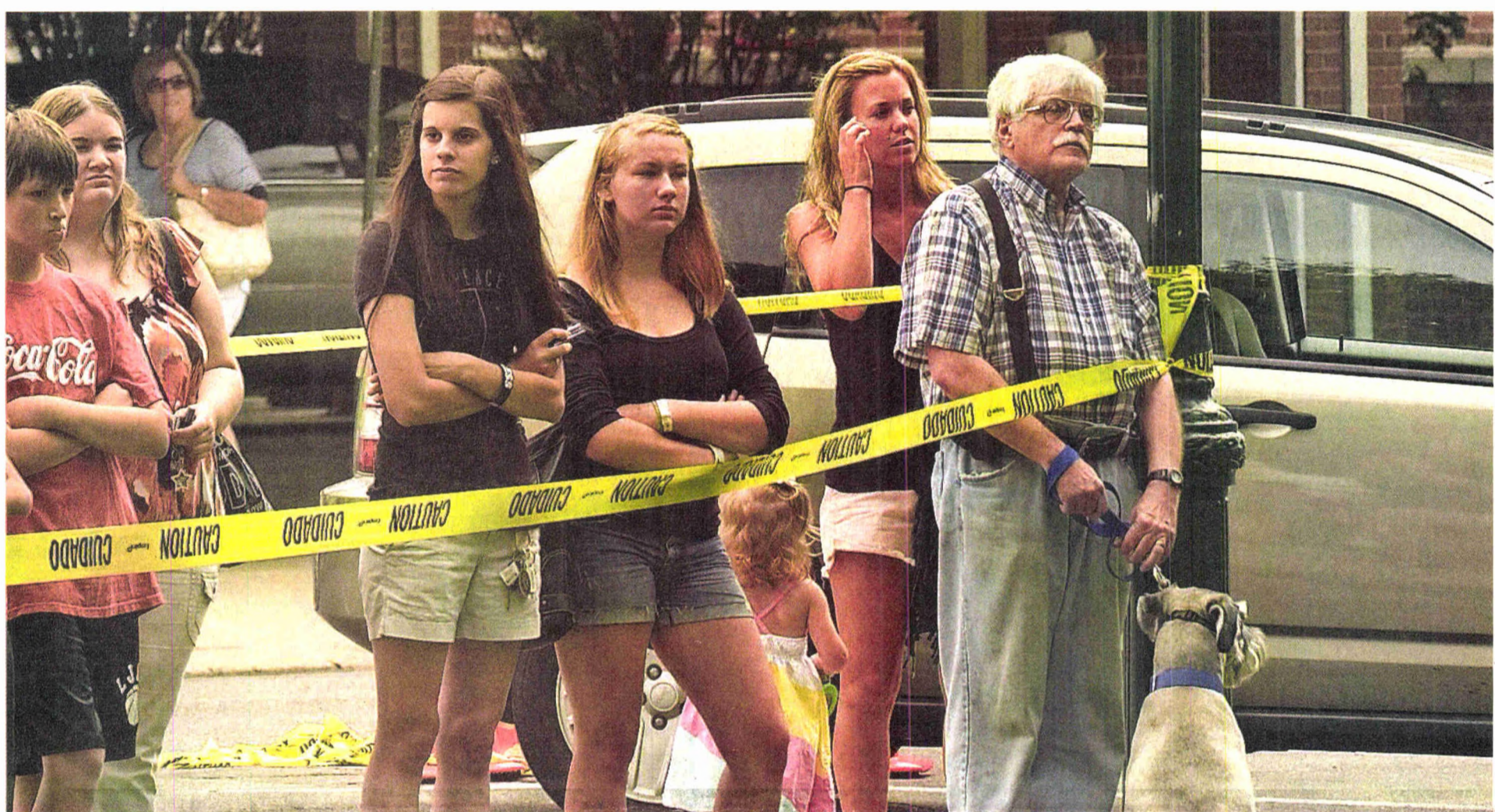
times a day and the voting is open until Sept. 11 on the American Transportation Awards website.

It's not the first award given out this summer to something or someone involved in last year's project. MDOT recently awarded Canton resident Jeff Horne, an engineer who oversaw the project, the MDOT Director's Award for his work.

While many of the projects the 96fix is up against in the competition are great accomplishments, Morosi said the one in Michigan is especially worthy, considering it was completed in a state where construction can only take place roughly half the year.

"Every project is worthy; to get to this point, some great things were done," he said. "It's a shortened season we deal with in the Midwest."

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Local folks watch the filming of "Scream 4" in July 2010. Note the name change on The Gathering.

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CRAVEN

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were shot in the area.

Craven's production brought more customers to downtown businesses and the director himself was reportedly spotted at the Starbucks on Ann Arbor Trail.

Craven also took his team to Livonia, where shooting was done in a local courthouse. Here's how Dave Varga, a Livonia official (and former *Observer & Eccentric* reporter and editor) remembered the director Monday on Facebook:

"Got a chance to meet Wes and his wife, Iya, a few years ago while I coordinated the filming of *Scream 4* in a closed Livonia courthouse. They came across as just regular, nice folks, though he obviously harbored a truly sick and funny imagination. RIP Mr. Craven."

- By Matt Jachman



FILE PHOTO
Courtney Cox, lunch and a phone call in Kellogg Park during the shooting of Wes Craven's "Scream 4" in July 2010.



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Courtney Cox in Kellogg Park. Director Wes Craven, a legend in the horror genre, died Sunday.



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Francis Kruse and Marty Peck, big fans of the "Scream" films, visited the set of Wes Craven's "Scream 4" in downtown Plymouth in July 2010.



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Emma Roberts, the niece of Julia Roberts, was one of the stars of "Scream 4," part of which was shot in downtown Plymouth in July 2010.



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John MacDonald of Plymouth, Leonard Weems of Plymouth Township, Kirsti Maliszewski of Livonia and Sydney Johnson of Chicago. Sydney's sister Alexandria is helped by her grandma, Kathy Johnson of Plymouth.

Mercy, Stevenson grads gets crafty with new Northville studio

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Liz Meyer was looking for an anniversary idea that would not only meet the "wood" theme that is the traditional fifth-anniversary present, but would also be unique and "something we could do together."

Enter Board & Brush. The creative studio, opened Aug. 6 by three high-school buddies, is designed as a place "for creating fun and unique wood decor projects" from scratch. The studio hosts classes with instructors trained to guide customers through the process.

When Meyer read about it on Facebook, she knew it was the right place.

"A friend of mine had gone to a class and ... expressed how much fun it had been and, honestly, the end result was impressive," said Meyer, who lives with husband



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Jenny Williams (from left) is joined by her daughters Angela and Emily Lane during a session at Northville Township's Board & Brush. The do-it-yourself shop is located in the Highland Lakes Plaza on Seven Mile.

Scott in Livonia. ("Scott) likes to work with his hands and I really thought this was something we could do together and have a fun way to remember our anniversary."

It's the kind of response for which the three co-owners - Livonia Stevenson graduate Jenny Perino and Mercy High School graduates

Dana Tiwaini and Jen Amin - were hoping when they got the idea to open the studio.

The idea began brewing back in March, when a college roommate of Amin's, Maureen Anders, opened the first Board & Brush, in Heartland, Wis. The three friends saw Anders' initial success and decided they wanted to bring the concept to

Michigan. Tiwaini, a Plymouth resident who does marketing part time for Consumers Energy, had been looking at business models and saw that do-it-yourself "crafty" type businesses "seem to be trendy these days."

"This is such a unique thing to have in Michigan. ... You don't have to be 'crafty,' anyone can do it," Tiwaini said. "People can come and have fun. When they're done, they're excited to see their finished product."

Board & Brush provides the raw materials to make wood home decor pieces (signs, planter boxes, etc.) and provides instruction how to finish the projects.

When she's not running Board & Brush, Perino is an occupational therapist for Building Bridges in Plymouth. She's all about DIY and understands it's a trendy hobby at the moment. "I'm all about doing

things for yourself," said Perino, a Livonia resident. "Studios who have these classes are booked for months, so people like doing this. It's hot."

The studio hosts several classes a week, all accessible online (www.boardandbrush.com/northville). The studio also offers private parties for corporate events and birthday parties to girls nights out and bridal showers.

Class registration is all done online. "A lot of people like that it's all done online," said Amin, who also lives in Livonia. "It's easy to sign up."

All three co-owners are moms (Amin has three sons, Perino has two children and Tiwaini has one son). That background is one of the reasons they chose Northville to set up shop.

"We always wanted Northville, because it's a family-oriented community," Tiwaini said. In today's social-

media conscious world, Board & Brush has become a hit. Favorable comments have lit up Twitter and the studio has already gotten nearly 2,000 Facebook likes.

"The social media growth has been tremendous," Tiwaini said. "That has been huge for us in getting the word out."

That's how the Meyers found out about Board & Brush and the experience - they made a dark stained wooden board with the family monogram painted in the center - was a memorable one for them.

"The experience was great," Liz Meyer said. "You could tell how excited (the owners) were about their new business and it really translated when you looked at all the little details they thought of for the class."

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showing how it reflects infinite heaven and Earth and the concept of worshippers both here and in heaven.

Early church members learned from the icons when literacy was more limited, Michalakis said. She was soon joined by the Rev. Nick Marcus, who came to the Plymouth church June 1 as the new pastor.

"It is a wonderful festival," said Marcus, who with wife Liza was meeting and greeting. "Their hearts are in it 100 percent."

He'd served earlier as cantor for 14 years at the Plymouth church. Marcus has also been a jeweler and worked in real estate before entering the seminary. He came here from Grand Rapids.



JULIE BROWN

Giving church tours are (from left) Jerry Takis of Plymouth Township, new pastor the Rev. Nick Marcus and wife Liza and Diane Michalakis of Southgate.

"It was always that beautiful church on Five Mile," Marcus said. "We're going to get some things going for the second phase of building."

The church of around 200 families is drawing new members, he added. Jerry Takis of Plymouth

Township is Sunday school director. "We have a pretty young population here at the parish," Takis said.

"We try to make things fun for the kids." There are some 60 kids from grade school through high school in the parish program.

"We said, 'This is a really nice little parish,'" Takis said of relocating with his family from Oak Park. "We're really happy to have (Marcus) back. We hope he stays here a long time."

The Marcuses, Takis and Michalakis were giving the church tours, which traditionally draw many neighbors who are curious about the interior. Szlinis noted the Friday community lunch for Bosch Corp. employees; that nearby firm helps with parking.

Also invited were 35th District Court employees and those of other businesses. Some 120-150 church volunteers work on the annual festival.

'Hard work' makes it possible

"A lot of hard work," Kheir said. The church prepares its own food for the festival, with many Greek dishes, entrees, side dishes and desserts.

Enjoying the food were Cyndi and Bob Naumoff of Plymouth. "We come every year for the music, the dance," she said. "The food," Bob added.

"We enjoy listening to the music, watching the dancers," Cyndi said.

The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church will also have food at this year's Plymouth Fall Festival, Sept. 11-13. "We won't have entertainment (at Fall Festival), but we'll have food," Szlinis said.

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Plymouth Township tech firm hires new VP

Stardock, a Plymouth Township developer and publisher of computer games and software, has appointed Chris Kowal vice president of business development.

Kowal, a Brighton resident, comes to Stardock with leadership experience at several corporations, including EdgeRunner, Compuware and Chase. He will be in charge of ensuring game developers have the support needed bringing successful games to the market and that business



Kowal

people have software that uses the latest innovations from Micro-

soft and other Stardock partners.

"Better games are created and developers are far more successful in the long run when their well-being takes priority," Kowal said in a press release. "In that same regard, on the software development side, I'm focused on the people - the business professionals who use Microsoft products. What will they need next? What will make their day easier?"

Kowal's hiring is part

of a strategy for "exponential growth," said Brad Wardell, Stardock's founder, president and chief executive officer.

"We require a business development leader with strong vision and a depth of experience to maximize our potential without overextending," Wardell said. "Kowal has the right mix of skills to lead growth both within Stardock and in our industry as a whole."

Wardell founded Stardock in the early 1990s while a student at West-

ern Michigan University, where he majored in electrical engineering. The build-out of its headquarters off of Beck Road in Plymouth Township was completed in 2014 and the company has grown by more than 40 employees, including adding some of the country's top developers, in the last three years.

"The invitation to lead the execution of Brad's vision is a tremendous opportunity and I look forward to helping the team achieve its goals,

positioning Stardock as an industry leader," Kowal said.

Kowal is originally from Buffalo, N.Y., and has a wife and three children. He has a bachelor's of science degree from Canisius College.

Stardock's games include Sins of a Solar Empire and the Galactic Civilizations series; its software, designed to work with Windows systems, includes Fences, WindowBlinds and Multiplicity.

On-demand dry cleaning hits metro area

The world of dry cleaning had so much appeal. Drawing from the Uber model of smart phone-based consumer services, a newcomer called DRYV allows metro Detroiters to get their blouses cleaned and trousers pressed with a few clicks on an app.

DRYV was launched in Chicago a few years ago before partnering with the Huntington Woods-based Huntington Group. And it didn't take long for the Huntington Group to launch DRYV in our backyards. The on-demand dry cleaning service is the first of its kind in metro Detroit and allows users to schedule on-the-go pick-up and drop-off of clothes. Payments are automated through credit or debit cards (just like Uber) to save consumers time.

This isn't the first dry cleaning tech advancement for the Huntington Group. Previously, it launched BizzieBox - a dry cleaning locker that can be used by office workers to drop off and pick up clothes on their way in and out of the office. The boxes are now scattered across metro Detroit, including in the Renaissance Center.

With Bizzie Box, customers drop off their laundry in a locked, Bizzie Box locker. Bizzie Box dry cleaning partners pick up the clothes



and clean them and then drop them off in the same set of lockers at the customer's office or building. The customer then receives a text that their clothes are ready, along with a locker number and access code. The clothes can then be picked up at the user's convenience.

Spike in on-demand services

For years, companies like Grub Hub and Seamless have provided on-demand restaurant delivery for hungry people in major cities like New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Similarly, Amazon has provided grocery delivery for folks in cities like Seattle and now it offers delivery of purchased goods to users in Chicago and other locales.

The Detroit area is oftentimes an afterthought for companies looking to improve digital consumer services, so it's refreshing to see DRYV launched in the Motor City before big metro areas have similar services. It is also an indicator that on-demand services will continue to rise and, hopefully, enter the local marketplace.

Newcomers to the on-demand services sector include home services, beauty services and parking services. Yes, there is even an app to help you sell your parking space. And while that may not be a huge benefit to you if you live in Plymouth, Birmingham or Milford, the convenience of home services or having a hair stylist come direct to your door may be appealing.

TaskRabbit for instance, allows consumers to outsource household projects around the home, such as furniture assembly, installing light fixtures and more. For larger undertakings, Porch.com and Pro.com can help consumers source anything from painting to an entire home remodel. Think of it as a free Angie's List product on-the-go.

Companies like HomeJoy, Exec and Handy provide house cleaning services through online or through apps. It has never been quicker or easier for customers to order something or get something done around the home. And it gives us more of what we want back in our lives - time.

There's an app for that

As Apple's famous advertising campaign reminded us, there is always an app for that. Want to get a massage

therapist to your door? UnwindMe, Zeel and StyleSeat have apps for that. Need to book a table at a fancy restaurant or your local Olive Garden? There is an app called Open Table for that. Need mobile dog grooming, pet sitting, dog walking or anything else involving Fido? Of course, there's a site and an app for that. It's called Barkocity and it is available in New York.

