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### House hopefuls discuss state's challenges

**Matt Jachman** Staff Writer

The state's challenges — from failing infrastructure to public education to a tax burden many see as unfair loomed large as candidates for the Michigan House of Representatives took questions from voters Thursday in Plymouth.

Four House hopefuls in the 20th District, which includes Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships, spoke





to about 50 people during Thursday's Plymouth Community Forum, tackling



pension tax to "fracking," or hydraulic fracturing, a method of extracting natural gas from wells through the use of fluids injected at high pressure.

Taxes and state spending were big parts of the conversation.

"Our money has to be invested wisely in getting a quality product," Jeffrey Neilson of Northville Township said in

talking about fixing Michigan's roads. Neilson said he favored buying better materials to build longer-lasting roads.

We have to fix it smart, but we don't have to fix it on the backs of Michigan

taxpayers," he said. Neilson, an attorney, is one of three Republicans in the primary race; the others are Jeff Noble of Plymouth Township, pastor of Praise Baptist Church; and Chris Roosen of Northville

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## BE BOLD, LOOK GOOD

issues from gun-free zones to the state's



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wear a bow tie made right here in Canton

> Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

William Murphy wants you to wear a bow tie.

William Murphy started wearing a bow tie as a middle school student, a fashion choice other kids thought "was

"It is such an underrated accessory."

When you think of men's accessories, you think wallets and watches and neck ties," said Murphy, 19, of Canton. "But when you see a man with a bow tie, there's this confidence that vibes off of

him.' He had the self-assurance to wear a bow tie with casual clothes and the drive to turn his signature look into a business during his senior year at Wayne Memorial High School. Students became accustomed to seeing the "bow tie guy" in class and even began buying

his handmade creations.

A year later, Murphy now manages product sales through the ecommerce websites Etsy and Shopify. His mom Sherrie took over bow tie assembly, cutting patterns and sewing fabric, while he was at Michigan State University for his freshman year. He has big plans for their business, Reign Bow Ties, which he runs out of his family's home.

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### Crime author's anger, flaws woven into his characters

**Darrell Clem** 

Staff Writer

Bryon Quertermous admits he spent his 20s in an angry, mean-spirited

He wasted career opportunities. He wrote second-rate, never-published detective novels. He was obsessed with becoming a loner, an eccentric author who needed no one.

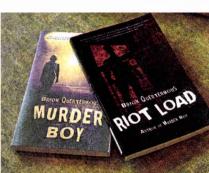
Then, he channeled all that negative energy into "Murder Boy," the Canton author's first in a trilogy of crime fiction novels featuring lead character Dominick Prince, himself an aspiring crime writer who makes bad decisions

with violent consequences.

"It was me reliving my 20s and having the characters pay for all the mistakes I got away with," Quertermous, 39, said, sitting inside a Canton McDonald's restaurant where he often goes to write. There, he's less distracted than he is at home, where he has a wife and three children ages 19 months to 7 years.

Quertermous describes Prince as "a bad writer" from Detroit who is "eternally in his 20s." Though he is critical of Prince, he also is unkind to other characters — a once-aspiring ballerina

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**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** "Murder Boy" and "Riot Load" are the first two in a trilogy featuring main character **Dominick Prince.** 

Long train delays still plague 6 Plymouth

> **Matt Jachman** Staff Writer

Stopped freight trains continue to block intersections across Plymouth for up to an hour and a half - or more - at a time, frustrating motorists and city officials and cutting into business at nearby restaurants.

The stalled trains, which a CSX Transportation spokeswoman blamed on operational issues about which she did not have details, have been an ongoing problem in Plymouth for more than two months.

"This is affecting police, fire and EMS service and CSX is deliberately creating a safety hazard," said City Manager Paul Sincock, whose office gets complaints from people affected by the stoppages.

CSX has a major switching yard in the area and the city has a total of seven rail crossings. Some stopped trains, Sincock said, block multiple crossings.

"It's one thing to live with the trains and it's a total other thing to be held hostage by the trains," said Sincock, who added that he grew up in the city and is used to trains coming through, but not to having them block streets for such long periods.

A prolonged train stoppage in the city is a near-daily occurrence, Sincock said.

"It's crazy," said Marta Clare, a bookkeeper at Station 885, an Old Village restaurant alongside the tracks at Starkweather. "The whole city's locked

down. There's no way to get anywhere." 'It's probably cut my lunch in half, said Sherry Sieber, the owner of Bode's Corned Beef House on Main Street.

'A daily thing'

"This is a daily thing right now," she added.

Clare said some customers have taken to phoning Station 885 to check if

there is a train outside. Sieber, who bought Bode's in December 2013, said many of her lunch customers, people who work in the area, have been "trained" not to take their midday breaks in Plymouth. The delayed trains are more likely to occur during the middle of the day, she said, not in the evenings. Bode's depends heavily on breakfast and lunch traffic.

"I have a large investment in this restaurant," she said. "When you do your due diligence, that's (stalled trains) not something you account for."

Sieber said she's contacted lawyers about taking legal action.

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### DEQ recognizes Plymouth for recycling efforts

nor's Recycling Council recently recognized the city of Plymouth for excellence in recycling.

The city of Plymouth has been recognized for significantly enhancing its curbside collection recycling program by switching from manually collected 18-gallon bins to an automated system using 64-gallon carts.

The cart-based program was rolled out in January 2015, increasing collection capacity citywide. The transition from bins to carts has increased collected volumes by more than 3

dents of the city of Plymouth recycle more than 850 tons of material. Plymouth was the only city in the state to receive the Excellence in Recycling Enhanced Program Award in 2016.

Plymouth was one of 10 organizations honored in various categories at the event. The Recycling Excellence awards are designed to honor organizations excelling in several key categories, including outstanding education programs for K-12 students and youth organizations, new and enhanced programs that bring increased access

to recycling and "closing the loop" programs that design or create new products that can be recycled or that purchase and use products made of recycled content.

These categories are consistent with the objectives and goals outlined in Gov. Rick Snyder's April 2014 statewide recycling plan.

Chris Porman, Plymouth director of municipal services, and Adam Gerlach, special projects coordinator, were on hand to accept the award on behalf of the city.

'The city of Plymouth has run a successful recycling program for many years," Porman said.
"The addition of automated recycling carts with the active participation of our residents has lead to the continuing success of the program; culminating in the award presented to the city."

To learn more about the city of Plymouth's recycling efforts, go to www.ci-.plymouth.mi.us.

### Westland parks and rec director resigns

**LeAnne Rogers** Staff Write

After receiving public criticism over professional and personal issues in recent weeks, Westland Parks and **Recreation Director** John Adams submitted his resignation Tuesday

evening.
"Things that happened professionally and personally are making too much distraction for the city," Adams said. "I don't want the (city) 50th anniversary to be tarnished with allegations. It's in the best interest of the city and myself to move on."

Mayor William Wild accepted Adams' resignation and noted similar comments in the letter. Wild noted Adams had also expressed appreciation for the support of council members who confirmed is appointment and noted his nearly 30 years service to the city. Adams retired in 2014 as assistant chief/fire marshal.

Due to the time of year, Wild said the city needs to fill the parks and recreation director position as quickly as possible and would soon be accepting applications.

During Monday's council meeting, Adams received attention over

his pending domestic violence charges and his overlapping work as Inkster

Adams

fire chief while working as parks and recreation director. Resident Burke Rock,

who regularly criticizes the city's police and fire pensions, called on Adams to be fired from his position. Rock also regularly launches verbal attacks against Wild and Council President James Godbout.

"Is this the kind of person we want as parks and recreation director? Wild and Adams have made fools of the council," Rock said, the latter comment referring to a contract Adams signed with Inkster subsequent to being hired by Westland in February. Adams went to Inkster in July 2014 after retiring from the Westland Fire Department.

