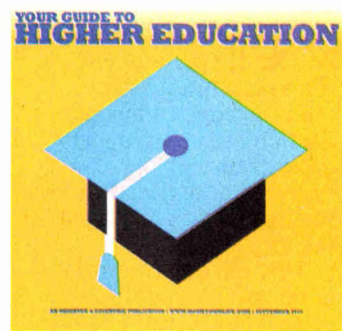


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## Students: A tad scary, a bit exciting as new year begins

Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

All kinds of feelings were in the air as kids hopped on Bus 61 to the first full day at Liberty Middle School.

A little nervous, a bit scared, equally excited — and, oh yeah, having to get used to being up early and dressed to catch Lyn Sims at the wheel of the big, yellow bus.

"I'm kind of both," said Ainsley Florence, 11, a sixth-grader — her first in middle school — referring to being a bit scared and excited for school.

"Yesterday was really good," Ainsley said, referring to Tuesday, the Plymouth-Canton school district's first half-day back at school.

Ainsley and classmates on Bus 61 are among the 855 students who have the pleasure of introducing themselves to the new Liberty in its inaugural year.

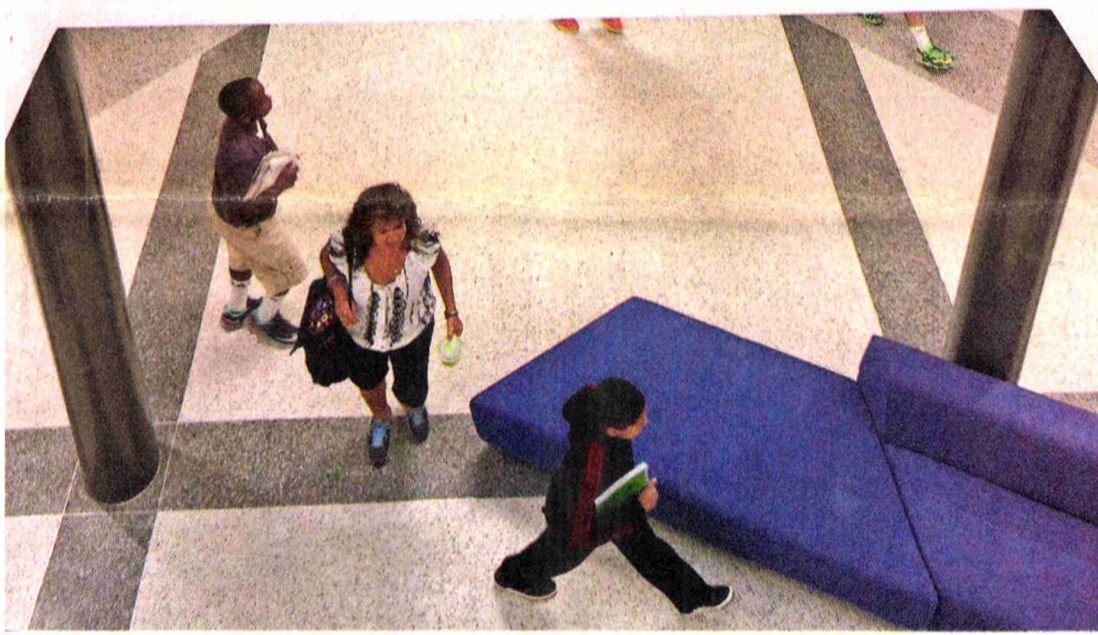
"It was really fun," sixth-grader Cormack Eggen said, as he sat with his buddy, Casey Knudsen, who was amazed at Liberty. "It is pretty nice."

The sixth-graders admitted it is sort of neat to be able to move from one class and teacher to another, compared to elementary school. "I thought that was really cool, because I had never done that before," Ainsley said.

Colleen Andrews, also a sixth-grader at Liberty, already felt comfortable by Wednesday morning: "I have friends there I knew."

It's only a matter of time before bus driver Sims — who arrived to work at 5:50 a.m. — will likely know the names of a majority of the kids on her route. "You kind of get used to it," Sims said of her early hours.

Of course, the kids were excited as they hopped on the bus. For the most part, Sims said, the kids' behavior is good. There will come a time, however, when she will have to tell someone to "sit down" — the most common phrase she has to use on the trip to school.



See STUDENTS, Page A6 Homeroom is over. Students rush to their first-hour class.

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## Annual Fall Festival a weekend highlight for city

Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

With a carnival, a car show and a craft show, food vendors, free entertainment and all-you-can-eat extravaganzas, the 2015 edition of the Plymouth Community Fall Festival is ready to hit the streets.

The festival, a chance for churches, civic and service groups, booster clubs and other organizations to raise money to support their programs, opens at noon Friday and continues through Sunday. The majority of the action will be at Kellogg Park and adjacent downtown streets, with Friday's Taste Fest outside the Station 885 restaurant on Starkweather in Old Village.

There are at least 18 different community organizations participating in this year's festival, in addition to the fall festival committee and 20 business sponsors.

The Plymouth Rotary Club's chicken barbecue, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or until the dinners are sold out) Sunday, is the festival's signature event, but other groups also sponsor major meals: Taste Fest, sponsored by the Ply-

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## Township board OKs new ethics ordinance

Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A new Plymouth Township ethics ordinance seeks to protect confidential township information, prohibits using a township position for personal or family gain, requires township officials to disclose any interest they or immediate family members may have in a governmental decision and sets standards for orderly conduct at township meetings.

A second and final reading of the ordinance was approved Tuesday evening by a 6-0 township Board of Trustees vote, with one trustee absent, despite criticisms when it was introduced last month that it doesn't go far enough.

Some board members, however, said they would work with the new ordinance to broaden it. The ordinance takes effect upon publication in a township legal advertisement.

"I'm not in favor of this. I think it's too soft," said Trustee Bob Doroshewitz, who nevertheless voted for the proposal after Trustee Mike

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## A worthy motto: 'No student-athlete left behind'

Salem honor student raises funds to help others pay district athletics fees

Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

Salem senior Drew Smiley has no intention of leaving any fellow student-athlete behind. She's talking about the cost of the pay-to-participate system in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

That's why Smiley targeted her senior National Honor

Society project to help those students who could not afford to pay the athletic fees this year. "I decided in the spring to do this," Smiley said. "I knew there were budget cuts coming, so I figured this would be a good thing."

Sure enough, little more than a week ago at the Salem vs. Plymouth varsity volleyball charity match, Smiley and her friends, Lauren Wylie and Sarah Soltis, hosted a fundraiser for athletes.

"We have a lot of athletes in our district and this year pay-to-play was raised a lot," Smiley said.



Student-athletes who played in the recent Salem vs. Plymouth volleyball game, which raised money to help other students pay the pay-to-participate fees.

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She and her friends set up in the hall at Salem — with perfect timing, as some 100 football players were on hand — and offered refreshments and a raffle for gift baskets. “It went pretty good,” Smiley said. We don’t have an official count yet, but we think it may be about \$1,500.”

The proceeds will be given to the district’s Educational Excellence Foundation to be distributed to students in need.

In the current budget year, the district has the following fees — an increase over last year — for sports and activity participation:

- » For high school students: A \$380 one-time annual fee for unlimited sports with a maximum \$780, regardless of the number of students in a family
- » For middle school

students: A \$100 fee per sport or \$200 for unlimited sports per student for a maximum \$400 (sixth-graders may only participate in one sport, cross country).

» For activities: A \$25 fee for participation in activities.

“We haven’t discussed if we will do this (fund-raiser) again. But I really enjoyed this project,” Smiley said.

Her efforts are part of what is required of seniors who are members of the National Honor Society — with 225 seniors and the largest chapter in the country, said Beth Savalox, the district’s development director.

Seniors complete a leadership project, while juniors complete a service project, such as tutoring elementary students.

As Drew’s mom, Kathy Smiley, vice president of the volleyball booster club, noted: “They learn to become advocates.”

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Kelly suggested the board get something in place and amend it later.

Supervisor Shannon Price, who introduced the measure Aug. 18, said it was modeled after Canton Township’s ethics ordinance. It would apply to township employees, elected officials and to outsiders when they are doing business on the township’s behalf.

Doroshewitz, whose proposal two years ago that that the board draft an ethics ordinance was shot down, said he was concerned about township officials soliciting and/or receiving gifts, either for themselves or to put toward a township project.

### Gifts not addressed

He said an ethics ordinance should put limits on what can be accepted and require full disclosure by officials who receive any gifts.



Doroshewitz



Price

“I’ll disclose everything I’ve gotten in the past three years: nothing,” he said.

Doroshewitz said he feared that township vendors sense an expectation that gifts be given, or donations to township projects made, and calculate that as part of the cost of doing business with the township. Larger companies can absorb those costs, he said, but smaller ones may build them into their fees, increasing the township’s costs.

“I believe our vendors could lower their fees by 5 (percent) to 10 percent” and still make

the same profit, Doroshewitz said.

In 2013, Doroshewitz proposed that elected officials should not accept gifts from vendors worth more than \$50, should not take more than \$100 in gifts from a single source in the course of a year and that vendors doing more than \$1,000 in business a year with the township should be informed of the ordinance.

Trustee Chuck Curmi, following Kelly’s suggestion, said guidelines pertaining to gifts could be written into an amended ordinance. “You’re going to

force me to vote yes on this, but I’m not happy about it,” said Curmi, who had expressed concern about being characterized as against an ethics ordinance if he voted no.

Violations of the ordinance will be handled according to procedures appropriate to the office or position the alleged violator holds, such as a contract, a collective bargaining agreement or the civil service process. Disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, could result; elected officials, however, can only be thrown out of office under specific procedures outlined in state laws.

Also voting yes on the second reading, with Doroshewitz and Curmi, were Price, Kelly, Clerk Nancy Conzelman and Treasurer Ron Edwards. Trustee Kay Arnold was absent.

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mouth-Canton Civitan Club and featuring samples from about 20 area restaurants and food businesses, is 6-8 p.m. Friday outside Station 885; the Kiwanis pan-

cake breakfast is 7 a.m. to noon Saturday at The Gathering; and the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.’s spaghetti dinner is 4-8 p.m. Saturday behind E.G. Nick’s on Forest.

The festival originates from a 1956 Plymouth Rotary Club chicken barbecue, while

the label “fall festival” was first used for the event in 1960, according to a history of the festival on the 2015 festival website.

Festival parking is available — for a fee — at the central downtown parking deck and at lots in and around the downtown area. Free parking,

and a free shuttle service between the lot and downtown, is available during festival hours at Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial.

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### FESTIVAL FACTS

**What:** The annual Plymouth Community Fall Festival. Food booths, bingo games, vendors, free live music and entertainment, carnival rides, Taste Fest, a classic car show and more.

**Eats will include** Taste Fest, 6-8 p.m. Friday outside Station 885 on Starkweather; the Kiwanis pancake breakfast, 7 a.m. to noon Saturday at The Gathering; the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. spaghetti dinner, 4-8 p.m. Saturday behind E.G. Nick’s

on Forest; and the Plymouth Rotary Club’s famous chicken barbecue, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or until sold out) Sunday at Kellogg Park, with a takeout site at West Middle School.

**Who:** Free entertainment at Kellogg Park will include the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choir, 6:30 p.m. Friday; Sound Alternative (Motown, R&B and funk), 7 p.m. Friday; magician/comedian Chris Linn, 3:30 p.m. Saturday; Trilogy (variety), 7 p.m. Saturday; the P-CEP pom pon squads, 3 p.m.

Sunday; and the Acoustic Madness Band, 4 p.m. Sunday.

**Plus:** The Optimist Club pet show, the Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers and the Plymouth Five and Drum Corps and more during the day Saturday; and Midwest Tae Kwan Do and O’Hare School of Irish Dance and more during the day Sunday, all at Kellogg Park.

**When:** Friday through Sunday. Noon to 11 p.m. Friday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 6

p.m. Sunday.

**Where:** Kellogg Park and downtown Plymouth, plus Taste Fest, 6-8 p.m. Friday outside Station 885 on Starkweather in Old Village.

**Why:** A chance for civic groups, churches, booster clubs and other community organizations to raise money and have fun.

**How:** Go to the festival website, plymouthfallfestival.com, for more information; advance tickets are available for some events.

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# Highland Township resident debuts 'Urban Warrior' documentary on PBS

**Laura Colvin**  
Staff Writer

Like many journalists, Nancy Branstetter has seen her share of bad news.

But the Highland Township resident has seen good things happening, as well, as she showcases "one of most remarkable people" she's ever met in *Urban Warrior*, which will premiere on Detroit Public Television.

Branstetter, an Emmy Award-winning reporter, anchor and weather caster who was in front of the WJBK-TV (Channel 2) cameras from 1975 to 2000, met John George when she was covering a story in Detroit. Over the years, she ran into him again and again, following along as he founded the nonprofit Motor City Bight Busters.

"I would go out and do stories in the community and see the hopelessness and here was this guy

who was making a difference," she said. "He was really out there making it happen."

## Beginning

For George, a lifelong Detroit, the story began some 27 years ago, when he and his young family were living in northwest Detroit. When drug dealers moved into a vacant home down the block and things began to get out of hand, George decided he wasn't leaving his home, but he also wasn't going to live in fear for the safety of his wife and small children.

So he got to work boarding up and painting the home, cleaning up debris and cutting the bushes. Several neighbors joined the effort and, when the drug dealers returned, they turned around drove away.

And so it began. Motor City Bight Busters was born in 1988 and the organization has grown tremendously



Nancy Branstetter and John George

over the ears.

Today, volunteers come from across the nation and the world to visit and help George in his mission to reclaim the community, one house,

one block at a time.

"I think everybody is looking at what's going on in Detroit," Branstetter said. "This is different than someone coming to the city buying build-

ings with huge amounts of money to draw in businesses. (George) has worked on a very small scale - but done it every day for 27 years."

Recently, Branstetter decided it was time to tell the story.

With a budget of zero and many setbacks, she produced, wrote and narrated the documentary, she said, as many people stepped forward to donate time and talents; a videographer created drone footage, another shot interviews. This week, the whole Detroit community will witness George's story.

"He's the most positive person I've ever met in my life," Branstetter said.

George, she said, identifies his two top achievements as assisting with the establishment of a new Meijer store in his neighborhood and helping to change a Halloween event known as Devil's Night into Angel's

Night.

The new Meijer store, located at Grand River and McNichols, replaced the large, vacant Redford High School and other blighted property in the area and provided hundreds of jobs, potential for other new businesses and a much-needed resources for the community.

For his efforts, George has been the recipient of the Points of Light Award from the President.

As the next chapter of the Motor City Bight Busters is written, George promises - no matter what - he will be standing at Seven Mile and Lahser roads, ready to go to work, every day.

*Urban Warrior* airs at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, on WTVS-TV (Channel 56).

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## Catholic Central hosting traveling Civil War exhibit

Detroit Catholic Central High School will host Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War, a traveling exhibition, for six weeks beginning Sunday, Sept. 13.

The exhibition was organized by the National Constitution Center and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. This exhibition has been made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and is based on an exhibition of the same name developed by the National Constitution Center.

CC's Library Media Center will house the exhibit beginning at 4 p.m. Sept. 13. After the grand opening, there will be several evening Mini-Series Programs. All events are free to the general public.

Middle school students (seventh- and eighth-graders), as well as high school history and social studies students, would benefit educationally from the exhibit. Teachers can arrange a field trip to this exhibition for their class.

Here is the mini series presenters and topics calendar.

### Memorabilia from the Civil War

7-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, at CC High School

Presenter Dale Kutchey, owner of DK Sign Co., is a former teacher, coach and athletic director in the Waterford school district. He has an extensive personal collection of memorabilia from early Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps Band, plus significant items from the Civil War period that will be presented with their significance.

### Lincoln's Position on Slavery

7-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at CC High School

This presentation will delve deeply into the evolution of Lincoln's attitude and thinking about slavery in America using his own words from speeches and letters. Presenter William H. Cottrell is retired and has for the past six years worked as the docent in the Lincoln Room Exhibit in the Plymouth Historical Museum.

### Professorial Insights on Lincoln

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at CC High School

This panel discussion will be moderated by Carl Weiss, CC history teacher, with presenters Dr. Marc Kruman, Wayne State University, director of the Center for the Study of Citizenship and professor and chair of history; and Dr. Martin Hershock, University of

Michigan-Dearborn, dean of College of Arts, Sciences and Letters and professor of history.

### West Virginia's Secession

7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at CC High School

Early in the Civil War, the separation of West

Virginia from Virginia challenged the Federal Constitution. This Power-Point program will explore how West Virginia joined the United States in 1863 while its "parent" state Virginia was in rebellion. Presenter Thomas Nanzig is an archivist and American history index editor at

Proquest/University Microfilm, Ann Arbor.

### Michigan's Role in the Civil War

7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at CC High School

The presentation will address how from the Buchanan administration through the passage of the 15th Amendment,

Michiganders played important roles in the changes wrought in the American Constitution by events of the Civil War. Presenter Jack Dempsey has been an attorney since 1977 and his practice centers on public policy and regulatory issues concerning energy, telecommunica-



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## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

### Purses stolen in SUV break-ins at park

Two vehicles parked at Plymouth Township Park were broken into the afternoon of Sept. 1 and a purse stolen from each.

One break-in, of a Jeep Wrangler, occurred in the park's west parking lot, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. A window had been smashed in; there were credit cards, a check-book and identification, but no cash, in the purse that was stolen, police said.

Another break-in, of a Ford Explorer, occurred in the park's south lot, near Ann Arbor Trail. A window had been smashed in; the purse stolen contained cash, debit cards and a driver's license.

### Account pilfered

A township man reported that bank with-

drawals totaling \$600 had been made recently with his debit card, which he said had been lost or stolen last month.

The man reported the incident Sept. 3, saying he wasn't sure what had happened to his card, but that he might have lost it Aug. 20 at a gas station on Ann Arbor Road, near I-275.

### Vandalism arrest

Police arrested a 19-year-old man on a vandalism charge early Saturday after making a second trip to an apartment complex on a report of a disorderly man.

The first run to the complex, in the area of Lilley and Postiff, was shortly after 9 p.m. Friday. A man had been outside an apartment yelling that he wanted his \$50, a woman told police, and had slammed his hand into a living room window, breaking it. He left before police arrived.

Officers learned that

the department had had prior contact with the man, a police report said. Police also took a statement from an upset neighbor who had heard the commotion, police said.

When the man returned to the complex at about 12:30 a.m. Saturday, police were dispatched there again and arrested him on a vandalism charge.

### High speed

A township officer Monday ticketed a woman who was driving more than 100 mph on eastbound M-14.

The officer was using a radar gun from a spot on the freeway median and clocked the woman driving at up to 103 mph, a police report said.

The woman told the officer she was speeding because she was late for work in Livonia.

### Accident, arrest

A 26-year-old woman was arrested the after-

noon of Sept. 2 after a two-vehicle crash in the area of Ann Arbor Road and Massey Drive.

But it wasn't the fender-bender - no injuries were reported - for which the woman was arrested. It was two outstanding misdemeanor warrants from Canton Township, a police report said.

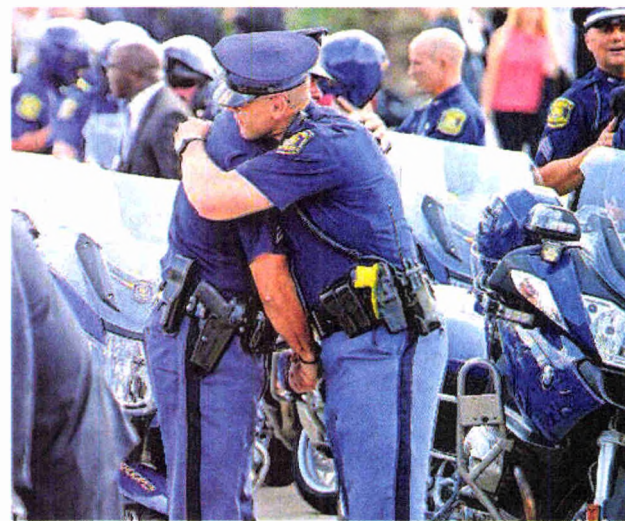
The woman was taken to the police station in Canton and turned over to police there.

### Trailer stolen

A silver-colored 20-foot enclosed trailer was reported stolen Saturday from a parking lot at Brembo North America, an automobile parts supplier on Halyard Drive.

The trailer had been locked, but the lock had been cut, a police report said. The theft occurred between Friday evening and about 5 p.m. Saturday.

- By Matt Jachman



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Police officers embrace after the funeral for Trooper Chad Wolf at Fenton High School.

## Trooper made a positive impact, affected hundreds

It was the day of the funeral. The day he would say goodbye to his fallen comrade.

His wife told him to go get a haircut, he looked like a Q-tip. His hair was all "puffy," as she put it.

The man walked into the barber shop and was greeted by the barber. He had been coming here for years, always enjoying the conversation, but today was different. It was quiet - he was quiet.

The barber, as always, took his apron and slapped the chair twice, offering him a seat. The barber had read the pa-



Sgt. Michael Sura

ASK A TROOPER

per and knew what had happened. He offered his condolences and began to get to work. The barber did not need to ask what kind of a cut he wanted - it was the same as it had always been.

The man closed his eyes and felt the cold blade touch the back of his neck. He thought of his friend, the good times and the fun. Then he thought, why? Why did this happen? What was the point? It seemed like a constant uphill battle.

He was tired, this job was wearing him out. He felt as if he worked non-stop and still could not get it all done. He felt defeated.

The barber continued his work, switching to the scissors and trimming his hair. The man sat in the chair, still wondering if all the effort and hard work was worth it. He thought back to his training and how happy they were to graduate. The announcement of their first work sites. Again, he wondered, was it worth it?

The barber was just finishing up. The man opened his eyes as the barber spun the chair around, as he always did.

Then, it all suddenly became clear. The man was not looking at himself - he saw the image of a determined trooper. He heard his friend's voice say, as he did so many times during their career, "COME ON! There is work to be done! We can do better, we can get the job done!"

He remembered the smile that followed and the trooper stood up. Trooper Chad Wolf did not work at the Michigan State Police Brighton Post, but he was a resident of Livingston County.

Trooper Wolf made a positive impact every day of his life and affected hundreds of people. All you had to do was look at all of the people that came to attend his services. He was a person of great faith and a remarkable trooper who led by example, not by words. He was also a person who challenged us to do better every day and not give up.

The people of Michigan, Livingston County and especially those of us here at the Brighton Post say, "Thank you for your service. We will miss you."

Trooper Chad Wolf, End of Watch Aug. 28, 2015. We will show you arrival at your new permanent assignment. Rest easy, my friend; we have it from here.

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

## Canton hosts hazardous waste collection this Saturday

Canton will hold its annual Hazardous Household Waste Collection from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Canton's Division of Public Works Building, 4847 Sheldon Road. This event is open to Canton residents only and ID will be required.

Examples of accept-

able waste being collected include, but are not limited to, fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based and latex paint, paint thinner, turpentine, bug sprays, floor-care products, expired medicine, computers and scanners, dry cleaning solvents, rat poison, household batteries,

propane tanks, mercury waste, antifreeze, brake fluid, diesel fuel, kerosene, motor oil, and acids.

Please note, Canton will be unable to accept commercial waste, construction debris, explosives or ammunition, fire extinguishers, firewood, radioactive ma-

terial, smoke detectors and tires.

To obtain a detailed list of what is and is not acceptable, call Canton Public Works at 734-397-1011 or go to www.canton-mi.org/248/Hazardous-Waste-Round-up.