My bold prediction is that Detroit will also be home to even the most niche on-demand services in the next three years or so. As supply meets demand, you too can get your cat boarded or your dog walked. You can probably even get your cat walked, you know, if you're into that thing.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Architect recognized

Canton resident and architect Donald Bauman and The Building Enclosure Council of Greater Detroit have been recognized in a national publication as educators in the design of a building's "skin" or envelope.

The Building Enclosure Council of Greater Detroit is dedicated to educating building designers and contractors on new methods pertaining to a building's "skin" or envelope.

The BEC-Greater Detroit, of which Bauman is secretary, helps others understand new improvements and technology related to building envelope design and construction. The organization's new scholarship fund for college students studying architecture, engineering or construction was noted. The BEC-Greater Detroit, established in 2008, provides a forum for all construction professionals

to share ideas to achieve improved, higher-performing building enclosures, specific to the Midwest climate.

Bauman is assistant technical director of architecture and design at Albert Kahn in Detroit.

Golf outing

Clean off your clubs for the annual 2015 Canton Chamber of Commerce golf outing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Pheasant Run Golf Course. Major sponsors are Bovitz CPA, P.C. and Jack Demmer Ford, Inc.

Biz person nominations

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominees for the 2015 Business Person of the Year. Business Person of the Year is announced Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Chamber Business Luncheon. The deadline for nominations is Friday, Sept. 3. Contact the chamber at 734-453-4040.

Don't panic over twists, turns in volatile stock markets

Last week was a wild ride for the stock market. When our markets opened Aug. 24, a major sell-off had already occurred in Asia and Europe. As a result, the Dow Jones Industrial Average immediately dropped 1,000 points.

The roller-coaster ride continued throughout the day. At one point as the market rallied, it appeared that losses would be nominal. It didn't turn out that way, as the market retreated late in the day.

The roller-coaster ride in our markets - and world markets - continued throughout the week. After tough days Monday and Tuesday, world markets rallied Wednesday and Thursday. In fact, if you just look at the results last week, you would have said it was a relatively good week since the Dow, the S&P 500 and the NASDAQ all showed gains.

Investors tend to think when the markets experience extreme volatility, there's something they should be doing. In reality, the best course of action is to do nothing.

One of the benefits of having a balanced and diversified portfolio is that different invest-



ments don't operate the same way. Balanced and diversified portfolios are built to withstand market volatility.

Markets are volatile and unpredictable and investors must accept that fact. If you're the type of individual who can't take any sort of volatility then, unfortunately, you are only going to invest in things like CDs. We all know the return on those is miniscule.

Whenever there is a major downturn in the markets, investors are gripped with fear and they make irrational decisions based upon that fear. After all, just think how much it would have cost you if you decided to sell out Monday morning when the Dow was down 1,000 points.

It is not easy being an investor. Not only do you see the losses on your portfolios but, in addition, we are swamped by the doom and gloomers who tend to dominate our media. Unfortunately,

there's nothing we can do about that. The bottom line, world markets can turn on a dime and making a move that will give you short-term comfort may give you long-term pain.

As an investor, you must have discipline. You cannot afford to react to every twist and turn in the market. It would be great if we could time the market, but it can't be done. To be successful, you must have a game plan based upon your individual goals and objectives and not let the chatter either in social media or in the traditional media cause you to lose focus.

Market volatility makes people nervous - that's understandable. However, keep in mind what Warren Buffet once said: "It's not timing the market, it's time in the market that will make you successful." Good luck.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPOTLIGHT ON 'PRODUCERS'

Time/Date: 8 p.m. for Saturday performances; 2 p.m. for Sunday performances, Sept. 18-20 and 25-27

Location: Village Theater is at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton

Details: The Spotlight Players stage *The Producers*

Cost: Tickets are \$16 to \$18 each. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or at <http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org/>. Tickets are also available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time.

BASKETBALL SIGN-UP

Time/Date: 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9

Location: Pioneer Middle School cafeteria, 46081 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Community Education Basketball League hosts registration for kids from third grade through high school.

Contact: Email cebl@pccsk12.com

WORLD PEACE DAY

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sept. 20; prayers for world peace at 1:15 p.m.; refreshments at 2 p.m.

Location: Kellogg Park, Plymouth, followed by refreshments at Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street

Details: Plymouth Canton Interfaith Community Outreach World Peace Day 2015, sponsored by: The Interfaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit, Canton and Plymouth Hindu Community, Geneva Presbyterian, Gurdwara-Sahib Hidden Falls, Living Peace Church, Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, Singh-Saba of Michigan Gurdwara. Open to all faiths

RCIA CLASSES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22

Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren, Canton

Details: An informal RCIA — Rite of Initiation of Adults — meeting for adults who are not baptized or baptized in another faith, also those who still need to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation and those interested in a review of the church.

Contact: The church at 734-455-5910

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Time/Date: Apply now; orientation Oct. 13

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley Road, Suite A, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient care and companionship, office support, group activities and more. Volunteer training ses-



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At last year's Fall Fest, Liz Kelly Kerstens worked on a kumihimo braid in her Jewels Victoriana booth. If you want to participate as a crafter, now is the time to apply.

sions will cover mission and values, confidentially, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer.

Contact: Volunteer coordinator with questions or to apply for a brief interview 888-983-9050.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Time/Date: Sept. 11-13

Location: Plymouth Fall Festival, downtown Plymouth

Details: Plymouth Fall Festival Craft marketplace is expanding this year, requiring more crafters.

Contact: The application is available at <http://plymouth-fallfestival.com/craft-show/>. Contact Colleen at craft-show@plymouthfallfestival.com

WILDCATS OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

Time/Date: Beginning with check-in at 8 a.m., followed by first wave of participants at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12

Location: Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton

Details: A fundraiser for the Wildcats, the Plymouth High School football team in conjunction with the VET — Veteran Education and Transitional — Program. The event offers mud, an obstacle course, climbing hills and bales of hay and sand

Cost: \$30 for adults; \$20 for ages 13-19, \$10 for ages 10-12 and kids 9 and younger are admitted free. Admission includes the course, a drawstring backpack, buff and finishers medal. Kids nine and younger will not receive a bag or medals.

Registration: Ongoing and may be completed online at www.TheVETProgram.org (under events). Participants may also register and pick up information packets from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at

Plymouth High School

Contact: Booster club member Todd McCall at 734-748-9649; sponsorships requested

RAKU WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 5:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, and noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19

Location: Village Potters Guild, 326 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: Guild hosts its third Raku Workshop in which participants choose pottery and glaze them; experience is not necessary; demonstrations and sales also offered.

Cost: \$10 registration fee; pottery ranges \$10-30

Contact and register: The Guild at 734-207-8807

FALL TASTE FEST

Date/Time: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11

Location: Station 885, 885 Starkweather, in Plymouth's Old Village

Details: The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club and Station 885 are sponsoring the Plymouth Fall Festival Taste Fest. Great food will be offered by a host of Plymouth-Canton eateries. There is a live band and cash bar. Food will be offered by Bahama Breeze, Cupcake Station, Extreme Pizza of Plymouth, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizza & Ribs, La Bistecca Italian Grille, Leo's Coney Island of Plymouth & Canton, Max & Erma's Plymouth, Plymouth ROC, Rocky's of Northville, Rusty Bucket, Station 885, Westland Famous Dave's, Vintners Canton Winery, Zoup Soup, Salad & Sandwiches.

Cost: \$15 for adults; \$5 for children 10 and under and free for kids under 5. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Station 885 and at U.P. Pasties on Main Street.

Contact: 734-459-1896 for more information.

VISIT THE FAIR

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Nov. 1

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The Fair That Changed America — also known as the Chicago World's Fair — the 1893 Exposition and all the history it made comes back to life at the Plymouth Historical Museum with the newest exhibit, "The Fair That Changed America."

Admission: \$5 for adults; \$2 for children ages 6-17. Through Labor Day, active duty service men and women are admitted free to the museum, designated as a Blue Star Museum.

Contact: www.plymouth-history.org or 734-455-8940

SALINE ANTIQUES

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

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

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

Cost: Admission is \$6. Parking is free

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

NEW FOOD PANTRY

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

Location: Abundant Life Church of God, 21000 Hannan, Canton

Details: The church has opened a food pantry for individuals and families in need.

Contact: Church office, 734722-7688

'RED VELVET'

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Thursday; 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 3-6

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.cantonvillage-theater.org or call 734-394-5300.

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

MEETINGS CHANGED

Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. second Sunday of each month

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: PFLAG P-C is committed to advancing equality and societal acceptance of LGBT people through its threefold mission of support, education and advocacy.

CARS & CAFFEINE

Time/Date: 8-10 a.m. each Sunday

Location: Parking lot of Biggy Coffee, 44601 Five Mile, Plymouth

Details: Car buffs and enthusiasts are invited to bring themselves, their families and their classic or hot-rod vehicles for a weekly gathering for talk and coffee.

Cost: Free

CANTON MARKET

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

Location: Preservation Park on Ridge Road, Canton

Details: Canton Farmers Market now open



GOV. SNYDER'S OFFICE

Gov. Rick Snyder and members of the Michigan delegation met in Beijing with Chinese Ministry of Commerce Vice Minister Zhong Shan and other leaders prior to signing a pledge to strengthen cooperation and expand economic activity between Michigan and China.

Chinese firm to invest \$26M for headquarters in N'ville Township

A Chinese bearing manufacturer will invest nearly \$26 million to establish a new U.S. headquarters and technical center in Northville Township, creating 125 jobs, Gov. Rick Snyder said Monday after returning from an eight-day investment mission to China.

Snyder met Saturday with leaders of CW Bearings, USA Inc. in Shanghai before his return to Michigan. It was the final meeting in a week that included sessions with government leaders, businesses and journalists to expand export markets for Michigan-made goods, increase investment in businesses located in the state and promote Michigan as a tourism destination — all of which will create more and better jobs.

"CW Bearing's decision to locate its U.S. headquarters in southeast Michigan signals to corporate leaders across the globe (Michigan) offers great opportunities for their business expansion," Snyder said. "This comes as we return from a busy, productive week developing and strengthening relationships that will lead to new investments, new export opportunities and more jobs for Michiganders and our communities."

CW Bearing, founded in 1984, has locations in California, North Carolina and Michigan. The company produces bearing components used in electronic power steering systems that are gradually replacing hydraulic steering systems.

The company plans

CW Bearing, founded in 1984 ... produces bearing components used in electronic power steering systems.

to build a facility in Northville Township to house its U.S. headquarters, an engineering and technical center and advanced manufacturing operations.

The project will generate a total capital investment of \$25.9 million and create 125 jobs, resulting in a \$550,000 Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant.

Michigan was chosen over competing sites in other states. Northville Township has offered support to the project in the form of property tax abatement.

"CW Bearing and all of its employees want to thank the state of Michigan for this grant and the support in helping us to make this project a reality," said Jay Click, CW Bearing USA director of sales. "This facility, located in Northville Township near the heart of the North American auto industry, will allow us to better support our 'customer first' philosophy by increasing both our global manufacturing and technical capabilities, allowing us to bring more value and versatility to our growing customers."

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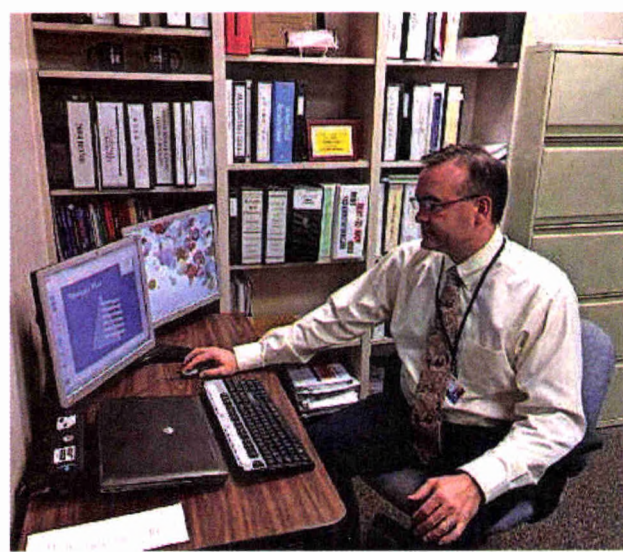
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ation."

Briggs will assume a similar position in finance and operations at the Hudsonville Public Schools, southwest of Grand Rapids. His family — his wife and youngest daughter — have remained in Cadillac during his tenure in Plymouth-Canton. Briggs came to Plymouth-Canton from Ferris State University, where he was associate vice president for finance.

"It's a good position and closer to my family," said Briggs, who joined Plymouth-Canton schools in November 2014. "It's a great job. It's a great place."

Giormini, who has worked as a teacher, an



FILE PHOTO

Pat Briggs, P-CCS assistant superintendent of finance and operations, took over his position last November.

associate principal and in Plymouth-Canton as regional director (formerly known as a curriculum coordinator), is

headed to Royal Oak to serve as the district's only high school's principal. "I missed being away

from the kids and teachers," Giormini said. "You get to see your direct impact on kids."

But Giormini, nonetheless, said he has enjoyed working with Plymouth-Canton principals as a regional director.

Briggs' last day in Plymouth-Canton will be Sept. 15. Giormini intends to be in Royal Oak when school starts next week.

Both administrators call their moves bitter-sweet. "I have loved my job. The people I have worked with are amazing," Briggs said. "Plymouth is a great community. I think great things are in store for Plymouth and I wish them the best."

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SCHOOL

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tary schools will begin at 8:55 a.m. and end at 4:10 p.m. (half-day dismissal at 12:15 p.m.).

Starkweather's hours are 9 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. and the Media Center will open at 7:30 a.m. for students to do independent work.

Free/reduced lunches

Parents may get free and reduced lunch applications at their child's school. They are also available online at <http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us/home/showdocument?id=997>

Bus routes

Parents should have received their child's route the week of Aug. 24.

Dress codes

Parents and students are reminded that P-CCS has a dress code. Students should adhere to the following guidelines:

- » Skirts and/or shorts must be modest (even if worn with leggings); the rule of thumb is that they should be fingertip length.
- » Garments may not expose underclothing.
- » Shirts must completely cover top of shoulders.
- » No bare midriffs.
- » No clothing with sexual content, drug, alcohol or tobacco references.
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- » No dark tinted glasses or sunglasses.
- » Students are not to wear items considered potentially dangerous. This includes, but is not

limited to, chains of any kind, pointed rings or pendants, metal spikes of any kind or gang symbols, etc.

» Students are not to wear hoods up over their heads while inside the school buildings.

Cellphones

In middle school, students cannot have their cellphones out during the school day. They must be put away when they enter the school building. Cellphones cannot be on or used in the middle school during the school day.

At P-CEP, students cannot have phones on during class time and they must be kept out of sight. For more information, parents and students should check the P-CEP Student Handbook at <http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us/home/showdocu->

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Safety measures

Parents should talk to children about being safe as they travel to and from school. This means making sure that they are crossing at the light or where there is a crossing guard and also walking on the sidewalk and not in the street.

Parents whose children are taking the school bus should remind students to stand six feet away from the curb. Students should stay seated on the bus at all times and follow the direction of the bus driver and any attendants who may be on the bus. "If we all follow the rules of the road and take our time, we can have a safe school year," Elaster added.

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OUR VIEW

Back to school: A good time to talk safety, bullying, academics – and get involved

The start of school can be exciting, a bit scary and probably nerve-wracking for parents who are getting their kids ready for Tuesday, when the bells ring.