That contract, for Adams to serve as Inkster fire chief, was retroactive to Feb. 1 with a May 31 expiration date. "How can he work two full-time jobs?" said Rock, who also wanted Adams prosecuted for fraud.

Rock also called Wild

a liar several times after the mayor had commented that he was unaware of the contract Adams had with Inkster until close to its expiration.Adams received support at the meeting from residents Bob Johnson and Ken Sharp, the latter a retired Westland firefighter. Both spoke about the misdemeanor domestic violence charges that resulted in Adams being arrested last month in Canton.

"Everyone has things in their lives that are unfortunate that they go through," Johnson said. "For people to do research and get wrong information is unfortunate. People make mistakes — sometimes on their jobs or in their personal lives. Those who live in glass houses should watch out.'

While he didn't know what Adams' personal situation was, Sharp said he did know that Adams has a right to be judged in a proper court.

"He shouldn't be judged at council or in a bar. We're very fortunate to have rights for all people in this country," Sharp said.

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### TRAIN

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Clare said she stated having restaurant employees log train delays starting Tuesday; Sieber said her workers have been doing that since mid-April.

Clare said a Monday funeral luncheon at Station 885 was delayed because of a train that was stopped outside for an hour and 40 minutes. An announcement was made at the funeral, she said, to approach from

the south to avoid having to cross the tracks, but traffic on Starkweather was backed up and lunchgoers couldn't get to the restaurant without driving on the wrong side of the street.

"We're ready to serve you, but you need to be able to get here," Clare said.

Sincock said there have been reports of pedestrians climbing over stopped trains and that he saw someone dragging a bicycle underneath a train to cross the tracks. Those situations, he said, are dangerous.

#### CSX: 'We're working on it'

CSX spokeswoman Gail Lobin said Friday that the company officials are aware of the problem and working to

"We're working on it, and we're working with local officials," she said. "We are aware that there are issues in the community and we have had some success.'

She said the rail line is important to the region and that the company is looking for balance.

"The entire region is so important. We're delivering commerce," she said. "But we're going to try to limit the impact.'

City officials have been in touch with the offices of U.S. Rep. David Trott, R-Birmingham, and Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow. Sincock said Stabenow's and Trott's offices are trying to arrange a meeting with CSX representatives to discuss the train stoppages.

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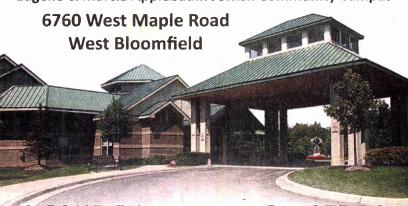
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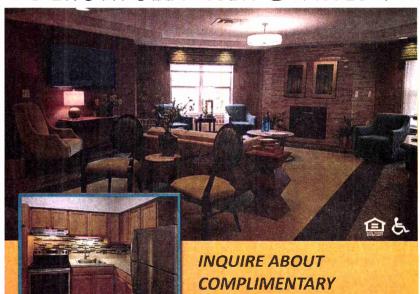
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### Book on Detroit beer history includes Canton

**Sharon Dargay** Staff Writer

If you're planning a tour of local breweries or just want to find a new brew pub — Stephen C. Johnson has the guidebook you'll need.

"Detroit Beer, A History of Brewing in the Motor City City," published last month, is a quick read on the small breweries and corporate beer-makers that shaped the Motor City's malty landscape from before and after Prohibition, up through the current craft beer movement.

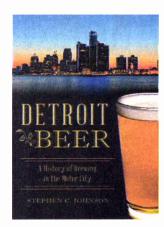
More than half of the 160-page paperback is a reference guide to breweries, microbreweries and brew pubs open in the tri-county area. Johnson, a Berkley resident, offers a short history of each location, along with an address and website.

"It was pretty cool to be in there, because we're a very new brewery," said Barry Boggs, who co-owns Canton Brew Works with his wife Clara. "We opened when he was just wrapping up the book.'

"Detroit Beer" describes Canton Brew Works, which opened last year, as a three-barrel brewhouse with six beers on draft and a mug club that offers discounts on pints and growlers.

"It was also pretty nice that it had a picture," Boggs added, referring to the photo of the couple included in the

Johnson devoted nearly two pages in the book



to brew veterans Ryan and Erin Cottongim, who opened Witch's Hat Brewery nearly five years ago in South Lyon. The book includes a photo of the brewery's 700 glass-blown mugs, mentions its charitable event, Fury for a Feast, which raised funds for Gleaners Food Bank and Blessings in a Backpack last year, and suggests hoppy, malty and light beer selections to sample.

"What a cool opportunity that was," Erin Cottongim said, referring to "Detroit Beer." "Steve is such an awesome guy. He has been a part of Witch's Hat since the beginning. He was bringing tour buses in.

"It was a cool experience and it's cool to see him writing a book."

### **Beer tours**

Johnson co-founded Motor City Brew Tours in 2010 and launched Motor City Bike and Brew Tours in 2011. He takes beer lovers on narrated bus, bike and walking tours to breweries in



Stephen C. Johnson shows off his new book about the history of brewing in Detroit and its suburbs.

Detroit, its suburbs and beyond. He talks about beer history during his tours, but was able to delve deeper into the topic when Arcadia Publishing's The History Press asked him to write a book.

"It was an exciting opportunity ... I could go deeper into the research," he said.

He discovered that approximately 2,300 breweries existed nationwide and that Detroit's beer industry was growing in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Prohibition put the industry in limbo until 1933, when the restriction was repealed. Johnson profiled the 10 breweries that brought

large-scale production to Detroit in the late 1930s. In the 20 years that followed, they began buying each other until only Stroh Brewery Co. remained.

"The 1960s and '70s nationwide was a low point. There were less than 40 breweries in the whole U.S. Everyone drank the same thing from the big three or four breweries. Stroh's fell into that category,' Johnson said. "What happened on the West Coast was that eventually people raised their hands and said we want something different."

A renaissance in craft beer started in the West and swept across the

country. Beer drinkers traded their light, homogenized lagers for a variety of craft brews.

"People saw that and said, 'Wow, we want to do that in Michigan.' People traveled to the West Coast and brought it here and it eventually started to grab hold," Johnson said. "It was uncharted waters and there wasn't much market for it.'

#### **Three waves**

Most beer brewed during the "first wave" of the craft beer movement in Detroit came from brew pubs, fullservice restaurants with a brewing system on-site.

"The beers they did brew were simplistic to

start," Johnson said. "Now the new guys that open today make more exotic and different beer right out of the gate."

Royal Oak Bewery, Atwater Brewery and Motor City Brewing Works in Detroit are among the early craft breweries established in the mid- to late 1990s.

The second wave of craft brewing, starting around 2000, made the industry "bigger" in the Detroit area and the third wave, around 2010,

brought it "everywhere." Most of the breweries in western Wayne and western Oakland counties opened within the last few years.

"I'd say the recent explosion (of brewery openings) has more to do with the economy than anything," he said. "A lot of people were on the sidelines and nervous about jobs and money." Johnson noted an improving economy helped set the stage for the uptick in brewery openings.

"A dozen breweries opened in the last two years on the west side," he said. "I was changing who I was covering in the book right down to the deadline."

Johnson will sign his book at 6 p.m. June 16 at Northville Winery & Brewing Co., 630 Baseline Road, and 2-6 p.m. June 26, at River's Edge Brewing, 125 S. Main, Milford.

Go to Johnson's website, motorcitybrewtours.com

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### Get your tickets for inaugural Opera Ball fundraiser June 18 at PARC

Are you in the mood for a waltz? Main Street Opera Theatre will host the inaugural formal Opera Ball fundraiser Saturday, June 18, at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church St., Plymouth.