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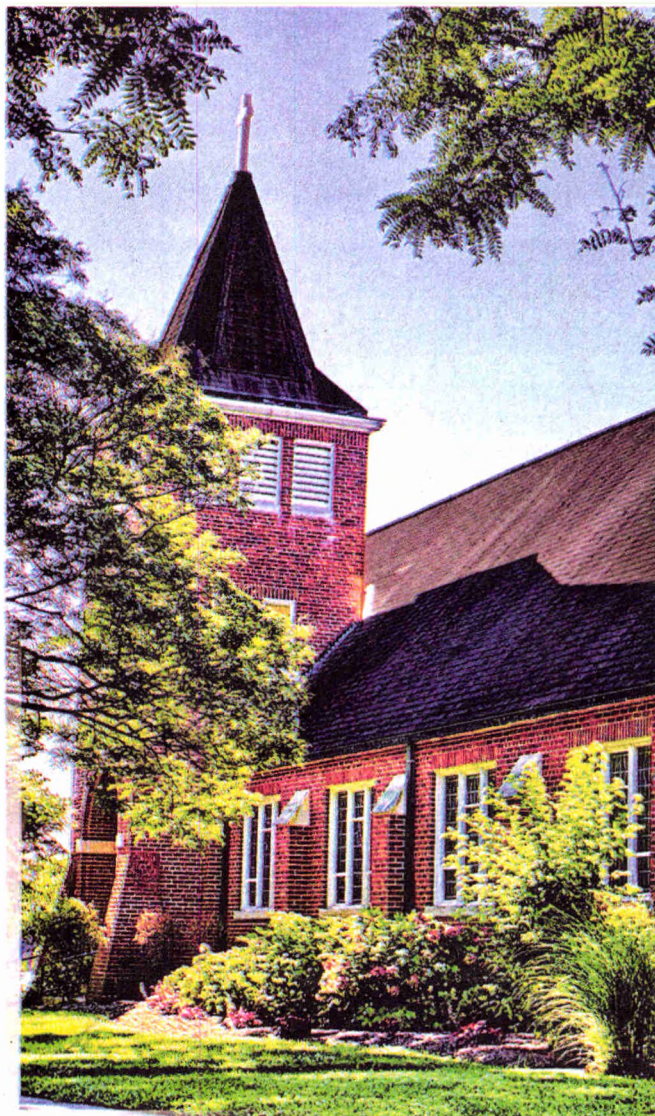
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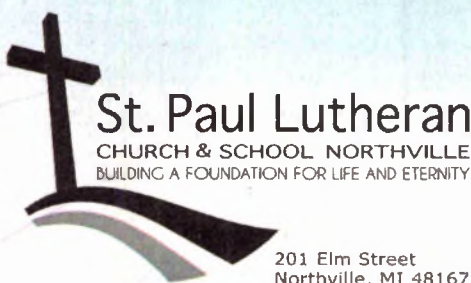
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Living in metro Detroit doesn't lend itself to being an Uber power user, but between business trips, vacations and nights on the town, I've experienced all that the popular taxi cab alternative offers.



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I once scored a \$10 ride in an Audi A6 in downtown Chicago, as well as a \$20 limo ride with 13 friends throughout downtown Grand Rapids. I've gotten refunds from Uber when drivers got lost and even hailed traditional taxis using the Uber app.

Even if you've never used Uber, you've likely heard of its disruptive existence. Uber is a smart phone app-based taxi service that can be used to quickly get a ride wherever you need to go. With Uber, you order your ride, get directions and pay the fare all in one. Using the GPS on your phone, Uber shows

the location of your driver and when he/she will arrive.

It also shows the type of car you will be using, the driver's name and the driver's rating. It gives fare estimates and lets you pay seamlessly through credit, debit or PayPal. You can even split fares with friends.

Compared to the usual ride in a yellow 1999 Crown Victoria, Uber is a godsend. The ordering process is quicker and more convenient and payments are a breeze. Because drivers must maintain high ratings from customers, the cars are almost always newer, nicer and cleaner than your local cab company.

Even if you've never used Uber, you've likely

heard the complaints: Uber drivers are contractors without benefits and are undercutting the industry and their PR outreach regarding safety for women passengers is sketchy.

There's been outrage in the media against Uber's contractor policies, background check procedures for drivers and, even worse, protests and violence toward Uber drivers in Europe and Mexico. But for all of its faults, Uber is still a much better and safer alternative to traditional taxis. And with great consumer features like digital receipts and app-based customer service, it is a no-brainer for folks in any mid-size or major metro area across the globe.

Uber isn't the only transportation company disrupting the industry. Rival Lyft is a less popular, but established, smart phone-based cab

company. You'll know Lyft drivers when you see them - they're the ones with giant pink mustaches on the grill of the car.

Lyft doesn't offer luxury car service like Uber and isn't in as many locations. Lyft drivers, however, are said to be more friendly - encouraging riders to sit in the front seat and often times engaging them in conversation. That's not to say Uber drivers aren't friendly and personable, but Lyft seems to make it a core value.

Business travelers and savvy consumers who need their own car while traveling have recently started turning to Silvercar, a smart phone-based car rental system that allows you to reserve, pick up and unlock your car with nothing more than your phone.

Silvercar is in only about 10 select U.S. mar-

kets, but the value is already far beyond what brick-and-mortar rental companies provide.

For \$80 a day, Silvercar will rent you a Silver Audi 86 with free GPS, free satellite radio, free Wi-Fi, app-based toll tracking and a fair mileage plan. That's less than I recently paid at another established company for a Subaru Impreza with no GPS or Wi-Fi during a recent trip to Salt Lake City. And if I forgot to fill up the car with gas, they would have charged \$9 to \$10 per gallon. Silvercar only charges you the market rate for the gas you use, plus a \$5 fill-up fee.

Another transportation trend that is poised to grow as technology allows users to telecommute is the concept of ride-sharing. Ride-sharing is where owners can rent out their cars to other users to make a bit of cash when they aren't

driving. The model is great for sellers who need more cash, renters in big cities or single-car households.

Relay Rides is the current leader in the ride-sharing marketplace. Through its website, users in metro Detroit and other cities can exchange car rental services and Relay Rides will take a 25-percent commission.

With gas prices heading lower, you could buck all these transportation alternatives and opt to drive your own car. Using your own car might be so last year, but at least you don't have to fidget with the driver's seat or change the radio presets.

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# Cancer campaign's ribbons raise awareness

**Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

Terrie Karebian has beaten back ovarian cancer four times since she was first diagnosed with the disease in 2003.

Currently in remission following the fourth return, Karebian for the last several years has been doing her part to make sure no one has to beat it again.

The Northville Township resident banded together with family and friends in a local effort to "Turn the Towns Teal" by tying "well over 100" teal ribbons all around town in an effort to raise awareness of a disease the American Cancer Society says claims thousands of lives every year.

Turn The Towns Teal is a national campaign to promote awareness of ovarian cancer and what the national organizers call its "often subtle symptoms." Among them are symptoms such as bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, vague but persistent gastrointestinal upsets like nausea or indigestion and difficulty eating or feeling full quickly.

Karebian knows all about the symptoms, having been originally diagnosed 12 years ago and having to hear three additional times, "It's back." She said the cancer has come back so often, and will continue to come back, so much so



Katina Sultana (left) and Sandy Laidlaw were part of a group Aug. 31 that decorated downtown Northville's light posts with ribbons supporting ovarian cancer awareness. The group also passed out information on early signs of ovarian cancer to visitors to the downtown area.

that "they don't even call it remission; they call it surveillance."

"They check me every three months," Karebian said. "They've told me the cancer will come back. That's just how ovarian cancer is."

Turn The Towns Teal was founded by Gail MacNeil of Chatham, N.J., who was inspired by her own experiences. During her 10-year battle with ovarian cancer, MacNeil realized first-hand that not enough was being done to publicize the symptoms of the disease. She wanted to spare others what she and her family endured.

The Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance gets involved every year,

turning some 40 towns around Michigan - including neighboring communities such as Farmington and Rochester - teal.

Karebian and others have brought that same desire - increased awareness - to Northville the last "four or five years," she said. The teal ribbons tied all over town are designed to heighten the public's awareness of the disease.

Karebian got help the last two years from a friend and former neighbor, Vicky Van Gorder, with whom she'd reconnected and with whom, unbeknownst to her at the time, she shared a cancer history. The friends were brought together by Van

Gorder's daughter through Facebook - "I

don't Facebook," Van Gorder said with a chuckle - who knew Karebian had cancer, as well.

"My daughter had heard (Karebian) had the same kind of cancer," said Van Gorder, who had just gone through surgery. "It's sad that something like that brings good friends back together, but it's been really good."

Karebian points out the American Cancer Society estimates more than 21,000 new cases of ovarian cancer will be diagnosed in 2015 and the disease will claim more than 14,000 lives. In Michigan alone, according to the ACS, some 800 cases are diagnosed annually.

While she's trying to help others learn about -

and fight - the disease, Karebian knows her next quarterly visit to the doctor could bring the words she's tired of hearing.

"I am always nervous every three months," Karebian said. "It's very hard not to be afraid."

But Karebian is able to shake that fear and maintain a positive, vibrant attitude. It's an attitude of hope she likes to pass on to others.

"The best advice I can give anyone fighting this disease is to get second and third opinions, enjoy each day and surround yourself with positive people," Karebian said. "There is hope!"

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# Don't panic over August investment statements, look for opportunity

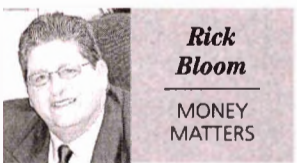
August statements will be sent to investors in the next week. This is a heads up to investors - do not be surprised if your account has gone south.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average had its worst August in 17 years. The Dow was down a little over 6 percent, which means it was the worst performing month in more than five years. In fact, it was the sixth worst monthly performance of the Dow.

Overall, the broader U.S. markets also suffered similar declines. The S&P 500 fell a little over 6 percent in August, its worst monthly performance in more than three years. The NASDAQ, which is very tech-heavy, also showed significant decline. In August, the NASDAQ was down close to 7 percent, its worst August performance in 14 years and its worst monthly performance in more than three years.

Bottom line - August was a difficult month for investors.

I would like to tell investors to ignore August statements, because for many it will be de-



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

pressing. There will be very little good news on those statements.

However, to ignore a statement would be irresponsible. It is important to review your statement for accuracy. Confirm that the ending balance of the previous statement is the beginning balance of this statement. In addition, confirm contributions and withdrawals.

That doesn't mean you have to make any changes in your portfolio.

As I've mentioned in the past, many investors are under the mistaken belief that when markets are volatile, they need to do something with their portfolio. As difficult as this may sound, when markets are volatile, it's a good time to stay put and not make any moves.

When markets are volatile and investors make decisions, generally fear or greed dictates a decision - the two emotions that kill investors and portfolios.

My advice as you look at your August statement is don't panic and don't overreact.

Many investors are wondering when the volatility will end. I wish I knew. My view is, it will continue for a while - because later this month the Federal Reserve will sit down and decide what's going to happen with interest rates. No matter what the Fed decides, the market will react.





In addition, the market will continue to be concerned with global growth and the slowdown in China. Volatility is going to be the buzzword for a while.




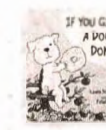
However, I believe there is a silver lining to everything and that is why, when markets are volatile, investors should look for opportunities - whether it's investing unproductive cash that is sitting in the bank or doing a Roth conversion.

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Liberty Middle School students head in to class on the first full day.

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On their arrival at Liberty, the kids jumped off the bus and mingled with other students until the doors opened to allow them to start the day.

“Even down to this bus loop, everything in this school is cutting-edge,” said Nick Brandon, district community relations director.

A traffic training coordinator stood nearby as kids got off the buses. “It’s all new right now. We are all learning,” he said.

On hand was Anthony Ruela, district regional director, principal of the former Central Middle School, from where many of Liberty’s kids either previously attended or would have. “I’m walking around making sure things work,” said Ruela, who was in on the planning for the new school.

Standing in one of the center commons areas was Liberty Principal James Hunter, who watched as students filed

into their homerooms at 8:10 a.m. “It is exciting and exhausting,” Hunter said, referring to the first few days at the new building.

What Hunter and Superintendent Michael Meissen are happily surprised with is the increased number of students at Liberty. In June, about 770 were expected, but already there’s close to 100 more.

“This is a strong statement of the community support of the children and the quality of public education,” said Meissen, who with Brandon has been stopping at each of the schools. “You want the kids to have an attachment to their school.”

Social studies teacher Bryan Boyd was just as impressed as the kids with Liberty. “It’s beautiful,” he said. “It’s a very unique situation. Every kid in this room is the new kid. We will build a culture.”

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Homeroom tasks completed in Molly Meeks’ class, the students, including Zein Mouhajer, spend a few minutes shooting baskets in the new gym.

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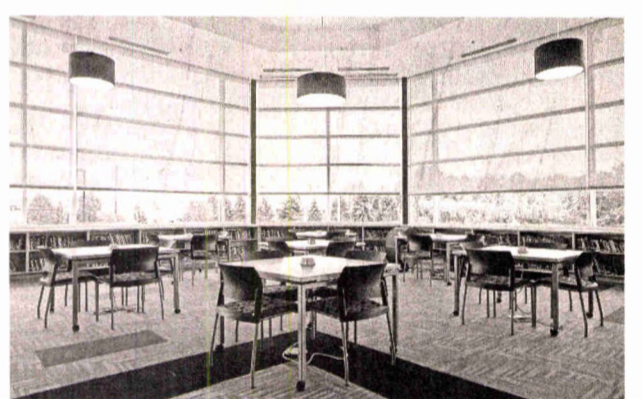
Rishon Casson hops off the school bus at Liberty Middle School.

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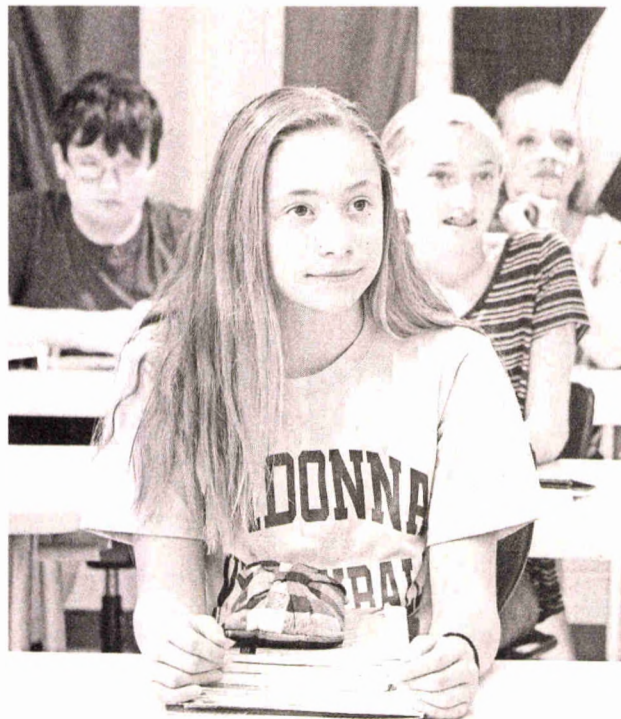
Bike riders and walkers crossing Cherry Hill Road and headed to Liberty Middle School.

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The media center features large windows for natural light.

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Students in Bryan Boyd’s social studies classroom, including Noel Blaine, Ava Oprisieu, Brandon Kuhn and Emma O’Neil, received a homework assignment on their first day.

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Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen stopped in to see how the first day was going at the new school.

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Old-school in the new school. Remember these low-tech vending machines for pencils and pens? They are still there in a brand-new school. These may be older than some of the teachers at Liberty.

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Carrie Boyd teaches social studies at Liberty.

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# Culinary Extravaganza offers fare from top restaurants

The Schoolcraft College Foundation presents Culinary Extravaganza 2015 – a celebration of food and wine – 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, on the Livonia campus.

Tickets are \$60 per person for the premier fundraiser which benefits students by providing scholarship support. The event features some of metro Detroit's best restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors.

The lineup of confirmed participants includes: 2 Unique Caterers & Event Planners, Royal Oak; Sive Restaurant – The Inn at St. John, Plymouth; American Harvest at Schoolcraft College; Atwater in the



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Patrons enjoy some of the desserts offered at the VIP reception at a previous Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College.

Park, Grosse Pointe Park; Bacco Ristorante, Southfield; Big Rock Chophouse, Birmingham;

Birdie's Something Chocolate, Birmingham; Brown Dog Creamery, Northville; Cadillac

Coffee Co., Troy; Coach Insignia, Detroit; Coffee Express Roasting Co., Plymouth; Compari's on the Park, Plymouth; and Cuisine Restaurant, Detroit.

Others participating are Elite Catering Co., Livonia; Granite City, Northville; Guernsey Farms Dairy, Northville; Henry's at Schoolcraft College; Karl's Cabin, Plymouth; Main Street Cafe at Schoolcraft College; McCormick Distilling Co., Monroe; MGM Grand, Detroit; Mitchell's Fish Market, Livonia; Novi Chophouse, Novi; Old World Olive Co., Plymouth; Sardine Room, Plymouth; the Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit; The Root, White Lake; the Stand Bistro, Birmingham; and Ugly

Dog Distillery, Chelsea.

Sponsorship packages, which feature a VIP reception and recognition pre- and post-event including recognition in the *Observer & Eccentric* in print and online range, from \$500 to \$5,000.

A silent auction with sports tickets, sport memorabilia, travel and theater and food packages also is planned.

Raffle tickets featuring cash prizes and dinners at the American Harvest Restaurant are available for \$5 each or three for \$10. The drawing is held 4-5 p.m. the day of the event.

The raffle grand prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$750 and third prize is \$500. Three prizes of dinner for two at American Harvest also are available.

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Happy days: Victorian Fest has stood the test of time

By Julie Brown | Staff Writer

Soon, throngs of people will descend on downtown Northville for the 27th annual Victorian Festival.

"It has become the traditional fall-type festival in the community," said Traci Sincoc, associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, which presents the annual September event, this year Sept. 18-20.

"Come and enjoy," she added. "It's a wonderful community festival. It's stood the test of time."

When the event began years ago, its focus was more Victorian and it's changed some over time.

"We didn't even have the Internet 27 years ago," said Sincoc, who noted organizers

face some challenges in finding activities to draw in modern-day visitors. The children who dress in Victorian garb for the Friday parade pay tribute to the community's past, she noted.

The theme for each Victorian Festival started a few years ago, with this year's of bicycling, Bicycle Heritage, Pedaling Through Time.

Sincoc said it's hard to know for sure how far geographically visitors come from for a free event.

"Our focus is to create an event for our local community," she said, adding neighbors from nearby also visit more than likely.

"I think because there's such a broad spectrum of support" for the festival, including

churches, community groups, nonprofits and school clubs. Sincoc said. "There's an element of just about every community faction involved."

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is the key presenter with Sincoc as organizer starting work the next day each year when the festival ends. "There's lots of logistics that go into planning the event," including emergency vehicle access and access to storefronts, she said. "But we make it work."

Partnerships with local schools, Mill Race Village, parks and recreation, the Northville Art House and Northville's library all help. "They all bring elements to the festival," said Sincoc.

For more, visit www.northville.org  
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## Victorian Festival Schedule



### Victorian Festival Schedule

**Friday, September 18**  
Northville Public Schools 3rd graders program  
Ryde Park Carnival at Northville Downs  
Non-Profit Groups Food and Games  
Festival Saloon (featuring Shawn Riley Band 7-10 pm)  
Victorian Festival Parade downtown Northville

**Saturday, September 19**  
Art Fair at the Victorian Festival  
Street Activities and Entertainment  
Non-Profit Groups Food and Games  
Kids Bicycle Rodeo  
Victorian 500 Pedal Cars  
Hay Bale Maze in Town Square  
The Joel Tacey Show  
Balloon Twister  
Caricature Artist  
Carousel Acres Petting Farm  
Game Crazy Video Game Truck  
Game Crazy Real Life Angry Birds  
Stiltwalker  
Medicine Man Shows  
Ryde Park Carnival at Northville Downs –  
The Kerfuffles Musical Show  
Festival Saloon (featuring Big Ray and the MotorCity Kings 7-9 pm)  
**Ford Field/Mill Race Village**  
Village Buildings Open for Tours  
Eclipse Vintage Baseball Game at Ford Field

**Sunday, September 20**  
Art Fair at the Victorian Festival  
Street Activities and Entertainment  
Victorian Church Service at the Saloon – First Baptist Church  
Non-Profit Groups Food and Games  
Hay Bale Maze in Town Square  
Victorian 500 Pedal Cars  
Carousel Acres Petting Farm  
Balloon Twister  
Caricature Artist  
George Tall Living Statue  
Eugene Clark Escape Artist Show  
Ryde Park Carnival at Northville Downs –  
Gemini Musical Entertainment  
Eugene Clark Puppet Show  
Eugene Clark Magic Show  
**Mill Race Historic Village/Ford Field**  
Village Buildings Open for Tours  
Used Book Sale  
Cake Walk  
Music in the Gazebo  
Eclipse Vintage Baseball Game at Ford Field  
Old Fashioned Children's Games  
Tall Tales with Paul Bunyan  
NHS Chorale Groups – Backbeat and Treble Makers  
Duck Race

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### Mill Race Historic Village Events

**Friday, September 18**  
9:00 a.m. - Noon Northville's 3rd-grade classes will tour historic buildings.

**Saturday, September 19**  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Mill Race Historical Village – Buildings Open to members and the public.

Buildings will be open for self-guided tours with new interpretive signs. Docents will be on site to welcome you and offer historical insights including:

- Cady Inn – Welcome! Membership and event rental information. Donations gratefully accepted. "Adopt the Gazebo" - \$10 donation allows you to sign a shingle to help replace the Gazebo roof.
- General Store - shopping and browsing.
- Interurban Waiting Station has a new interpretive display.
- Blacksmith Shop comes alive with a smithy demonstration.
- Hirsch Exhibit Hall featured exhibit "125 Years of the Northville Fire Department"
- Wash-Oaks School will be in session.
- New School Church, which served as the town's library for 72 years.
- Hunter House and Garden – tour the garden and see the note on the whitewashed fence.
- Yerkes House and Garden – the parlors and dining room have been redecorated.
- Weaver's Cottage will have a weaving demonstration.
- Riverbank and Rain Garden – walk and talk (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.)

**Sunday, September 20**  
12:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Mill Race Historical Village** – Buildings Open to members and the public. Mill Race Museum buildings will be open for self-guided tours. Docents will be on site to offer historical insights. See Saturday descriptions above for information.

12:00 – 3:30 p.m. **J. M. Mead General Store** – Our General Store with its unique selection of items will be open for business. Credit cards accepted. Proceeds to benefit the Northville Historical Society. Proceeds to benefit the Northville Historical Society.

12:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Farmers' Market** – Fresh Thyme Farmers' Market will provide an old time farmers' market with fresh produce, baked goods and beverages for sale near the Cady Inn.

12:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Duck Race Ticket Sales and Duck Race** – Purchase a chance (\$5) to win a prize with each fast swimming plastic duck. The race will begin, following the traditional parade of participants at 3:30 p.m., in the swift currents of the Rouge River, upstream from the Ford Field Bridge.

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Ask the Archivist** – Tour the Archives and learn about historical images and documents.

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Garden Crafts** – Learn about native plants and how planting them can help the environment. At the North Bridge.

12:00 – 3:00 p.m. **What is It?** – Guess the use of a variety of common items from the past.

12:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Ragtime and Early Jazz** – Melodies from a bygone era will be played by a talented ensemble of musicians at the Gazebo.

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Children's Games** – Children's Games of the Victorian Era, like croquet, still walking, hoops and more can be played outside the Wash-Oaks School.

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Storytelling** – Gifted storytellers will entertain kids of all ages inside the Wash-Oaks School.

12:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Sweet Melodies** – Sweet melodies from a bygone era will be heard from our Gazebo. A talented ensemble of musicians will play hammered and Appalachian dulcimers.

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Backbeat and Treble-Makers** – Northville High School's award winning men's and women's choral ensembles will perform Victorian Era favorites at various venues throughout the Village.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Riverbank and Garden Tours** – Walking tour of recent projects. Talk with the designer at the North Bridge near the Weaver's Cottage.

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. **Annual Duck Race**

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# 72-year-old cycling 1,200 miles has several missions

**Cal Stone**  
Staff Writer

Anyone considering bicycling from Minnesota to Georgia would have to think long and hard about such a journey, but 72-year-old Hanna Elshoff is on a mission.

Let's first backpedal to 1943, when she moved to the U.S. from Germany at age 18, by herself and speaking no English. She fell in love with bicycling and contemplated a trip from Iowa to Texas, which she now regrets not taking.

But she's on the road now, in a solar-powered ELF tricycle that can hit 25 mph with the sun and driver both cooperating.

She left her home in Chat-



Shown (from left) are Novi Lions Club president Mary Barbosa, club member Patti Barr, Hanna Elshoff and club member Doc Barr.

field on May 1 and is winding her way across the Midwest and then south on a 1,200-mile, two-year trip using Lions Clubs

as pit stops along the way. She was in Novi last month visiting with Novi Lions Club members.

Her mission is three-fold. One part is to promote the Lions and their Leader Dog campaign. Another is to get former President Jimmy Carter's signature.