As the first day at Plymouth-Canton schools draws closer, it's a good time to have a talk with kids about safety, bullying and getting the most of the school experience. It's also a great time for parents to make the commitment to get and stay involved in the school community.

In the aftermath of redistricting in the Plymouth-Canton district, bus routes have been redrawn. That means some kids will continue walking to school, some farther than makes their parents happy. Talk to your kids about walking in groups — never alone — and to be ever observant of their surroundings and people in the area.

As any police officer will tell the kids, they must never get into a car or follow someone they don't know. An awareness of stranger danger is paramount. It's always wise — if



FILE PHOTO

Motorists are urged to be vigilant and cautious during start and end school hours. Obey traffic signals, as well as crosswalks and crossing guards.

parents are working or out of the house — to require kids to make a call and let their mom or dad know they have arrived safe at home.

Because kids are walking to school, motorists are to be extra vigilant and cautious. Kids are excited and likely talking to each other as they make

their way to school, meaning they might not be watching traffic. Motorists are urged to slow down when near a school and to obey all traffic signals, crosswalks and crossing guards.

Bullying continues to be a concern in schools across America. About 28 percent of

students ages 12-18 reported being bullied at school during the school year, according to the Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2013 report, by the Bureau of Justice Statistics and National Center for Education Statistics Institute of Education Sciences.

Cyber-bullying is also common among kids, with The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reporting that as of June 2014, 14.8 percent of students say they were cyber-bullied through email, chat rooms, instant messaging, websites or texting.

Talk to your kids about bullying. If they are being or have been bullied, insist they let adults know. Instill in your children the negative impact of bullying other kids and suggest they embrace all of their classmates, no matter how different they may be. Let your kids know the fun of school is making all kinds of friends — some that will last a lifetime.

Kids and the school community need parents to jump in and be involved. Learning begins with kindergarten and

grows from there. Take time to get to know your child's teacher and talk about expectations. Attend parent-teacher conferences, but if you see a problem or have a concern, don't wait until then to discuss it. Get involved in the school community by volunteering in the classroom, the PTA or district activities.

School-age children spend 70 percent of their waking hours, including weekends and holidays, outside of school. With only 30 percent left for learning, it's critical that educators and parents work together with students to make sure that they achieve personal and academic success.

School can be a great experience for kids. Encourage them to get the most out of their classes and their teachers and to enjoy the camaraderie afforded by their classmates.

The first day of school is often the toughest. But with encouragement and support, kids can and will make the most of their school years.

LETTERS

Grateful for support

It's been another busy summer at the Canton Public Library. Our patrons earned more than 10,000 badges in our Connect Your Summer program and enjoyed reading, programs and activities and discovering virtual and electronic resources. The library wishes to acknowledge the generosity of the many community partners who made this program possible, especially the Friends of the Canton Public Library and the following:

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Our patrons appreciated the gift cards, discount coupons and other prizes and we are grateful for the support.

Laurie Golden
community relations
Canton Public Library

Terrific idea

Eugene Dobryden (age 95½) recently enrolled in the St. Joseph-Ann Arbor Hospice Program. Social worker Faye Hearn spoke with Eugene about his history. She discov-

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ered that he is a retired city of Dearborn firefighter. He retired in 1975 as a captain. He left the department to care for his wife, who was dying of cancer.

St. Joseph Hospice contacted the city of Dearborn, asking if someone could come out to Canton, where Eugene is being cared for by his son and daughter-in-law. On Aug. 21, Dearborn Fire Chief Joseph Murray and Battalion Chief Andrew Lenaghan visited Eugene and presented him with a very impressive citation from the city of Dearborn, a service award medal and a new captain's badge. The visit made Eugene very happy. His voice is very weak due to a heart problem. However, his mind is pretty sharp and he enjoyed reminiscing about his days with the department.

Mr. Dobryden's family is very grateful to both Faye and coming up with this terrific idea and Chief Murray and Battalion Chief Lenaghan for taking time out of their busy schedules to make an old-timer very happy.

Patricia Bakopoulos
Canton

A bad deal

Whenever politicians try to make excuses for their failures, they tend to use the phrase, "It's not perfect..." That was the excuse that Gov. Snyder made when he attempted to burden Michigan taxpayers with what would have been the largest tax increase in Michigan in 50 years last May. He was defeated by a 4-1 super majority.

Now L. Brooks Patterson and Warren Evans are using the same tired excuse for the Great Lakes Water Authority that was finalized in June. This deal was reportedly negotiated in secret by a federal mediator after tensions over the past months threatened to derail the talks.

Patterson said: "There is a sense of reality that really encompassed the whole 200 days of negotiation and that was, there is only one game in town. If you want water, you have to buy it from Detroit. It is a monopoly. We are trapped in it. So knowing that, we tried to carve out the best deal that

A sense of community



Dearborn Fire Chief Joseph Murray and Battalion Chief Andrew Lenaghan visit Eugene Dobryden of Canton, a retired firefighter.

Patricia Bakopoulos of Canton (see letter) expressed how grateful she is that St. Joseph-Ann Arbor Hospice Program social worker Faye Hearn contacted Dearborn Fire Chief

Murray and Battalion Chief Lenaghan to visit her father-in-law, Eugene Dobryden, a retired Dearborn firefighter. Now that's what community is all about.

we could."

Evans said the deal "is far from perfect."

Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel, who has criticized the lack of transparency in the negotiations, said he was disappointed the deal went through.

The state Legislature erred in deregulating water rates 20 years ago and we have seen

corruption and unfair water rates result. The only solution to this \$363 million per year problem is to restore fair and honest state regulation by the MPSC to this giant monopoly (Detroit Water and Sewerage Department), as it had been between 1967-95.

Bob Cushman
Northville Township

GUEST COLUMN

Stabenow's new bill expands mental health care

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., has been a champion for quality mental health care throughout her political career — and her efforts paid off for the one-in-four Americans impacted by a serious mental illness with the passage of the Excellence in Mental Health Act.

Thank you, Ms. Stabenow, for adding value and helping to make a difference.

Her efforts are personal and professional. Her father struggled with bipolar disorder and went undiagnosed for nearly a decade when she was growing up. That drove her passion to seek change. Her dad didn't get the treatment he needed for years and it affected her entire family.

Like the senator's father, far too many people who need treatment don't receive it. We know with proper diagnosis,



Tom Watkins

GUEST COLUMNIST

treatment and support, people with serious mental illnesses can recover and thrive. It is critical that as a nation we do more to help people with serious mental illness and their families.

Last April, President Barack Obama signed into law Stabenow's Excellence in Mental Health Act, which was co-sponsored by Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo. This new legislation is one of the most significant steps forward in community mental health funding in decades.

The Excellence in Mental Health Act will increase Americans' access to community mental health and substance

use treatment services, while improving Medicaid reimbursement for these services. This new legislation will provide assistance for so many deserving people.

"Mental illness touches every family in some way," Stabenow said. "We need to treat illnesses above the neck the same as we treat illnesses below the neck. This is the first concrete step in decades to change the tide and make sure communities in Michigan and across the country have the resources they need to help individuals living with mental illness."

The Excellence in Mental Health Act provides \$25 million in funding that will be available to states as planning grants to develop applications to participate in the two-year pilot program. Only states that have received a planning grant will be eligible to apply to participate in the pilot program. Eight states will be selected to participate in the two-year pilot program. Michigan plans to compete aggressively to be one of the states selected.

The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority Board, staff and provider network are excited to partner with the state of Michigan to apply for these new federal funds to help create a better life for persons

with mental illness and substance use disorders.

Opening minds, ending stigma

We need to stop stigmatizing people who seek mental health care. There is still a stigma attached to seeking treatment for mental illness. The National Institute of Mental Health describes "depressive illness" as a "disorder of the brain" — not a personal weakness. We need to break down the stigma of seeking treatment for mental disorders, get people the treatment they need and support them in their road to recovery.

The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority partnered with the Ethel and James Flinn Foundation in producing *Opening Minds - Ending Stigma*. This 30-minute documentary shown on CBS shines a light on the treatable nature of mental illness, which ranges from major depression to bipolar and obsessive compulsive disorders. It addresses the challenges faced by those with mental illness, which impacts every ZIP code, race and socioeconomic status, yet unfairly carries stigma and shame as a barrier to treatment.

Stabenow is featured in this documentary, along with Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, First Lady

Michelle Obama and Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Nick Lyons. View the video at <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=VhWkdo03z74>

A champion

I have known and have worked with Stabenow for more than 30 years. If you look up the words "tenacious," "persistence," "determination" and "decency" in the dictionary, you will find a picture of her. We collectively commend her for making the Excellence in Mental Health Act possible and seeking ways to expand health care to all Americans.

For more information about Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority's programs and services and statewide efforts in the Excellence in Mental Health Act, go to www.dwmha.com

If you or someone you know is in a mental health crisis, contact the DWMHA 24-Hour crisis helpline at 800-241-4949.

Northville resident Tom Watkins is president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (www.dwmha.com). He has served as state superintendent of schools and state mental health director. Follow him on Twitter @tdwatkins88.

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PREP BOYS SOCCER

Goals hard to come by for Chiefs

Defending state champs blanked for second straight contest

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Nobody said defending a state championship is easy and that certainly applies to the Canton varsity boys soccer team.

Monday's 0-0 tie against visiting Walled Lake Northern followed a 1-0 loss Aug. 26 to Northville. On top of that, the Chiefs were blanked Aug. 22 during one of the contests in the Balconi Invitational.

"I think sometimes boys are (leaning on last year)," Canton head coach Mark Zemanski

said. "We need to get past that. This is a new team. We got to decide that we're going to get our own identity."

"And, yeah, being the state champs, everyone's going to want to beat you. Everyone's going to give their 'A' game."

One of the Canton players who was part of the 2014 juggernaut, senior forward Sam Deloy, said the team will keep working to finally break through on offense.

"I just think we need to get our rhythm on the offense," said Deloy, who in 2014 was an all-state honorable mention selection. "We got a lot of new guys up top, so we just need to start playing it around, play it more across in the box and just get more opportunities."

Deloy said the team does

need to "go for a clean slate" and wipe away the memory of the championship season — at least for now.

"We know we have a target on our back," he said. "We just need to work hard and make sure we can get in the same position this year."

Getting back injured seniors Jimmy Walkinshaw, Jordan Percy and Matthew Causley in the next week or two should provide the Chiefs with a jolt.

Meanwhile, Canton did deserve a better fate against the Knights at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer stadium, heavily outshooting and out-chancing their opponent by what Zemanski estimated as an 18-2



Canton senior forward Sam Deloy (left) battles for a 50/50 ball against a Walled Lake Northern opponent.

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BENEFIT VOLLEYBALL GAME



Salem's Lauren Wylie and Sara Soltis work to bump the ball over the net. At left for the Rocks is Drew Smiley. Waiting for the Wildcats are Lydia Bell (No. 15) and libero Charley Irvin (No. 16).

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Civic-minded Salem spikers serve up victory

Rocks' senior trio's project a winner on, off court

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Salem senior volleyball players Drew Smiley, Sara Soltis and Lauren Wylie brainstormed ideas for their National Honor Society senior service project, they decided to use their favorite varsity sport to help.

The trio spearheaded a

benefit volleyball game that took place Tuesday night against visiting Plymouth, with proceeds earmarked for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Educational Excellence Foundation.

Money will be funneled to the foundation's No Student-Athlete Left Behind program, designed to help athletes who might have a

tough time coming up with the recently increased \$385 annual participation fee.

As a reward for their efforts, Smiley, Soltis and Wylie helped the Rocks defeat the Wildcats in four sets, 25-22, 25-18, 21-25 and 25-22.

"We were just trying to raise money for the student-athletes in our district," said Smiley, a catalyst on the floor, too, with 12 defensive digs. "The pay to play in-

creased this year, so it's for student-athletes that can't afford it, but really want to play sports."

Soltis and Wylie were thrilled with the support from Salem and Plymouth students and community members for the event, the KLAA season opener for both teams. Before the match, Rocks and Wildcats donned light green T-shirts

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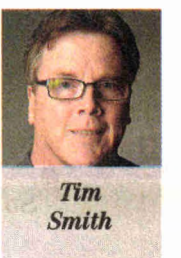
Lions trade Plymouth grad Brindza despite strong preseason

By now, the news has hit home like Joique Bell slamming into defensive linemen looking for room to run.

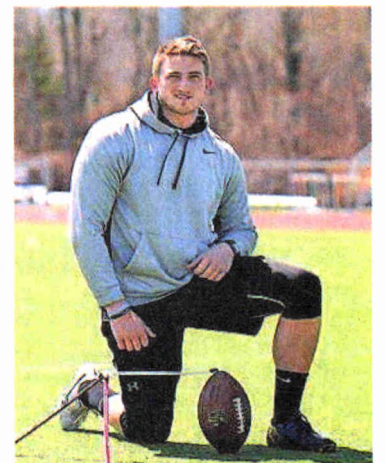
Bell, a Wayne State University product from Benton Harbor, continues to be a Lions running back. But for the kicker from Plymouth High School, the reunion turned out to be short-lived with his trade Tuesday to Tampa Bay.

Brindza, a Canton native and 2011 Plymouth grad who helped the Wildcats reach the 2010 Division 1 state finals at Ford Field, looked impressive in three NFL preseason outings for the Lions, including the likely highlight — a perfect 51-yard field goal in last week's come-from-behind

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Tim Smith



Kicker Kyle Brindza, shown in April at alma mater Plymouth, is still following his NFL dream — in Tampa Bay instead of Detroit.

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PWBA DETROIT OPEN

'SUPER' RETURN FOR TOUR

Revival of long-dormant women's professional circuit knocks down pins, lifts up hopes

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Women's professional bowling is back on the map, both nationally and in metro Detroit.

Demonstrating the sport indeed hit the community's "pocket" was last weekend's hearty turnout at Canton's Super Bowl for the return of the Professional Women's Bowling Association tour.

More than 100 pro and amateur bowlers — including high school players such as Canton's Meghan Macunovich and Westland's Angela Wilt — competed Aug. 27-29 in the PWBA Detroit

Open in front of enthusiastic fans thrilled about the circuit returning to metro Detroit.

"This is great; it hasn't been around for a while," said Karl Brubaker, varsity bowling coach at Canton High School. "To have the ladies here and to see the turnout was great."

"It was pretty full. There's a few hundred people here and that's good for the area and good for bowling in general."

The competition came down to the stepladder finals featuring Kelly Kulick, Josie Earnest, Stefanie Johnson and Liz Johnson. When all was said and done, Liz Johnson pocketed

\$10,000 in earnings after winning with a 6,103 total for 30 games.

Stefanie Johnson took the runner-up spot (5,950), followed by Earnest (5,939) and Kulick (5,858). The top 40 finishers walked away with at least \$1,200.

'Thrilled to death'

The bowling extravaganza, which came to Super Bowl because of the efforts of owners Mark and Diane Voigt, couldn't have gone smoother, according to PWBA pro Carolyn Dorin-Ballard.

"I think it's awesome. I'm thrilled to death that the women finally have something to bowl in," Dorin-Ballard said.

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Carolyn Dorin-Ballard raved about the Super Bowl-hosted PWBA event.

GIRLS SWIM AND DIVE PREVIEW

READY TO MAKE A SPLASH

Salem nucleus of all-state returnees bodes well for season

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For more than a handful of years, the Canton Chiefs have been the cream of the KLAA South Division crop. Could 2015 be Salem's year to do the same in the ultra-competitive KLAA Central Division? Veteran Salem swim and dive coach Chuck Olson definitely is enthusiastic that the Rocks (second in the KLAA Central last year with a 3-1 mark) could indeed be a team to be reckoned with this fall.