The formal event will open with a red carpet photo opportunity. Guests will then be treated to a classical concert

featuring some of opera's greatest hits. Even if you're not an avid operagoer, you'll recognize these crowd-pleasers. A strolling meal is being prepared by French chef

Claude. Guests will have to chance to dance the night away. A live band will entertain the crowd.

Opera Ball will benefit Main Street Opera Theatre's upcoming season.

Tickets are \$40 each or a group of 10 for \$350. They can be purchased at www.MainStreetOperaTheatre.org and are on sale until Monday, June

The evening's schedule is as follows: 7-7:30 p.m., red carpet; 7:30-8:30 p.m. classical concert; 8:30-9 p.m. strolling meal; 9-10:30 p.m. band, dancing, dessert.



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### Kudos to Gallimore Science Olympiad winners

Gallimore Elementary third-, fourth and fifth-grade teams won trophies and medals May 14 at the final district tournament of Science Olympiad.

At only three years old, Science Olympiad at the elementary level is a new undertaking in Wayne-Oakland counties. School districts have been running science Olympiad teams at the middle and high school levels for 15-plus years.

The Elementary Science Olympiad is composed of 16 events with three types of events, such as Anthropods, Anatomy, Solar System, Wild Life Species, Data Analysis, Meteorology, Rock Species, Circuit Systems, Simple Machines, Build Events like Vehicle Design, Rocket Launching, Ping Pong Propulsion, Bridge **Building and Experimental** Events like Weight/Volume Estimation and Path of Light Experiments.

For the second consecutive year, Gallimore fifth-graders placed first in the district tournament. The 16-member team won with a 47-percent lead over the second-place team, Amerman Elementary from Northville.

Fifth-grade medal winners: Anatomy: first place, Jibraan Rahman and Paolo Belleza; Anthropods: fifth place, Nidhi Kundargi and Bhavya Yanamandra; Bridging: first place, Aryahi Pachpande and Reva Ignacza; Crime Busters: seventh place, Alex Mac and Jibraan Rahman; Crash Car: second place, Pranay Shah and Romel Patel; Charged Up: seventh place, Romel Patel and Nyari Bhatt; Graphing: sixth place, Paolo Belleza and Natalie Fabien; Ping Pong Propulsion: seventh place, Reva Ignaczak and Isha Patel; Rock Hound: fourth place, Ronak Samal and Natalie Fabien; Simple Machines: sixth place, Romel Patel and Pranay Shah; Starry Nights: first place, Raj Tiller and Sanya Ahmed: Weather: third place, Martin Pacheco and Ronak Samal; Wildlife: second place, Alex Mac and Sanya Ahmed; and Zowie Estimation: second place, Aryahi Pachpande and Isha Patel.

The fourth-grade team did great and placed third in the district. The team placed third behind Amerman and Schroeder elementaries, leaving a wide gap to the fourth-place

Fourth-grade medal win-

Anatomy: fifth place, Krithvi Rayarapu and Prajna Kishore; Anthropods: sixth place, Alex Lukas and Devansh



The Gallimore Science Olympiad team members.

Shende; Bridging: fifth place, Arav Kulkarni and Sraddha Suryadevara; Charged Up: sixth place, Elvis Xiang and Arav Kulkarni; Rock Hound: first place, Akshayapriya Saravanan and Bella Paul; Reflection Relay: fifth place, Charvi Rayarapu, Varsha Rajesh and Sophia Georgieva; Simple Machines: sixth place, David Huang and Navya Jacob; Starry Nights: fourth place, Krithvi Rayarapu and Akshayapriya Saravanan; Water Rockets: sixth place, Sraddha Suryadevara, Devansh Shende and Elvis Xiang; Weather: fifth place, Varsha Rajesh and Eliza Makdhoom; Wildlife: sixth place, Bella Paul and Charvi Rayarapu; and Source Code: first place. Elvis Xiang and Krithvi Rayarapu, and second place, Akshayapriya Saravanan and Sraddha Suryadevara.

The third-grade team placed third in the district. The team of 16 walked away with the third-place trophy, behind Novi Woods and Amerman. The team missed second place by only two points.

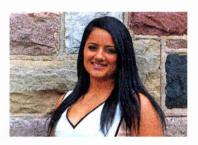
Third-grade medal winners: Anatomy: fourth place, Achyut Reddy and Animesh Kar; Anthropods: third place, Neel Bangera and Harish Harayan; Bridging: second place, Neel Bangera and Saee Pawar; Ping Pong Propulsion: fourth place, Animesh Kar and Zayd Ahmed; Rock Hound: first place, Zayd Ahmed and Mihir Sastry; Reflection Relay: fifth place, Achyut Reddy, Aditya Achyut and Tanish Rajit; Simple Machines: first place, Dhruthi Pattabhi and Arush Vatul, Water Rockets: second place, Neel Bangera, Rakshan Samynathan and Pawan Ramayanam; Weather: fifth place, Animesh Kar and Pawan Ramayanam; Wildlife: second place, Aditya Achyut and Rakshan Samynathan; Zowie: fourth place, Tanish Rajit and Alok Swamynathan; and Source Code: first place, Animesh Kar and Harishwaran Balamurugan.

### EMU student from Canton awarded Adcraft Foundation scholarship

Canton resident Glori Avneet Singh, a marketing major at Eastern Michigan University, capped a remarkable period of recovery from a terrible car accident by winning one of the highest scholarship awards presented by the Adcraft Foundation.

In 2007, Singh was in a crash during which she suffered multiple skull fractures. She was diagnosed with a severe traumatic brain injury and doctors feared she would never recover and be in a vegetative state for the rest of her life. But Singh proved the doc-

Though she endured extensive mental and physical thera-



Canton resident and EMU student Glori Avneet Singh was awarded the Adcraft Foundation Scholarship.

pv over the past nine years, she never gave up hope and such determination has not gone unnoticed.

Sheila Sasser, a professor of

marketing and integrated marketing communications at the College of Business at EMU, nominated Singh for the Adcraft Foundation Scholarship.

"I was proud to nominate Glori," Sasser said. "In spite of everything that she has been through, Glori has persevered. She is smart, hard-working and a very motivated student who loves the advertising business. She is one tough cookie.'

Singh, a senior, received the \$6,000 prize, presented to her by Snapchat guru Imran Khan during a luncheon April 19 at The Reserve in Birmingham.

Singh's scholarly achievements have earned her a place on the EMU dean's list, with a

current 3.61 grade-point average. She is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She is also vice president of membership events for The American Marketing Association at Eastern.

"Glori's passion and resiliency is a highlight of her ex-traordinary life, as she often goes out of her way to help others," Sasser said. "I believe Glori shows that anything is possible and her vision, humanity and humble nature are refreshing - all values we desperately need as future leaders in the advertising industry.

When asked where she sees herself in five years, Singh said she hopes to be working

for an advertising or marketing company that she is very passionate about.

"I would like to be working as a strategic planner or a marketing strategist, so that I would be able to put my strategic and creative skills to work by developing and executing dynamic marketing campaign plans," she said. "I want to analyze research and plan out all aspects of the marketing

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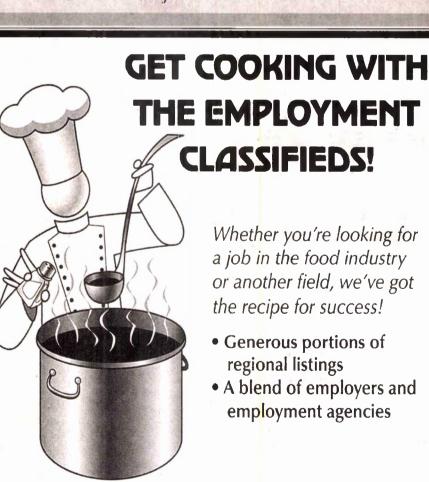
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### Memories of Mr. Hockey strike a chord among fans

Jay Grossman Staff Writer

Birmingham's Varsity Shop owner Marc Secontine will always remember the time he and his son Chaz spent with Gordie Howe outside of Joe Louis Arena.