"He was the one who inspired me to become a U.S. citizen," Elshoff said. "In my packet was a welcome letter from the president - Gerald Ford, the previous president. I was disappointed because I wanted Carter's signature."

She's hoping to get that when her travels take her to Plains, Ga., in November. Once there, she'll take a break and fly home to avoid cycling in the winter. She'll return and pedal around the east coast. Eventually, she plans on arriving back in Minnesota on May

1, 2017.

But all along the way, she'll take care of the third part of her mission.

"I was born in Germany," she said. "There was a man who lived down from our house who was an SS Nazi. On his deathbed, he told my father, 'You're lucky the Americans came, because I had orders to send you away.'"

"So, my main mission is to thank the American people," she added, "because I wouldn't be here if they didn't come."

Follow her journey on the Facebook page Hannas Dream Ride.

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### Victorian Festival Saloon Entertainment



The Victorian Festival Saloon comes alive on Friday and Saturday nights with great musical entertainment for all ages. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. The Saloon is located at the corner of Wing and Cady Streets, behind Northville City Hall. Saloon hours are 5:30 - 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$2.

**Friday Night - Shawn Riley Band**  
Shawn Riley has played throughout Michigan and the Midwest as a solo artist from 1979 through the late 90's. Playing top songs from the fifties through today, the band also mixes in a substantial blend of Irish and Celtic music, as well as, a taste of blues, country and alternative. The band is a favorite at Community Concerts, Northville 4th of July Parade, and the Victorian Festival Saloon.

Photo - Shawn Riley Band

**Saturday Night - Big Ray and the Motor City Kings**  
Big Ray and the Motor City Kings are a Detroit Area musical group performing blues, classic rock, soul and Motown. Led by Big Ray Haywood's larger than life vocals and saxophone playing, their act offers an energetic and danceable repertoire supported by guitar, keyboard and saxophone soloists

**Sunday Morning - Victorians Church Service held by First Baptist Church of Northville**  
In the 1800's, missionaries and preachers traveled to the west tending to a large number of people. For the most part, these preachers traveled on horseback or in one-horse drawn buggies and became known as circuit riders. With great commitment and personal sacrifice, these circuit riders rode the wild terrain (prairies, mountains, seashore) spending months away from their homes and families. They held worship services wherever they could: in bars, saloons and under the shade of trees. The First Baptist Church of Northville invites everyone to attend their Victorian Church Service at the Festival Saloon at 10:00 a.m.



Eclipse Vintage Baseball Club

Bring your family and friends to Ford Field and watch baseball as it was played (without gloves) during the Civil War. The Eclipse Baseball Club of Northville will host the Plymouth Red Flowers on Saturday at 1 pm and the Richmond Bees on Sunday at 1 pm at Ford Field. Club members will be available and glad to explain the game to 21st century spectators.

### Sunday Morning Tour de Ville Bicycle Ride

The Northville Rotary Club is pleased to present the 2nd Annual Tour de Ville bicycle ride on Sunday, September 20. Rider registration opens at 7 a.m. with the course opening at 7:45 a.m. Riders may choose from a 10 mile, 35 mile or 70 mile course. All three routes start and end at Northville Hines Race Track and travel along the well paved, bicycle-friendly and historic Hines Drive, throughout the Wayne County Parks system. Each route offers tree-lined park scenery, well-placed rest stops, rolling hills and bicycle lanes. The routes are designed to cover a broad range of cycling skills. Rider entry fee is \$35.00. Registered riders will receive a t-shirt, a light breakfast and a free lunch. All routes will be clearly marked with direction indicators at essential corners. Route maps will also be provided in the rider's registration packet. For more information, visit [www.tourdeville.org](http://www.tourdeville.org)

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### Bicycles key to local, nation's history

By Ed Gabrys | Correspondent

Bicycle races were a common summer event during Northville's Victorian era. A crowd of hundreds witnessed an 1888 race from the Fish Hatchery to the finish line at the Opera House, on the corner of Dunlap and Center.

This need for speed, or "scorching," continually pushed innovation in bicycle design. As Police Commissioner of New York City, Theodore Roosevelt formed a "scorching squad" of 29 rapid cyclists to over take speeding horse-drawn carriages and cyclists. Ten years later while president, the car in which he was a passenger was pulled over by two of these swift bicycle cops.

Beginning in 1818, the rider's feet striding over the pavement propelled the earliest bicycle. His German inventor called it a Laufmaschine, or running machine, but critics joked that it more resembled a child's "hobby horse." Two decades later, a Scottish blacksmith borrowed technology from the sewing machine, using treadles to spin the rear wheel. By 1863, a bicycle with a direct-drive front wheel crank was mass-produced in France, sparking a trans-Atlantic craze. Even though solid rubber tires would soon replace iron wheels, this bicycle earned the popular nickname of "bone shaker."

To increase its speed, ever-larger front wheels were added throughout the 1870s. However, the awkward position of the rider and the difficulty steering were among the many safety concerns of these High Wheelers. Eventually, in 1885, English inventor John Kemp Starley marketed the "safety bicycle" with the now familiar triangular frame that included a chain driven rear wheel. By the 1890s, coaster brakes and pneumatic tires were adding that extra measure of safety and comfort.

The bicycle produced a number of social and economic changes. Young women, emancipated from the home in the late 19th century, were active participants in the new bicycle culture. Despite criticism, the more athletic and adventuresome were donning shorter skirts and becoming enthusiastic cyclists. In 1896, Susan B. Anthony declared that the bicycle "has done more for the emancipation of women than anything else in the world. It gives women a feeling of freedom and self-reliance."

Beyond the streets of large cities, most American roads were unfit for bicycle traffic. In 1892, the League of American Wheelmen first published the Good Roads magazine. Within three years, its readership reached one million and prompted the U.S. Department of Agriculture to initiate a systematic evaluation of American highways. Cyclists found an ally in this lobbying effort with the American farmer who also depended upon good roads to transport produce to the nearest market or rail station.

By the early 20th century, the popularity of bicycles waned in favor of automobiles. Yet, it should not be surprising to learn that Henry Ford, as a member of the Wayne County Road Commission, also promoted good roads with a series of parkways outside of Detroit, inviting the average American family to enjoy "the blessing of hours of pleasure in God's great open spaces." In 1949, these small parkways were consolidated into Edward Hines Drive.

A number of other automotive pioneers manufactured bicycles, including Charles E. Duryea, inventor of America's first successful automobile. Transmissions, differentials, ball bearings, pneumatic tires and wire wheels were all standard equipment on bicycles before their adaptation to early automobiles. In the realm of that other great mode of modern transportation, Glenn Curtiss, and of course, Wilbur and Orville Wright manufactured and repaired bicycles before pursuing their careers with powered flight.

In recent decades, cycling once more has become a popular recreational activity. Bicycles of various designs can be seen alone and in groups along Hines Drive in all seasons. The Northville Rotary Club is keeping this local tradition alive by again sponsoring the popular Tour de Ville, during this year's Victorian Festival.

Ed Gabrys is with the Northville Historical Society-Mill Face Village.

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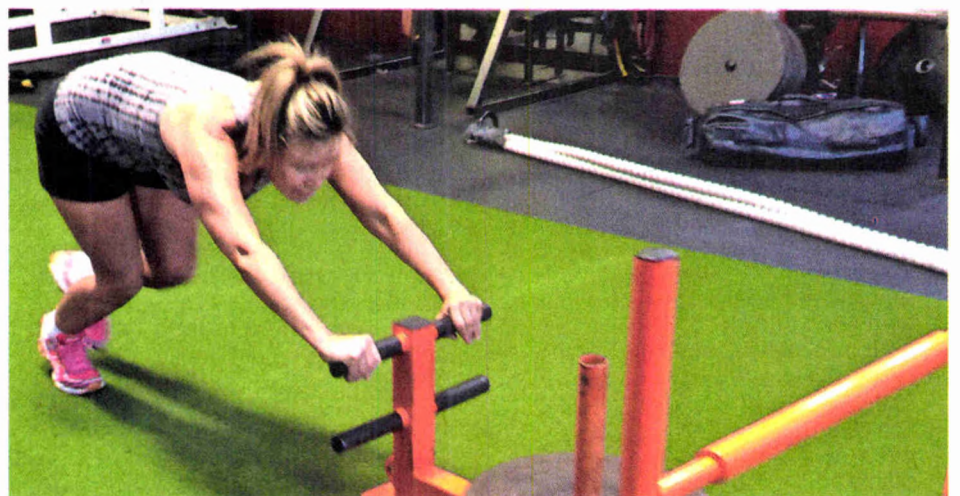
**A:** After working for a corporate-run, national gym chain for 12 years, we used the valuable feedback we gathered from our clients and decided to partner together and offer them a private and more exclusive environment in which to achieve their fitness goals without limitations.

**Q: Why did you choose Canton?**

**A:** After working in the Canton-Plymouth area for 16 years, we have established a number of business and personal relationships with many corporate professionals and other business owners. It only made sense to open our business in a such a thriving community that we live in and have grown so attached to. We could see that the people in the Canton-Plymouth area were also growing in awareness of healthy living and we wanted to make a positive contribution impacting the level of health and wellness in the community.

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old-school and new-school techniques used in bodybuilding, power lifting and functional training. Not only do we use well-known training tools such as barbells, kettle bells and dumbbells, but we also utilize non-traditional equip-

ment not allowed in most other fitness facilities such as sandbags, sleds, tires, TRX, sledge hammers and ropes. We want to offer each client a fitness experience, not just a workout.

**Q: How has it changed since you**

**opened?**

**A:** We have been able to grow and add five additional trainers to the team, each with their own unique skill set. This has enabled us to service more clients and expand our hours of operation.

**Q: Any funny tidbits or stories?**

**A:** Part of our mission is about changing lives. The best part of our experience so far is seeing the transformations in our clients. Not just physical transformations, but also mental transformations, due to the new-found confidence and energy that now empower them in all facets of their lives.

**Q: How has the recent economy affected**

**your business?**

**A:** We are very fortunate that our business has been very steady and has grown, even through early economic duress. As economic factors continue to improve, we have witnessed more and more people turning to a healthier lifestyle. They are realizing the investment that exercise and healthy eating play in avoiding disease and creating longevity. I often tell my clients that you can't put a price on your health.

**Q: Any advice for other business owners?**

**A:** Take the risk to invest in your own beliefs and the business will take care of itself. Have confidence that

your community will support your beliefs and get out there and start networking with other area business owners, who also want to be successful. Becoming involved early on in both the Canton and Plymouth Chambers of Commerce had a great impact on our success.

**Q: What's in store for the future of your business?**

**A:** September is our four-year anniversary. Our goal is to continue to grow and add more trainers. At some point, we would like to expand our services and open up other Fitt Factory locations across metro Detroit.

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## Communications experts share insight in Plymouth

Three automotive communication experts will share their insight on achieving and modulating careers at the top tier of the auto industry Thursday, Sept. 17, at Freudenberg North America in Plymouth. Participants will learn how to prepare for success, find mentors, roll with bankruptcy, adapt to new owners and rebuild when the towers get shaky.

Sponsored by the Association for Women in Communications Detroit Chapter, featured panelists include Margery Krevsky, CEO of Productions Plus; Ed Garsten, head, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles digital media; and Jocelyn Allen, co-owner of The Allen Lewis Agency in Detroit. Indira Sadikovic, communications manager for Freudenberg North America, will moderate the evening's discussion.

A national headliner

award recipient for the Association of Women in Communications, Krevsky travels to auto shows around the world managing the product communications specialists who tell the stories of cars and car branding to capacity crowds in Tokyo, Detroit, Paris, Geneva and Pebble Beach, Calif. Celebrating 34 years in business, Krevsky uses keen communications tools to manage language, customs and clients at home and abroad.

Garsten joined Fiat Chrysler Automobiles in 2005 following a stellar 32-year career in journalism, including two decades as Detroit bureau chief of CNN. He leads FCA's digital media team merging broadcast, social media and video into one strategy, including an award-winning weekly video news recap, a media website and one of the first corporate in-house video portals.

Allen brings passion,

power, prosperity and purpose to her new role as co-owner of The Allen Lewis Agency in Detroit. She launched her agency following 15 years of communication positions at General Motors, most recently as the director of regional, grassroots and diversity communications and director of the company's diversity marketing and communications. She supervised GM's U.S. regional offices and its national diversity outreach.

Networking and a light supper will kick-off the evening at 5:30 p.m. at Freudenberg North America, 47774 W. Anchor Court, Plymouth. Discussion starts at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$25 for AWC members, \$35 for non-members and \$15 for students.

For more information or to register, go to [www.womcomdetroit.org/events](http://www.womcomdetroit.org/events) or call 248-643-6590.



# Home Instead Senior Care offers free Alzheimer's friendly training for businesses

The Home Instead Senior Care office serving western Wayne County is launching a new campaign designed to make the community more Alzheimer's friendly. Through the Alzheimer's Friendly Business program, the Home Instead Senior Care office will provide free training to local businesses to help equip employees with information and resources needed to welcome families who are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease.

In a recent survey of Alzheimer's caregivers, 74 percent reported that they and their loved ones have become more isolated from the community as a result of the disease. Furthermore, 85 percent reported that they feel a reduced quality of life due to isolation.

"For many caregivers, the unpredictable nature



Glenna Yaroch, president, and Scott Yaroch, vice president, of the Home Instead Senior Care western Wayne County franchise, watch as Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey cuts the ribbon honoring their 2013 expansion.

FILE PHOTO

of the disease can make going out in public with their loved one intimidating," said Glenna Yaroch, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving western Wayne

County. "Our research shows that family caregivers might be reluctant to frequent public places because of the behaviors that could be associated with the disease."

According to Alzheimer's Disease International, the number of people with dementia worldwide is expected to grow to a staggering 75.6 million by 2030 and 135.5

million in 2050.

"Given the statistics, most businesses that deal with the public will be serving people with Alzheimer's and their families," Yaroch said. "It's

critical that local businesses start working now to build Alzheimer's friendly communities to better serve their customers with Alzheimer's and other dementia."

Local businesses can work directly with the local Home Instead Senior Care office to coordinate an in-person training. An interactive, on-line version of the training also is available at [AlzheimersFriendlyBusiness.com](http://AlzheimersFriendlyBusiness.com). Once the training is successfully completed, businesses will receive a window cling with the Alzheimer's Friendly Business designation. The designation will be valid for two years.

For more information about the Home Instead Senior Care network's Alzheimer's Friendly Business program and to access additional resources, go to [AlzheimersFriendlyBusiness.com](http://AlzheimersFriendlyBusiness.com) or call 734-525-5300.

# Conference of Western Wayne gets new executive director

The Conference of Western Wayne, an association of 18 western Wayne County local governments, has announced a transition in its leadership as Executive Director Marsha Bianconi retires Oct. 1 and current CWW Assistant Director Jordyn D. Salmon becomes the new CWW executive director.

Bianconi has served CWW for 27 years, working on key issues for

local communities such as public safety, workforce development, revenue sharing, transportation funding and substance abuse and youth services. She currently serves as chair of the Westland TIFA Board, a member of the Detroit Wayne County Mental Health Board and has served on the Growth Works Board of Directors, SEMCOG, SEMCA and other agencies.

Salmon has served as assistant director since 2013. Prior to joining CWW, Salmon worked for a decade in local, county and state government, including the state House of Representatives, state Senate and Wayne County Commission. Salmon



Salmon

serves on the Growth Works Board of Directors and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee. She plays a key role in coordinating efforts on policy initiatives affecting local governments such as public safety, revenue sharing, juvenile justice, tax policy and road funding.

Salmon is the daughter of Wayne County Commissioner Terry

Marecki, whose district covers the city of Northville, Northville Township and most of the city of Livonia.

The Conference of Western Wayne is a non-profit association of mayors and supervisors representing nearly 700,000 residents and 100,000 businesses. CWW communities include the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster,

Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

A celebration of Bianconi's service will take place at the next CWW board meeting at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, in the Inkster City Hall building. For more information, contact CWW at 734-953-8834.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Plymouth attorney selected

Plymouth resident Eric M. Nemeth, a litigation and controversy tax attorney, is among eight attorneys with Varnum Law's Novi office who were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

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needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer.

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones.

Interested volunteers must complete the online application process prior to training. Early regis-

tration is encouraged as several steps are to be completed prior to the start of the training sessions.

The next new volunteer orientation is Oct. 13 and will take place at the Compassionate Care Hospice office, 5730 N. Lilley, Suite A, Canton. Contact the volunteer coordinator at 888-983-9050 for more information or to apply for a brief interview.

### Biz person nominations

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominees for the 2015 Business Person of the Year.

The winner is announced Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Chamber Business Luncheon.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, Sept. 25. Contact the chamber at 734-453-4040.

## Group recognizes former U.S. Rep. Bentivolio

The Council for Citizens Against Government Waste recently released its 2014 Congressional Ratings, highlighting the voting records of all 535 members of the 113th Congress. The report, which CCAGW has issued since 1989, identifies members whose voting records helped protect and save the taxpayers' money, as well as those who consistently voted against their interests, its officials said.

Former U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-

Milford, was one of the few to receive the title "Taxpayer Super Hero."

Only 17 lawmakers (nine senators and eight representatives) earned the title of "Taxpayer Super Hero" with perfect scores of 100 percent.

"CCAGW applauds the Taxpayer Super Heroes for their votes to cut wasteful spending and make govern-

ment more accountable to taxpayers," CCAGW President Tom Schatz said.

This is not the first time Bentivolio has been recognized for his work in office. GovTrack rated his office the most transparent of the House's freshman class and second highest amongst all House members in 2014.

Bentivolio represented Michigan's 11th District from 2012-14. He lost his re-election bid to Republican Dave Trott in the primary election.



Bentivolio

## PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

### SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Construction Bid Package 5E, consisting of:

**MDF Air Conditioning Unit Upgrades at:** East Middle School  
Pioneer Middle School  
Plymouth High School

will be received at the office of Mr. Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until 10:00 A.M., local time on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at which time they will be opened, read publicly and tabulated.

Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

This Project will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions of work:

BD 142: HVAC BD 143: Electrical

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Construction Market Data (CMD), and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400.
- Bidders may download bid documents from [Gradebeam.com](http://Gradebeam.com) by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 3:15 P.M. at the East Middle School Media Center, located at 1042 S. Mill Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), and the Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit. The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit form may be found in section 00 42 10 of the Bidding Requirements & General Conditions Manual.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the school district is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the bid or failure of the bidder to enter a contract for performance. Further, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

END OF SECTION

## STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 at 10:00 am, on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.

**Unit#016 - BRIAN DASCENZO, 5008 E. ANNAPOLIS CIR, CANTON, MI 48188**  
Two (2) guitars, cooler, couch & chair, misc. boxes and items.

**Unit#469 - CARLA EVON, 14165 GRANT, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170**  
Fishing rods & gear, comforter set, mattress, baby equipment, Table & chairs, DVD players, refrigerator, tennis racket and bag, Wood shelves, stereo, picture frames, pedestal fan, and misc boxes.

**Unit#608 - JAMES FULLERTON, 599 ADAMS, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170**  
Night stand, dresser & mirror, bed frame, mattress, fan, rug, (4) kitchen chairs, (2) couches, end tables, xmas tree and Step ladder, shower chair, pictures, and misc boxes.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Plymouth District Library 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on the following proposed 2016 budget:

General Fund	\$3,598,370
Debt Service Fund	498,562
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,096,932</b>

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The proposed 2016 budget documents are available for public examination at the Plymouth District Library on the upper level at the Reference Desk during regular Library hours.

Carol Souchock, Director  
Plymouth District Library

The District Library Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon (7) seven days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Sandra Young, Administrative Assistant, Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 at 734 453-0750 X 217.



## OUR VIEW

# Keep Schoolcraft College moving forward: Voters urged to approve November millage

Officials at Schoolcraft College in Livonia are asking in the November general election for an additional .06 mills for 10 years, an increase they say will allow the college to continue capital improvements, help add programs and pursue additional partnerships.

The college has helped hundreds of thousands of students achieve their career goals. It has delivered on its promises – keeping tuition affordable so that everyone can take advantage of higher education.

We believe the college has made a solid case for millage request. Voters should approve the increase and keep Schoolcraft moving forward.

The 10-year millage will cost homeowners an additional \$30 per year for every \$100,000 of a home's taxable value.

According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, Schoolcraft tops the lists of community colleges in Michigan for combined graduation and transfer rates to four-year colleges or universities. And Schoolcraft does it more efficiently than all local competitors.

There are good reasons to give Schoolcraft the additional funding. First, it's been nearly three decades since the college has asked for any kind of increase, a 0.5-mill hike voters approved in 1986. Despite the stagnant funding, Schoolcraft – under the leadership of current President Conway Jeffress and former President Richard McDowell – has built solid programs, including renowned culinary and nursing programs.

The college has established partnerships with



FILE PHOTO

Pastry chef Heather Moore is a Schoolcraft College student. The school is seeking a 0.6-mill increase on the November ballot.

four-year universities such as Wayne State and the University of Toledo. It has improved facilities and programs. And it has done so with decreasing funding. Because of the economic downturn that started in 2008, the decline in property values meant the college received \$6.3 million less in 2013 than it had in 2008.

But school officials say the time has come where programs and facilities will begin to suffer with con-

tinued dwindling funds. Capital improvements and technological advances will be slowed or eliminated, making degree completion a more difficult prospect for students.

The college isn't the only beneficiary of the additional funding. Schoolcraft has been a successful economic partner to the western Wayne County area. The college has helped eliminate a variety of vacant or underdeveloped parcels in surrounding neighborhoods. The Business Development Center has helped southeast Michigan companies access more than \$16 million in capital formation and another \$385 million in government contracts in the last year alone.

Local businesses also benefit from a better-educated workforce. Studies show community college graduates generally stay in the local community to live and work. And there are a lot of them at Schoolcraft: Nearly 23,000 students took continuing education and professional development classes last year.

Schoolcraft officials over the years have proven to be good stewards of taxpayer money. The additional millage will allow college leaders to make strategic improvements in the years to come.

Given the college's performance over the years, approving the 0.6-mill increase for which the administration is asking would be money well spent by voters in the college district, which includes residents in the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton public school districts.

We urge voters to support the college's continued improvement. Vote **YES** Tuesday, Nov. 3.

## LETTERS

### Who do you call? Police

I was watching a newscast about the search for three suspects in the murder of a police officer in Illinois. The station cut to a group of miscreants marching, beating drums and taunting police by chanting "Pigs in a blanket." You would think these fools would come up with something that wasn't 50 years old. But, then again, an idiot has little imagination.

The flower-power, draft-dodging pot heads of the '60s coined the word pig to insult police. As a deputy sheriff at that time, I remember departments throughout the country embraced the word and modified it to P.I.G. — Pride, Integrity, Guts. Words which would never apply to any of those so-called protesters.

The criminal element is always waiting to slither in and pounce. By infiltrating the Black Lives Matter movement, they found the perfect medium to ply their trade.

Ninety-nine percent of the men and women in law enforcement are decent, honorable officers. They are the ones who run toward danger while others run from it. You don't call Ghost Busters when you need help and you certainly don't call those protesters since, much of the time, they are the ones causing the mayhem that requires a police response to begin with.

James Huddleston  
Canton

### God bless America

In response to Ms. Sonnenberg's comments in the *Northville Record* last week, I do not remember the comment from Mr. Huddleston, so I cannot comment if she is correct in her response or off-base.

However, her comment about socialist strategy struck a chord. From last week: "But that is also a trademark of socialist strategy. Avoid objective truth and call names, obscure/ignore facts." Isn't the last sen-

tence (Avoid objective truth and call names, obscure/ignore facts) exactly how Donald Trump has been running his presidential campaign? And so far, in the opinion polls, he is leading.

Though he gets tedious with consistent ranting, Mr. Huddleston has a right to be heard in print and serves the purpose of clarifying what I oppose from the socialist agenda. God bless America.

Jim Kastely  
Northville

### Iran deal not supported by electorate

I read in the papers that Stabenow, Lawrence and Dingell are backing the Iran deal. I had no doubt that they would, because all of them are Obama boot-lickers and the next one that will fall is Peters. Obviously, these so-called politicians do not follow the national polls, where 75 percent of the people feel less safe with the plan that Obama is pushing.

As a World War II vet of Polish heritage, I think the Democrats sold Central and Eastern Europe down the drain to let the Russians take over. My mother had cousins and uncles who were captured by the Germans and they in turn handed them over to Russia, which was in partnership with Germany. The Russians, of course, marched the Polish soldiers into the Katyn forest and put a bullet into their heads. This wasn't known until 1983, when the Russian leader admitted to George H.W. Bush that indeed the KBG did execute more than 12,000 Polish soldiers. You can also read this in Bill O'Reilly's book *Killing Patton*.