In 2014, Salem took fourth in the Kensington Conference meet and finished eighth in the MHSAA Division 1 state meet.

"I believe this year's team will be looking at improving in these championship meets," Olson

said. With a large number of returning all-state qualifiers and 81 athletes on the roster (13 seniors, 22 juniors, 20 sophomores and 26 freshmen), Olson understandably is looking forward to this season.

There is plenty of strong leadership, too, in versatile senior captains Patricia Freitag, Annie Patterson, Cassidy Sargent, Linda Zhang and Lisa Zhang.

Salem will feature a number of returning all-state qualifiers.

Back is the 200 medley relay team of Molly Rowe, Linda Zhang, Katie Xu and Lisa Zhang, which finished eighth in the state meet.

Individual qualifiers returning for this season include Linda Zhang (200 IM, 100 breast), Lisa Zhang (100 fly, 100 back), Xu (100 back, 200 IM), Freitag (100 back, 100 fly) and Rowe (100 back).

All but one member of the state-qualifying 200 and 400 free relay teams (recent grad Stephanie Solterman) are back in

the fold. In the 200 free relay, the Rocks still have Xu, Freitag and sophomore Jenna Chen. Returning in the 400 free relay are the Zhang sisters and Freitag.

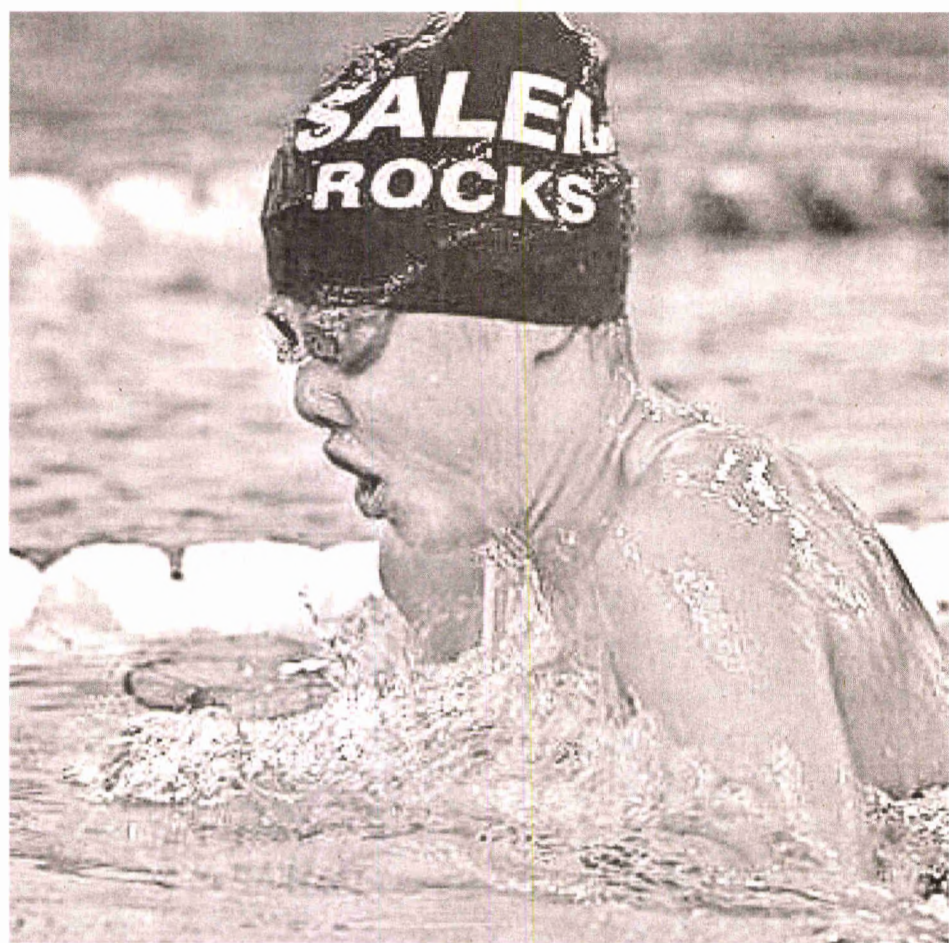
Yet Olson knows his nucleus will need some help in order for the team to contend in the division and beyond.

"On paper, Salem looks good going into the season," he said. "How the season goes is going to depend on (whether) the rest of the team steps up their training to be successful."

Olson also said the Rocks can look to solid performances and points on the board from their diving crew, led by junior Haley Allgeyer and sophomores Camille Burt, Jenny Moss and Jordyn Williams.

"I see our divers will be a big part of the team's improvement," he said.

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Among Salem's strong group of returnees is Katie Xu, shown from a 2014 meet. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PREP FOOTBALL

Have a Day: CC holds off Big Reds

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Plan A was to run the football Friday night right at state power Muskegon.

But when that wouldn't work in the first half, the Shamrocks had no choice but to go with Plan B during the second half as CC offensive coordinator Michael Mach decided to put the ball in the hands of a sophomore, who had never started a varsity game.

Theo Day then had a big day, completing 7-of-13 passes for 118 yards and two touchdowns to lead a second-half comeback as the host Shamrocks earned a hard-fought 15-12 season-opening win over the Big Reds.

Muskegon, which upended CC 21-14 in last year's season opener, missed on a game-tying 24-yard field-goal attempt as time expired after driving the ball 52 yards in tense final 2:11.

Day, who was just 2-of-6 for 21 yards in the opening half, settled down, throwing 28-yard strike to Alex Bock on fourth-and-10 with 8:27 left in the third quarter to cut the deficit to 12-7.

And then on a pivotal third-and-10 on the first play of the final quarter, he scrambled toward the sidelines, averted going out-of-bounds and hit Michael Edwards for another 10-yard TD pass to put CC ahead for keeps, 13-12.

"Actually, I thought there was a guy in front of our tight end and I thought I was going to throw an interception, but it got right over him, so that's good," Day said.

The Shamrocks then decided to try for two and go up by a field goal

and Day delivered again, this time connecting with Bock just over the goal line.

"I think we were going for it all the way," Day said of the two-pointer. "It's a play we've been working on and it works all the time, so why not go for it?"

Early butterflies

After struggling in the first half, Day settled in nicely over the final two quarters.

"A lot nerves, but I got over it," he said. "I missed a lot of easy throws, but I got used to it going on."

Day threw a life preserver to CC's anemic first-half offense, which accounted for just 13 total yards.

"They had eight guys up front, pushing us around a little bit in the first half," said CC head coach Tom Mach, who is celebrating his 40th season. "We were getting 2 yards a crack, but that wasn't enough to say, 'We can take it to these guys.' This guy (son Michael Mack) decided the plays in the game."

CC's defense also did the job, although the Big Reds had a decided advantage in total yardage (312-156).

The Shamrocks gave up a first-quarter 6-yard TD run to Jared Pittman, followed by a 75-yard pass for another score in the third, when Kalil Pimpleton hit Jacobrey Sullivan, for a 12-0 advantage. But the Big Reds failed to convert both point-after attempts and it came back to haunt them.

On another critical play in the second frame, Muskegon completed a pass to the CC 1, only to be called back by a holding call.

GIRLS SWIM AND DIVE PREVIEW

More than numbers game for Chiefs

Large roster filled with strong athletes as Canton eyes division repeat

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

In recent seasons, Canton's varsity girls swim and dive team has enjoyed a wave of success.

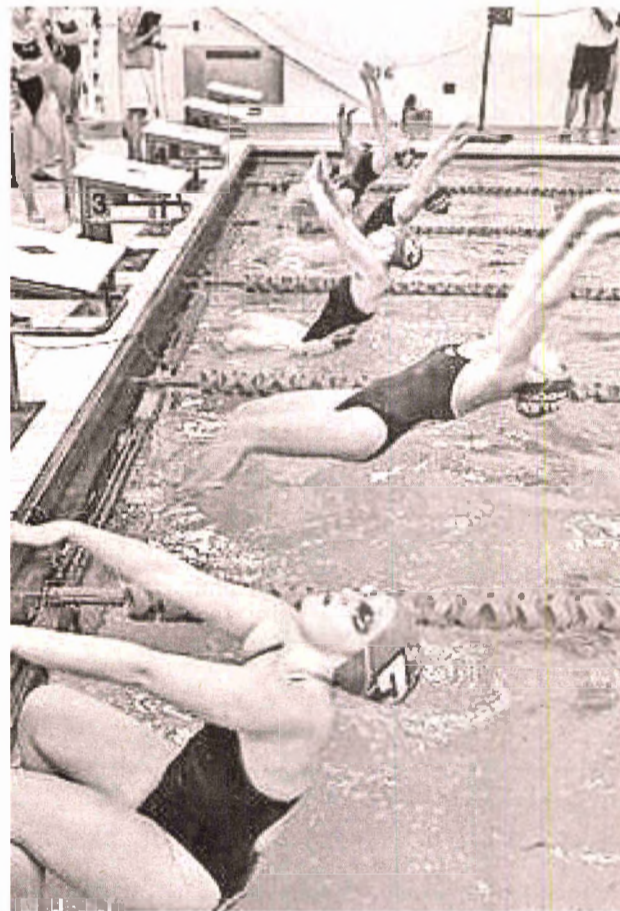
The 2015 season looks to continue that trend, with a large and talented roster of 60 athletes looking to help the Chiefs repeat as KLAA South Division champions.

Head coach Ed Weber said there is plenty of talent and depth at each grade level.

Following is Weber's breakdown of the 2015 Canton roster:

Seniors: The group of 12th-graders includes lead sprinter Madelaine Brownley, diver Stephanie Cox, captain Sydney Darnall, captain Kelly Hansen, versatile Alyssa Jacobsen, breaststroker Rachel McGue, captain and state qualifier Emily Osika, backstroker Adrienne Paton, sprinter Danya Raza, breaststroker Ally Schwinke, breaststroker Ruoxuan Shi, sprinter Andrea Simons and captain Brenna Wayne.

Juniors: Among 11th-graders are breaststroker Sarah Beggs, distance swimmer Camille Carpenter, butterflyer Isabel Ewers, diver Marissa Gubacz, sprinter Emma Guerin, butterflyer Valerie Gutkowski, backstroker Maddie Helms, freestyler Abigail Jansen, sprinter Krishangi



Canton's Brenna Wayne (foreground), shown from a 2014 meet, is one of a number of strong returnees for the Chiefs. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shennan, sprinter Rachel Spalding, backstroker Anusuya Tuladhar, sprinter Pooja Varanasi, breaststroker Selina Volpone and distance swimmer Grace Warman.

Sophomores: Augmenting the upper classes will be 10th-graders such as freestyler Temi Agbebi, sprinter Maya Bhat, backstroker Maggie Buck, distance swimmer Lauren Forsys, backstroker Camryn Hanson, butterflyer Caitlyn Marsac, diver Sonali Mohanty, freestyler Ritika Parikh, newcomer Mollie Scheffler, diver Annika Wang and specialist Kristen Wiseman.

Freshmen: Freestyler Farwa Akbari, distance swimmer Sophia Balow, breaststroker Ellie Caruso, backstroker/IMer Jessica Clark, diver Megan Johnston, sprinter Hailey MacDonald, backstroker Kasey Moraw, freestyler Kavya Numburi, distance swimmer Katelyn Waligora and sprinter Audrey West "will give our swim and dive team a variety of different options as we prepare for our 16-meet season."

Weber added that the team is looking forward to having up to three exchange students join the squad early this month.

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win against Jacksonville.

And just like folks around here remember, he gave opponents miniscule opportunity to return the ball on kick-offs. Seven of his eight tries were touchdowns.

Unfortunately, the National Football League is not like Major League Baseball or the National Hockey League. In the

latter two sports, young players at least have a chance to spend time with an organization, working their way through the minors and, if they're lucky, getting guaranteed contracts.

Time in one place makes it easier for fans to latch on to their heroes.

No guarantees

In the NFL, there is no such luxury except for the superstars and that year's top-round draft

picks.

For an undrafted player like Brindza, who followed up his stellar prep career with a standout four years at Notre Dame, the best he can do is show up for training camp, give it his all and hope to beat out an incumbent like Matt Prater.

For as well as Brindza kicked this preseason, there were no guarantees. He knew that going in. He couldn't oust the veteran and wound up going to Tampa Bay in exchange for tight end Tim Wright.

Maybe Brindza will make the final cut with the Buccaneers and realize his NFL dream, albeit a long way from Plymouth.

His fans in this part of the country should still follow and root for him, even if he is wearing enemy colors.

Plymouth fans also have another 2011 alum still in the hunt for a big league job, as linebacker Brennen Beyer continues to have a crack at the Baltimore Ravens' opening day lineup on special teams.

The two former high school teammates signed with NFL teams the same

day and even called each other on their cellphones to compare and contrast. Two months later, the big picture for Brindza and Beyer is the same — play their sport at the highest possible level and in the world's best league — even though the smaller brush strokes have been altered.

And for those who were hopeful of seeing Brindza don a blue Lions jersey when the real games begin, they'll have to adjust, too.

Brindza is the real deal, both as a player and person, and should have no trouble wherever he winds up. Of course, in today's NFL, that might mean being part of a taxi squad or worse — not making the final cut in Tampa Bay, which still could happen.

Let's wish him luck in his continuing journey, no matter how long it takes or where it leads. He and other uber-talented athletes find out every August that the NFL can be an unfair place.

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OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

ALL GAMES 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

Thursday, Sept. 3

Mayville (1-0) at Lutheran Westland (0-1), 4:30 p.m.
Birmingham Seaholm (0-1) at N. Farmington (1-0)
Farmington Harrison (0-1) at Rochester (0-1)
Oak Park (0-1) at Farmington (1-0)
Canton (1-0) at Hartland (1-0)
Walled Lake Western (1-0) at Salem (1-0)
Plymouth (0-1) at Pinckney (0-1)
Walled Lake Northern (1-0) at Liv. Stevenson (1-0)
Livonia Franklin (0-1) at Milford (0-1)
Livonia Churchill (1-0) at Brighton (1-0)
Westland John Glenn (0-1) at Howell (1-0)
Wayne Memorial (0-1) at Grand Blanc (1-0)
Garden City (1-0) at Romulus (0-1)
Liv. Clarenceville (0-1) at Redford Union (0-1)

Friday, Sept. 4

Redford Thurston (0-1) at D.H. Crestwood (1-0)
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Last week's record

Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
Lutheran Westland	Lutheran Westland	Mayville
N. Farmington	N. Farmington	N. Farmington
Harrison	Harrison	Rochester
Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Canton	Canton	Canton
Western	Western	Salem
Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
Franklin	Franklin	Milford
Churchill	Brighton	Churchill
John Glenn	Howell	Howell
Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc
Garden City	Garden City	Garden City
Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville
Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
11-4	10-5	9-6

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"It's been far too long and I think there's so many talented young high school and collegiate players that for so many years didn't have anywhere to bowl and show their talents. So this is fabulous."

Dorin-Ballard, a New Jersey native who now lives in Texas, finished in a tie for 26th place with a total of 2,304 pins in 12 games and scored a \$1,200 cash prize for her efforts.

She applauded the Voights for being instrumental in bringing the rebooted PWBA tour to Canton.

"Mark and Diane Voight have been phenomenal supporters of bowling in general for many years," Dorin-Ballard said. "When I bowled on the old PWBA tour, they hosted many of our events over the years."

"So they've been supporters from the very beginning. And Detroit is a great bowling community."

Dorin-Ballard also is a proponent of high school and college bowlers finishing their education before jumping into the professional ranks.