The two were heading into the arena to see a Red Wings game during the 2008-09 season when they happened to come across Howe, who was sitting behind a small table and signing autographs for anyone would purchase his book, "Nine: A Salute to Mr. Hockey Gordie Howe."

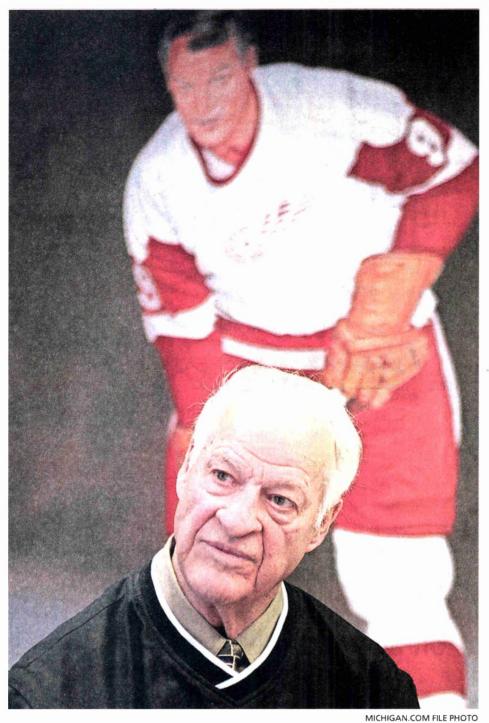
"I share season tickets with three other guys and my son is a huge hockey buff," Secontine said. "So here's a chance for my son to meet Gordie Howe. he's sitting at this table with two guys and not a single person in line to get his autograph. I knew I'd have to buy a book for \$70, but I figure what the heck and I do

A conversation followed for the next 10-15 minutes between Howe and Chaz, in which they waxed about hockey and the Red Wings and the art of being a goalie — a position Howe played in

his younger days. "He was polite and cordial and charming,' Marc Secontine said. "You hear all these stories about what a nice person he is with his fans ... and, sure enough, that's exactly how he was."

The legendary player died Friday at the age of

Marc's dad, Vincent C. Secontine Jr., a former player at the University of Michigan and varsity football coach at Birmingham High School, opened the Varsity Shop in 1954. Above the shop's door for many years was an autographed photo of Vincent Secontine and



Former Detroit Red Wings great Gordie Howe.

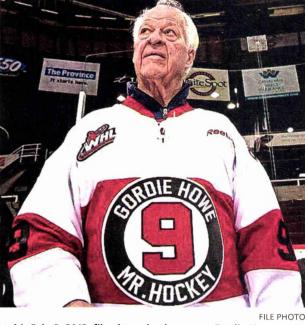
Howe standing together inside the store.

"They weren't drinking buddies, but they knew each other through business and social circles," Marc Secontine said. As for the photo, "someone stole it. They were walking out of the store and they grabbed it from the wall."

Andy Weidenbach, head coach of the Cranbrook Kingswood boys hockey team, grew up playing hockey in the Detroit area in the 1960s. His brother Dave also played. For a time, the two brothers happened to play against Howe's

sons, Marty and Mark. 'We were just teen-

agers and both of them ended up playing profes-sionally," Weidenbach said. "I played against Marty and Dave played against Mark. Gordie would come around sometimes to watch his boys play and everyone wanted to go up to him to say hello. He was just a terrific guy."



In this Feb. 2, 2013, file photo, hockey great Gordie Howe looks on during a news conference in Vancouver, British

Years later, Weidenbach's son Eric would play for Marty Howe when he coached the Gaylord Grizzlies in the North American Hockey League from 1996-98.

"He was a great guy to play for," Weidenbach said. "And, sure enough, Gordie would sometimes come by the rink to watch the games. Whenever you spoke to him, he was such a personable guy. Very quiet and unassuming, but he was always engaging. He was

a gentleman. Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard also crossed paths with Mr. Hockey.

"Way back in the day, I was an altar boy," said Bouchard, a longtime resident of Birmingham. "This was back in the '60s and my best friend was also an altar boy ...

and a Red Wings fanatic. He was such a fan that he brought a transistor radio to Mass that had an earpiece running to his ear away from the altar. And he would listen to the games during the services and call out the

score.' The fun continued until the priest caught the two boys whispering over the game one day.

"Years later, when I was serving in the state Senate, I was at an event with Gordie Howe and he just howled when I told him the story," Bouchard said. "He was such a terrific guy, the kind of person that others looked up to and wanted to emulate. He never let us down.

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### Plymouth's C.L. Finlan celebrates 100 years

The insurance industry is one that seems to change on a daily basis. Imagine the changes that have occurred in the last 100 years – that's how long C.L. Finlan & Son, Inc., has been in business.

To celebrate, C.L. Finlan will host an open house from 11:30 a.m. to

1:30 p.m. and 3–6 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at the agency, 47784 Halyard Drive, Plymouth. The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting will take place at 12:30 p.m.. Members of the community are invited to attend.

C.L Finlan & Son, Inc., was founded in 1916 in

Plymouth as a provider of insurance products. The agency has been affiliated with Citizens Insurance since its inception and became licensed with Auto Owners Insurance in 1925.

Cincinnati Insurance has been a partner company since 1992 and Frankenmuth Insurance since 2007. The agency also represents other companies and is proud of its long history with these strong and financially sound insurance carriers. As a multi-line independent agency, all lines of insurance are offered, including auto, homeowners, tenant, condo, motorcycle, um-

brella, worker's compensation, business, life and health.

President Kirk Kohn Kohn, an agency partner since 1983, is optimistic about the fu-



ronment," he said.

The agency has 20 employees and has been a Plymouth tradition

since it was founded.

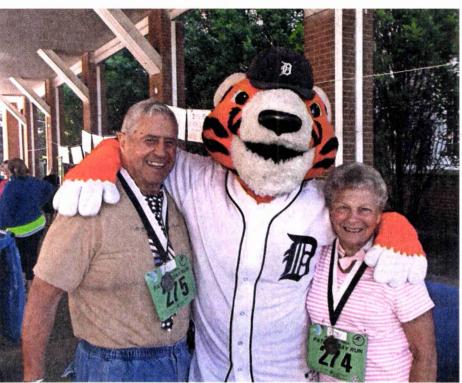
### Set a record at Plymouth YMCA Father's Day run

Participating in the annual YMCA Father's Day run for more than 25 years, as Plymouth resident Tim Tingstad has done, is certainly an achievement worth mentioning. Participation of his parents, Joan and Marty Tingstad, who continue to be involved into their 80s, is something for the record books. In fact, Joan Tingstad had been a medal winner in her age category many times over.

"My parents are certainly an inspiration,"
Tingstad said. "They have always been active people and that sets a great example for me and for those who see them at the race. The YMCA Father's Day run is a great event for the Plymouth community and it is something that multiple generations can be part of together."

A 35-year resident of Plymouth, Tingstad jokes that he is involved with the race whether he wants to be or not – as the six-mile mark of the event typically goes right in front of his house. On race day, if his wife Sandy is not at the finish line, she can be found on their front lawn with hose in hand to cool them off as they go by.

Active in many areas of the community, Tingstad is currently the president of the Kiwanis



Joan and Marty Tingstad of Plymouth enjoy the YMCA Father's Day Run with Paws.

Club of Colonial Plymouth and also helped create the Fairground Park Association to make improvements to the park and to foster a sense of community for the surrounding neighbors.

Volunteering in many parts of the community over the last three-plus decades, Tingstad is well aware of the personal fulfillment that can be gained, but also knows it can be hard work and involve many hours. "I

have admiration for the Plymouth YMCA staff and volunteers who make this race happen in our community," he said. "I know the planning of an event like this goes on year-round and work starts very early on race day to be sure everything goes off without a hitch."