All I can say is that the Democrats will go down in history as giving Iran the bomb and letting them wipe out Israel, which is just as bad or worse than the Holocaust. We elect people to represent us in Washington and they do not listen to the citizens who elect them.

Robert Siedlik  
Livonia

## A good family event



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The Plymouth Community Fall Festival is all about barbecue chicken, community and family. Don't miss it as it unwinds Friday and runs throughout the weekend.

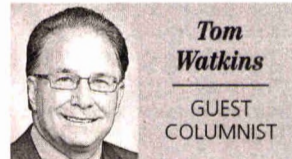
## GUEST COLUMN

# Bold action led to creation of Medicaid, Medicare 50 years ago

Fifty years ago, President Lyndon B. Johnson "Great Society" created a healthier nation when July 30, 1965, Medicare and Medicaid, the two foundations of government health insurance, were signed into law. Since then, millions of poor and elderly have been helped from use of this government safety net to obtain medical care.

Today, with the passage of the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," our country has significantly filled the gap for people who qualify for neither Medicare nor Medicaid. Thanks to Johnson and other tireless advocates for national health care, such as President John F. Kennedy and our own Michigan Congressmen John Dingell Sr. and John Dingell Jr., America promises a healthier tomorrow for everyone.

According to a *New York Times* editorial, Medicare covers 46 million Americans over the age of 65 and nine million younger disabled people. "Its achievement in improving life expectancy and reducing poverty among the elderly has been enormous. Before Medicare, almost half of all Americans 65 and older had no health insurance. Today that number is 2 percent. Analysts say that between 1970 and 2010, Medicare contrib-



Tom Watkins  
GUEST COLUMNIST

uted to a five-year increase in life expectancy at age 65, by providing early access to needed medical care."

Persons with mental illness and intellectual and developmental disabilities benefited by the creation of both Medicare and Medicaid. These programs transformed the way persons who are disabled, the elderly and low-income individuals received health care. Most of us know that medical bills can take a huge financial toll, but those at or near the poverty line are already struggling to make ends meet. For low-income individuals without insurance, a string of medical bills is often an irreparable blow. When Johnson added Medicaid to the Social Security Act in 1965, millions of children, parents, pregnant mothers, seniors and people with disabilities were able to receive consistent health care for the first time. If that isn't an anniversary worth celebrating, I don't know what is!

The positive statistics are worth noting: Within the first decade of Medicaid, African-American infant mortality rates were cut in half. Current

data shows that not only does Medicaid improve lifelong outcomes for children, academically, they are achieving better GPA, experience fewer missed school days, have higher graduation rates and become higher earnings adults. Investments in our children will pay dividends to the nation as a whole. Over the decades, Medicare and Medicaid have been a lifeline to so many by providing health care assistance to those in need. But as far as we have come over the past 50 years, we still have a distance to go.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow's Excellence in Mental Health Care Act, signed into law last April by Obama, is another example of how Medicaid can be used to help needy Americans. This legislation will ultimately increase access to community mental health and substance use treatment services, while improving Medicaid reimbursement for mental health services.

The Excellence in Mental Health Act initially provides \$25 million in funding to states as planning grants to develop applications to participate in a two-year pilot program. Eight states will be selected to participate in the program, and Michigan is working aggressively to be one of those selected, which will

be revealed this September.

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.

At the conclusion of his speech celebrating the passage of Medicare and Medicaid programs 50 years ago, Johnson proclaimed, "There are those, alone in suffering who will now hear the sound of some approaching footsteps coming to help. There are those fearing the terrible darkness of despairing poverty – despite their long years of labor and expectation – who will now look up to see the light of hope and realization."

If you know someone with a mental illness, developmental disability or substance use disorder and would like more information about the programs and services at DWMHA, contact our 24-Hour crisis help line at 800-241-4949 or go to [dwmha.com](http://dwmha.com).

Tom Watkins is president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority. He has served as state superintendent of schools and state mental health director. Follow him on twitter @tdwatkins88.



# State fair memorabilia fuels local's passion

**Cal Stone**  
Staff Writer

For the past 20 years, Bob Cummings has been building a collection as the Michigan State Fair's official historian – and it'll be on display at this year's event at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Four years ago, Cummings contacted Blair Bowman, owner of the Showplace and the one responsible for reviving the state fair.

"I said, 'I've got this large collection. Would you like me to bring it?'" Cummings said.

Bowman, who was launching the privately-funded Great Lakes State Fair after the state's official fair was shut down in 2009, said yes, so Cummings has brought his display each year since. (Since 2013, the event has been called the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair.)

"They give me a little more room to display it and are very accommodating," Cummings said. "It's cool."

This year, he'll be stationed inside near the home crafts area and pie competition.

## And so it begins

Although he only went to the former state fair once or twice as a kid, Cummings volunteered for the soccer World Cup at the Pontiac Silverdome in 1994. The woman in charge of that event decided she was going to take on the Michigan State Fair.

"I said, 'Sign me up!'" he said.

He started to volunteer at the old state fair (on Woodward in Detroit) in '95, pretty much just as a joke, he said.

"I was there for 12 years," Cummings said.



Bob Cummings, with just a sample of his Michigan State Fair memorabilia collection, at the press conference kicking off this year's event.

"I said I'll search eBay and see what pops up. I think it was a 1954 program for \$5 or something. So I said, what the heck. I bought it and brought it into the state fair's volunteer headquarters and everybody got a chuckle out of seeing the old ads and entertainers."

Cummings decided to see what else was out there. From there it snowballed, he said, into "an obsession, I guess you'd call it."

He discovered many pieces of ruby glass engraved with "Michigan State Fair" and the year (from 1905-50).

"I tell people, this was their souvenir before hats and T-shirts," he said.

He has amassed 72 programs; several dozen pins (brass, steel and plastic); seven pendants; four colorful posters; and many other "cute" items from different years.

The 61-year-old has lived in the Novi-Northville area his entire life and he keeps the collection stored in numerous Rubbermaid boxes in his basement.

"It doesn't get displayed anywhere but the state fair," he said.

He said he still has gaps in his program collection to fill, with only three from the 1970s in his display.

## Sources

He looks at garage sales, but eBay remains Cummings' best source for items. He's also had a lot of folks donate pieces.

"They're like, 'If you want 'em, come and get 'em!' I've gotten quite a few that way," he said, adding that he has created a flier crediting all who have donated items.

His program from the 1961 Michigan State Fair indicates then-Sen. John F. Kennedy was going to be at the band shell.

"A friend of mine was there and heard him speak," Cummings said.

If you have any Michigan State Fair memorabilia you'd like to see in Cummings' collection, contact him at bob\_cummings@sbglobal.net.

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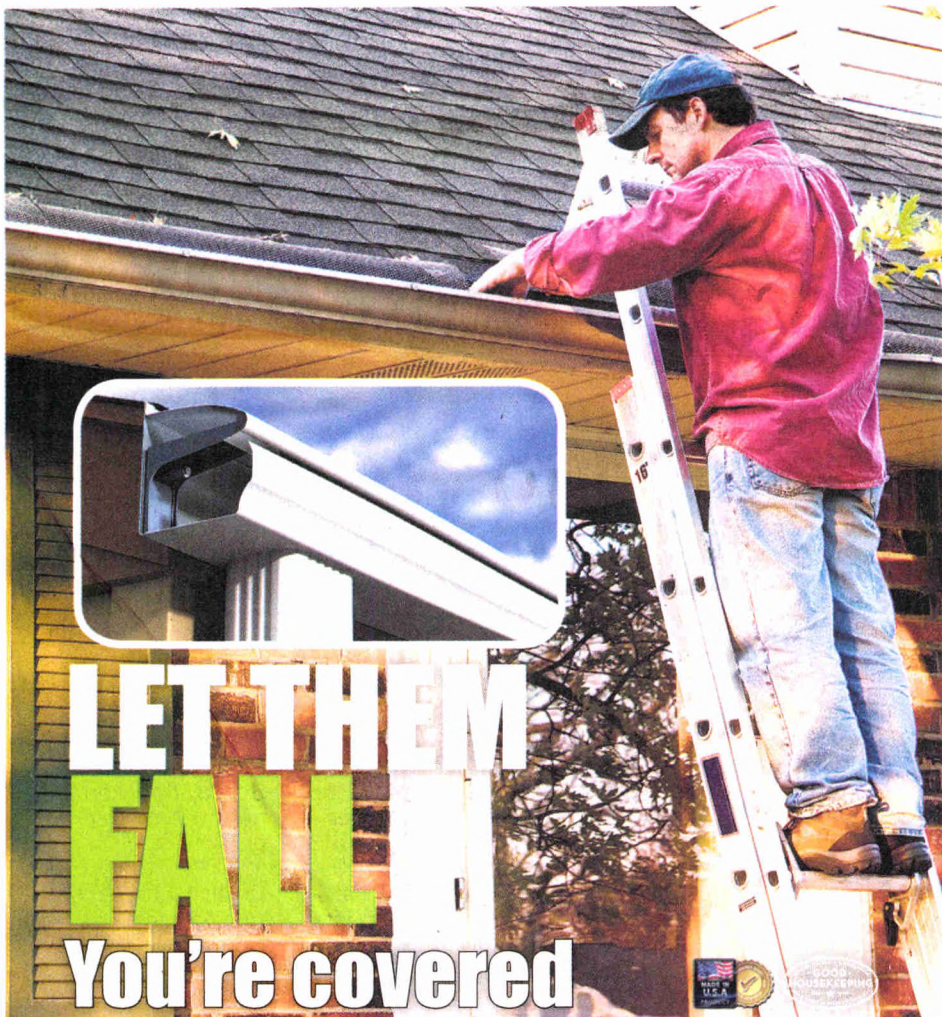
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# What football taught me about autism – and life

It's that time of year again. NFL training camp sessions are winding down and fans are chomping at the bit to assemble their fantasy football teams.

Football season is here.

And while much of the frenzy is happening on the field, some of the greatest moments pertaining to the game happen in the absence of screaming crowds, referees and bright lights.

Times like when former NFL quarterback Rodney Peete rose from his chair and headed toward the podium to give his keynote speech at the Autism Alliance of Michigan's annual Michigan Shines for Autism Gala.

Peete's autistic teenage son R.J. smiled at my husband Scott, who played with Rodney dur-



**Courtney Conover**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

ing his career with the Detroit Lions. R.J. gave Scott a fist bump as if to say, "My dad's got this."

And Peete did. From the moment he uttered his first word, Peete held the audience captive as he took us all on the twisting, winding and uncertain journey that is often all too familiar for parents of autistic children.

Although Peete was cool, composed and tempered his story with just the right amount of humor and candor, there was absolutely no sugar-coating the gut-wrenching impact of the words a therapist hit him and his wife Holly with when R.J. was only 3.



The 2015 Autism Alliance of Michigan's Courage Award was presented to coach Jerry Van Havel, Jarrett Van Havel and Jay Granger by Detroit Lions defensive end Ziggy Ansah (from left), R.J. Peete, former NFL quarterback Rodney Peete, former Detroit Lions offensive lineman Scott Conover, Detroit Lions head coach Jim Caldwell, Detroit Lions running back Joique Bell and WJBK-TV sports anchor Dan Miller.

The therapist said that R.J. would never attend a

mainstream school. She said R.J. would never speak. And she said that he and Holly should probably resign themselves to the fact that R.J. would never say, "I love you."

Sitting mere steps away from the podium where Peete spoke were the parents of Jay Granger. Like the Peetes, the Grangers also know what many other parents of autistic children have since learned: You will be told your autistic child will not be able to do something and then you will celebrate when your child defies expectation.

That's precisely what happened one night on the football field of mid-Michigan's Mason High School, when the school was trailing its opponent, DeWitt, by 22 points.

Mason varsity football head coach Jerry Van Havel sent Jay Granger, who is autistic, onto the field with a special request: Let Granger run a few steps and then stop.

But DeWitt's defense went a step further and allowed Granger to run

the ball in for a touchdown, thereby making his lifelong dream come true.

"I don't score touchdowns in football," Granger said while being interviewed on Lansing's WLNS-TV for the station's Player of the Week feature. "I really don't have that much talent in the sport ... it's one of the coolest things I've ever done in my athletic career!"

Also on the field that night was Van Havel's son, Mason High quarterback Jarrett Van Havel, who has been a close friend of Granger's since first grade.

Granger has said that Jarrett Van Havel pushes him in the classroom as well as in sports. In turn, Van Havel credits Granger for supporting the team with his infectious positive attitude.

Together, Granger, Jarrett Van Havel and coach Van Havel were recipients of the 2015 Autism Alliance of Michigan's Courage Award.

This particular brand of fellowship – which is

unique to team sports, particularly football – made it abundantly clear to me that autism affects everyone ... not just those who are living with it.

And we all have a responsibility – and the power – to affect the landscape.

How cool would it be if our schools were filled with kids like Jarrett? And if every night they went home to parents like coach Van Havel?

We can do this by raising our children to be more tolerant of the challenges their autistic peers may face and we can do this by offering empathy and support – no matter how small – to the parents of autistic children.

By the way, R.J. Peete attends a mainstream high school (and rides the city bus to get there); he speaks just fine; and every single day, he looks his parents in the eyes and tells them, "I love you."

At the end of the gala, when my husband told Peete that his favorite part of the speech was indeed the "I love you" part, I will never forget Peete's response.

He said, "Remember what coach (the late Frank Gansz, special teams coach for the Detroit Lions) used to say? 'Celebrate the small wins.' Because they matter and they're important."

They are, indeed. Wayne resident Courtney Conover is a mom of two, wife of former Detroit Lions offensive lineman Scott Conover and a certified yoga instructor. Visit her online at [CourtneyConover.com](http://CourtneyConover.com), on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/thebrowngirlwithlonghair> and on Instagram at <https://instagram.com/mrscourtneyconover/>.

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PREP BOYS SOCCER

## Chiefs honor Marsh with victory

On night late Canton alum honored at halftime, Chiefs blank Plymouth, 4-0

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Somewhere Tuesday night, Brad Marsh was looking down on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park pitch and smiling.

On the night the scoreboard at P-CEP's varsity soccer stadium was dedicated in his memory, his old high school team — Canton — blanked campus rival Plymouth, 4-0.

The Wildcats entered the KLAA South Division boys soccer opener on a roll, but left the field having been flattened

by Hunter Olson and Co. "Always playing against teams at the Park is exciting, so we came out with a big effort," said Olson, a senior forward who scored three times. "I was lucky enough to get great balls from Sam Deloy and I just had to put them away."

Olson got the party started for the Chiefs when he scored unassisted in the first half. Junior teammate Ryen O'Meara padded the lead to 2-0 when he nudged in the rebound of a shot by senior Josh Posuniak.

Plymouth had a subsequent chance to gain back some momentum before the intermission, when junior Anthony Iacopelli took a penalty kick. Unfortunately for the Wildcats, Iacopelli's bid was turned aside

by Canton junior goalkeeper Steven Page, who earned the shutout.

"A couple good victories coming into this one and we really made some mistakes out here tonight," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "They just came hard and fast and put a lot of pressure on us. They made you make mistakes."

In the second half, Olson — who entered the game with only one goal this season — parlayed two almost identical feeds from Deloy into goals to seal Plymouth's fate.

"(Olson) was awesome, his movement off the ball," Canton head coach Mark Zemanski said. "He's been struggling to



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Canton's Joey Chung (left) and Matt Rockafellow (middle) try to put the clamps on Plymouth's Adam Saunders during Tuesday night's contest.

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USA HOCKEY NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



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Dylan St. Cyr (from left), Josh Norris and Logan Cockerill are members of the NTDP squads that will play at the USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

## MOVING TO PLYMOUTH

USA Hockey U-17, U-18 teams taking over arena vacated by OHL's Whalers

George Sipple  
Michigan.com

While the hockey arena on Beck Road in Plymouth Township gets a fresh coat of paint on its interior walls, among many other planned renovations, Dylan St. Cyr can sleep tight knowing the paint used to decorate his bedroom and hallway in Northville didn't go to waste.

St. Cyr, a 17-year-old goaltender, is among the 22 newest members of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, which is in the process of moving from

Ann Arbor to Plymouth. The hockey rink previously known as Compuware Arena has been renamed USA Hockey Arena and is the new home for the NTDP Under-17 and Under-18 teams.

A few years ago, St. Cyr's bedroom and hallway were painted in different colors in hopes of motivating him to accomplish short-term and long-term hockey goals.

He was playing for the Detroit HoneyBaked program, so part of his bedroom was painted in the team col-

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Forward Griffin Luce will play on the NTDP Under-18 team this season. He has committed to play for the Michigan Wolverines.

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## ROCK SOLID

Boghikian defends title with strong finish

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Monday's final round of the Observer & Eccentric men's golf tournament was a three-horse race down the stretch — until Raz Boghikian made like Secretariat and ran away with his second straight title.

Heading into the 26th hole of the 36-hole event — Sunday's opening round was played at Fox Creek Golf Course, while the final round was hosted by Whispering Willows — Boghikian was all even with playing partners Matt Wiley and Christopher Treadwell.

But the West Bloomfield resident proved he was the horse for the course by playing par golf over the final 10 holes while his closest competitors faded in the 90-degree heat.

Boghikian, who is a teammate of Wiley's in a weekly golf league at Gateway Golf Course in Romulus, carded 141 to out-distance Wiley and Treadwell by six strokes.

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Salem alum Christopher Treadwell tied for second in this weekend's O&E men's golf tournament.

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# HOCKEY

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ors, gold and black. Another side of the room was painted red, white and blue, symbolizing his hope of playing for the NTDP. The hallway was painted maize and blue, signifying his goal to eventually play for U-M. "Every day, it was a reminder of what my goals were, what I wanted to do, what I wanted to accomplish," St. Cyr said, "and obviously, going to bed at night, you'd see the NTDP room or the Michigan hallway, so you'd say, 'Did I do everything I could to get to this point? What can I do better? What can I improve on to achieve these goals that I really want to accomplish?'"

He went on to excel at HoneyBaked, earned one of the two goaltender spots on the NTDP's Under-17 team for the 2015-16 season and recently made a verbal commitment to play for the Wolverines.

St. Cyr and his mother, former Canadian goaltender Manon Rhéaume — the first and only woman to play in an NHL exhibition game — attended last week's orientation at USA Hockey Arena.

"Wouldn't want to play anywhere else but the NTDP for these next two years," St. Cyr said.

### 'Amazing place'

Rhéaume is happy the NTDP moved from Ann Arbor to Plymouth and that her son is a part of it. "It's a big commit-

ment," she said. "You commit two years of your life to this program and they're going to make this rink an amazing place for those kids."

Just like the 44 players chosen to be part of the U-17 and U-18 teams, USA Hockey Arena needs more work before it is considered a finished product.

USA Hockey bought the arena from Peter Karmanos Jr. after he sold the Plymouth Whalers, which played in the Ontario Hockey League for 25 seasons. The Whalers relocated to Flint, where they will continue to play in the OHL as the Firebirds.

The locker room/weight room previously used by the Whalers has been gutted and some walls knocked down. That space will be used to make locker rooms for the U-17 and U-18 teams.

USA Hockey is putting \$3.5 million into building an addition onto the arena that will include a 10,000-square-foot weight room, running track and skating treadmill, and another 10,000 square feet upstairs that will include study rooms and office space for the NTDP staff.

For now, the NTDP players are lifting weights and doing other activities in a giant tent behind the arena.

Though USA Hockey decided it was time to leave the Ann Arbor Ice Cube, the players aren't abandoning Ann Arbor. Most still will attend Ann Arbor Pioneer High School and will stay with the existing billet families there who have

housed players in the past.

### PR blitz

Meanwhile, the NTDP staff is busy trying to convince members of the Plymouth community — some of whom are upset by the loss of the Whalers — to come watch two new teams play.

"We play in a league with high-end talent and you can always watch those players go on and continue in the NHL," said forward Griffin Luce, a U-M commitment who will play on the Under-18 team this season.

Luce's father Scott is director of scouting for the NHL's Florida Panthers, while his grandfather Don played for the Red Wings with U-M coach Red Berenson in 1970-71.

USA Hockey began calling all of the previous season-ticket holders for the Whalers in hopes of convincing them to give the NTDP a try this season.

"You have to respect they have a lot of passion for (the Whalers)," said Denise Ronayne, director of sales and marketing for USA Hockey Arena. "That's what sports is all about."

NTDP officials are hoping to have bigger crowds for games in Plymouth than they had in Ann Arbor, in part because they know there is a fan base used to attending quality hockey games. The expectations for the first season are to have about 2,000 fans per game.

The arena seats 3,500 and tickets are priced lower than the Whalers'



The USA Hockey logo at now at center ice of the arena.

PETE KRUPSKY

were last season — \$10 and \$12 compared to \$12 and \$16.

There's a family pack — four tickets, plus food and soft drinks — for \$48 and season tickets start at \$270 for 36 games, plus an international exhibition against the Czech Republic.

"Hopefully, some of the Whaler fans who are looking for more hockey transition to our team," said Logan Cockerill of Brighton, who will play on the Under-17 team.

Cockerill, committed to Boston University, said it was fun to finally meet his new teammates this past week. "I played against most of the kids," he said. "I never really knew their personalities, though."

Cockerill, like St. Cyr, grew up hoping to play for the NTDP, which counts Phil Kessel, Jimmy Howard, Ryan Kesler, Ryan Suter, Patrick

Kane, Cam Fowler and James van Riemsdyk among its alumni. "All kids know the National Team Development Program is the place to be," Cockerill said.

And staying in Michigan was important to USA Hockey, which had made the Ann Arbor Ice Cube its home since 1996.

### Great for families

Over the years, USA Hockey received inquiries about moving the NTDP to different states, but it never seriously considered leaving.

"Michigan is a great area; both Plymouth and Ann Arbor are great places for families," said Scott Monaghan, the NTDP's senior director of operations. "And that was part of the reason we came here to begin with."

"Another huge reason is Michigan is a very central location in the

hockey world. Even though it has grown to where there is hockey in Arizona and California, for us, for traveling, for playing college games, for playing in the USHL to getting to Europe, there's no better place than doing it from Michigan."

After the renovations are complete, USA Hockey plans to host several international competitions, including the Under-18 men's and women's world championships the men's sled-hockey world championship and the women's world championship.

Hosting the world junior championships won't be possible because that event is played in NHL-size arenas, but if Detroit won a bid to host that event, USA Hockey Arena could be part of the package as a secondary facility or practice rink.

## PREP VOLLEYBALL

# Mercy spikers strong at early season tourneys

Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

It appears Mercy High School has another team ready to carry on its tradition of quality volleyball despite major personnel losses and a remade lineup.

The Marlins, who were 53-7-2 and Class A quarterfinalists last year, lost seven seniors to graduation, including four starters.

Like other years, coach Loretta Vogel's outlook doesn't extend beyond the next practice, but it looks as if the Marlins can expect to have another good year.

"It's taken us a while to see where the new additions fit in," Vogel

said. "It's a weekly thing. Someone does something nice in practice and we put that piece of the puzzle together as we go."

They haven't seemed to miss a beat.

The Marlins were second to North Branch and Northville in the Linden and Saline tournaments, respectively, and have compiled an 11-2-1 record.

"Considering we're somewhat of a younger team and a new team as far as knowing each other, it says a lot for the young ladies on the team," Vogel said.

Mercy will have an experienced and solid front court again, with senior Colleen Hadley,

junior Bella McDonald and sophomore Lauren Hunter. All three either started last season or had considerable playing time as part of the regular rotation of players.

Hadley will be the right-side hitter and is off to a wonderful start, according to Vogel.

Hunter, who will hit from the left side again, injured an ankle before the first match and hasn't played. She was primarily an offensive threat last year and is a complete player now, according to Vogel, who is eager to have Hunter back.

McDonald played in the middle last season, but Vogel has had her hitting from the left side

at times this year.

With the loss of recent grads Jenna Lerg and Kayla Fisher, Hadley and McDonald will assume larger roles in the offense.

The new setter is junior and varsity newcomer Liz Susitko.

"I'm really happy with Liz," Vogel said. "She stepped in and is handling everything really well."

In the back row, senior libero Sloan Horejsi and senior defensive specialist Haley Schultz will take on starting assignments, too.