"After that, the tour



Catie Jensen of Fort Worth, Texas, finished 31st at the Super Bowl-hosted PWBA Detroit Open.

will always be there," she said.

That hasn't been the case for a decade, however.

On the circuit

This year's rebirth of the women's pro tour is drawing raves from previously shutout amateurs such as 32-year-old Catie Jensen of Fort Worth, Texas.

She bowled in two tour

stops before Super Bowl and plans on making the trek this weekend to the U.S. Open in New Jersey.

"This was the first summer that they brought back the PWBA," Jensen said. "When I was in college, I bowled collegiately for West Texas A&M. It (the tour) went under, so we've gone 10 years without it."

"Especially for girls

like us, who came out of a college program with nothing to bowl in, this re-ignition of the PWBA has been exciting and sort of life-changing, letting you know there's hope for others and that there's a lot more to do with the sport."

Jensen finished 31st with a 2,294 total in 12 games. Like Dorin-Ballard, she left Super Bowl with \$1,200.

"Super Bowl did a great job hosting us. It was really nice to see everyone out," said Jensen, not a card-carrying PWBA member, but a high-level amateur for several years.

Challenging

Meanwhile, Jensen said the oil patterns at Super Bowl made it a tough, challenging weekend for many participants.

"Whenever you bowl on these PWBA conditions, they oil the lanes in more difficult patterns," Jensen said. "So the volume of oil, they'll do more of a flat pattern across the lane. So it really makes you be accurate, be intelligent about ball choice and where you move on the lane in order to hit the pocket in order to strike."

"So this pattern was the lowest averaging pattern they've had the entire season. It was just

PWBA DETROIT TOP 10

1. Liz Johnson: 6,103 total pins; 30 games; 203.43 avg.; \$10,000 winnings.
2. Stefanie Johnson: 5,950 t; 29 g; 205.17 avg.; \$5,000.
3. Josie Earnest: 5,939 t; 30 g; 197.97 avg.; \$3,500.
4. Kelly Kulick: 5,858 t; 29 g; 202.00 avg.; \$3,000.
5. Jacqui Reese: 5,841 t; 28 g; 197.89 avg.; \$2,000.
6. Shannon O'Keefe: 5,821 t; 28 g; 197.18 avg.; \$1,850.
7. Diana Zavjalova: 5,805 t; 28 g; 197.14 avg.; \$1,800.
8. Bryanna Caldwell: 5,776 t; 28 g; 197.71 avg.; \$1,750.
9. Shannon Pluhowsky: 5,710 t; 28 g; 192.14 avg.; \$1,700.
10. Missy Parkin: 5,665 t; 28 g; 194.82 avg.; \$1,650.

MICHIGAN CONTINGENT

15. Sarah Lokker, New Baltimore: 5,466 t; 28 g; 187.71 avg.; \$1,350.
19. Cheryl Davis, West Bloomfield: 2,319 t; 12 g; 193.25 avg.; \$1,200.
59. Kristy Kerr, Essexville: 2,179 t; 12 g; 181.58 avg.
60. Rebecca Sharp-Keegan, Carleton: 2,173 t; 12 g; 181.08 avg.
68. Meghan Macunovich, Canton: 2,146 t; 12 g; 178.83 avg.
- 73 (tie). Julie Oczepek, Reese: 2,125 t; 12 g; 177.08 avg.
- 85 (tie). Angela Wilt, Westland: 2,079 t; 12 g; 173.25 avg.
88. Sheri Verespej, Monroe: 2,074 t; 12 g; 172.83 avg.
100. Sandra Schultz, Macomb: 2,006 t; 12 g; 167.17 avg.
101. Kolien Owens, Mason: 1,997 t; 12 g; 166.42 avg.
103. Donna Marcus, Wayland: 1,994 t; 12 g; 166.17 avg.
112. Novella Daniels, Detroit: 1,940 t; 12 g; 161.67 avg.
113. Katelyn Gladstone, Lake Orion: 1,924 t; 12 g; 160.33 avg.
115. Jaclyn Meldrum, China: 1,905 t; 12 g; 158.75 avg.
116. Amanda Barry, Warren: 1,903 t; 12 g; 158.58 avg.

very challenging. You had to make really good shots, you had to stay on, you had to spare well."

Tough conditions or not, Dorin-Ballard wouldn't mind if the PWBA tour returned to metro Detroit sometime in the near future.

"I can't say for sure whether it will or not," she said, smiling. "But I

do think there's been a great reception here in the area."

Brubaker is hopeful that "they'll come back again. Hopefully, it was a good experience for everybody."

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

Chiefs look to stay on course

Loss of top runners aside, Canton harriers poised to step up in 2015

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Losing standout athletes to graduation always is the bane of existence for high school coaches.

But Canton's varsity boys cross country team — despite losing team MVPs Mike Roberts and Billy Toth, along with Sean Casey, Ammar Chishti, Isaac Pennock and Donovan Sheehan — looks to recover quickly thanks to returnees and promising newcomers.

"Despite graduating six varsity lettermen and a couple of the fastest runners in school history, Canton runners are confident that they can be competitive in the division," Chiefs head coach Bill Boyd wrote in an email overview to the *Observer*.

Boyd, whose squad finished second in the KLAAs South Division and third in the Kensington Conference in 2014 (3-2 overall), pointed to plenty of dedicated athletes putting in extra work during the off-season as a factor for his optimism.

"Our runners have increased their summer miles," Boyd wrote. "More than half of the

roster is made up of freshmen and sophomores. And the underclassmen look strong."

Leading the charge this season will be seniors Jordan Joy (20:55 best), Javier Diaz (18:35) and Xavier Reinders (18:41) and juniors Zach Cannon (18:12), Zach Carey (18:50), Zac Clark (16:59), Nick Socha (16:59) and Hunter Hall (18:54).

Seven of Canton's sophomores ran so well last year that they are listed among the top 50 freshmen in program history.

Those sophomores include Shane Andrews (17:00, second fastest freshman in school history), David Kight (18:15), Ben Lesko (18:49), Karl Nuler (18:51), Ryan Triolet (19:06), Andrew Lake (19:14) and Nelson Vayda (19:18).

Augmenting that group will be sophomores Chuck Carey, Ben Devine and Greg Sigler.

Certain to help the cause is this year's crop of newcomers. In that list are senior Thomas McMaster, junior Jeremiah McKinney, sophomores Zach Harrison, Bailey Hoffmeyer and Sam Reidners and freshmen Braden Heimbaugh, Daniel Jimenez, Jonah Nicholas and Adam Styron.

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VOLLEYBALL

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for the cause and posed for a group photo.

"I think tonight turned out great," said Soltis, who had 46 assists. "I'm very happy with our win and the huge turnout."

Helping out

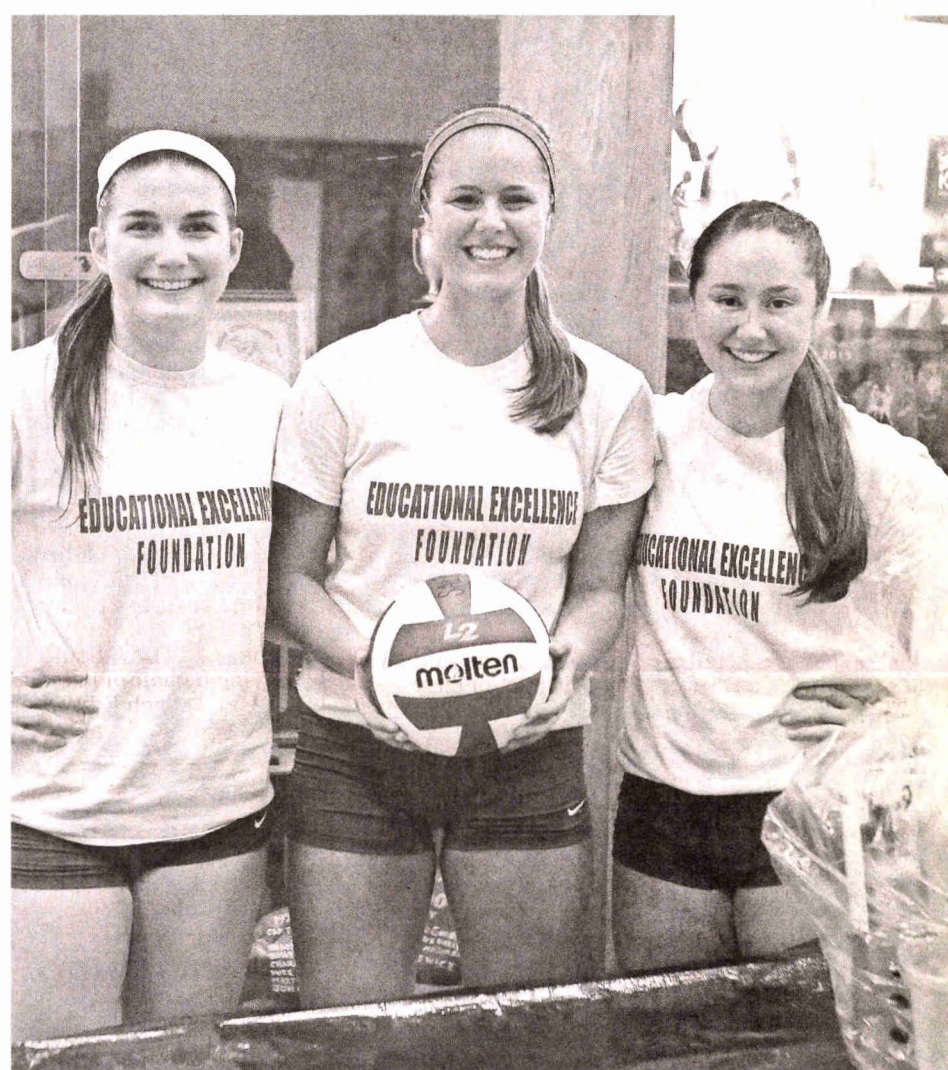
According to Wylie, the project "was originally for NHS for our service project, but we decided to do it (as a team) because every year Salem volleyball does a charity game. So we decided to take it over this year. It was definitely a success. We had a huge turnout, (varsity) football came and Blue Crew and even the other team's student section."

Proceeds also came from concessions and T-shirt sales, as well as gift baskets that were raffled off.

"It's a \$385 flat fee and you can play three sports, two sports, one sport," Salem first-year varsity coach Rebecca Middleton said. "It was a pretty significant increase (from the \$260 range), so it's nice to be able to raise money for those scholarships for those athletes who might not be able to afford it."

Middleton was glad that her team was able to close out the victory, although the Wildcats came close to winning their second straight set to force a deciding fifth set.

"I wouldn't say that I was worried at any point," Middleton said. "They were pretty close to forcing a fifth game, but at the end, we were kind of almost slowing



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Salem's (from left) Lauren Wylie, Drew Smiley and Sara Soltis set up Tuesday's charity game for their National Honor Society project. It morphed into a team and community endeavor.

down a little bit."

Moving it around

Soltis was a spark for the Rocks, the coach added.

"She was really great at establishing connections with hitters like Tess Ganich, who was the kill leader for us (23)," Middleton said. "Or establishing that connection with Kendall Gillen, who was another kill leader for us (7 kills, 14 digs), and really just

being able to run the offense efficiently."

"A lot of times, I was telling Sara to mix up the offense, so that way each of our hitters would have a one-on-one blocker, which is going to make their lives easier when they're trying to get kills."

Plymouth coach Dave Nichols described it as "just a great high school event," even though his team came up on the short end of the final

score to fall to 3-3 overall (including tournament play).

"I felt Salem played very, very well and put a lot of pressure on us," Nichols said. "I was pleased that we battled back. I liked the defensive effort."

Jordan Schamp led the Wildcats with 12 kills, while Daniella Barile (25 assists), libero Charley Irvin (16 digs) and Alexa Ebeling (nine blocks) made solid contributions.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Lady Ocelots blank Cinci State

But Schoolcraft men finish in 3-3 deadlock

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College soccer fans almost enjoyed a doubleheader sweep Sunday, but instead had to settle for a win and a draw.

In the first contest, Schoolcraft and Cincinnati State Technical played a Michigan Community College Athletic Association Region XII women's match, with the Lady Ocelots prevailing, 2-0.

Schoolcraft held a 33-5 shots advantage, pelting Cinci State goalkeeper Kelsey Lee throughout.

It took nearly 38 minutes of the first half before the Lady Ocelots

(3-0-0) managed to get on the scoreboard. Samantha Alatto finished off a feed from Cienna Raei-Whitsitt.

Schoolcraft's Shae Van Gassen later scored on a penalty kick to conclude the scoring. She led the Lady Ocelots' relentless attack with seven shots.

Katie Dangelmaier had an easy time of it in the Schoolcraft goal, required to only make one save.

Shennan connects

After Schoolcraft's men's soccer team spotted Cinci State a two-goal lead, the Ocelots roared back to earn a 3-3 tie in the second MCCA match of the day. The contest went to double overtime.

It was an even game in virtually every category,

with each team taking seven corner kicks. In the shots department, Schoolcraft (2-0-1, 1-0-1) edged Cinci State (1-0-1, 1-0-1) by a slim 19-18 edge.

Mohamed Thaw and Reid Abdney put the visitors up 2-0 with about 34 minutes to go in the second half.

Schoolcraft finally got one back, when Davide Di Poce scored (from David Tetaj) with just under 23 minutes remaining in regulation to make it a 2-1 game. Billy Werthman (Livonia Stevenson) made it 2-2, only for Thaw to put his team back in front in the 88th minute.

Forcing OT at 89:58 on an unassisted goal was freshman forward and Canton alum Aidan Shennan.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Crusaders win UM-Dearborn tourney

Facing its first ranked opponent of the season, the No. 15-ranked Madonna University volleyball team defeated No. 11 Georgetown College and Judson University to win the Michigan-Dearborn Early Bird Classic on Saturday.

The Crusaders needed four sets to down Georgetown College, 25-20, 26-24, 21-25, 25-23, but swept Judson in three, 25-19, 25-18, 26-24.

MU junior Katie Breault was named the tournament's most valuable player. Classmates Miranda Fuerst and Nicole Oestrike joined her on the all-tournament team.

With the two wins, Madonna coach Jerry Abraham has 1,090 ca-

reer wins, needing just 10 more to become the first coach in NAIA history with 1,100 victories.

Breault posted 37 kills with just 11 errors in 102 swings. Fuerst had 36 kills in the middle and a .308 attack percentage; Oestrike had 41 kills and a 2.93 kills-per-set average.

The trio combined for 24 total blocks as MU moved to 6-0.

Fuerst led the Crusaders with 13 kills in the win over Georgetown; Oestrike added 12, Karlie Kelly and Breault 10 apiece.

Spencer Stokes led

the offense with 45 assists and was one of four Crusaders to reach double-figure digs, tallying 11 for her first double-double of the season.

Breanna Geile led MU with 17 digs; Payton Maxheimer complemented her play with 16 digs.

With a match-best .389 attack percentage, MU won the first set behind four kills each from Oestrike and Kelly.

The second set needed extra points as the Crusaders rallied from a 24-23 deficit.

An Oestrike kill tied the score at 24. A pair of Tigers miscues gave the Crusaders the 26-24 win.



Abraham

Study: Millennials like walkable living spaces

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Millennials prefer walking over driving by a substantially wider margin than any other generation, according to a recent poll conducted by the National Association of Realtors and the Transportation Research and Education Center at Portland State University.

"I think that's what we're finding," agreed Tony Bruscato, director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. "Nowadays, people want to be able to walk to where they live and work. I think that's why Plymouth has become a popular place."