Plymouth YMCA executive director Sage Hegdal is well aware of the scope of a community event of this magnitude: "This run is cer-

tainly about promoting good health, but it is also very much about celebrating family," Hegdal said. "Each year, we see so many family and friends creating memories. The event includes a one-mile fun run for the entire family, a 5K walk, 5K run and 10K run. There is something for everyone who wants to be part of this great activity."

Hegdal also notes that if you are not interested in running in a race, you can still show your support by making a donation to the Plymouth YMCA or by acting as a race-day volunteer. "We need volunteers in many areas including handling registration, race-day setup, directing runners on the course and many other tasks."

Proceeds from the race benefit the YMCA's Annual Campaign, which drives its non-profit mission of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

Registration for this year's run has already begun. Anyone interested in participating can go to the Plymouth Family YMCA website, at www.plymouthfathersdayrun.org, and click the "Register to Race" button to begin the process online.

Registrations are also accepted by walk-in or mailing the forms to 248 S. Union, Plymouth, MI 48170. Race awards include ribbons for all one-mile finishers, medals for all 5K and 10K finishers, \$100 Visa gift cards for overall top male and female finishers in the 5K and 10K run and custom prizes for the top three winners in each age division.

For more information, contact Hegdal at shegdal@ymcadetroit.org.

# Nonprofits asked to apply for credit union grants

Michigan's Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions is seeking applications from nonprofit organizations in need of financial grants of up to \$2,500 to support local community improvement activities. The money must be used to benefit the communities of Wayne or Washtenaw counties. This year, the chapter will award a total of at least \$15,000.

Nonprofit organizations that wish to apply must complete an online application at http:// metrow-

est.mcul.org/2016-charity-grant-application by July 8. If you have any questions, email metrowestchapter@umcu.org.

Grant recipients will be notified by July 31 and top recipients will be recognized Aug. 18 at the Metro West Chapter Charity Golf Outing.

The mission of the Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions is to support educational needs, community improvement and political advocacy for credit unions in the Metro West Chapter.



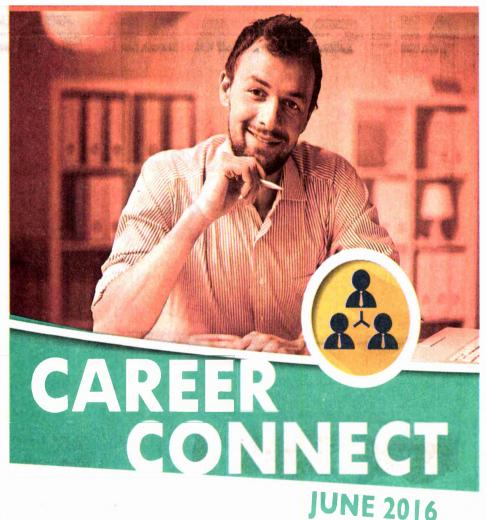
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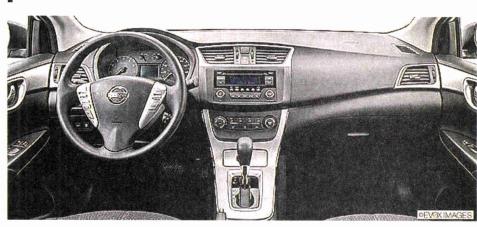
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### **GOLF FOR COPS**

Time/Date: June 15 Location: Fox Hills Golden Fox course in Plymouth Township

Details: If you would like to help the Canton police help those in need, join the Canton Community Foundation's 25th golf outing. Jack Demmer Ford is the outing presenting sponsor. Jack Demmer Ford and Lou LaRiche Chevrolet will both offer a contest for an auto lease. Home Depot has provided a \$3,000 riding lawn mower for a raffle as well. Only 250 tickets will be sold for the lawn mower.

Cost: Fees are \$195 per golfer or \$700 for a foursome. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or three for

Contact: To sign up for the CCF's silver anniversary golf outing, go to www.cantonfoundation.org or call the foundation at 734-495-1200

#### **CONNECT YOUR SUMMER**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m

Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road

Details: Get involved in summer reading with more than 100 programs, activities. Attend summer kickoff party takes for a photo op spot, a wheel of fun, custom library coloring sheets and much more. If patrons pick up one of library CYS yard signs, the CYS prize patrol might drop in and hand out prizes at your doorstep as a new CYS feature.

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### **GRUB CRAWL**

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Tuesday,

**Details:** Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts annual Grub Crawl with food samples, sweet treats and craft beer from 18 eateries and the Canton Brew Works microbrewery.

Cost: \$35 per person for tickets (T-shirts) and include transportation. They are on sale now and can be purchased at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford, online at www.cantonchamber.com or by calling 734-453-4040

#### **ARTS AND ACTS**

Time/Date: 3-8 p.m. Friday, June 17; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 18; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 19

Location: Downtown Northville **Details:** Northville Art House shines a spotlight on the imagination, art, talent and cultural diversity of artists throughout

the region when the annual

festival returns for the seventh consecutive year Contact: Northville Art House at 248-344-0497 or go to

#### www.northvillearthouse.org. **BLUES AND JAZZ**

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, for blues; 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, for jazz

Full Tilt Boogie Blues Band will perform 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

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

**Details:** The Elks Lodge hosts the Full Tilt Boogie Blues Band with "Razor" Ray Lauerman on guitar and vocals, Terry "T-Bone" Bradley on bass and vocals, Raul "Big Ru" Saldivar on drums and vocals and Annie Gedert on keys and vocals. Blues @ The Elks is a partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitblues society.org)

Cost: \$5 donation at the door **Details:** The Terry Lower Trio with Edye Evans Hyde returns for an evening of true jazz entertainment. Hyde is an awardwinning jazz singer who engages the audience with the great favorites. Joining Lower on keyboard and Hyde on vocals, will be Ray Tini on bass and Jim Ryan on drums

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### **OPERA BALL**

Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m. Saturday, June 18

Location: Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church Cost: Tickets are \$40 each or a group of 10 for \$350 at www.MainStreetOperaTheatre-

#### **GOLF FOR EDUCATION** Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 20

Location: Fox Hills Golden Fox, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

Details: The Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation will hosts its 25th annual golf outing. Proceeds are used to provide grants to teachers to

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#### **FREE OUTDOOR** CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 22

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton **Details:** The Canton Concert

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Contact: The church office 734-459-3333 or go to www.connectingwithGod.org.

### COMPASSIONATE **VOLUNTEERS**

Time/Date: Until September Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5820 N Lilley Road,

**Details:** Compassionate Care

Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient care and companionship, office support, group activities and more. Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentially, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer. Interested volunteers must complete the online application process prior to training. Early registration is encouraged, as several steps are to be completed prior to the start of the training sessions. Next new volunteer orientation is Sept. 13 in the hospice office Contact: Jeanne Edwards, volunteer coordinator, at 888-

#### **WOUNDED HEART** CONFERENCE

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Time/Date: June 17-18 Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton

Details: Understanding the Wounded Heart Conference will feature Dr. Marcus Warner of Deeper Walk International and Tessie Wilson of Freedom in **Christ Ministries** 

Contact: For registration information, contact Brenda Stilley at 734-255-3131 or brendastilley@connecting withgod.org. Online registration available at http://connectingwithgod. org/resources/deeperwalk.

### **DIVERSITY EXHIBIT**

Time/Date: Exhibit runs through July 30. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Location: Canton Historical Museum, on Canton Center,

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#### **CANCER SUPPORT**

Cost: Free

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month

**Details:** Connecting with others who know what it is to have lung cancer can help during this difficult time. To start, join the Lung Cancer Support Group at the Beaumont Cancer Center-Farmington Hills, 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 230. Thoracic surgeon Dr. David Sternberg leads the group. The group is open to anyone living with lung cancer and their loved ones. Meetings are free the third Monday each month. For more information, call 248-473-4828

### WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Men's Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Contact Dick at 313-534-0399.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first and third Monday of each month. **Details:** Join Widowed Friends.

a peer support group, hosting a Ladies Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Connor's Restaurant on Haggerty/Five Mile Road. Northville. To save a seat, contact Carol at 313-562-3080.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first Thursday of each month.