Schultz also is battling injuries, which could mean more playing time for senior returning DS Carmen Compton.

## CROSS COUNTRY

# Northville dominates its own invitational

Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Even the 91-degree heat couldn't keep busloads of teams away from the Northville Mustang Invitational cross country meet held Sept. 1 at Cass Benton Park.

The early-season jamboree featured four different 5,000-meter races, divided into boys and girls divisions by grades.

Northville, the host, dominated both the 11-12 and 9-10 races. The Mustangs boys scored 54 points to lead the 21-school grade 11-12 field, with Livonia Stevenson and Birmingham Seaholm placing second and third, respectively, with 109 and 129. White Lake Lakeland, paced by individual winner Jackson Grzymkowski, placed fourth with 137. Grzymkowski's time was 16:37.7.

Northville put two in the top 10 for grades 11-12 boys, led by third-place finisher Ben Cracraft (16:41.0) and ninth-place finisher Peter Bejin (17:47.8).

Meanwhile, the Northville girls placed three in the top six to win with 40 points, followed by Ann Arbor

Pioneer and Walled Lake Northern with 106 and 119, respectively. Novi placed 12th with 280.

Romeo's Emma Wilson was the individual 11-12 girls winner in 18:59.5, while Northville's Lexa Barrott took third (19:49.4); Cayla Eckenroth, fourth (19:50.8); and Emma Herrmann, sixth (20:07.8).

The Northville girls also captured the 9-10 grade crown with 54 points, followed by Pioneer (72), Walled Lake Northern (89) and Novi (105).

Pioneer's Anne Forsyth took individual honors in 19:56.4, while Northville's Olivia Harp was runner-up (20:27.4) and Ana Barrott sixth (21:59.8).

The only team to break the Mustangs' domination was Canton, which captured the boys 9-10 team title with 82 points, followed by Romeo (107), Northville (112) and Lakeland (150).

Canton's Shane Andrews won the race in 17:46.1, while Lakeland placed three in the top 10, led by Harrison Grzymkowski (third, 17:57.9); Angelo Savich (fifth, 18:33.5) and George Drallos (ninth, 19:03.0).

## GOLF

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Wiley led the 22-player championship flight after the first day by one stroke over Boghikian and Treadwell, thanks to a stellar round of 69 Sunday.

Jordan Andrus finished fourth at 149, one stroke ahead of fifth-place Christian Richard.

The champion's final round was kick-started by a surprising result.

"Right off the bat, I bogeyed the first hole after I drove the ball through the green on a par-4, but I hit it so well that it was like, 'That's OK, let's stay with this swing,'" Boghikian said. "On the range before the round, I decided to stay with a slower-tempo swing and it worked pretty well. My short game was good today, too."

Boghikian was quick to praise the playing conditions at the two Livonia course, which featured plush fairways and smooth greens.

"I have to hand it to (Whispering Willows head pro) Paul (Worley) and (Fox Creek head pro) Dave (Higham) — both courses are in awesome shape," he said. "Whispering Willows is traditionally shorter than a lot of courses, so it has to defend itself with tough pin placements. You definitely have to know what side of the green to be on, because if you're on the wrong side, it's easy to three-putt."



ED WRIGHT

Raz Boghikian outlasted Matt Wiley and Christopher Treadwell to win his second straight Observer & Eccentric golf title Monday afternoon.

Wiley said his opportunity to capture his second O&E golf title (the 58-year-old was the champion in 1981) melted away on his approach shot at the sixth hole (the 15th of the day for the leaders, who started on hole 10).

"I hit a perfect drive, but I went for the pin when I probably shouldn't have," Wiley lamented. "I should have hit one less club than I did. I flew it up next to the hole and it bounced over the green. I was down three after that hole, so I kind of lost it mentally."

Wiley said the fact that he and Boghikian are good friends didn't take away from the competitive edge they both share.

"Turst me, we both wanted to win," Wiley said, smiling. "I don't

think either one of us had our 'A' game today, but Roz played like the champion he is down the stretch."

Treadwell, a 2005 graduate of Salem High School, turned in a solid performance in his first O&E tournament.

"I just moved back to the area from Washington, D.C., so this was my first time playing in this tournament," said Treadwell, who is currently attending Eastern Michigan University, where he is pursuing a master's degree in sports management, and substitute teaching. "I thought it went well; I had a great time."

"I wasn't hitting the ball well off the tee on the front nine today, so I had to scramble. On number 17, which was our eighth hole, I had kind of a careless three-putt

bogey, which kind of set me off on the wrong foot."

Richard won the first-place net score prize with an adjusted total of 142.

Alex Kolpacke was crowned champion of the first flight with a 156-edging runner-up Jeff Orzel by four strokes.

Thomas Mulhern and Tim Kavanaugh tied for the top spot in the first-flight net standings with scores of 140.

The senior division provided the most drama as Bill Himm defeated Brad Ralls on the third playoff hole. Both players shot 36-hole scores of 150.

Martin Stadtmiller won the senior division net championship with a 139.

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### OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT Sunday and Monday at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows

**Championship Flight**  
141: Roz Boghikian; 147: Matt Wiley; 149: Christopher Treadwell; 149: Jordan Andrus; 150: Christian Richard; 154: Ron Mendoza; 158: Keith Krochmalny; 157: Charles Marshall; 158: Andrew Baron; 159: Junichi Miura; 160: Greg VanGorp; 161: Kazutoshi Nobukawa; 162: Paul Otanez; 163: Sam Williams; 164: Michael Lightbody; 165: Mitchell Hosch; Daniel Tacker; 166: Stephen Connolly; 171: Steve Slayton; 176: Joel Hall; 181: Matt Rybinski.

**First Flight**  
156: Alex Koepcke; 160: Jeff Orzel; 164: Tim Kavanaugh; 165: Gordon Harrison; 166: Thomas Mulhern; Kevin Moreno; 167: Ron Sobczak; 168: Eric Birke; 169: Mike Cavichio; Arthur Dart; Brian Hanley; 171: Matt O'Neill; 174: Ron Ambrose; Tommy Stansell; Zoz Compagnari; 177: Craig Tripp; 180: Gordon Stefanick; 182: Adam Buehner; 184: Daniel Tondreau; 185: Alex Westphal.

**Senior Flight**  
150: Bill Himm, Brad Ralls (Himm won playoff); 157: J.B. Brown; 159: Martin Stadtmiller; 160: Don Mullett; 161: Liaryl Stephens; 162: Larry Semczak; 163: Brian Kuehn; 164: Dennis Kitcher; Joseph Schulz; 168: C.B. Flint; 172: Rick Wheeler; 173: Doug Harmala; 176: Al Varga; 178: John Harrison; 180: Mark Johnson.

## PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

### MUSTANG INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET Sept. 1 at Cass Benton Park

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (11-12):** 1. Northville, 54 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 109; 3. Birmingham Seaholm, 129; 4. White Lake Lakeland, 137; Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 494 (21 teams).

**Individual winner:** Jackson Grzymkowski (Lakeland), 16:37.7 (5,000 meters).

**Northville finishers:** 3. Ben Cracraft, 16:41.0; 9. Peter Bejin, 17:47.8; 12. Christian Freiburger, 17:51.1; 24. Jeff Baxter, 18:31.9; 28. Andrew Soss, 18:47.1; 31. Sean Coleman, 18:51.4; 33. Evan Ferrante, 19:12.4.

**Lakeland finishers:** 1. Jackson Grzymkowski, 16:37.7; 11. Zach Werth, 17:49.4; 20. Luke Moore, 18:17.9; 40. Jacob Broman, 19:06.7; Max Carey, 20:12.6; 77. Andrew Duke, 20:13.4; 80. Karl Straus, 20:15.9.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (11-12):** 1. Northville, 40 points; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 106; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 119; 12. Novi, 280 (15 teams).

**Individual winners:** Emma Wilson (Romeo), 18:59.5 (5,000 meters).

**Northville finishers:** 3. Lexa Barrott, 19:49.4; 4. Cayla Eckenroth, 19:50.8; 6. Emma Herrmann, 20:07.8; 12. Taylor Gattoni, 21:07.4; 15. Emma Smith, 21:23.7; 16. Hailey Harris, 21:49.2; 35. Katie Cheever, 23:10.7.

**Novi finishers:** 22. Jessica Lypka, 22:00.1; 50. Heather Blair, 24:13.2; 72. Yash Patil, 24:55.0; 93. Nicole Blair, 26:06.0; 98. Johnny Wright, 26:43.6; 106.

Ashley Yarberry, 27:19.7; 121. Cecile Baeza, 28:10.0.

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (9-10):** 1. Canton, 82 points; 2. Romeo, 107; 3. Northville, 112; 5. White Lake Lakeland, 150; 7. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 174 (16 teams).

**Individual winner:** Shane Andrews (Canton), 17:46.1 (5,000 meters).

**Northville finishers:** 4. Nickolas Couyoumijan, 18:11.4; 7. Ryan Drayback, 18:41.8; 18. Alex Jund, 19:34.0; 44. Nate Mansfield, 20:23.8; 56. Jack Scavnicky, 20:42.2; 85. Tanai Gupta, 21:29.2.

**Lakeland finishers:** 3. Harrison Grzymkowski, 17:59.9; 5. Angelo Savich, 18:33.5; 9. George Drallos, 19:03.0; 35. Tyler Leick, 20:02.9.

**Catholic Central finishers:** 16. Ryan Houlihan, 19:22.5; 32. Eamonn McClory, 20:01.1; 38. Robert Kinney, 20:10.6; 58. Alex Gordon, 20:45.8; 61. Ben Herter, 20:50.2.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (9-10):** 1. Northville, 54 points; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 72; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 89; 4. Novi, 105 (15 teams).

**Individual winners:** Anne Forsyth (Pioneer), 19:56.4 (5,000 meters).

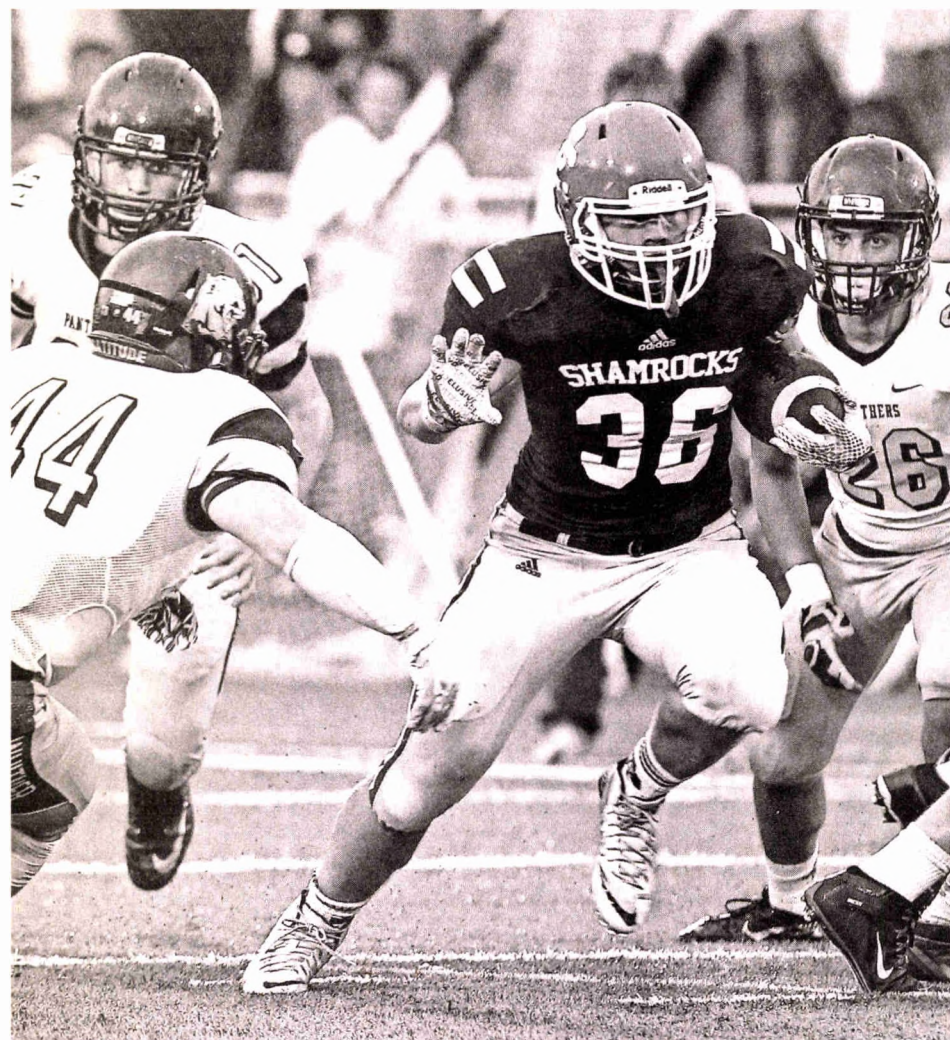
**Northville finishers:** 2. Olivia Harp, 20:27.4; 6. Ana Barrott, 21:59.8; 13. Anna Buettner, 22:44.9; 16. Rachel Zimmer, 23:01.9; 17. Megan Krygier, 23:05.9.

**Novi finishers:** 4. Katherine Ray, 21:34.3; 11. Kirsten Anderson, 22:27.3; 21. Addison Lentz, 23:31.4; 26. Hannah Hood-Blaxly, 23:47.3; 44. Shailey Fozdar, 25:45.7.



PREP FOOTBALL

# Shamrocks' late rally falls just short



Catholic Central's Cameron Ryan (right) looks for daylight in Friday's game against Toledo Whitmer.

SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central can't overcome three turnovers, loses to Toledo Whitmer

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

Toledo Whitmer scored all 19 of its first-half points off Novi Detroit Catholic Central turnovers and held on for a 19-11 football victory Friday night over the host Shamrocks at Fr. Elmer Stadium.

The Panthers (2-0) racked up 170 of their 178 total yards and all 11 of their first downs during the opening half.

They did not convert a second-half first down, but still earned the victory.

Whitmer, a Division 1 Ohio state playoff qualifier from a year ago, led 7-0 after one quarter when quarterback Chase Bodeman hit Nick Witcher on a 5-yard scoring pass. Eric Filby converted the point-after.

Malik Moore scored on an 18-yard run with 7:58 left in the second quarter to make it 13-0.

(Filby's PAT attempt sailed wide.)

Bodeman added a 3-yard scoring run just before the half to put Whitmer up by 19, but the Panthers missed their second straight extra point.

Two of Whitmer's TDs were a result of CC fumbles, while the other came following an interception.

The Shamrocks (1-1) then scored on their second drive of the third quarter, going 86 yards in 12 plays, capped by freshman Austin Brown's 19-yard TD pass to Jack Morris with 51 seconds left. CC, however, failed on the two-point conversion attempt.

Just 18 seconds later, CC pinned in the Panthers on their own 1 following a bobbled kickoff return and got a safety when Tyler Morland tackled the Whitmer ball carrier in the end zone to make it 19-8.

In the fourth quarter, CC drove to the Panthers' 13, but stalled and had to settle for a 30-yard field goal by Cole Gingell to trim the deficit to eight.

The Shamrocks got the ball back on their own 37 and drove to the

Whitmer 6 late in the final quarter, but two passes fell incomplete to end the threat.

Catholic Central finished with 300 total yards, including 206 on the ground. Cameron Ryan was the top rusher with 64 yards on 13 carries.

Brown, who came on late in the first half at quarterback for starter Theo Day, was 3-of-10 passing for 43 yards while adding 47 yards rushing on 12 attempts. Morris added three catches for 61 yards.

Day, the season-opening starter in a 15-12 win over Muskegon, was 4-of-10 passing for 51 yards and one interception.

Moore, meanwhile, led all rushers with 117 yards on 18 carries, while Bodeman was 6-of-11 passing for 39 yards.

Tackle leaders for CC included Alex Bock (four solo, two assists); Jackson Ross (two solo, three assists); Austin Darkangelo (one solo, four assists); Morland (two solo, two assists); Isaac Darkangelo (four assists).

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

# Salem topples another campus rival

Rocks knock off Chiefs, win Park title

**Tim Smith**  
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Barely a week into her first season as Salem's varsity volleyball coach, Rebecca Middleton already can cross one item off her checklist.

With Tuesday's victory over host Canton (by 25-20, 25-20, 26-24 scores), Middleton and the Rocks won the Park championship.

Last week, Salem defeated Plymouth. The P-CEP championship goes to the team with the best record against the other two campus rivals.

"We had a great team effort tonight," said Middleton, a 2013 Canton grad. "We came into the match with a goal of being Park champs and tonight we reached that goal."

Sparking Salem with 19 kills and 12 defensive digs was Tess Ganich. Setter Sara Soltis was also outstanding, with 43 assists along with 12 digs.

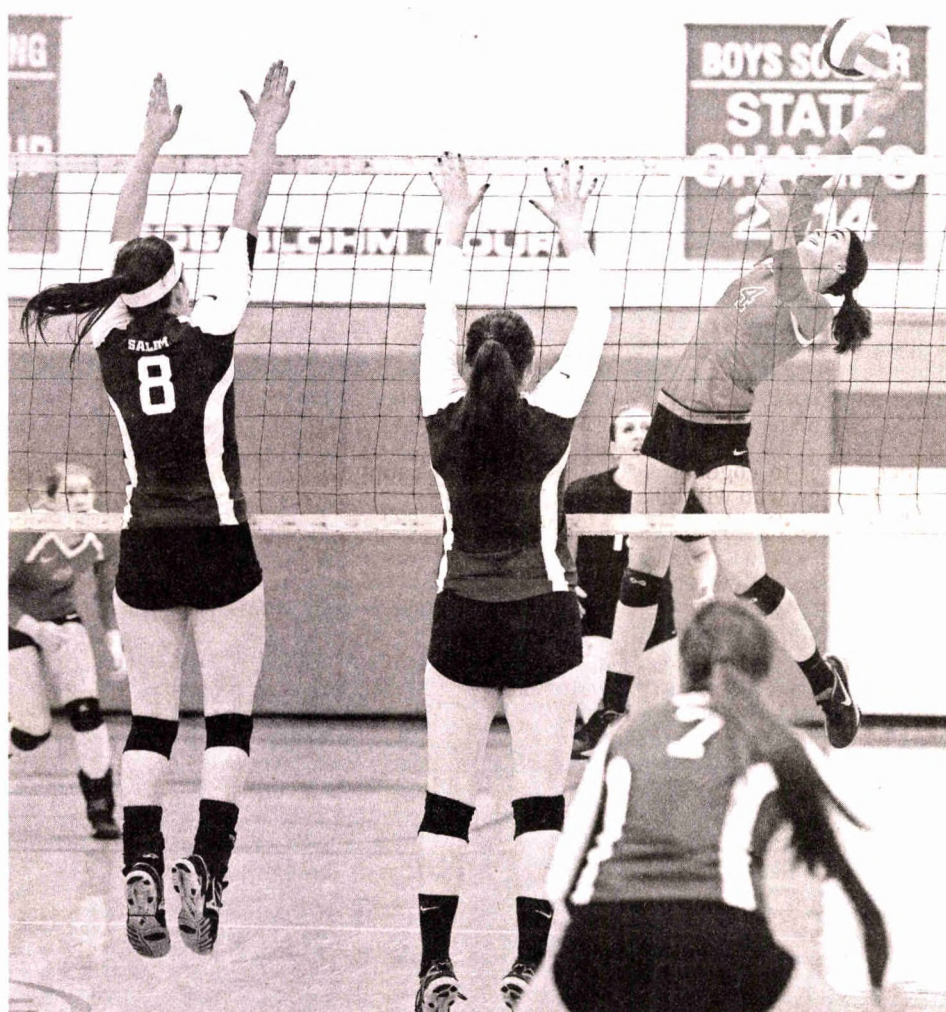
Other big contributors for the Rocks were Kendall Gillen (13 kills) and Emma Merlington with a pair of crucial blocks.

**Mixing it up**

"Our setter (Soltis) was running a very quick offense and mixed it up often," Middleton said. "She did a really great job of choosing different plays to run."

"We also had very good blocking tonight. Emma Merlington was a solid defense at the net." Middleton added that the way Ganich and Gillen showed different offensive looks up front freed the victory.

"They were changing up their hitting shots frequently and challenged Canton's defense," Middleton said.



Canton's Emma Clark (right) tries to power the ball over Lauren Wylie (left) and Cassidy Hewett during Tuesday night's contest.

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

"They kept their options open and really worked with Sara to run the offense efficiently."

The host Chiefs, with former Birmingham Marian coach Irick Gardner at the helm, looked strong at the beginning on a warm evening in the Canton gym.

A six-point service run by Emily Meredith, including a pair of aces, helped the Chiefs burst out to a 7-3 lead in the first set.

Canton still enjoyed a 15-10 advantage following Cassandra Tanana's three-point stint at the serving line.

But the Rocks chipped away, finally going up

21-20 when Merlington tipped the ball over the net for a defensive point.

Finishing it out with a four-point service run was Gillen, with set point coming on Merlington's spike.

Canton took an early 3-2 lead in the second set, following a pair of service points from Gina Giacomini.

It was 4-3 Chiefs thanks to Emma Clark, who received Sabrina Giacomini's perfect pass and slammed the ball home.

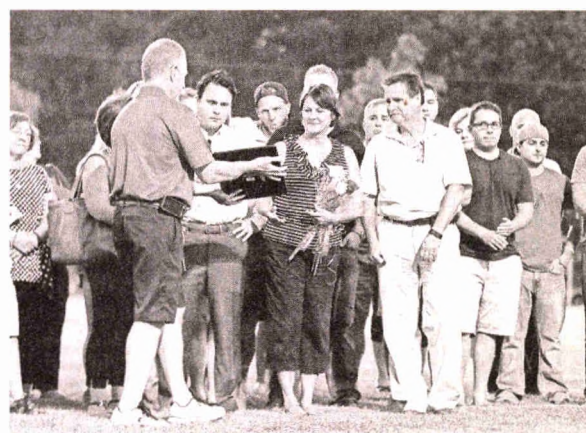
The set went back and forth until Madison Saal's two service points opened up an 11-8 advantage for Salem.

Lauren Wylie then helped the Rocks go up 17-11 with a three-point run, while Ganich's defensive tip put Salem in front 20-16 shortly thereafter.

Canton rallied, deadlocking the set at 20-20. Kerri Klayon served up three points, with Ciara Walega and Mackenzie Fister teaming up at the net.

Middleton called a timeout to stem the tide and it worked. On Klayon's next serve, the Rocks won the point on a spike by Ganich.

Salem closed out the win when Soltis served two aces among a four-point run.



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A member of the Canton Soccer Boosters presents a plaque to Anne and Michael Marsh, in honor of their late son Brad.

## CHIEFS

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finish and he really came through for us today.

"Sam Deloy made two beautiful one-touch passes that broke the defense down. The whole team played well. The ball was moving quick, guys were moving off the ball."

Zemanski also credited strong defense from Trevor Turko and Beau Hoffman on the outside and Matt Rockafellow and Jordan Percy on the inside.

Neschich talked to his team (5-3-1) following the game about turning the page and limiting mistakes when it hosts Livonia Churchill at 5 p.m. Friday.

Meanwhile, he took some positives out of a disappointing night.

"I thought Van Nguyen had a good game in the back and I thought Mike (Blake) and Jayden (Huxtable) were dangerous up top," Neschich said. "We created some good chances but, at the end of the day, we didn't do enough to get the job done and we made too many mistakes."

**Honoring Brad**

The campus clash took place before jam-packed stands as the memory of 2005 Canton grad and former Chiefs midfielder Marsh was honored during a half-time ceremony.

Marsh died in a September 2010 automobile accident in Chicago, returning home from his summer job at Yellowstone.

Parents Michael and Anne Marsh led the procession of more than 40 people onto the field for the ceremony, during which the field's new scoreboard officially was dedicated in Brad Marsh's name.

A plaque and flowers also were presented from Canton's soccer

boosters to the Marshes.

"I'm grateful for the honor and it's a fitting tribute," Michael Marsh said. "Because he had so many great moments at this school and in this venue."

He called the scoreboard a "bittersweet" reminder of the tragedy, but was "glad that through the donations of friends and family, we could do this. But obviously, it comes with some tough memories as well."

**One of a kind**

Anne Marsh concurred with that assessment, but added that Brad would have "loved seeing (the scoreboard). Just lets his memory live on."

The reception from the crowd was "more than I ever expected, I am so appreciative of everyone, all the friends coming out."