Bruscato said younger people often like to consider livability and walkability first. "They live in places and then find a job, that's what the studies have shown," the Canton resident said.

Many don't want to own a car, Bruscato noted, and often delay home ownership as well, not having to mow the lawn or tend to other duties.

"I think we're finding many young people aren't necessarily looking to get into home ownership. That doesn't mean they never want to do that," he added.

Agreeing on millennials' preferences is Annette Knowles, executive director of the Farmington Downtown Development Authority and a Farmington resident.

"The survey says that millennials seek out walkable areas that contribute to a higher quality of life. They don't want to commute long hours. Traditional downtowns offer a better pedestrian atmosphere and independent business climate that ranks high with that generation. I think that millennials watched their parents work long hours and travel far to work each day and that lifestyle does not appeal to them," Knowles, mom to a millennial son, wrote in an email.

She is also assistant to Farmington's city manager. The 2015 National Community and Transportation Preference Survey found that millennials, those ages 18-34, prefer walking as a mode of transportation by 12 percentage points over driving. Millennials are also shown to prefer living in attached housing, living within walking distance of shops and restaurants, and having a short commute, and they are the most likely age group to make use of public transportation.

The poll also found that millennials show a stronger preference than other generations for expanding public transportation and providing transportation alternatives to driving, such as biking and walking, while also increasing the availability of trains and buses. Millennials likewise favor developing communities where people do not need to drive long distances to work or shop.

Bruscato said many people like Plymouth's walkable downtown. "A lot of those folks want to live in or near the downtown (Plymouth) area," he said. A new housing development on Plymouth Road across from the Courthouse Grille restaurant will be a big draw, he said.

In downtown Plymouth, some smaller and older homes are being purchased and replaced with larger ones, which has raised some concerns in the community. Bruscato noted Plymouth's strong mix of housing options.

"We've kind of got the best of both worlds," he said. "Downtowns are becoming very popular. There's certainly enough to spread around where everyone can be successful," Bruscato added, when asked about competition from such downtowns as Northville and Farmington.

Knowles agreed of her



Walkable communities include Plymouth with its inviting Kellogg Park in the center of downtown.

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community, "Farmington offers the best of both worlds; it has a charming, thriving downtown surrounded by neighborhoods with a variety of housing to fit any budget and it is within a short distance to all the action - Detroit, Ann Arbor and the airport, for example. You can make connections locally and expand your horizons within a mere 20-minute drive."

She added, "Events do add appeal to the community. They bring a level of excitement and energy; something to see and do locally. You can be a tourist in your town!"

Bruscato noted, "There are a lot of great downtowns. They tend to be older and more unique." Events in downtowns draw in many at all times of the day and week, Bruscato added.

"Of course, you can do your shopping and have fun at night," he said. As a whole, the survey found that Americans prefer walkable communities more so than they have in the past. Forty-eight percent of respondents reported that they would prefer to live in communities containing houses with small yards but within easy walking distance of the community's amenities, as opposed to living in communities with houses that have large yards, but they have to drive to all amenities. And while 60 percent of adults surveyed live in detached, single-family homes, 25 per-

cent of those respondents said they would rather live in an attached home and have greater walkability.

When choosing a new home, respondents indicated that they would like choices when it comes to their community's transportation options. Eighty-five percent of survey participants said that sidewalks are a positive factor when purchasing a home, and 79 percent place importance on being within easy walking distance of places. Women in particular value walkability in their communities, with 61 percent indicating that having sidewalks with stores and restaurants to walk to is very important.

When it comes to respondents' thoughts on transportation priorities for the government, 83 percent indicated that maintaining and repairing roads and bridges should be a high priority, with expanding roads to help alleviate or reduce congestion as the next highest priority, at 60 percent. While consumers' top two concerns are related to driving, over half of survey participants stated that expanding public transit and providing convenient alternatives to driving should also be high priorities.

TREC's research on active transportation and urban housing choices provided a foundation to build upon in working with NAR for this poll. "It's great to work with an organization that reaches so many professionals and has such an effect on people as they decide where to live," said Jennifer Dill, director of TREC. "This poll shows again how strong a role transportation plays in housing decisions."

The survey of 3,000 adult Americans living in the 50 largest metropolitan areas was conducted by American Strategies and Meyers Research in May 2015 and analyzed by researchers at Portland State University.

TREC, the Transportation Research and Education Center at Portland State University, produces timely, practical research useful to transportation decision makers and supports the education of future transportation professionals. TREC houses the National Institute for Transportation and Communities, the Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation and the Portal transportation data archive.

The National Association of Realtors website contributed to this report.

Heed insurance pro's advice on liability issue

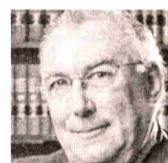
Q: I am a board member in our condominium association and currently there is a question before the board regarding an insurance issue. Specifically, our complex includes both attached and detached units. Do all of the units need to be covered by the association's Master Insurance Plan Policy for liability purposes?

A: In most instances, if the project is completely residential, all of the units will need to be covered regarding the common element areas and for structural replacement by the Master Plan Insuring Agreement, irrespective of whether the units are designated as "attached" or "detached." The association's bylaws will typically address whether unit co-owners are responsible for insuring the remaining items in the interior of the unit and will set specific parameters for coverage purposes. Some community association insurers also offer to associations so-called "all-in" insuring agreements as a policy option. These policies may provide coverage for property items that are typically over and above what is listed in the association's governing documents. You are best advised to consult a knowledgeable insurance adviser.

Q: Our homeowner association recognizes that there is a new Nonprofit Corporation Act Amendment that may adversely affect us, but the board wants to go to the homeowners to decide whether we need to get our association documents changed. What is your feeling on that? I don't think it is a good idea.

A: You are very correct. It is not the decision of the homeowners initially to take the necessary steps to upgrade your community association documents as that is a board function. My experience is that the homeowners since they are not fiduciaries to the association will, no doubt, resist the expenditure of funds, particularly, since they can operate in their own best interests, whatever those may be. To the contrary, the board has a fiduciary duty to do the right thing and it is the board that should make that decision in terms of retaining experienced and competent counsel to draft what is essentially the constitution of the community development.

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Robert Meisner

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 13-17, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS					
16276 Amherst Ave	\$175,000				
22866 Highbank Dr	\$445,000				
32095 Robinhood Dr	\$425,000				
BINGHAM FARMS					
31333 Coachlight Ln	\$425,000				
BIRMINGHAM					
1413 Bannville Ave	\$525,000				
1990 Birmingham Blvd	\$290,000				
850 Forest Ave	\$618,000				
928 Poppleton St	\$655,000				
2248 W Lincoln St	\$300,000				
BLOOMFIELD HILLS					
1546 Indianwood Ct	\$790,000				
5051 Kellen Ln	\$318,000				
561 Woodway Ct	\$325,000				
53 Marlborough Dr	\$65,000				
1251 Woodcrest Cir	\$310,000				
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP					
1795 Alexander Dr	\$536,000				

3300 Dogwood Ct	\$400,000				
753 E Valley Chase Rd	\$380,000				
1151 Hillpointe Cir	\$310,000				
3900 Lakeland Ln	\$470,000				
114 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$248,000				
760 W Long Lake Rd	\$786,000				
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP					
1974 Bass Lake Rd	\$100,000				
FARMINGTON					
33663 Alta Loma Dr	\$158,000				
33737 James Ct	\$186,000				
33244 Slocum Dr	\$196,000				
23565 Wesley Dr	\$170,000				
FARMINGTON HILLS					
29569 Andover Blvd	\$407,000				
34840 Bunker Hill Dr	\$199,000				
27902 Copper Creek Ln	\$535,000				
28762 Greening St	\$155,000				
26187 Greystone Trl	\$240,000				
28519 Heatheerbrook Ct	\$328,000				
28781 Heiden Trl	\$415,000				
28425 Lake Park Dr W	\$223,000				
22351 Nearbrook Ct	\$305,000				
21166 Osmus St	\$57,000				
28907 Rockledge Dr	\$267,000				
35765 Springvale St	\$248,000				
22114 Tulane Ave	\$105,000				
27425 W Skye Dr	\$263,000				

30215 Wicklow Ct	\$237,000				
HIGHLAND					
1461 Blue Heron Dr	\$230,000				
2086 Elkridge Cir	\$245,000				
2542 Lynch	\$179,000				
239 Prestwick Trl	\$320,000				
744 Tierney	\$165,000				
LATHRUP VILLAGE					
17553 Cambridge Blvd	\$148,000				
27355 Goldengate Dr W	\$139,000				
18679 Rainbow Dr	\$202,000				
MILFORD					
287 Dorchester Ct	\$263,000				
3065 Hampkirk Dr	\$119,000				
138 Hill St	\$199,000				
1161 Marjorie St	\$145,000				
1540 Millford Meadows Ct	\$325,000				
1835 N Hickory Ridge Trl	\$220,000				
1610 Orban	\$230,000				
4475 Pommore	\$144,000				
1298 S Hickory Ridge Rd	\$55,000				
619 Village Ln	\$136,000				
1195 W Maple Rd	\$510,000				
NORTHVILLE					
37520 Eight Mile Rd	\$95,000				
21983 Bedford Dr	\$250,000				
1035 Jeffrey Ln	\$242,000				
43426 Scenic Ln	\$475,000				
38646 Silken Glen Dr	\$369,000				

38649 Southfarm Ln	\$210,000				
NOVI					
27662 Albert St	\$320,000				
45125 Bartlett Dr	\$430,000				
24870 Nottingham Dr	\$410,000				
24886 Portsmouth Ave	\$310,000				
40546 Rock Hill St	\$175,000				
27303 Victoria Rd	\$370,000				
SOUTH LYON					
883 Rochester St	\$165,000				
154 Pinchot Dr	\$56,000				
58601 Winnowing Cir S	\$73,000				
SOUTHFIELD					
20950 Arrowhead Rd	\$190,000				
32224 Avondale St	\$140,000				
30759 Barrington St	\$227,000				
22962 Pontchartrain Dr	\$50,000				
26563 Primary Dr	\$260,000				
5000 Town Ctr # 2102	\$130,000				
16052 W 11 Mile Rd	\$38,000				
20845 Winchester St	\$148,000				
WHITE LAKE					
8895 Eastway Dr	\$320,000				
9207 Millward Ave	\$140,000				
9617 Portage Trl	\$27,000				
8828 Sandycrest Ct	\$200,000				
27 Shotwell St	\$71,000				
107 Union Lake Rd	\$85,000				

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 4-8, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON					
43815 Arlington Rd	\$136,000				
1055 Ashton Woods Dr	\$385,000				
6694 Brookshire Dr	\$210,000				
212 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$172,000				
1600 Dunston Rd	\$281,000				
2005 E Franklin Dr	\$75,000				
4132 Elizabeth Ave	\$130,000				
47689 Glengary Blvd	\$394,000				
42239 Greenwood Dr	\$216,000				
1262 Heritage Dr	\$189,000				
39834 Hillary Dr	\$170,000				
1901 Jan Cir	\$123,000				
46457 Killarney Cir	\$201,000				
1331 Masood Ct	\$325,000				
41011 N Maplewood Dr	\$150,000				
43432 Nowland Dr	\$260,000				
1556 Old Bridge Ct	\$153,000				
47752 Pembroke Dr	\$138,000				
2138 Preserve Cir W	\$155,000				
4090 Radcliff Dr	\$125,000				
45900 S Stonewood Rd	\$290,000				
1410 Saltz Ct	\$180,000				
42279 Saltz Rd	\$182,000				
3383 Wall St	\$277,000				
8256 Westchester Ln	\$260,000				
44122 Westminster Way	\$220,000				
2632 Woodcreek Ct	\$317,000				
509 Worthington Rd	\$230,000				
4070 Wrenwood Ln	\$308,000				

GARDEN CITY					
31204 Barton St	\$72,000				
31624 Brown St	\$56,000				
31674 Brown St	\$85,000				
32361 Brown St	\$182,000				
31520 Cherry Hill Rd	\$46,000				
5641 Dearing St	\$57,000				
390 Farmington Rd	\$82,000				
5860 Gilman St	\$85,000				
6309 Hubbard St	\$180,000				
6448 Huntleigh St	\$112,000				
29836 James St	\$75,000				
32565 Kathryn St	\$54,000				
27600 Marquette St	\$70,000				
6705 Whitby St	\$113,000				
LIVONIA					
20209 Angling St	\$130,000				
14074 Barbara St	\$140,000				
14066 Blackburn St	\$205,000				
34283 Bretton Dr	\$258,000				
9252 Cardwell St	\$160,000				
15625 Doris St	\$88,000				
28491 Elmira St	\$117,000				
29034 Elmira St	\$128,000				
30407 Five Mile Rd	\$140,000				
18604 Flamingo Blvd	\$133,000				
18502 Hill Rd	\$222,000				

RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

ALPHA COURSE

Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, beginning Sept. 15 or noon to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, beginning Sept. 17

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Details: During the 11-week Alpha Course, sponsored by Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, participants explore the purpose of life and the existence of God in a relaxed setting that encourages discussion. Includes a meal, short talk and discussion. The Alpha Course is free to guests, with the exception of active members of another Catholic church. In addition to Our Lady of Good Counsel, the series also is offered 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Sept. 16 at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth and on different days at private homes. Register at PlymouthAlpha.com

Contact: 734-453-0326

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, during worship time

Location: First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, Wayne

Details: Mary Browe, director of the Dyer Senior Center program through Wayne-Westland Community Schools, will be the guest speaker. The Children's Sabbath will highlight issues that children face. A grandparent support group will be planned as a follow-up to the service. Children will be able to make a prayer bead bracelet after service

Contact: 734-721-4801

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Christian songwriter and former atheist Chris Driesbach performs. Refreshments follow the concert. A free-will offering will be accepted

Contact: 734-968-3523

DIVORCE CLASS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. beginning Sept. 3

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Eight-week recovery workshop for those dealing with divorce

Contact: Register at 248-553-3380

FESTIVAL/CRAFT SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Food, beer/wine tent, entertainment, silent auction, children's activities and bounce house. Craft show runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Contact: 734-721-5023

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. beginning Sept. 10

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills

Details: The seminar aims to help participants better understand their finances and plan for the future

Contact: Register at 248-553-3380

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: \$2 early bird admission, \$1 after 9 a.m., strollers welcome.