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### Peters announces military service academy appointments from state

U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, a retired lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve, announced that 19 Michigan students nominated by his office have received appointments to military service academies. Of the group, nine will attend the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.; six will attend the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.; three will attend U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.; and one will attend the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. The students will begin their service this sum-

"I applaud these young men and women for their willingness to serve our nation in uniform and it was my pleasure to nominate them

for appointment to America's service academies," Peters said.

"These students have demonstrated the skills and academic excellence to become the next generation of leaders in our military and our country and I wish them all the best in their endeavors."

The nominees include:

### **U.S. Air Force Academy**

- » Nicholas Boesiger, Grosse Pointe Shores, University Detroit-Jesuit High School
- » Aaron Brooks, Birmingham, Seaholm High School
- » Daniel Christensen, Augusta, Gull Lake High School
- » Steven Gardner, Clio, Elizabeth Ann Johnson Memorial High School

- » Robert Lubisco, Northville, Northville High School
- » David Mazza, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Tech Middle College
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- » Lindsey Reichard, Wheeler, Breckenridge High School

#### **U.S. Merchant Marine Academy** » Lucas Fuhrman,

Greenville, Greenville High School

### CC junior gets perfect ACT score

**Sue Buck** Staff Writer

South Lyon resident Adam Brusstar, who will begin his senior year at Catholic Central High School in the fall, scored a perfect 36 score on his recent ACT exam.

The ACT is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in English, mathematics, reading and science.

In a release from the school, Brusstar talked about things like how his favorite class is AP chemistry.

He has seen himself grow during his first three years at the private Novi high school. "I developed a stronger work ethic, such as paying attention to detail on my Chinese writing assignments even when they won't affect my grade," he said.

At Abbey Park in Lyon Township, he visits the



Brusstar

elderly and brings a dog to keep company of those in the assisted living center

company. He has volunteered there for more than 90 hours.

Brusstar is considering applying to MIT, Carnegie Mellon, Harvard, Stanford and the University of Michigan. He wants to study electrical engineering with

plans to pursue a Ph.D. His hobbies include skiing, camping, programming, studying graduate-level mathematics and reading classic literature.

His parents are Matthew and Andrea Brusstar. Younger brother Luke will be a freshman at Catholic Central this

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### **FORUM**

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Township, a former trustee in his hometown who recently left his job as global sales manager for an automobile parts supplier to campaign full

Colleen Pobur, a Plymouth City Commission member and a former Wayne County employee and Michigan Liquor **Control Commission** member, was the only Democrat at the forum. She faces Brian Sullivan of Northville, an attorney and former county commissioner, in the primary.

None of the four liked Michigan's pension tax, which took effect in 2012 as part of tax reforms by Gov. Rick Snyder.

#### 'We have a spending issue'

'We don't have a revenue issue, we have a spending issue," Noble

said. "It's really unfair to be adding a new tax" to retirees on modest and fixed incomes, he added.

"I don't think the tax on pensions is fair or reasonable or necessary." Pobur said

While cutting the state's budget was mentioned in general terms, Neilson said he supported parole reform as a way of getting offenders who are no longer threats to society out of prison and into productive lives, thereby cutting the corrections budget.

The discussion came after Wednesday's final approval by the Legislature of a state budget for the next fiscal year, which begins in October. of nearly \$55 billion.

The three Republicans said they were against raising taxes, with Roosen saying the state should increase revenue by growing the economy, not by raising taxes, and suggesting reducing the gasoline sales tax. The

state collects a 19-centsa-gallon fuel tax, as well as a 6-percent sales tax, on gas purchases.

"Let's start weaning ourselves as the economy grows," Roosen said of the gas sales tax.

Pobur took a broader approach, saying a mixture of budget cuts (state bureaucracy has too many agencies, she said) and new revenue - not necessarily taxes should be studied. "It's a complicated equation,' she said.

School funding was also a big topic, as the candidates answered questions on equalizing per-pupil funding between districts and on supporting the debt-laden Detroit Public Schools.

#### Approaches to school aid

"The funding mechanism for public schools does not work," Pobur said, pointing out disparities between neighboring districts. (For

example, the Plymouth-**Canton Community** Schools' grant is \$7,391 per student for the current year, while the Farmington Public Schools' is \$10,045, according to Michigan Department of Education figures.)

"That's not smart," Pobur added, calling for more equal funding "This issue is going to take a great deal of political will." Term limits -House members are restricted to three terms - and the length of terms, two years for representatives, make achieving consensus difficult, she said.

Roosen said the state is on track to equalizing funding through economic growth, but that "it's not going to happen over-

Neilson said there's not always a correlation between per-student funding and education outcomes and that lawmakers should study districts that get the best results and applying their tactics in other districts.

Noble endorsed the idea of education savings accounts that would allow companies to set aside money for children's education with the idea that, once their schooling is complete. graduates would be trained for the work force and hired by those companies.

On other issues, the candidates:

» Were mostly in favor of fracking, which has raised environmental concerns in some parts of the country.

"Republicans are conservationists," Roosen said. "We're surrounded (in Michigan) by water. How could we not care?"

"Fracking works. Energy independence is key and it keeps our costs low," Neilson said.

Pobur, however, said she would have to study the issue to reach a firm opinion on it.

» Said, with one exception, that they were pro-life.

"From the moment of conception, that is a child and that child has a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,'

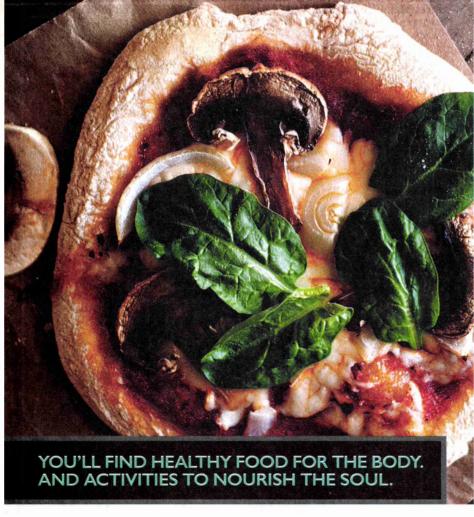
Noble said. Pobur said the decision to have an abortion should be be between a woman and her doctor.

» Were not in favor of gun-free zones, such as in and around schools, with Pobur again being the exception. She said she favored them, offering no explanation.

"Gun-free zones are not the answer," Neilson said. "It's a mental health issue.'

Thursday's event was moderated by Arné Guimmo, founder of the Plymouth Community Forum. The primary election is Tuesday, Aug.

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### **BOW TIE**

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"We want to reign over the accessories business. We want to be the No. 1 accessories business. To do that, you need to expand. Eventually, I plan on being an all-around accessories company, wallets, hats, belts," he said, adding that his bow ties are for women, too. "You can still look very feminine and wear a bow tie. I plan on having a campaign, women and bow ties.

#### A new skill

His product has come a long way since he started making it in summer 2014 as a way to keep busy while recuperating with a broken foot.

"I decided to learn how to sew," he said. "I

"I decided to learn how to sew. I like creating things, so I started creating basic things. ... I was just doing it for myself, because I like wearing them." **WILLIAM MURPHY** maker of bow ties from Canton

like creating things, so I started creating basic things. I made a hat out of spare fabric. I thought it would be cool to have a denim bow tie. I cut up some jeans. I wore that

around for a bit. I was

just doing it for myself,



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**Bow Ties.** 

"My doctor at the time really liked it and said, 'You could go somewhere with this.' Then, I was like, maybe I could make this."