Both during the ceremony and following the game, Zemanski had glowing praise for Marsh, a player he coached.

"It was very emotional for the family and myself," Zemanski said. "I knew Brad for quite a while. ... He was a very great human being."

Zemanski said the half-time ceremony understandably was "a tough situation for them" because it reminded them of the tragedy.

"But I think they were honored and they should have been," he added. "You could see with how many people came out, that's how much Brad Marsh is loved."

Olson said he and his teammates didn't know Marsh, but were glad to help honor him: "It's sad that he passed away, but what we did tonight I feel was good."

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**OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS**

ALL GAMES 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

Friday, Sept. 11

Farm. Harrison (1-0, 1-1) at Oak Park (0-1, 0-2), 6 p.m.
D.H. Robichaud (2-0) at Redford Union (1-1), 6:55 p.m.
Southfield (1-0, 1-1) at Farmington (1-0, 2-0)
Rochester (0-1, 0-2) at North Farmington (0-1, 1-1)
D.H. Annapolis (0-2) at Livonia Clarenceville (0-2)
Plymouth (1-1) at Wayne Memorial (0-2)
Garden City (1-1) at Redford Thurston (1-1)
Livonia Churchill (1-1) at Westland John Glenn (0-2)
Livonia Franklin (1-1) at Canton (2-0)
Livonia Stevenson (2-0) at Novi (0-2)
South Lyon (2-0) at Salem (1-1)
Lutheran Westland (0-2) at Oakland Christian (0-2)

Last week's record

Overall record

Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Robichaud	Robichaud	Robichaud
Southfield	Farmington	Southfield
N. Farmington	N. Farmington	N. Farmington
Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville
Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
Canton	Canton	Canton
Stevenson	Stevenson	Novi
Salem	South Lyon	Salem
Oakland	Lutheran W.	Oakland
<b>9-6</b>	<b>11-4</b>	<b>8-7</b>
<b>20-10</b>	<b>21-9</b>	<b>17-13</b>



## New home construction on upswing in metro Detroit

Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

New home permit activity shows strong signs in our region.

Based on single-family new home permit data compiled by the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and reported in the HBA Southeastern Michigan Residential Building Activity Report, a total of 455 single-family permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties in July 2015.

Activity in July rose slightly compared to a revised June 2015 total of 453 permits but fell by 8 percent compared to July 2014 (494). July's results mark the fourth consecutive month above the 400-permit threshold during this year's construction season, which traditionally begins in April.

Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the HBA of Southeastern Michigan, noted, "When you have people working, it creates that opportunity" to build a home. "There are some other things going along with it. The existing home market continues to look up. They generally parallel," he said of new and existing home markets.

In the last couple of years, Stoskopf said, there's been a return to the normal ratio of six existing homes sold for each new one built. "Obviously, there are some homes that are 200 years old," he said. "It sort of makes sense once you think about it."

At four consecutive months, 2015 is already the third best streak dating back to 2006, the HBA reports. Full-year totals for 2013 and 2014 saw the 400-permit threshold exceeded for seven consecutive months and five consecutive months, respectively.

In July, Oakland County continued to lead the way with 209 single-family home permits issued. Macomb County was in second place with 163 single-family home permits. For the region, the rapid pace of multi-family construction slowed in July with only 82 permits issued in July. However, from a trailing 12-month total, multi-family permits reached 1,007 marking its highest point since July 2005 (1,159).

"It boosts the economy," Stoskopf, a Williamston, Mich., resident, said of new homes going up. Materials are



The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan is pleased with its latest report on new home permits. Michael Stoskopf, its CEO, said new and existing home markets generally parallel.

purchased and subcontractors hired.

Once the homeowners move in, they buy such items as a new couch, drapes and more. "When a new home is built, there's quite a bit of retail that goes on," Stoskopf said.

Lyon Township and Novi continue to dominate with new homes in Oakland County, while Canton is strong still in Wayne County. Macomb County's Macomb Township also dominates locally.

"All of these areas got off to a good start at the beginning of the year and continue to lead the way," he said. Birmingham and Royal Oak also

have some residential building although it's more infill lots or tearing down of existing homes.

"It's not as easy to do," he said.

Stoskopf agreed career opportunities exist in the skilled trades. His association, others in Michigan and those nationwide are working to address subcontractor shortages. Industry leaders encourage high schoolers to train in two-year and four-year construction management programs, "and hone those skills a little more."

As the HBA also observed last month, July 2015 saw a continued acceleration in

existing home sales, declining inventories and sales price appreciation - all trends that typically translate into increased new home permit activity.

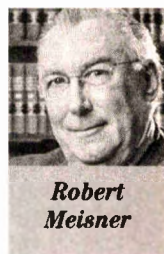
The HBA/ASA New Housing Permit Forecast projects a total of 2,268 permits will be issued in the six-month, August-to-January time frame, an increase of 27 percent over the same period in 2014.

"The weather continues to be good through the fall," added Stoskopf, noting residential construction will continue to be strong.

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## Lawyer can advise on ATV use, rights

**Q: I am disabled and requested that my condominium association allow me to use my motorized vehicle (ATV) to get around the complex to pick up my mail, visit neighbors, etc. My unit is located in a large-scale complex and ATVs are prohibited on the unpaved roads within the community. My request was denied and I was advised by the association that there is concern about incurring liability in the event that an accident occurs if they allow unlicensed and uninsured**



Robert Meisner

**vehicles to be driven within the neighborhood. What are your thoughts in this regard?**

**A:** The roads within the complex are intended to be used by everyone that enters the community, subject to proper restrictions. Indeed, the streets also most likely qualify as a "public accommodation" provided by the privately held association under the provisions of the Federal Fair Housing Act. As such, the assumption would be that the association has a duty under the FFHA statute to provide a reasonable accommodation to you as a disabled person to drive your unlicensed vehicle on the roadways. However, in a recent case, Scoggins v. Lee's Crossing Homeowner's Association, 718 F.3d 262 (2013), the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a resident could not operate his ATV on the community roadways. The court focused on whether the proposed accommodation was reasonable, under the circumstances, and concluded that the threat to the health and safety of other individuals on the roads outweighed the request for accommodation by the resident. It should be noted that the court's decision was fact specific. Therefore, it is possible that, if challenged, a different outcome could be the result in your particular situation. A lawyer may give you an even handed prospective on your rights.

**Q: My company is planning on investing in Germany for commercial and/or residential construction opportunities. I am wondering whether you have any personal knowledge of what cities would be best suited for that type of development, i.e., a mixed use commercial/residential development?**

**A:** Having recently visited Germany, I can tell you that there is much construction going on in the major cities, and even the bombed-out areas of Berlin, Dresden and Munich have been restored in a condition which looks like they were, in some instances, hundreds of years old when they are only 10 to 20 years old. Berlin is very busy with commercial construction and would, in the right location, be an excellent opportunity. Perhaps even better is Munich because the relative sociopolitical and economic composition of the residents is greater and generally it is a more affluent city with more amenities. Dresden is also a place where major reconstruction has occurred. Much new development is needed because of the thriving population. Frankfurt is, of course, the business capital of Europe, and is growing at astronomical levels. However, the price of housing and land in all of these cities has gone up appreciably, although the U.S. dollar is much more favorable than was the case even ten months ago.

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 20-24, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office.

Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sales Price
<b>BEVERLY HILLS</b>	15609 Amherst Ave	\$315,000
	21520 Corsaut Ln	\$520,000
	17300 Dunblaine Ave	\$305,000
	30130 Leemoor St	\$415,000
	32261 Southfield Rd	\$87,000
<b>BINGHAM FARMS</b>	30231 Bristol Ln	\$900,000
	23855 Overlook Cir	\$315,000
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	532 Chesterfield Ave	\$1,333,000
	1350 E Melton Rd	\$191,000
	460 Harmon St	\$620,000
	1865 S Bates St	\$430,000
	611 S Glenhurst Dr	\$1,125,000
	1594 Sheffield Rd	\$213,000
	1829 Washington Blvd	\$1,025,000
	1629 Webster St	\$545,000
	858 Woodland St	\$495,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>	3710 Brookside Dr	\$380,000
	4114 Golf Ridge Dr E	\$458,000
	5400 Hollow Dr	\$290,000
	5801 Miller Way E	\$395,000
	850 Trailwood Path # D	\$134,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>		

1261 Ardmoor Dr	\$500,000
1743 Bellwood Ct	\$418,000
396 Concord Pl # 1	\$71,000
1291 Indian Mound E	\$494,000
6148 Lantern Ln	\$375,000
2490 Parcels Cir	\$190,000
1198 Peveril Rd	\$173,000
1890 Pine Ridge Ln	\$405,000
587 Sedgewick Dr	\$280,000
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>	
5424 Carroll Lake Rd	\$130,000
9015 Commerce Rd	\$400,000
4500 Commerce Woods Dr	\$235,000
3932 E Commerce Rd	\$377,000
2200 Goldfinch	\$295,000
5473 Hillsboro Ct	\$390,000
3331 Newton Rd	\$167,000
5708 Pickbourne St	\$8,000
5726 Pickbourne St	\$25,000
2942 Ravinewood Dr	\$425,000
5712 Strawberry Cir	\$70,000
<b>FARMINGTON</b>	
23857 Colchester Dr	\$160,000
23040 Gill Rd	\$185,000
31831 Grand River Ave Unit 14	\$29,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
28663 Bannockburn St	\$226,000
34580 Bunker Hill Dr	\$225,000
23349 Canfield Ave	\$152,000
37465 Carson St	\$203,000
25175 Dunham Ct	\$163,000
29771 Edgemoor Dr	\$190,000
32374 Farmersville Rd	\$185,000
30200 Fink Ave	\$110,000
38859 Holsworth Ct	\$295,000

25597 Middlebelt Rd	\$195,000
31037 N Park Dr	\$288,000
33230 Oak Hollow St	\$246,000
35912 Old Homestead Dr	\$243,000
29531 Pipers Ln	\$172,000
36224 Quakerstown Ln	\$289,000
28989 Ramblewood Dr	\$223,000
21534 Rockwell St	\$129,000
25800 Rutledge Xing	\$315,000
31069 Scenic View Cir	\$430,000
30561 Sunderland Dr	\$330,000
29860 W 12 Mile Rd # 610	\$46,000
31915 W 14 Mile Rd # 240	\$147,000
<b>FRANKLIN</b>	
32760 Franklin Rd	\$325,000
24675 S Cromwell Dr	\$289,000
24697 S Cromwell Dr	\$231,000
<b>HIGHLAND</b>	
1530 Blue Heron Dr	\$178,000
943 Troon	\$378,000
<b>LATHRUP VILLAGE</b>	
27600 Goldengate Dr W	\$44,000
<b>MILFORD</b>	
918 Atlantic St	\$255,000
919 Bishop Dr	\$120,000
452 Crystal St	\$160,000
210 Ivy Glen Dr	\$685,000
3174 Katie Ln	\$330,000
441 N Main St	\$220,000
1569 S Creek Dr	\$245,000
861 Union St	\$25,000
1294 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$331,000
1317 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$332,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
325 Ely Dr S	\$195,000

780 Grace St	\$255,000
21781 N Center St	\$301,000
22224 Roberts Dr	\$175,000
<b>NOVI</b>	
27565 Albert St	\$295,000
28484 Carlton Way Dr	\$203,000
25852 Lochmoor Ln	\$420,000
40505 Mill Road Ct E	\$347,000
24476 Olde Orchard St	\$104,000
24506 Olde Orchard St	\$75,000
30503 Pennington Dr	\$403,000
44975 Yorkshire Dr	\$225,000
<b>SOUTH LYON</b>	
734 Challenging Trl	\$190,000
580 Chester St	\$179,000
61177 Greenwood Dr	\$84,000
61254 Greenwood Dr	\$74,000
26373 Shumans Way	\$365,000
23605 Stoneleigh Dr	\$443,000
23806 Stoneleigh Dr	\$489,000
172 Wellington Dr	\$180,000
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>	
20010 Boardwalk Blvd	\$100,000
22123 Chatsford Circuit St	\$183,000
29269 Everett St	\$120,000
25214 Magic Dr	\$149,000
24749 Maryland Dr	\$120,000
25438 Saint James	\$115,000
<b>WHITE LAKE</b>	
10005 Mead Ln	\$25,000
578 Red Bank Dr	\$356,000
918 Sloane Ct	\$200,000
878 Suchava Dr	\$345,000
9347 Waltham St	\$141,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 11-15, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office.

Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>CANTON</b>		
7769 Corbin Dr	\$217,000	
39796 Coronation Rd	\$166,000	
2337 E Roundtable Dr	\$200,000	
4017 Elizabeth Ave	\$142,000	
44254 Fair Oaks Dr	\$167,000	
42060 Fairview Dr	\$143,000	
51169 Glen Hollow Ave	\$419,000	
42310 Grandover Ct	\$318,000	
45694 Hanford Rd	\$208,000	
46368 Hanford Rd	\$263,000	
42067 Hartford Dr	\$219,000	
7310 Irontage Rd	\$215,000	
39834 John Dr	\$135,000	
46855 Joy Rd	\$177,000	
45996 Larchmont Dr	\$310,000	
1951 N Arbor Way Dr	\$114,000	
45775 N Stonewood Rd	\$184,000	
47822 Pavilion Rd	\$440,000	
780 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$256,000	
419 Pleasant Ridge Dr	\$337,000	
4313 Pond Run	\$215,000	
615 Princess Dr	\$205,000	
6335 Raintree Dr	\$205,000	
41842 Riverwood Ct	\$179,000	

44284 Suffolk Ct	\$200,000
1430 Whittier Dr	\$158,000
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>	
33090 Barton St	\$85,000
7124 Burnly St	\$83,000
28431 Kathryn St	\$85,000
33789 Marquette St	\$50,000
30380 Rush St	\$100,000
32153 Windsor St	\$46,000
<b>LIVONIA</b>	
35550 Ann Arbor Trl	\$180,000
18601 Blue Skies Ct	\$297,000
9599 Cavell St	\$130,000
9119 Colorado St	\$150,000
14262 Denne St	\$160,000
9914 E Clements Cir	\$127,000
17014 Fairhill St	\$325,000
16049 Fairlane Dr	\$256,000
15935 Farmington Rd	\$535,000
15953 Foch St	\$290,000
31562 Grove Dr	\$190,000
34924 Grove Dr	\$220,000
19954 Hubbard St	\$175,000
37924 Joy Rd	\$127,000
16821 Levan Rd	\$246,000
15550 Loveland St	\$157,000
17410 Loveland St	\$128,000
33160 Lyndon St	\$188,000
20125 Maplewood St	\$135,000
14811 Riverside St	\$197,000
16147 Riverside St	\$265,000
38035 Ross St	\$148,000
17732 Rougeway St	\$138,000
18390 University Park Dr	\$100,000

31062 W Chicago St	\$125,000
31100 W Chicago St	\$137,000
35652 W Chicago St	\$162,000
18430 Westbrook Dr	\$203,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
44542 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$405,000
439 Dubur St	\$550,000
16792 Lyonhurst Cir	\$365,000
19378 Malvern Ct	\$123,000
46979 Merion Cir	\$647,000
19546 Northridge Dr	\$101,000
17500 Oak Hill Dr	\$700,000
17781 Rolling Woods Cir	\$525,000
41669 Sunnydale Ln	\$344,000
41901 Sutters Ln	\$325,000
41324 Windsor Ct	\$105,000
20219 Woodhill Dr	\$475,000
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
9211 Ball St	\$425,000
9602 Bobwhite Ct	\$275,000
11356 General Dr	\$105,000
9244 Hackberry Ave	\$175,000
12296 Howland Park Dr	\$425,000
39682 Mayville St	\$290,000
12903 Moorcroft Ct	\$419,000
433 N Evergreen St	\$220,000
1492 Penniman Ave	\$385,000
49022 Plum Tree Ct	\$233,000
376 Red Ryder Dr	\$197,000
101 S Union St	\$233,000
12710 Wendover Ct	\$329,000
<b>REDFORD</b>	
25878 Hope	\$120,000
19338 Indian	\$38,000

26151 Jan	\$93,000
25210 Joy Rd	\$96,000
15596 Leona Dr	\$90,000
20099 Macarthur	\$74,000
9395 Marion Cres	\$45,000
18704 Seminole	\$75,000
9351 Sioux	\$87,000
15502 Woodworth	\$38,000
<b>WAYNE</b>	
4169 Chamberlain St	\$18,000
4196 Mildred St	\$51,000
<b>WESTLAND</b>	
33054 Alanson St	\$50,000
30428 Ann Arbor Trl	\$107,000
35108 Bakewell St	\$65,000
540 Bedford Dr	\$174,000
1201 Campus Dr	\$188,000
7448 Central St	\$33,000
6540 Deerpark Dr	\$132,000
25105 Fairchild St	\$90,000
435 Forest St	\$64,000
8248 Fremont St	\$152,000
37600 Garden Ct	\$84,000
27619 Mackenzie Dr	\$119,000
6550 N Merriman Rd	\$154,000
8717 Oxbow St	\$88,000
1345 S Norma St	\$115,000
32634 Steinhauer St	\$64,000
1568 Zorn St	\$115,000



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

BIBLE STUDY

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, through May 2016

**Location:** St. Priscilla, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia

**Details:** Master Catechist Mary Rice leads the study on the Gospel of Mark, which began Sept. 8

**Contact:** Mary Rice at 248-308-2474

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

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20

**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Pancakes, french toast, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, applesauce, coffee, tea and milk; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children 2-10

**Contact:** 734-425-4421

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

PICNIC IN THE PARK

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 12

**Location:** Nankin Mills, 33275 Hines Park Drive, Westland

**Details:** Fireside Church of God,

with the support of 15 other churches, and local businesses host a picnic. Families can stop by and get a free meal, cold drink, play a variety of games, have someone pray with them, and even ride a Segway. Music by One Accord and dance by Holbrook interpretive dance group

**Contact:** 734-464-0990; fire-sidechog.org

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:** Ethanief Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

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

**Location:** Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

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

**Contact:** Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

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

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville

**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

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

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

**Contact:** 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

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

**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

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

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

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

**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

Connection Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday

**Location:** 3855 Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all

hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

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

Detroit World Outreach

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

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

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

**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

**Contact:** 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations accepted

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

Fireside Church of God

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

**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

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

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

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. Saturday

**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

**Contact:** 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

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

**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly

**Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday

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

**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous

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

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free

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

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Contact:** 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

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

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

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

**Contact:** 734-637-7618

TOUR

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

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

**Details:** Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality

and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

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

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue

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



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**Farmington Hills Estate Sale**  
30858 Club House Lane Off 14 Mile btwn Farmington & Orchard Lake. Sept 11-12th; 10-5pm. Furniture and Lots of Misc Items!!!

**Garden City Estate Sale**  
Thu & Fri, 10-4p, 31452 E. W. Hwy. 4 & Garage Full. Don't Miss! Reasonable! Go to estatesales.net for pics & info.

**Garage/Moving Sales**  
**Canton Doll Estate Sale**  
45400 William Court. Sept. 20-26th. 9-5pm. 9a-5p clothing, wigs, shoes, hats, doll magazines and books. Also misc household items. Doll molds & collector dolls available by appt only. 734-664-5696

**CANTON MULTI-SUBS**  
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**CANTON Wethersfield Condo Garage Sale, Palmer & Haggerty Roads, Thurs, Fri & Sat, Sept 10-12, 9am-4pm.**

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**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
Sept. 9/10- Sat. 9/12 9a-5p tools, house hold items, furniture & collectibles. 21470 Power Rd. (Between 8 & 9 Mile)

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**Northville Moving Sale**  
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**NOVI - Garage Sale.** 2 families lots of furniture and home goods Thursday and Friday 9-5 pm. 22702 Cheshire Ct.

**PLYMOUTH** - Friday - Sunday, Sept. 11th, 12th, & 13th 9am-5pm or later. Antiques in the barn! 2 nice oak cubbards, primitive cubby hole cubbard, 2 pedestal tables, 2 drop leaf tables, many small tables, chairs, benches, tools, rolling butcher block (island/table), unusual primitive walnut table, large old dresser, doors, garden items, MUCH MORE! 655 Forest Ave. 1 blk W of Main, 2 bks S of Ann Arbor Trail.

**Plymouth - Great Garage Sale**  
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**Plymouth:** Multiple family garage sale on Fri/Sat 9/11 & 9/12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Have stove, furniture, 46581 Strabmore Rd. Plymouth MI.

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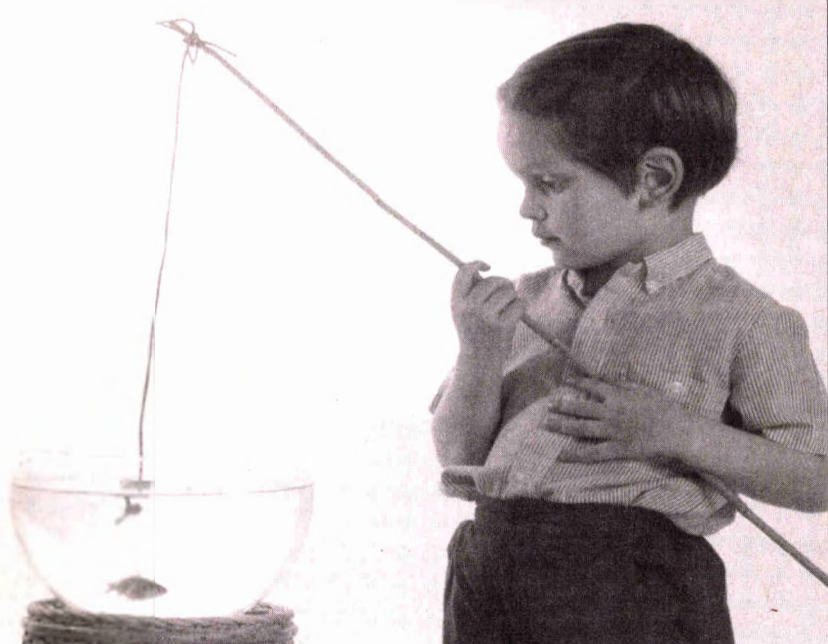
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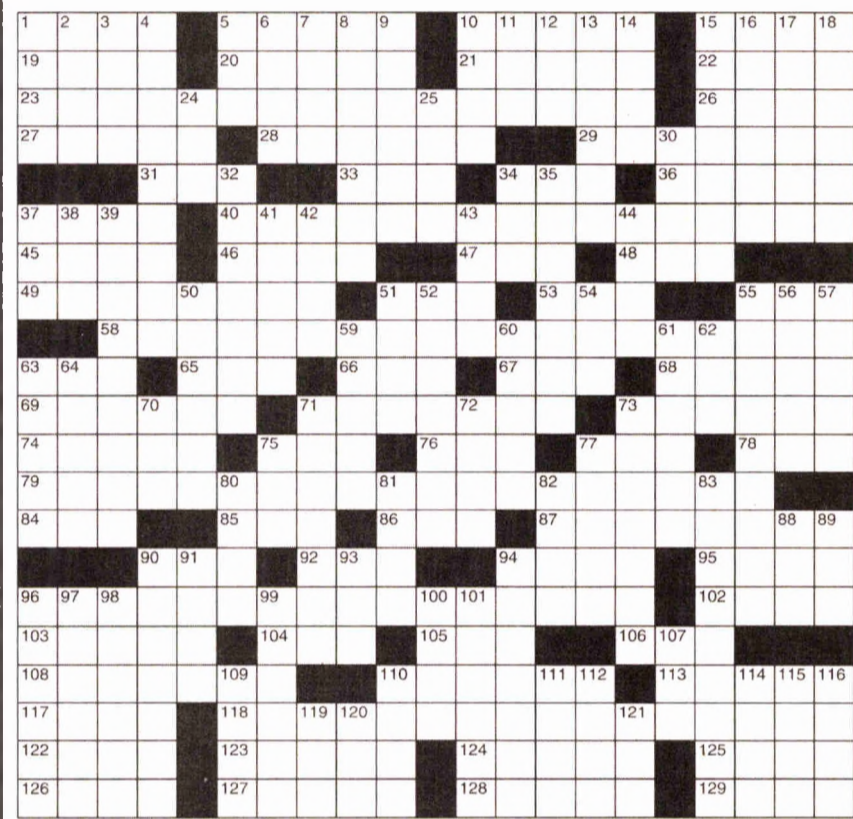
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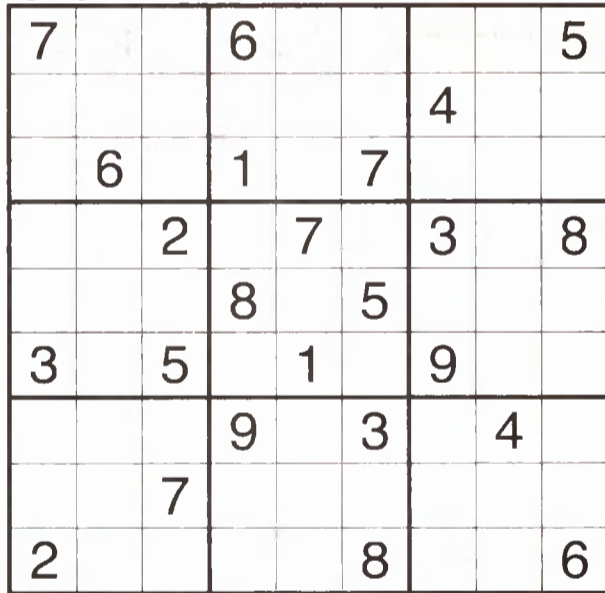
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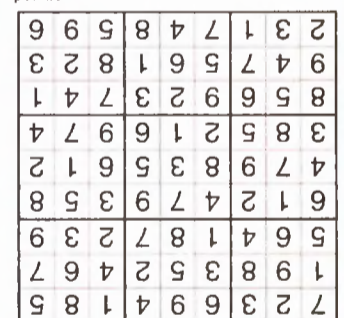
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## SUDOKU



### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

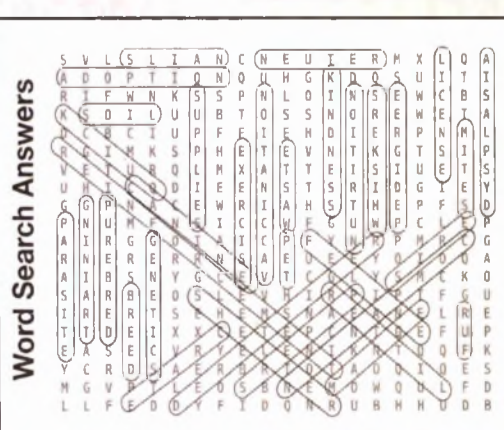
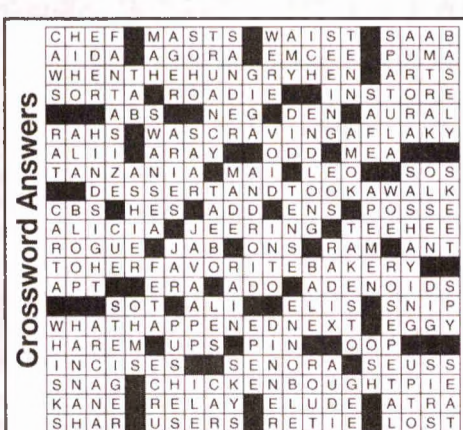


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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.