Contact: newburg-mom2mom@gmail.com

RALLY/HOMECOMING

Time/Date: After 10 a.m. service, Sunday, Sept. 20

Location: First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Games, crafts, prizes, and fun for all ages. Bring a favorite dish to share

Contact: 734-421-8628

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20

Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Township

Details: Mass and light lunch for widowed men and women

Contact: Liz at 734-452-9149 or Pat B. at 734-895-6246

OCTOBER

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1; 9 a.m. to noon Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia

Details: \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale

Contact: 734-422-0149

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@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

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

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

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

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

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BOLDEA, CHARLES

Age 88, a resident of Livonia since 1975, formerly of Northwest Detroit, passed away on August 27, 2015. He was born March 26, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan; son of Charles and Mary (nee Skvarek) Boldea. Charles was united in marriage to Marilyn J. Stachowski on October 25, 1958; they spent over 56 loving years together. He proudly served his country as a Watch Captain in the Marine Corps during World War II. The war ended while Charles was in boot camp, but once he finished boot camp he was sent to Guam for the cleanup efforts. Charles was a dedicated Detroit Police Officer serving in the Motorcycle Division; he retired in 1975. He then began a career working for the Office of Inspector General for the State of Michigan as an investigator, retiring in 1992. He was an active member of the VFW Post 4012 in Northville and a member of the Northville Moose Lodge. Charles enjoyed playing golf, bowling, and gardening. He loved walking through Hines Park daily; he also liked hiking and camping. Charles was a very loyal friend and a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife Marilyn J. Boldea; his daughters, Diane (Kurt) Straub, Deborah Reyes, and Denise Boldea; and his grandchildren Justin, Erica, Jeff, Jonathan, Raquel, Gabriel, and Angelo. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Helen Kallis. A memorial service will be held at the VFW 4012 of Northville on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the VFW Post 4012, 438 South Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

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KRIEG, CELIA MAE (THARP)

90, of Kalamazoo, formerly of Plymouth, MI and Charlotte, MI, died peacefully on Sunday, August 30, 2015. Celia was born January 6, 1925 as the 3rd child of Roy C. and Ruth J. (Blanchard) Tharp. She was raised on the family dairy farm near Charlotte, MI. Celia graduated from Charlotte High School in 1943, where she met and later married her high school sweetheart Milton Jack Krieg (son of the Sheriff) on August 1, 1945. She moved with him to Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma where he was stationed at the time. After the war Jack attended Michigan College of Mining & Technology (now Michigan Technological University) to study Forestry. The couple lived in Houghton/Hancock, Michigan during that time and Celia continued to work as a telephone operator. Their first son Ronald was born April 1, 1948. After Jack graduated in 1949 the couple moved back to Charlotte while Jack worked for General Motors in Lansing. Two sons were born, Randon "Ike" on September 1, 1951 and Robert "Rob" on July 17, 1955. In 1959, Jack was promoted to the General Motors Technical Center in Warren and they built a house in Plymouth, Michigan. In the 1970's & 80's, Celia worked for the Avon Company, rising to the position of District Manager. Celia and Jack travelled extensively. Celia had many talents; her most time-consuming passion was knitting for others. In 1998 Celia was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. They moved to Masonic Pathways Senior Living Home in Alma, Michigan in 2010, where Jack passed away in December of that year after 65 years of marriage. Celia then moved to Park Village Pines Assisted Living Facility in Kalamazoo, MI, where she passed away. Celia is survived by her sister, Rachel (Doc) Wiley of Charlotte; 3 sons, Ronald (Darlene) Krieg of Indian River, MI, Randon (Patty) Krieg of Sacramento, CA, and Robert (Cathy) Krieg of Kalamazoo, MI; 6 grandchildren, Scott (Jen Linley) Krieg, Carly (Jonathan) Rykse, Renee (Ben) Belolli, Natalie (Ross) Nave, Voletta Krieg, and Joseph Krieg; three great-grandchildren, Linley Ryan Krieg, William Jack Rykse, and Hudson Theodore Nave. She is predeceased by five sibling brothers, Clare, Richard, Maurice, Ion, and Carroll. Celia was an elegant lady who loved her family and friends. She will be missed dearly.



TJERNLUND, RICHARD JOHN

August 29, 2015. Age 71 of Taylor. Beloved husband of Jan. Loving father of Kenneth (Pamela) Tjernlund, Jennifer (Anthony) Gossett, Erin (John) Niezgoski, Meredith (Sean) Franzel. Dear brother of Nancy (Harry) Mutter, Derrick Tjernlund, Dawn Wade, and Henry "Tim" Tjernlund Dearest grandfather of Steven, Roman, Olivia, Benjamin, Evan, Reece, Alison, Veronica and Carter. Loving great-grandfather of Skylar. Richard will be deeply missed by family and friends. Visitation Tuesday, September 01, 2015 from 2-9 p.m. at the Taylor Chapel of Voran Funeral Home, 23150 Goddard Road. (313) 297-1800. Funeral service Wednesday 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Visit our online guestbook and share memories at www.voranfuneralhome.com



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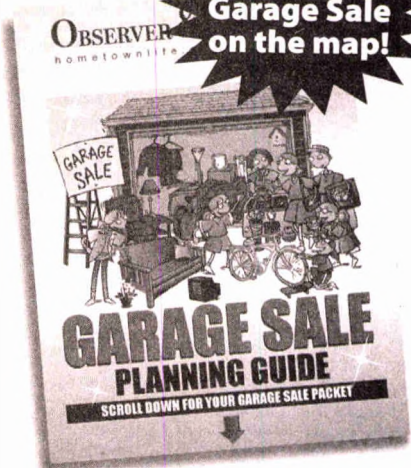
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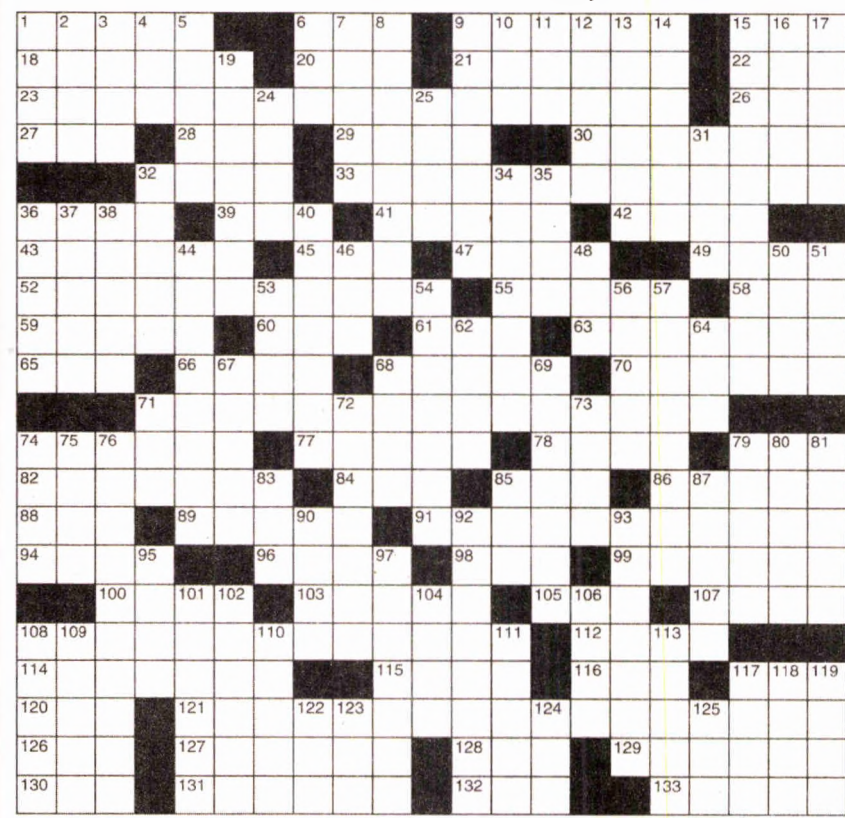


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Between time
 - 6 Cartoon thud
 - 9 Snively cries
 - 15 Film format
 - 18 Chat session
 - 20 The Bruins Bobby
 - 21 Author — de Balzac
 - 22 Aussie leaper
 - 23 "You only have so much time"
 - 26 Ron of "Tarzan"
 - 27 Quaint suffix with poet
 - 28 Virgil's 61
 - 29 "How sad"
 - 30 Entwine anew
 - 32 Den furniture
 - 33 Swimmer also called a blueback
 - 36 Scheduled mtg.
 - 39 "+ or -" atom
 - 41 Take — (cab it)
 - 42 Wee child
 - 43 Boggy area
 - 45 Possess
 - 47 Campbell's product, in Spanish
 - 49 Netherlands cheese
 - 52 Forts made of squared timbers
 - 55 Any "50"
 - 58 Slo — fuse
 - 59 One of the Greys on "Grey's Anatomy"
 - 60 Emailer's "incidentally"
 - 61 Gun of Israeli design
 - 63 "The Waste Land" poet
 - 65 Suffix with trick or hatch
 - 66 New Nintendo system of 2012
 - 68 Bingham of "Baywatch"
 - 70 Proverbs
 - 71 Where all eight X's appear in this puzzle
 - 74 "No —, Bob!"
 - 77 Greek island near Paros
 - 78 "Time —" (1990s sci-fi series)
 - 79 Blabber
 - 82 Trunk gunk
 - 84 Actress Farrow
 - 85 Pronounce
 - 86 Bella — (British Columbian native)
 - 88 CPR-trained pro
 - 89 Be dozing
 - 91 Has a frank discussion
 - 94 Heavy hammer
 - 96 Old Pontiac muscle cars
 - 98 TV scientist Bill
 - 99 On deck
 - 100 Turnip, e.g.
 - 103 Regal crown
 - 105 Sis or bro
 - 107 Royal name of Norway
 - 108 "Gravity" actress
 - 112 — -T-Pak (Wrigley's gum unit)
 - 114 Worry-free
 - 115 Nerve cell extension
 - 116 River islet
 - 117 Devilkin
 - 120 Broadway's Hagen
 - 121 "A Treatise on Money" economist
 - 126 Click in Morse code
 - 127 "Crack a Bottle" rapper
 - 128 Dr. — ("Crack a Bottle" rapper)
 - 129 Wields
 - 130 I. to Johann
 - 131 Really uncool types
 - 132 Nile snake
 - 133 Bird noise
- DOWN**
- 1 Part of a French play
 - 2 — scale of hardness
 - 3 Individuals
 - 4 16-team grid gp.
 - 5 Noted family name in wine
 - 6 — choy
 - 7 Opera solos
 - 8 "Entertaining —" (Joe Orton play)
 - 9 Cat food brand
 - 10 Ad —
 - 11 Pen filler
 - 12 Bete —
 - 13 Borgnine of film
 - 14 Self-balancing two-wheeler
 - 15 Had lofty aspirations
 - 16 Saab rival
 - 17 Senior group member
 - 19 Puffer's cousin
 - 24 "Bye now!"
 - 25 Savoir-faire
 - 31 Sommer of the screen
 - 32 Actress Keenan
 - 34 Unusual foreign objects delivered to
 - 36 Stroll along
 - 37 Gondola guider
 - 38 Authorized substitute
 - 40 Sign banning 180s
 - 44 Statistical asymmetry
 - 46 Compass pt.
 - 48 Toiling insect
 - 50 Salve plant
 - 51 Verbal gems
 - 53 Big Apple stage award
 - 54 Tunic worn over armor
 - 56 Port of Japan
 - 57 Annual PGA Tour event
 - 62 Drummer and screenwriter Penn
 - 64 Secular
 - 67 Perfect
 - 68 Poison: Prefix
 - 69 Entry points on pipes
 - 71 Suffix with press
 - 72 Kerosene
 - 73 Abstainers from alcohol
 - 74 Flower stalk
 - 75 — la Douce
 - 76 Address that bounced email is delivered to
 - 79 Rustic sort
 - 80 Veggie of "Spy Kids" films
 - 81 Cable shows, e.g.
 - 83 Tent securer
 - 85 Clever
 - 87 "Smoking —"
 - 90 Reprroach to Brutus
 - 92 Big bow
 - 93 Resembling a vat
 - 95 Ore deposit
 - 97 Low bows
 - 101 Toothache relief brand
 - 102 City near Seattle
 - 104 Old Big Apple theater
 - 106 Apple tablet
 - 108 — Arabian
 - 109 Garret
 - 110 Vikki Carr's "It Must —"
 - 111 Knots on tree trunks
 - 113 Digital book, e.g.
 - 117 As to
 - 118 Dole (out)
 - 119 "Hey, you"
 - 122 Dir. 135 deg. from 46-Down
 - 123 Sea, in Caen
 - 124 Sales —
 - 125 Hedge bush



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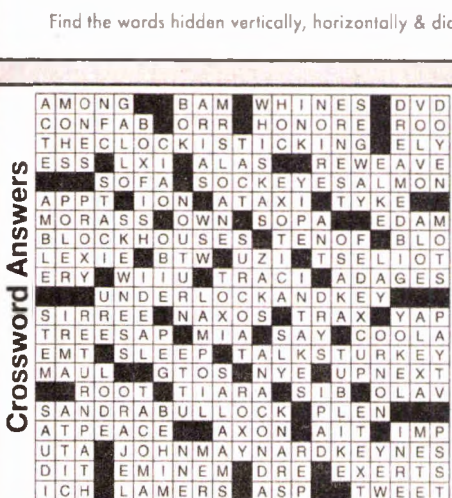
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Thomas LeGault paintings recall summer days Up North

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Oh, the life of an artist. "I have to adjust for the light and humidity changes outdoors. I'm shifting the paints in different temperatures. The thing that drives me crazy is the wind. I'm looking at Round Lake right now. It's gorgeous. But we're hit with the wind," said painter Thomas LeGault, in a recent phone interview from Charlevoix.

"The Hollywood version of painting is one thing, but sometimes you have bugs that want to fly into the paint. Normally I just pull them out. Things fly out of trees. It's hard to find the perfect day. You don't plan on a birch tree starting to drop yellow things on the painting."

The Plymouth resident works both indoors from photographs and outside on location, capturing northwest Michigan's fleeting summer landscape in acrylic paint, sometimes while battling wind, temperature and humidity.

In spite of its plein air challenges, LeGault wouldn't trade painting for any other line of work.

"Doing something else never entered my mind. It was never an option. I've been moving paint around for 46 years."

Married, with two adult children, LeGault has made a living from his art all of his professional career. He's a top seller in galleries throughout northwest Michigan, specializing in lake and beach landscapes, forest, birch trees, barns and lighthouses. He also shows at art fairs and festivals, where he paints on site.

"Wealthy families have summer homes in northern Michigan. They go crazy over the northern Michigan and birch tree themes because it reminds them of summer vacation."

Arts, Beats & Eats

LeGault prefers smaller northern Michigan art fairs, but books indoor shows throughout the country in the fall. He has been a regular at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs and will show his works for the first time at Arts, Beats & Eats Labor Day weekend, along Washington Street and adjacent streets in downtown Royal Oak. Art fair hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 4-6, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7. Festival hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 4-6, and 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7. In addition to the art fair, the event includes food from local restaurants and live music and other entertainment on nine stages. Admission is \$3 before 3 p.m. and \$5 after 3 p.m.

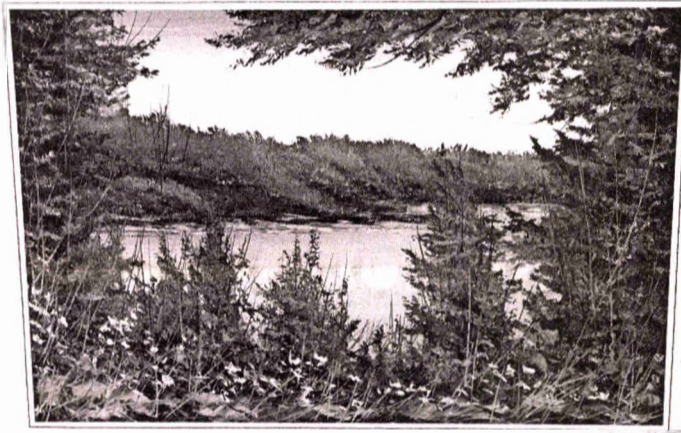
LeGault is one of nine artists who will demonstrate their work at the four-day festival. He's scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6.

"I do a little of everything — 20-inches by 20-inches, 5-foot by 8-foot. I paint huge triptych



Thomas LeGault of Plymouth works outdoors at an art fair.

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Thomas LeGault's Michigan-theme landscapes are popular at northern Michigan galleries and at art fairs.

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pieces."

LeGault works in acrylic paints, using painting knives and brushes to apply colors "real thick, almost like sculpting."