He hot-glued fabric

into shape and fastened a hair clip on the back to create his first bow ties. He sold some in Wayne Memorial's school colors at pep rallies for \$5 each. But the hair clip kept slipping off shirt collars, forcing Murphy back to the drawing board.

"I realized I needed to sew it up so I could keep it around my neck with a neck strap," he said. 'Every month, I found something different I could add on to it to make it into something I'd want to wear. Eventually, it became a full-fledged product.

He initially made the bow ties from materials bought at Joanne Fabrics that he sewed together on a home sewing machine. Last year, he and his mother met with fabric suppliers in New York and now buy their goods wholesale. They

sewing machine.

also bought an industrial

Florals, fresh prints Murphy said his use of bold, non-traditional prints and colors sets his bow ties apart from other

artisan tie-makers. "They all sell the same type of look," he said. "You'll see a polka dot fabric. You'll see paisley, stripes. You won't see big, bold prints ... something that goes with current trends.

"Floral is one of our top sellers right now."

Although the company markets to adults of all ages, it aims to keep up with fashion trends favored by millennials.

Murphy also hopes to inspire others with his company, to show them that if he can succeed, they can, too. He volunteered for the Stuff the Bus program last year,

collecting supplies for students at a Lansingarea school, where he also spoke. He's a member of Toastmasters at Michigan State and plans

to speak at other events. Some students who once considered his fashion sense "weird" now

admire him. Said Murphy: "Somebody commented one thing I thought was funny. He said, 'We used to laugh at you man and your bow tie business ... but now that's pretty cool. So keep doing your thing.'

Reign Bow Ties range from \$20 to \$35 and are made from 100-percent cotton fabric. They are pre-tied and are fastened around the neck with a strap. Go to Murphy's website at reignbowties.com

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### **AUTHOR**

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who becomes a stripper, rock star wannabes who play dive bars, a failed cop who becomes a bouncer. They are based on people he has actually

A year after "Murder Boy" was published in 2015 by Hoboken, N.J.based Polis Books, Quertermous returns June 14 with "Riot Load." In it, Prince has found success, but tends to slack off. Woven together by violence and dark humor, the book plunges Prince into situations such as helping an old friend, a woman, steal her murdered lover's sperm from a sperm bank.

"She wants to have a baby with it," Quertermous said.

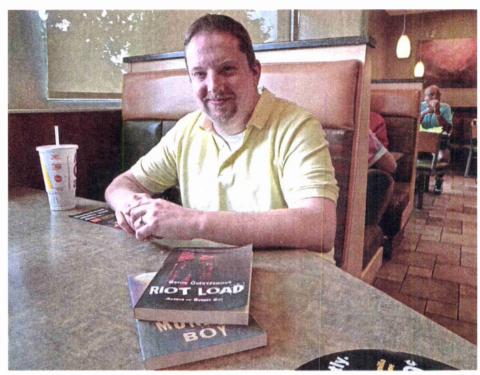
Never let it be said he lacks imagination, this author who grew up in the Flint area.

He began writing in second grade, when he penned a story about superhero candy bars. He confesses that, at 19. he wrote the script for a play that shamelessly ripped off "The Maltese Falcon." He didn't take offense when the producer turned it from a serious endeavor to sat-

He was editor of the Mott Community College newspaper and, while studying English and creative writing at the University of Michigan-Flint, landed an internship with Random House, the huge publishing company in New York City.

While there, he helped choose manuscripts that made the cut and those that didn't. His internship inspired him to begin writing again and one of his manuscripts got him on the short list for the Crime Writers Association's Debut Dagger Award. He attended a ceremony in London, but didn't win the award.

Quertermous once enrolled in Eastern Michigan University's graduate program for creating writing, but dropped out. Now, he works as an editor in digital communications as he continues to pursue his writing career. As an editor, he works as a freelancer for



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Canton author Bryon Quertermous often writes at the McDonald's on Ford Road, near Sheldon.

Amazon Publishing and for independent authors. In a digital era, he can do this and stay at home with his family in Can-

"I can edit from a McDonald's in Canton." he said. "I don't have to live in New York."

As an author, it also helps that his publisher, Polis Books, was started by one of his friends, Jason Pinter.

In his books, Quertermous exorcises his own demons by thrusting

them upon his characters. In "Riot Load," main character Prince starts to become more violent than he was in "Murder Boy," a trend that only worsens as Quertermous is now writing "Trigger Switch," the last novel in

the trilogy.

As "Riot Load" officially arrives June 14, Quertermous is preparing to embark on bookstore signings in Phoenix, Houston, Seattle and, closer to home, at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at Nicola's Books, in the Westgate Shopping Center in Ann Arbor. He also plans to promote it online, through social media and on http://bryon quertermous.com.

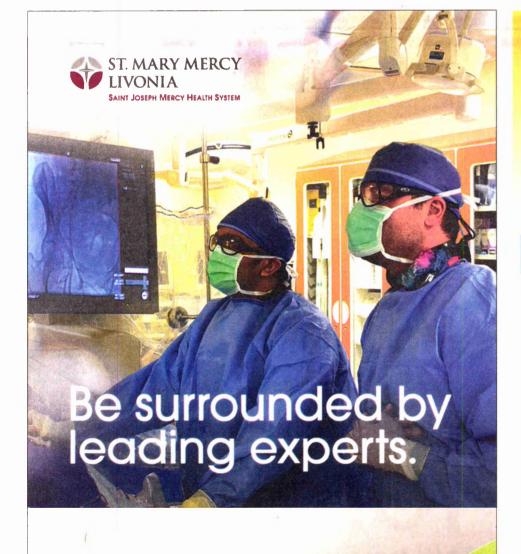
Quertermous still draws inspiration from anger fueled by a dream editor's job that passed him by and, from a larger perspective, the divisive presidential election cycle and the level of violence close to home and across America.

Writing, it seems, is

his therapy.
"I'm able to work out a lot of problems and fears and anger and issues without paying for a therapist or hurting the people around me," he

It's a lesson Dominick Prince should learn.

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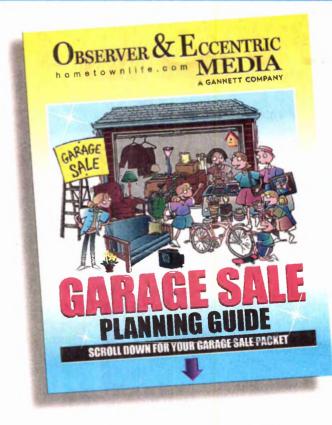
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### Livonia woman to show her 1964 Caddy at Cars 'R' Stars

**Sharon Dargay** Staff Writer

It's big, it's finned and built like a tank, but Debra McDonald says her 1964 Cadillac Series 62 "can really haul if you put the pedal to metal."

"The Series 62 is the base model for 1964. I guess it would be called the 'poor man's' Cadillac. It does have many of the luxury features of the more expensive models like power windows and air conditioning," said McDonald of Livonia. "The thing I like best is the comfortable ride. It's

like sitting on your living room sofa.'

McDonald, who loves to cruise in her vintage car, was set to show it off from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. today (Sunday) at the annual Cars 'R' Stars classic car show, held at the Packard Proving Grounds on Van Dyke, just south of 23 Mile, in Shelby Township. It's a long haul for McDonald, whose favorite shows are Livonia Spree and the Burger School Autos for Autism Car Show in Garden City, but her car fits perfectly with this year's show theme, "Fins and Family Haulers." The event will include Cadillacs, the 1960 Chevrolet Impala and 1957 Ford Thunderbird, among other finned vintage vehicles. Station wagons on display will span 1941-77 model years and will include the 1968 Ford Country Squire Station Wagon seen in the television series, "Mad Men."