# 'Inner Peace Troubadour' to sing 9/11 concert in Livonia

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Singer-songwriter Cecilia St. King watched the World Trade Center tragedy unfold while in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001.

She saw the North Tower engulfed in flames, the South Tower explode and countless trapped individuals jump from the burning buildings to their deaths. Then, she ran to the "roar of the lion."



Cecilia St. King

"I don't run away from tragedy. I run toward it. Being a peace troubadour, it's my nature to serve. I wanted to see how I could help."

She gave impromptu concerts near Ground Zero, singing to "ease heavy hearts" for volunteers and stunned bystanders, that day.

Fourteen years later, St. King still sings about peace, although her focus is more about inner calm than the overwhelming "bigger picture." She'll present the "September 11th Concert for Peace," 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia. Admission to the concert, which is sponsored by Livonia-based Citizens for Peace, is \$15. Call 734-425-0079 or visit citizens4peace.com to reserve tickets.

The performance is part of a Midwest tour that also will stop in Colorado and South Dakota, before ending in Salt Lake City, Utah, where St. King will sing at the Parliament of World Religions, a gathering of individuals dedicated to promoting "interreligious harmony."

While in Michigan, St. King also will sing at two private homes; for Sunday service, Sept. 13, at the Spiritual Life Center in Royal Oak; and she will perform one song for World Peace Prayer Day on Sept. 10 at Detroit Unity Temple.

## Songs, storytelling

St. King says the audience in Livonia likely will be "pleasantly surprised" by her songs and stories.

"It's not 'Kumbaya.' I'm not going to proselytize," said St.

King, in a phone interview recently from New York. "There will be a lot of laughter. I'm just going to tell my stories. They are heart-opening stories. Some will make you laugh and others will make you cry. People will leave with a feeling of hope."

Although she has had her share of tragedy — witnessing 9/11 and then being diagnosed with throat cancer — St. King prefers to sing a positive message. Her most recent CD is called "Your Word is Magic," a nod to the notion that "energy follows thought."

"I believe with all my heart the more you focus on good, the more good you'll get. My job is to give people tools to enable them to find peace. I give them these songs so that when they are hurting and despondent, they can choose to sing."

"I believe where there is music, there can be no harm. I believe that truly."

## Cover tunes, peace songs

St. King grew up in a family where "there was always room at the dinner table" for guests in their Upstate New York home. The self-taught musician began performing after college, achieving a "modicum of success" in her 20s singing and playing guitar in New York City. She moved to Colorado where she sang with a cover band, then spent time in Tennessee before moving back to New York, just six months before 9/11.

She sang for Dennis Kucinich's and Howard Dean's presidential campaigns, and has performed at schools, prisons, festivals, churches, and peace vigils. St. King has been the guest singer at the National Peace Academy in California and teaches workshops in Connection Practice, which aims to help its practitioners find release from worry, anger, anxiety and depression, while helping them to resolve conflicts nonviolently.

"I like to share those tools and say when you're beyond frustration, you can learn a new skill set and choose to do something different."

St. King said the most important peace message is "we're all one, all one family." The last time she visited Detroit she got a chance to embrace that notion when she



Cecilia St. King sings and teaches about inner peace.

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encountered a few homeless persons on Belle Isle. King described them as shy, embarrassed and fearful.

"I put on my guitar and I started to sing *Under the Boardwalk* and *Stand By Me*. All of a sudden this one guy

started to sing and he had the voice of an angel. It leveled the playing field. He started to smile and laugh. Then we were equal, one family. That is the power of music. I never want to be in a place someone feels less than to me. They are the

same as."

Visit St. King's website at [ceciliastking.com](http://ceciliastking.com). Check out Citizens for Peace on Facebook.

[sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com)

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ANIMALS

#### DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sept. 30; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 1-March

**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

#### BIRMINGHAM STREET ART FAIR

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 19 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 20

**Location:** Downtown Birmingham

**Details:** More than 150 jury-selected artists are featured, including Wan-Chuan Kesler of Northville, a painter, Eric Cooper of Farmington Hills, a ceramic artist, Doug Remien of Farmington Hills, a photographer, and Autumn Aslaksan of Novi, a ceramic artist

**Contact:** BirminghamStreetArtFair.com; 734-662-3382

### 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.

**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](http://www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org)



See Greek dancing Sept. 11-13, at the Ya'ssoo Greek Festival in Bloomfield Hills.

GEORGE DZAHRISTOS IMAGES

villeArtHouse.org

### PCAC

**Time/Date:** Opening reception 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12; runs through September

**Location:** 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth

**Details:** Photographers John Angus, Amy Lockard and Sylvia Ford exhibit "Different Perspectives." Refreshments will be served, art will be for sale and the photographers will be on hand at the reception

**Contact:** 734-416-4278; [plymoutharts.com](http://plymoutharts.com)

### VILLAGE THEATER

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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 including wine

**Contact:** 734-838-1204; [vaalart.org](http://vaalart.org)

### 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*. All other materials will be supplied

**Contact:** [fhgov.com/YouthTheatre](http://fhgov.com/YouthTheatre)

### PLYMOUTH UPTOWN PLAYERS

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13

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

**Details:** Plymouth Uptown Players Youth Theater auditions is for actors age 5-14. The experimental theater program will include weekly Sunday rehearsals that include instruction, team building, improv and more. All participants will get a role in the final production. Register in person, online or by phone. Cost is \$200 with a \$30 PCAC student membership

**Contact:** [plymoutharts.com](http://plymoutharts.com); 734-416-4278

### FESTIVAL

#### YA'SSOO GREEK FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sept. 11-12 and noon to 8 p.m. Sept. 13

**Location:** St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 43816 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills

**Details:** Greek cuisine, homemade pastries, marketplace, dancing, music by Enigma, cooking demonstrations, kids' activities, church tours. Opening ceremonies at 5 p.m. Friday, include lighting of the "World's Largest Saganaki." A torch bearer will light a cauldron to ignite 20 pounds of Greek cheese. Guests may sample the traditional "opa" cheese afterward. \$2 admission; free admission 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday or with donation of three canned goods

**Contact:** [yassogreekfestival.com](http://yassogreekfestival.com)

### FILM

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 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

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** *Mr. Holmes*, \$3

**Contact:** 734-453-0870;

[www.penntheatre.com](http://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

### 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



# GET OUT

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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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Pinchas Zukerman opens the Chamber Music Society of Detroit's 2015-16 season, Sept. 19, in Beverly Hills.

## MUSIC

### 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 Cheresh 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:** 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



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Ronya Mallad, left, of Canton Township, Ken Overwater of Dearborn, Kori Bielaniec of Westland and Kristin Heitmeier of Northville, rehearse a scene from "Boeing Boeing" at Farmington Players. The show runs Sept. 25 through Oct. 10.

### CORSI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 17  
**Location:** 27910 W. Seven Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin tribute dinner show; tickets are \$35 and include dinner and show  
**Contact:** 248-473-7777

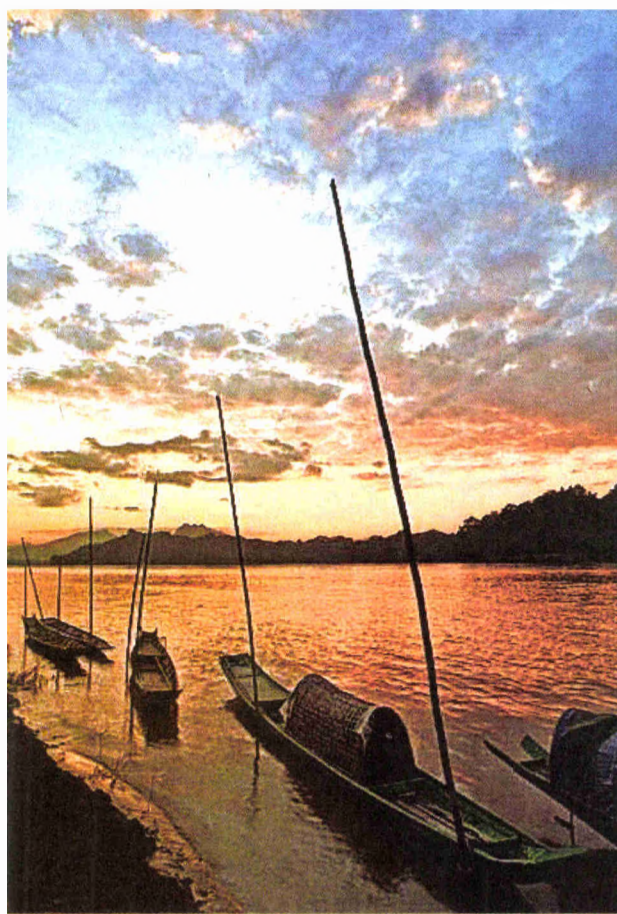
### FRIENDS OF UNITY

**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.

Their songs convey positive messages of peace, love and compassion. Stylistically, the music is contemporary, upbeat, soulful, folksy and jazzy. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for students with ID  
**Contact:** 734-635-6949; friendsofunity.org

### ITALIAN AMERICAN CHORALE

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Oct. 8  
**Location:** Italian American Club of Livonia, 39200 W. Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** The Chorale, directed by Viviana Garaballo, will debut at Pasta Night. The event will include a pasta dinner from 6-7:30 p.m. Members, \$10, nonmembers, \$15, children, ages 5-12, \$5



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Farmington Hills photographer Doug Remien is among the local artists who will show their works at the Birmingham Street Art Fair, Sept. 19-20



SUBMITTED

James Dapogny appears with Royal Garden at Jazz@The Elks, Sept. 29, in Plymouth.

### 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, Sept. 29; \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres  
**Contact:** 734-453-1780 or email

### PLYMOUTH ELKS 1780@YAHOO.COM TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

**Time/Date:** Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Seth Glier, Sept. 11; The Yellow Room Gang, featuring Matt Watroba, David Barrett, Kitty Donohoe and Annie Capps, Sept. 12; Empty Chair Night, Sept. 13; Open Stage, Sept. 15.

Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

**Contact:** 734-464-6302 for additional information

## THEATER

### FARMINGTON PLAYERS

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, Oct. 2-3, Oct. 9-10 and Thursday, Oct. 8; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27 and Oct. 4  
**Location:** Farmington Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Tickets for the comedy, *Boeing Boeing* are \$16 for adults, \$14 for students and seniors 62 and older  
**Contact:** 248-553-2955 or email boxoffice@farmingtonplayers.org

### INSPIRE THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12 and 18-19; 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13  
**Location:** 33445 Warren Road, Westland  
**Details:** *The Foreigner* by Larry Shue; tickets \$13  
**Contact:** 734-751-7057; inspiretheatre.com

### SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18-20 and 25-27  
**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
**Details:** Tickets for *The Producers* are \$16-\$18  
**Contact:** 734-394-5300; spotlightplayersmi.org

### TLC PRODUCTIONS

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12  
**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
**Details:** Rock the House: A Rock-and-Roll Cabaret features rock songs grouped according to themes. Tickets are \$15  
**Contact:** tlctprod.wordpress.com

### TWO MUSES THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, 25-26, Saturday, Sept. 19, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 and Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20, Sunday, Sept. 27  
**Location:** Inside Barnes & Noble, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** *Always a Bridesmaid* is a comedy about two friends who have sworn to keep the promise they made on the night of their senior prom — to be in each other's weddings no matter what. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for students and seniors, 62 and up  
**Contact:** 248-850-9919; twomusetheatre.org



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## A FRESH TAKE

### Gluten-free flour an easy way to upgrade kids' favorites

As the kids head back to school, there's no better time to make a fresh start in the kitchen, too. Substituting nutritious ingredients such as sorghum in your favorite grain-based foods is an easy way to upgrade your family's menu this fall.

Some of the traditional snacks kids love most — such as cakes, cookies and doughnuts — can all be prepared using sorghum, a gluten-free cereal grain grown throughout the world. This highly versatile ingredient is naturally high in fiber, iron and protein, and can be used in a wide range of preparations. In fact, white food-grade sorghum can be milled directly into whole grain flour to produce foods such as brownies, breads, pizza dough, pastas, cereals, pancakes and waffles.

Whether it's a power breakfast to fuel the day, a sweet lunchbox treat or a tasty after-school snack, these recipes showcase how simple it can be to give your kids' favorite treats a nutritious makeover they'll be thrilled to sample.

For more nutritious back to school recipes and tips for cooking with sorghum, visit [www.HealthySorghum.com](http://www.HealthySorghum.com).

Courtesy of Family Features



#### CHEWY OATMEAL TOFFEE COOKIES

Recipe provided by Kate Lange

1 cup butter, softened  
2 eggs  
2 cups light brown sugar  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1 cup sorghum flour  
½ cup unbleached white flour  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
½ teaspoon allspice  
1 ½ teaspoons cinnamon  
½ teaspoon cloves  
3 cups oatmeal  
1 cup coconut flakes  
1 (10-ounce) package almond toffee bits

Heat oven to 375°F. Lightly grease cookie sheet. Cream butter, eggs, brown sugar and vanilla in large bowl until light and fluffy. Mix flour, salt, soda, allspice, cinnamon and cloves; add to butter mixture. Beat until well blended. Stir in oatmeal, coconut and toffee bits with spoon. Drop by rounded teaspoons about 2 inches apart onto prepared sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool 1 minute; remove to wire rack.



#### SORGHUM PANCAKES

Recipe provided by Barbara Kliment

1 ½ cups sorghum flour  
¼ cup cornstarch  
3 teaspoons baking powder  
2 teaspoons sugar  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ cup powdered buttermilk  
2 eggs  
3 tablespoons melted butter  
1 ½ cups water

Heat oven to 200°F. Combine dry ingredients. In separate bowl, beat together eggs, melted butter and water; add to dry ingredients and mix just until well blended. Heat large skillet or griddle over medium-low heat. Spray pan with cooking oil. Wet fingertips under faucet and shake them over hot griddle. If water droplets "sizzle," heat is right to begin making pancakes. For large cakes pour ¼ cup of batter into pan; for small use 2 tablespoons of batter. Cook until bubbles form on top; flip and cook until golden brown on bottom. Transfer to baking sheet and keep warm in oven while making rest of pancakes. Serve warm with butter and syrup.



#### MILO DOUGHNUTS

Recipe provided by Karla Lubben

1 egg  
½ cup sugar  
½ cup milk  
2 tablespoons melted shortening or lard  
½ cup sifted sorghum flour  
1 ½ cups sifted all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
Dash of cinnamon  
Dash of salt  
8 cups vegetable oil  
Glaze:  
½ cup powdered sugar  
2 teaspoons warm milk  
½ teaspoon vanilla

In large bowl, beat together egg and sugar. Stir in milk and shortening. Sift together all dry ingredients. Add dry ingredients to egg mixture and stir to combine. Chill dough for 30 minutes. On lightly floured surface, flatten dough to ½-inch thickness with your finger-tips or rolling pin. Cut out doughnuts using a doughnut cutter or two sizes of round cookie cutters. Transfer doughnuts to waxed paper and allow to dry for 10 minutes. In deep heavy pot or electric fryer, heat oil to 375°F. Using wire spatula dipped in hot oil, carefully transfer doughnuts into hot oil. Cook 2-3 doughnuts at a time turning them when brown on one side. Remove to paper towel or racks to drain. For glazed doughnuts, combine powdered sugar, milk and vanilla flavoring. Drizzle on doughnuts or sprinkle doughnuts with powdered sugar or mixture of cinnamon and sugar.

#### CELIAC-FRIENDLY SUBSTITUTIONS

- » 2 teaspoons vanilla extract: Use 2 teaspoons X-Tra Touch vanilla or any other gluten-free vanilla.
- » ½ cup unbleached white flour: Replace with 6 tablespoons chickpea (garbanzo bean) flour and 6 tablespoons sweet rice flour, or use ¾ cup commercial gluten-free flour.
- » 3 cups oatmeal: Replace with 3-4 cups of any gluten-free, ready-to-eat flake cereal slightly crushed, or gluten-free crispy rice cereal.
- » 1 (10-ounce) package almond toffee bits: Verify product is gluten-free or use 1 ½ cups chopped almonds or walnuts.

## Culinary Extravaganza serves up something for everyone

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

The list of area restaurants, beverage vendors and pastry shops and bakeries confirmed for this year's Culinary Extravaganza continues to grow.

The event, a celebration of food and wine that benefits student scholarships at Schoolcraft College, runs 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, in the VisTaTech Center on the Livonia campus, 18600 Haggerty, just north of Seven Mile.

What's on the menu? "I think we're going to be serving some kind of seafood soup from the Sardine Room, maybe a chowder and from Compari's we will feature our lasagna. It's my grandmoth-

er's recipe. Nana's recipe," said chef Tony Yaquinto, of Compari's On the Park in downtown Plymouth.

Brown Dog Creamery in Northville plans to serve a selection of its house made ice cream and three extravagant treats.

"Sweet Potato Gnocchi with a toasted rice crispy treat and bourbon caramel sauce," said co-owner Paul Gabriel, describing one of the desserts. The others are a spiced beignet with pumpkin filling and hard cider sauce, and a candied banana chip with mousse and candied bacon.

Compari's and Brown Dog Creamery are among the more than 25 participating restaurants, food and beverage vendors that will serve

unique, signature dishes and drinks at the event.

Other confirmed participants include:

- » Birmingham — Big Rock Chophouse, Birdie's Something Chocolate, and The Stand Bistro
- » Chelsea — Ugly Dog Distillery
- » Detroit — Coach Insignia, Cuisine Restaurant, MGM Grand Detroit, and The Detroit Athletic Club
- » Grosse Pointe Park — Atwater in the Park
- » Livonia — American Harvest, Main Street Cafe, and Henry's restaurants at Schoolcraft College, Elite Catering Company, and Mitchell's Fish Market
- » Monroe — McCormick Distilling Company

» Northville — Granite City, and Guernsey Farms Dairy

- » Novi — Novi Chophouse
  - » Plymouth — Sive Restaurant - The Inn at St. John's, Coffee Express Roasting Company, Karl's Cabin, Old World Olive Company, and The Sardine Room
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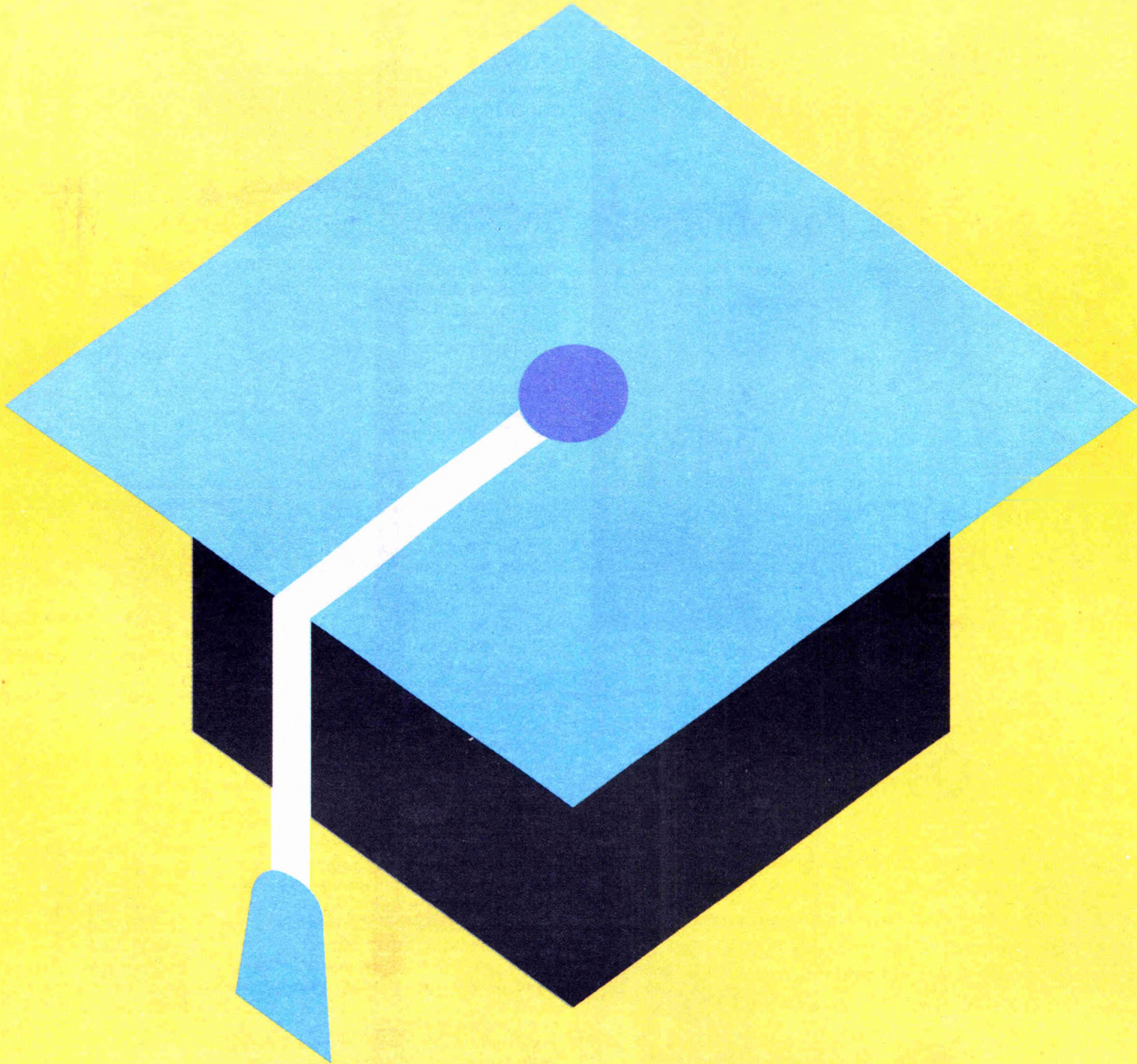
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Christina Tacoma and Brandon Long serve carrot cake from Mitchell's Fish Market at a previous Culinary Extravaganza.