"I'm duplicating the colors I see up here, the reflective water color of Torch Lake or Lake Michigan during certain times of the day. It's mind-bending how intense the colors are. People are blown away."

During the summer, he is based between Charlevoix and Harbor Springs, but often ventures out to other Michigan locations to photograph or paint on site.

"It's amazing people recognize the areas I'm painting. It's surprising. They'll say, 'Hey, this is Ninemile Point' or 'This is just north of Charle-

voix."

Early mornings and late evening are best for catching long shadows. His sketch book and camera are always close at hand.

Discovering his passion

He began painting when he was 13 years old, after his sister dragged him to an art class at a store in downtown Plymouth. She quit after three sessions, LeGault said.

"She said, 'All they do is talk about Tom.' Up until that point my older sister was the artist in the family, but I took right to it," he said.

After graduating from Salem High School, LeGault studied at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and took some classes at Schoolcraft



Thomas LeGault's paintings remind buyers of their summer vacation in northwest Michigan.

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College.

His wife, Nancy, son, Michael, and daughter, Jennifer, all help him to sell and promote his work. Michael does a little metal sculpting and Jennifer is a photographer. They pitch in at art shows, dealing with customers while LeGault paints.

He works standing — some-

times for several hours — so that he easily can back away or get close to see what others might view in the piece.

"I'm a strong, old workhorse. They say I'm the hardest-working guy at shows. I love what I do."

Visit his website at legault-art.com.
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Force Friday: Should you buy for fun or as a collector?

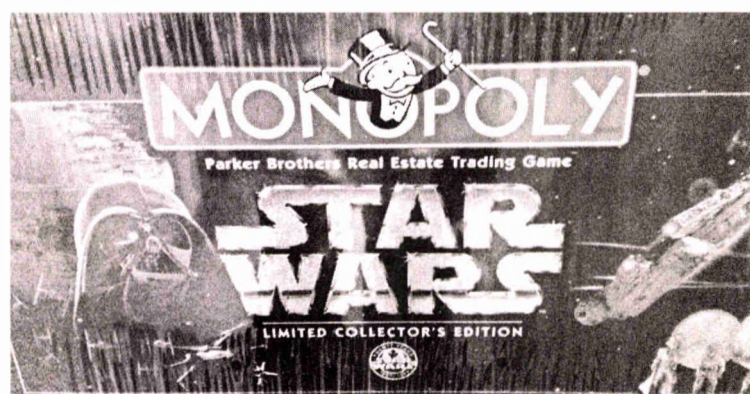
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Grab your lightsaber, *Star Wars* fans, and get ready to shop. New *Star Wars* toys will be on store shelves at 12:01 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4.

A limited number of Target stores — Ypsilanti, Rochester Hills and Fenton in the metro area — Walmart, and Toys R Us, will unveil toys and other merchandise tied to *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, the next film in the *Star Wars* franchise, which opens in December.

Fans also can click on the *Star Wars* YouTube channel's live stream on Thursday, Sept. 3, to watch toy "unboxing" events from cities around the globe. Online personalities will unbox and reveal *Star Wars* toys in what is essentially an extended on-line commercial for merchandise.

However, there's one *Star Wars* toy they won't unbox. It's my 1997 unopened, still-in-its-original-wrapping "Limited



This 18-year-old *Star Wars* Monopoly game may be collectible, but isn't worth much more than its original purchase price.

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Collector's Edition *Star Wars* Monopoly" set commemorating the 20th anniversary of the original film. I bought the game 18 years ago, hoping to cash in on it as a collectible item in the future. Yep, one day that numbered and dated "unique starfield game board" with its eight pewter villains and heroes tokens and five

brass Imperial coins will pay off for me.

But checking with online auction sites, I'm not quite ready to trade my Dagobah-style bungalow for an Imperial palace. And it looks like I'll have to put up a few more miles on the minivan before I can afford my own sporty X-wing fighter. Other *Star*

Wars fans are selling their Limited Collector's Edition *Star Wars* Monopoly games online for a whopping \$70 to \$35 — just a bit more than I paid for it.

Where did I go wrong? And how can I avoid the same mistake when I shop for *Force Awakens* toys at 12:01 a.m. on Sept. 4? Which new toys should collectors buy and stash in the attic and which should they avoid?

I asked C. Scott Lovejoy of Back to the Past, Pop Culture Collectibles in Redford, if there's any way to tell which new hot toys will become valuable in the future.

"What makes something valuable is scarcity. Scarcity creates value in collectibles," he said. "But everyone looks at it as 'This is something I can pack away ... it's going to be great.'"

"When you go to the first *Fantastic Four* comic, (1961) the reason it's worth a crap-ton of money today is because in

the 1960s when people would buy a comic, they would read it and throw it away. That is the deal with collectibles.

"That doesn't mean that nothing that comes out that is new won't be worth money (in the future). But the more the publisher or manufacturer stamps 'collectible' on it the less likely it will be. They are manufacturing it as collectible and everyone is going to have one."

Lovejoy said stamping the word "collectible" on toys and other merchandise started in the 1990s.

"If you see the word collectible, it's not going to be worth a ton of money down the road," he said. "Barbie was the worst of it. It feels like they produced hundreds of those special versions."

I don't mention to Lovejoy that I bought a Barbie Winter in New York doll around the same time I invested in the

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS
DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Labor Day; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Labor Day through Sept. 30

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

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

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS
CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Oct. 2

Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Artist Sue Majewski commemorates her love of food and flowers through intricate bead and tile work in a solo exhibit called "Things I Love"

Contact: 248-473-1859

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through Sept. 26. Opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Ten to One - Interpretations of the Studio Model," features works by 10 artists who meet weekly at the studio of artist Mary Step to paint models in costume

Contact: 248-344-0497 or www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



"Carla" by Janet Kondziela is among the works on exhibit this month at the Northville Art House.

Monday-Friday and during public performances, through September

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Tell Me, Berenice Abbott," is a fine art digital photography exhibit by Tim Ruane

Contact: 734-394-5300

VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Sept. 18

Location: 37653 Five Mile, in the New Five Shopping Center, Livonia

Details: During "Friday Night Paint Party," participants will choose one of two paintings to serve as inspiration for creating their own work. They may choose the paintings in advance. Janus Benda leads the session, which costs \$35 and will include instruction, canvas, supplies, savory snacks, and beverages

Contact: 734-838-1204; vaalart.org



The Blue Cat Band plays Sept. 8 at the Blues@The Elks series in Plymouth.

AUDITIONS
FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 12 and 1-6 p.m. Sept. 13

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Students in grades one-12 and adults should bring a recent photo to their audition for *Wizard of Oz*.

Contact: fhgov.com/YouthTheatre

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Time/Date: 4:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9

Location: Central City Dance Center, 6700 N. Canton Center Road, Canton

Details: Experienced dancers, soloist singers and gymnasts, ages 6-adult, may audition for a cast of more than 100 performers in the Central City Christmas Spectacular. Participants must arrive 30 minutes before their audition time to register and warm up. A \$10 fee is due at registration and participants must bring a non-returnable photo of themselves. For audition specifics, including audition times for each age group, visit centralcitydance.com

Contact: 734-459-0400; centralcitydance@comcast.net

FILM
PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Love & Mercy*, \$3

Coming up: *Mr. Holmes*, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 11 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 12

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

Details: *The King and I*, \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481

SUMMER DRIVE-IN

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

Location: USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth

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

Contact: 734-927-3284

HISTORY
KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Nov. 29

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: "Passionate Curiosities: Collecting in Egypt & the Near

East, 1880s-1950s," focuses on the individuals who helped to build the Kelsey Museum collection

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17.

Exhibit: The Fair That Changed America runs to Nov. 1, and focuses on the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, Ill. Many contemporary, commonplace objects were introduced at this World's Fair, including the Ferris wheel

Antiques appraisal: Doug Dalton Auctioneer will appraise antique furniture, art, and small objects, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23. No jewelry, coins, or stamps will be considered. Appraisals are by appointment only. Oral evaluations will be given for \$10 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15 minute time slot. Call the museum for an appointment

Contact: 734-455-8940

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BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE VIVACE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26

Location: 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Aeolus Quartet with Steve Wogaman on piano; tickets are \$28 general admission, \$25 for members and seniors, and \$10 for students

Contact: Joyce Cheresch at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348

BLUES@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Blue Cat Band performs blues, rock and country on Sept. 8. Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, on the Detroit Country Day School campus, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills

Details: Violinist Pinchas Zukerman and pianist Angela Cheng open the 2015-16 season; tickets from \$32-64 for adults and \$16-32 for students

Contact: 248-855-6070; chambermusicdetroit.org

FRIENDS OF UNITY

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: "Posipalooza" features four singer/songwriters, Daniel Nahmod, Sloan Wainwright, Glen Roethel, and Sue Riley. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for students with ID

Contact: 734-635-6949; friendsofunity.org

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Royal Garden Trio with James Dapogay plays Dixieland and early jazz favorites; \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

FRIDAY

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Star Wars Monopoly game. Like-new dolls in unopened boxes are selling on average for \$20-\$50 on the Internet. My girl lost both her packaging and her purse long ago.

Buy what you like

Lovejoy told me it breaks his heart when someone has collected

items for years, brings them to the store, and then discovers their worth is much less than they anticipated.

"Our bottom line is buy what you like or you know your kids will like and open them up and play with them. Have fun with them," he said. "It saddens us when sometimes you have kids walk in who are 10 and saying 'I'm not going to open that.' Kids come in and act like 40-year-old stockbrokers." Lovejoy

stressed that children should play with toys, not treat them as investments.

Back to the Past buys and sells vintage treasures — action figures, toys, movie posters, lunchboxes and more — in addition to comic books. It includes *Star Wars* vehicles on the list of items it has bought from consumers.

Lovejoy said vintage vehicles generally aren't as easy to find as action figures and that's prob-

ably because more action figures were sold than pricier vehicles.

'70s, '80s

Although items from the 1990s are on the verge of becoming nostalgic, *Star Wars* toys from that era are "not a big deal," Lovejoy said. "We want to go back to the '70s and '80s," he noted. "We like the dusty old stuff."

"One of the the coolest *Star Wars* pieces they did was an Imperial shuttle

and they didn't do that many of them. They are really tough to find.

When one of those comes along it makes our heart skip a beat," Lovejoy said.

Will a *Force Awakens* toy be the next Imperial shuttle 30 or 40 years from now?

"Who knows, maybe they will be scarce. Never say never," he said. "If they make 1,000 of something and 5,000 people are looking for it, the price goes up. Maybe

they'll make 100,000 and 500,000 people will want it."

But Lovejoy suspects manufacturers will make "millions of these toys."

"The big box stores will ride this. They want everyone to get on the hype train."

Back to the Past Pop Culture Collectibles is located at 12670 Inkster Road. It will be open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Force Friday.

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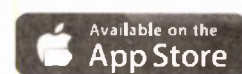


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China business trek 'like nothing I've experienced'

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Colleen Cannon wouldn't trade her May trip to China for, well, all the tea in China.

Livonia resident Cannon has owned downtown Plymouth's TranquiliTea shop since 2006. "It was a work trip for (husband) Pat but I got to tag along," she said. "It was a trip of a lifetime. It was like nothing I've experienced."

The couple spent the first part of the 10-day trek in the Guangzhou province in China's south, then moved on to Beijing.

"We kind of did it by the seat of our pants. It wasn't a tour. This was our first time," she said last month while introducing customers to teas they brought home from China.

Pat said, "First time on the mainland. We were in Hong Kong for the International Tea Fair about three years ago," with Colleen adding, "That was really fun, too."

Pat is sales director for *Plastics News*, part of Crain Communications. His work didn't take all their time.

'Little tea shops'

"You're going into little tea shops," she said, noting it was some 95 degrees outdoors and inside around 78 with air conditioning. "They're only serving hot tea."

Near each tea shop's front would be someone making tea the traditional Chinese way. "They use tiny pots, tiny cups," Colleen said. The pot and accoutrements would be washed with hot water, "so when you pour the tea in the cup, it's not cooling the tea down," Pat said.

"We did learn things, but there was a language barrier," she said. Added her husband, "Even ordering on the street was difficult."

At a tea room where no one spoke English, "(The owner) gets her cell phone out and calls her daughter," Colleen said. The daughter was able to translate and tea service was given.

Colleen then showed a photo, among many at her Ann Arbor Trail shop, of the clear glasses with leaf decorations used to serve tea in China, along with cookies/biscuits.

"They were not anything to write home about," she added of the biscuits. "All the tea was awesome."

They could bring tea for personal use back home through customs, but commercial use requires a broker. Last month at the shop, they had samples from China they'd brought back.

"They're all traditional teas they have made for centuries," she said.

Those included Orchid Green, Chrysanthemum, Golden Star Green, Yunan Pile Fermented Tuotea, Osmanthus Oolong and Jasmine Green.

Pat noted dim sum eateries here often serve Chrysanthemum tea.

They found the food there oilier than Chinese food here and noted it's all cooked in a wok. They enjoyed Beijing roasted duck.

Pat noted the security, both police and military, which largely reassured him. "And traffic. Oh, my God, traffic's amazing," he said, noting one 16-lane road, eight in each direction "The city's very clean other than the air quality."

The couple will visit Shanghai next spring. She was able to keep her shop's regular hours with capable help of staff during their May trek.

She had green tea ice cream multiple times and said, "It's very cool."

Somebody must be watching

Colleen used the #Beijing hashtag on Instagram and was quickly blocked by the Chinese officials. The Cannons could read Facebook while in China, but not post themselves.

"The air travel is reminiscent of air travel 20 years ago," he said of its comparative luxury. On a four-hour flight within China, a full meal was served.

"It was 24 hours from house to hotel," he said of their journey.

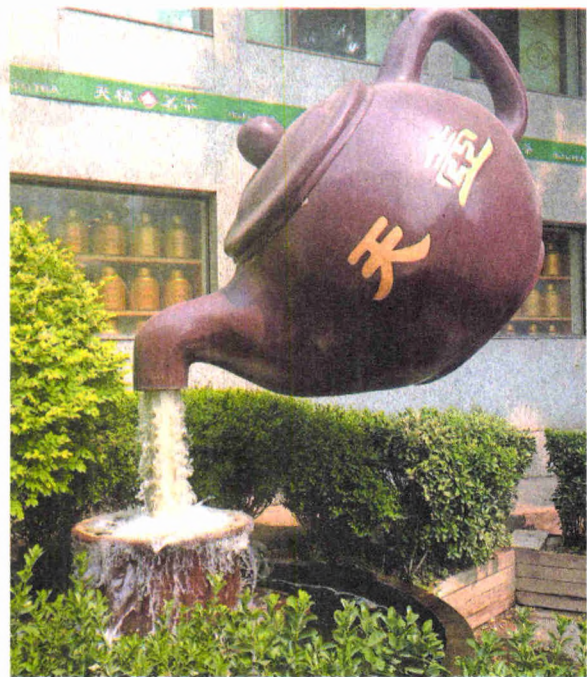


Tea service in China was very traditional and of great interest to Colleen Cannon, who owns downtown Plymouth's TranquiliTea.

This Beijing tea house beckoned to the Cannons on their travels.



Tins of tea were a common sight in China, said Colleen Cannon, who collects such tins.



A teapot fountain outside a China tea shop spotted by Colleen and Pat Cannon of Livonia on their travels.



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Livonia residents Colleen and Pat Cannon, who visited China in May, offered Chinese tea samples last month at her Plymouth TranquiliTea shop. She got the top she's wearing at a Chinese silk store.

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