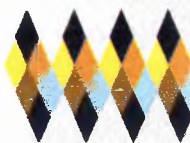
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# Prepping for College 101

Whether you're an incoming freshman or entering your senior year, the transition to campus life requires mental and logistical preparation. For a smooth move, prepare in advance.

"You'll want your dorm room or apartment to be a space in which you can thrive academically and socially from day one," said Jessica Joyce, spokeswoman for Bed Bath & Beyond, a well-known destination for college essentials.

Joyce and the lifestyle experts at Bed Bath & Beyond are offering tips to set up your dorm room with form and function in mind.

» **Use a checklist:** Stay organized and on-budget by using a shopping checklist. Many stores that sell housewares provide shopping guides for college students that break down all the basics needed for campus living. Use this as a base point for what you'll need and add your own custom items to it, so that when you get to the store, you won't miss any essentials.

» **Know school rules:** For specific information about your college, use online resources, such as [bedbathandbeyond.com/shopforcollege](http://bedbathandbeyond.com/shopforcollege), which offer customized lists of what students can and can't bring with them to their school and what the school provides. Students can also use these pages to locate stores close to campus.

» **Think small:** For many students, moving to a college dorm room means living in a smaller space. Take this into consideration when planning how you will organize your items. Space-saving storage tools and multifunctional items, such as bed risers that have an AC outlet and USB charger, can help students pack more essentials into a smaller space.

» **Build a better bed:** As if getting a good night's sleep isn't hard enough in a dorm, standard college beds are often thin and less comfortable than what students are accustomed to at home. The solution? Add cozy layers of com-

fort and support with a mattress pad, memory foam topper or fiberbed.

» **Create a college registry:** High school graduates can create a registry wish list online or in-store of what they want for their new space to share with family and friends. Students can also use their registries to share what they're bringing to school with their roommates.



Once the semester gets underway, your schedule will be jam-packed with classes, activities, studying and friends. Set up your space wisely for a successful start to the year.

» **Roomie request:** Once students receive their housing assignment, they should finalize room decisions to avoid duplication. Decide ahead of time which items to share, like a coffeemaker or TV, and whether students want to coordinate décor.

» **Getting there:** Getting your new items to college can be tricky. Look for such services as Bed Bath & Beyond's free in-store service, Pack & Hold, which lets students and parents shop for items at a store near home and then conveniently pick them up at a location closer to campus. The service is especially beneficial for students traveling to school far away from home.

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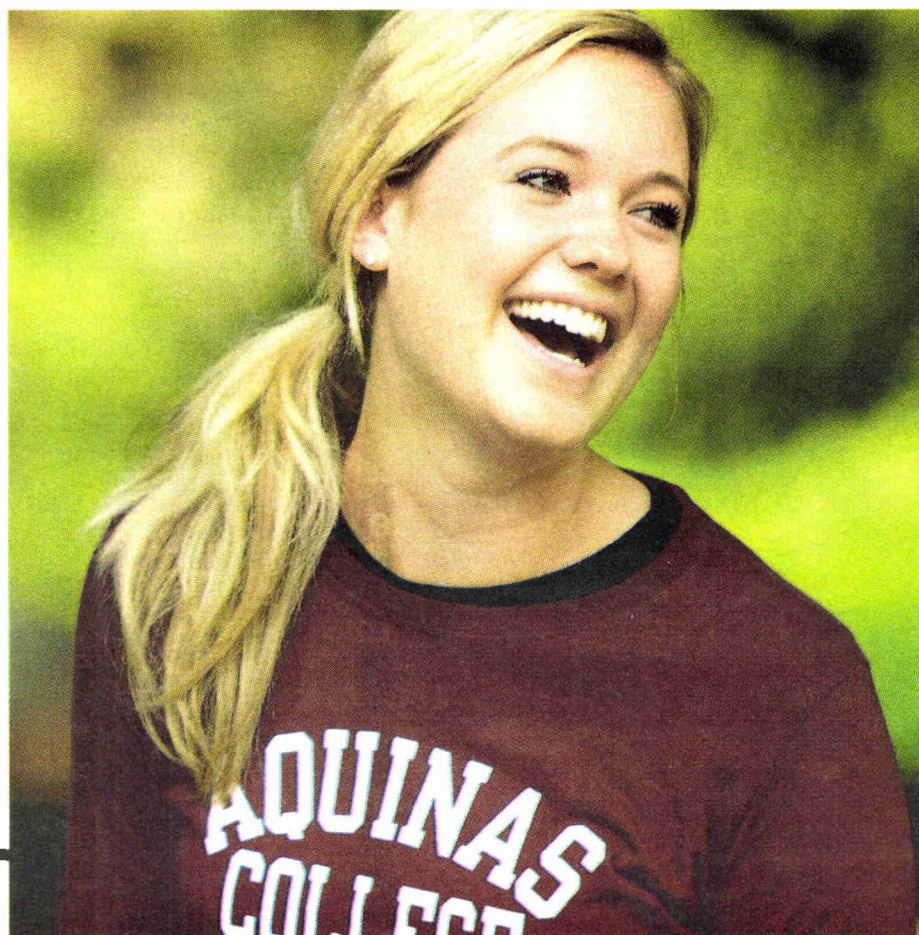
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# Eight ways to bring big style to small spaces

As college students prepare to move into dorm rooms and apartments, they trim their packing lists and often sacrifice style due to space restraints. Although it may seem difficult to bring big style into tight quarters, there are several small things you can do to bring your personality to life on move-in day.

"Dorm rooms can sometimes feel drab and uninspiring, but just because they're temporary doesn't mean they have to look like it," said Tyler Wisler, interior design expert from Tyler Wisler Home and HGTV's *Design Star*. "With the right tools and creative design elements, you can transform your home away from home into a space worth staying."

Wisler recommends these simple tips to turn that bland box into something spectacular:

**1. Color your world.** Incorporate colorful throw pillows and blankets to infuse additional hues into small white spaces. You can even change them out each season to keep things fresh.

**2. Accessorize your walls.** Hang jewelry on a Command Clear Jewelry Rack to keep them from tangling, while dressing up plain walls. The shape of the rack also helps add a subtle chevron pattern and removes cleanly from surfaces with no holes or

sticky residue left behind.

**3. Warm it up.** Add an area rug to ground furniture, bring texture and warmth underfoot and get rid of the "institutional" feel. Consider throwing a faux sheepskin over your desk chair for a chic and comfortable accent.

**4. Spruce up the space.** Buy a plant or two to break up the hard lines of the generic room. Succulents or cacti are great low-maintenance options for busy students.

**5. Say "no" to fluorescent lighting.** Incorporate alternative lighting such as a simple floor lamp in the corner of the room or string lights to add a subtle twinkle above the bed. These light sources give off a warmer glow and will save you from flipping on the fluorescent boxes that often cast unflattering light.

**6. Store the small stuff.** Use labeled containers or boxes to store smaller items or trinkets. The less "stuff" you see in a small space, the more spacious it will appear.

**7. Clear the floors.** Prevent rooms from looking cluttered by keeping things off the floor. Maximize space on walls or the back of the door by adding damage-free jumbo hooks to hold purses, empty backpacks and coats.

**8. Dress up the furniture.** Embellish boring furniture by creating in-



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Incorporate colorful throw pillows and blankets to infuse additional hues into small white spaces.

teresting designs using colored and patterned washi tapes. Try an intricate pattern such as Greek key or simple stripes to instantly improve desks, shelving and dressers.

For more tips on small-space decorating, got to [Command.com](http://Command.com).

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## Do you know how much college will really cost your family?

Paying for college? Look beyond the tuition price tag when making your financial plans and you will encounter many expenses not listed in school brochures. Be aware of these costs. Determine in advance how you'll pay for them and even consider how you may save money.

With some smart preparation, you can avoid unpleasant surprises. Here are some things to keep in mind when assessing college costs and financing options.

### Financing

No matter what your family's financial status is, you should complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form, which is the first step toward obtaining financial aid. Also explore additional financing options, like scholarships, tuition payment plans your school offers, federal loans and private alternative loans.

Millions of Americans are faced with a rising amount of student loan debt. Make graduating debt-free your

objective and only take out loans by necessity. After receiving award letters, scholarships and grants, calculate whether there is still a financial gap between your resources and the cost of college. Take out a private student loan only after exhausting these other resources and efforts first.

If you do opt for a private loan, ensure you're familiar with the loan's terms, as well as the realities of graduating with debt. A responsible lender that defers payments until after you leave school can help you get educated on how loan repayment works and how this decision will affect you in the future. A loan consultant at your bank can help you explore the best options for you. For example, applying with a co-signer may qualify you for a lower interest rate, saving you money down the line.

### Plan ahead

To be truly prepared for the years ahead, get as accurate an estimate of total college costs as possible. Most



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There's no doubt about it, college is expensive. Be realistic about the true costs associated with a financing an education and get savvy about how to pay for it wisely.

school websites offer a net price calculator that can give you an estimate of your total college cost and your financial aid award.

Also, free online tools, such as Wells Fargo's Get College Ready College Cost Calculator, available at [\[Fargo.com/GetCollegeReady\]\(http://Fargo.com/GetCollegeReady\), help you take all your personal factors into consideration. The site also features useful tips and checklists for parents and students on subjects like paying for college, managing money and building good credit while in school.](http://www.Wells-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

When putting a price tag on college, don't forget to budget for other certain and potential expenses like a mobile phone plan, medical insurance, lab fees and class materials.

### Save money

After tallying up college costs, you may encounter practical ways to reduce expenditures. For instance, you can save on big-ticket items by attending your state school at the in-state tuition rate or by living at home.

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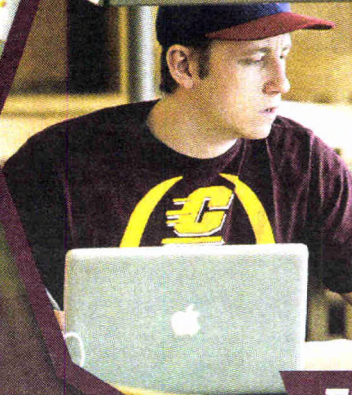
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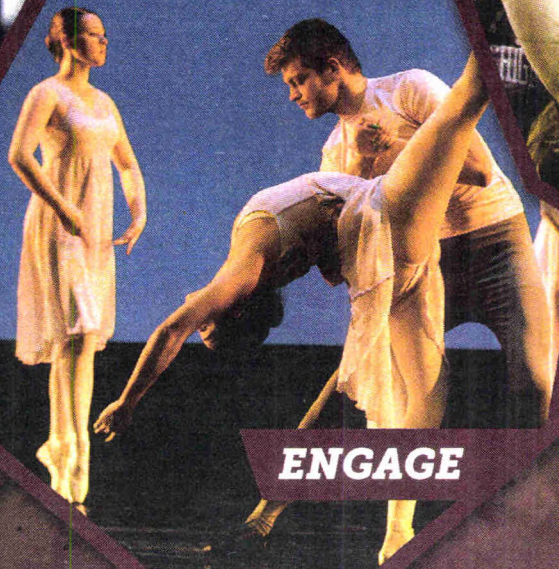




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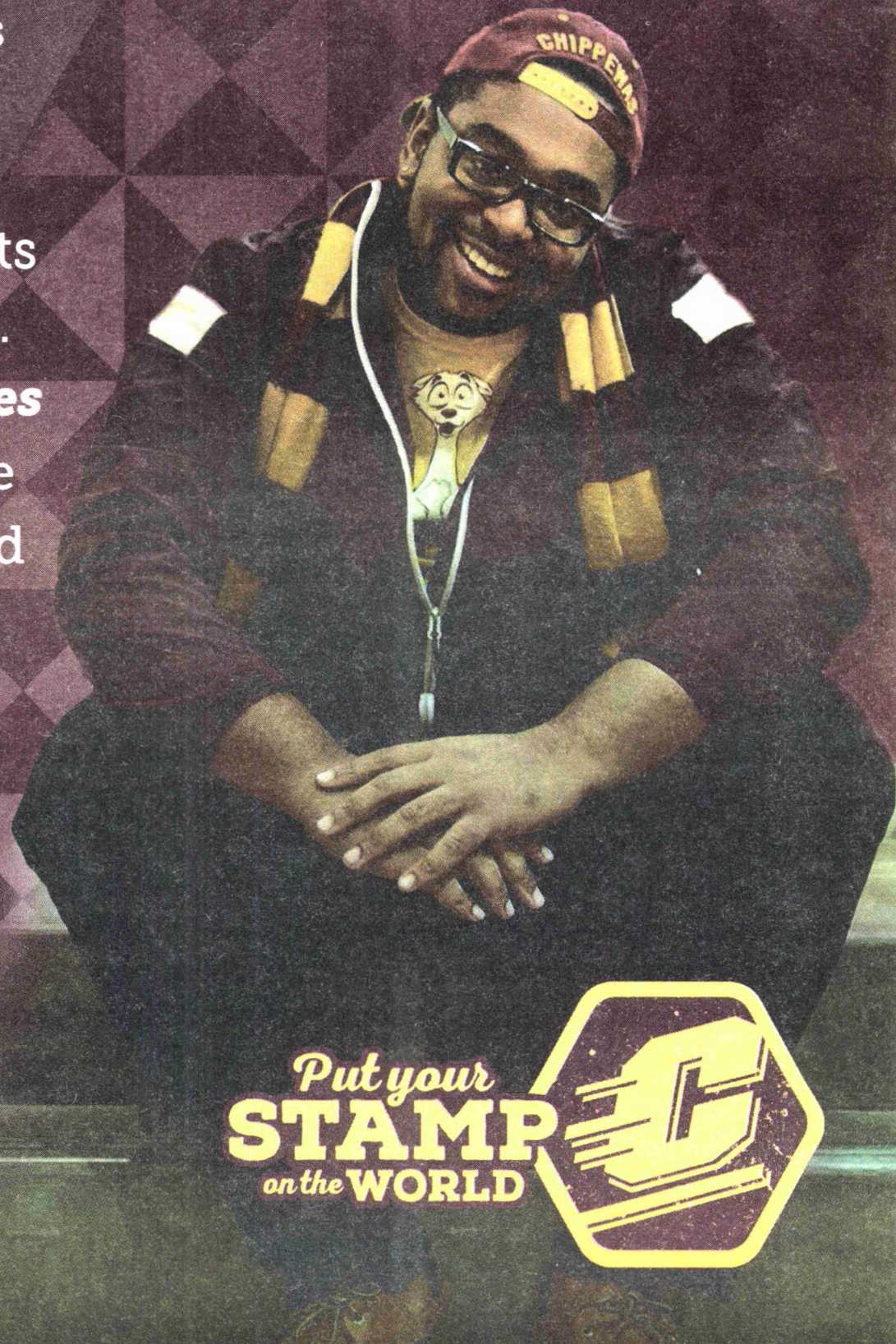
There are a lot of things you don't know when you're going to college, especially if your parents have never gone before.

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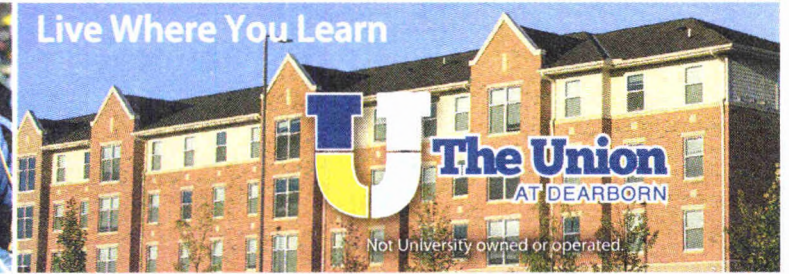
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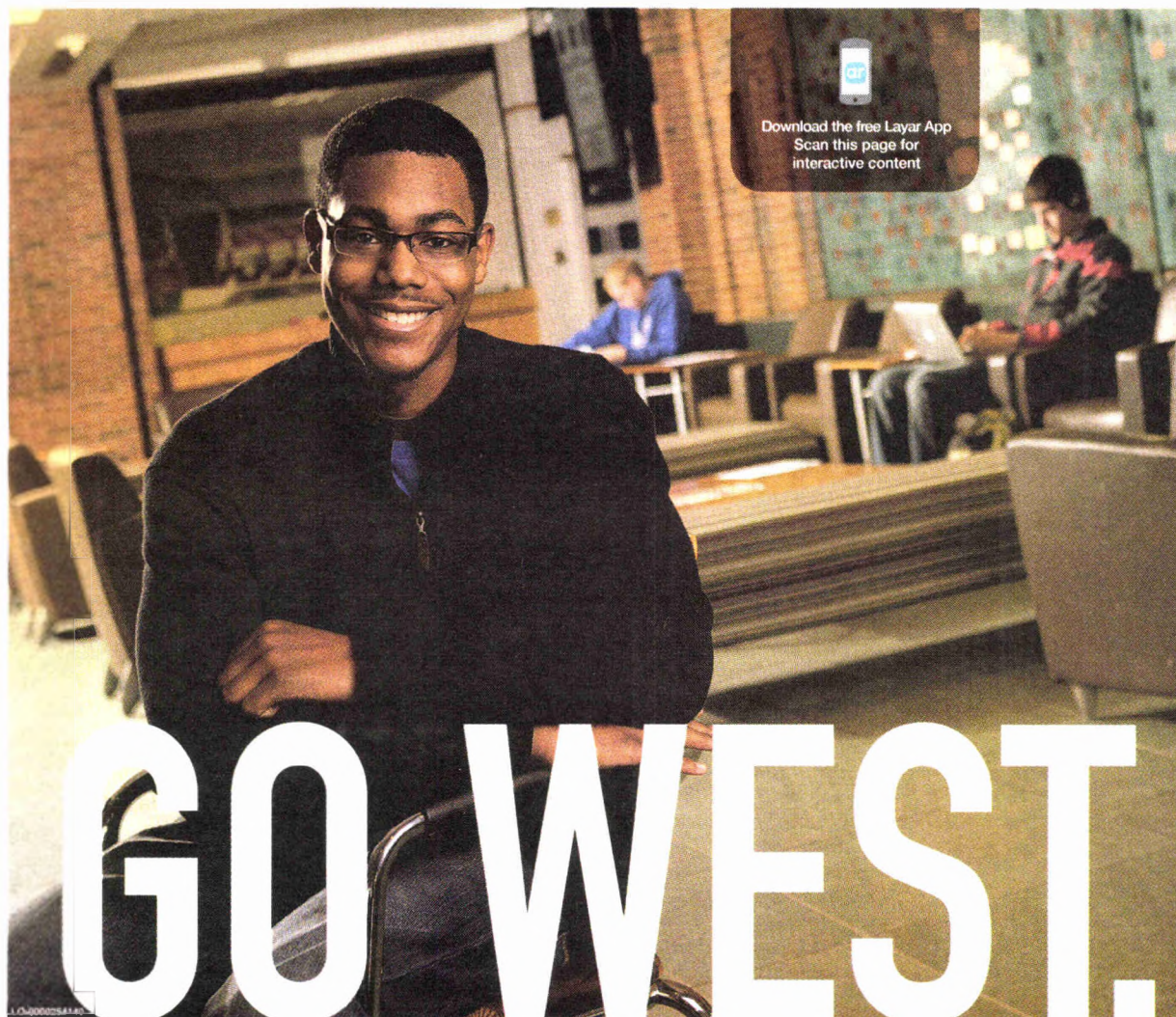
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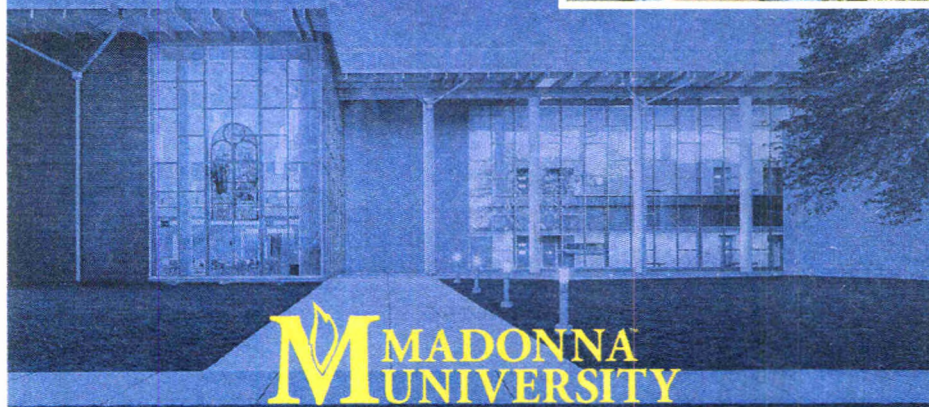


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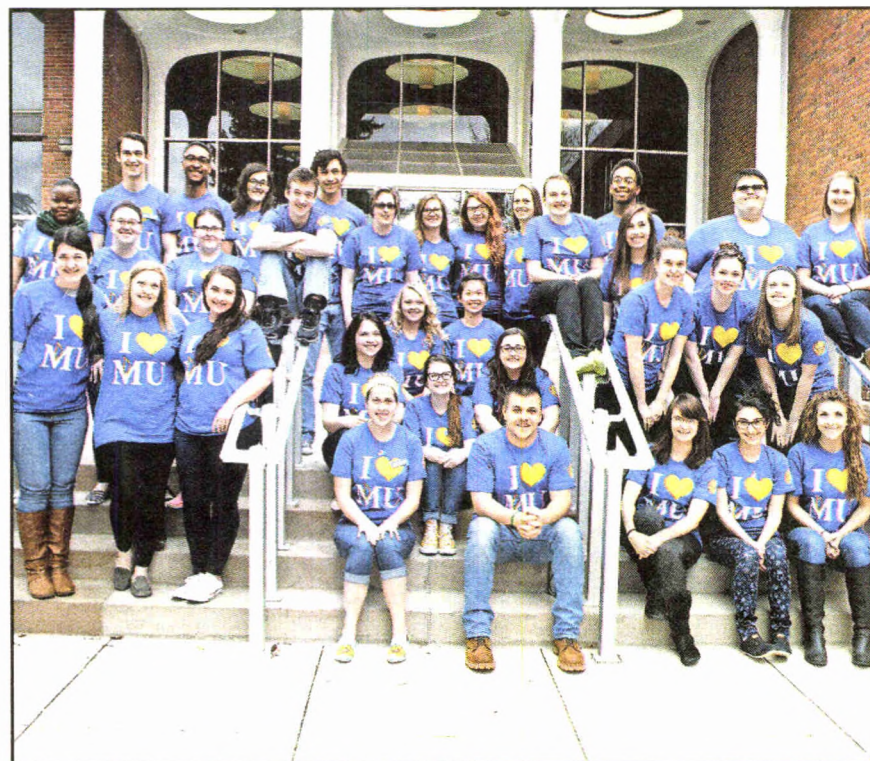


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## Much is New this Fall at Madonna

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Also new this fall, is the health sciences bachelor's degree, which offers two tracks: population health care management or health care informatics and quality systems management. Both tracks are delivered through Madonna's College of Nursing and Health, with the informatics track offered in partnership with the School of Business. Each track requires two, semester-long internships, during which students work with health care professionals.

At the graduate level, Madonna has launched an Education Specialist degree in Educational Leadership, to prepare leaders. The program builds on the strength of the current master's program in educational leadership and provides the preparation for a future doctoral degree.

With the demand for chaplains increasing, Madonna's new chaplaincy cognate at the master's level prepares students to take the certification exam to become a chaplain.

Scholar-athletes at Madonna have something to cheer about with the expansion of Madonna's intercollegiate athletics

program by eight sports, increasing its roster to 19 teams. President Grandillo made the announcement in early August to add the following new sports teams:

- men's and women's bowling
- men's and women's lacrosse
- men's and women's indoor track and field
- men's and women's outdoor track and field

According to the President, the addition of these sports will increase enrollment, while enhancing the sense of community on campus. "Participation in athletics and student organizations enriches the college experience, which is why we are proud to offer Madonna students more choices for learning outside the classroom," said Grandillo.

Starting Sept. 29, the School of Business will launch a monthly CEO/Executive Lecture Series that features area executives speaking about relevant business topics. The Tuesday evening lectures are free and open to students and the general public.

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