It's McDonald's first Cars 'R' Stars show, although she and her husband Chris have displayed their cars, including a 1976 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible and a 1985 Cadillac Seville, at other Packard Proving Grounds events.

"The Proving Grounds is a fabulous venue for car shows," McDonald said. "We try to go to as



Debra McDonald of Livonia dresses for comfort, with her signature cowboy hat, when she shows her 1964 Cadillac.

many shows as we can. We were honored to be invited to display at Eyes on Design at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford estate last year.

"We especially enjoy cruise nights, like the ones held at the Village Commons Shopping Center on Grand River in Farmington on Mondays and St. Bellarmine church in Redford on Wednesdays. Multi Lakes **Conservation Association** in Commerce has a wonderful combination car cruise-in, all-you-can eat fish fry on Fridays that we seldom miss. But the best of all is at Baker's of Milford on Sunday afternoon. All the cruise-ins offer yummy food. If I play my cards right, I rarely have to cook during cruise season.'

### **Enormous trunk**

The 1964 Cadillac was an anniversary gift from her husband five years ago. McDonald said he knew how much she loved both Cadillacs and country singer Dwight Yoakam, whose "Guitars Cadillacs" music video features a 1963 model. Chris found a similar 1964 version of the car

located in southern Indiana on eBay. He bid and won the auction.

They fixed the brakes immediately and have made annual improvements ever since.

"The paint color is a repaint of the original beacon blue, which I think shows off the lines and chrome especially well. My favorite feature is the vent windows. I wish modern cars still had them," she said.

The car is 224 inches long and has an "enormous" trunk, which comes in handy for hauling the canopy, chairs and folding table they take to car shows.



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"We are lucky our garage was built back in the '60s." she said. "A lot of modern garages are way too short.'

"All the cruise-ins offer yummy food. If I play my cards right, I rarely have to cook during cruise season."

**DEBRA MCDONALD** 

McDonald wore vintage clothing for a show a few years ago, but prefers dressing for comfort, which includes her signature cowboy hat.

"You have to be up very early to travel to most shows and the days can be very long and hot," she said. "I have to admit, I usually let Chris chauffeur me to most outings, though. He calls it 'Driving Ms. Debra."

Chris is a Realtor and McDonald describes herself as a "lucky stayat-home housewife" who manages their car event calendar. They have five grown children between

them She's looking forward to Woodward Dream Cruise in August and

hopes to someday drive

Route 66. "We've found that car enthusiasts come from every walk of life." she said. "Most everyone is welcoming and supportive. It's a great way to spend your kids' inheri-

tance.

Admission to Cars 'R' Stars is \$5, free for children 12 and under and accompanied by a paid admission. In addition to the car exhibit, the event will include a swap meet, selection of cars for sale, display of historical bicycles, a gift shop, food and

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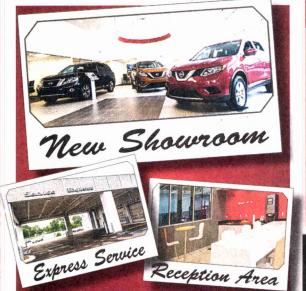
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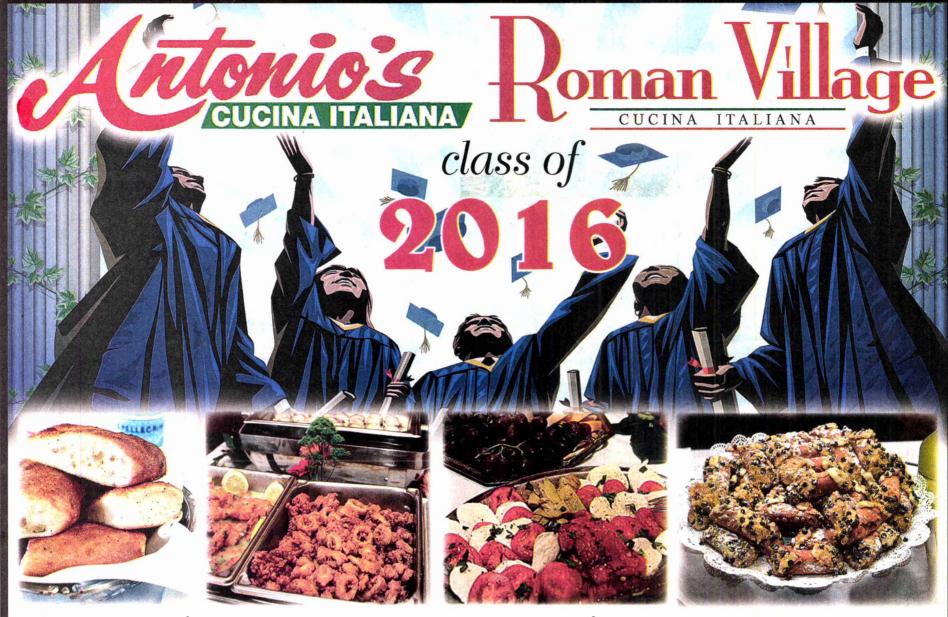
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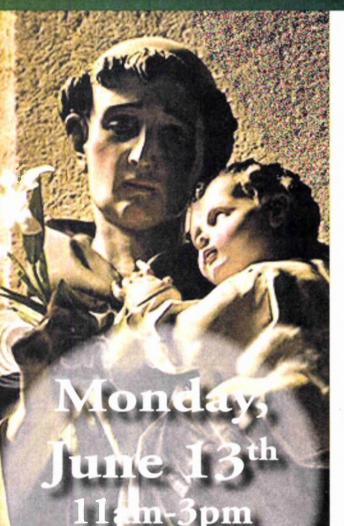
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### PARC to host Plymouth reunion

The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, a nonprofit cultural and recreation center at the former Central Middle School, will host a Plymouth reunion Thursday, June 23.

The event will feature displays of Plymouth memorabilia and photographs, tours of the old school, refreshments and a car show in the parking lot out back. It will take place 6:30-9 p.m.

The reunion is intended for graduates of Central and Plymouth High School, which was located at the PARC site from when the original building was completed in 1917 until 1970.

The event is an offshoot of the Facebook group "I Grew Up in Plymouth, Michigan," which has more than 4,300 members who use the social media site to share memories of their early Plymouth years.



The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex is a nonprofit cultural and recreation center at the former Central Middle School.

"It doesn't matter if those memories are scattered amongst a cornfield back in the '40s or meeting with neighbors just last month for dinner at one of Plymouth's many fine restaurant sidewalk cafes," Gerald Norquist, a 1966 PHS graduate, wrote in a tribute to the group. "Memories are treasures and they are truly 'what life is about.'

Norquist said he and others in the Facebook

group occasionally meet at McDonald's "for coffee and making brand new memories," but that "I Grew Up in Plymouth, Michigan" readers and posters had been asking for a get-together.

In addition to the reunion at the PARC in "uptown" Plymouth, Norquist said, the Plymouth Community Band will be taking the stage in Kellogg Park for a concert at 7:30 p.m. the same

### Celebrate America's first ladies at museum

A wine and appetizer reception for the former first ladies and their husbands (as portrayed by the Plymouth Living History Troupe) takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The Plymouth Living History Troupe will impersonate some of the first ladies and their husbands. The Main Street Opera Theatre will perform historic patriotic songs throughout the evening.

This event is a "first look" at the new exhibit "First Ladies — Fashion Setters" featuring more than a dozen dresses of the first ladies throughout history.

"The dresses are go-ing to be fabulous," said Liz Kerstens, executive director of the museum. "They will be more historically accurate than anything we've had before."

In the past, the museum rented dresses from outside sources, but this year is different. Each dress in this exhibit has been carefully researched by museum volunteer and past president Pam Yockey, who is also a costume historian and seamstress. Yockey handmade 12 of the dresses based on details gleaned from a lifetime of research.

Two original dresses will be on loan from a private collection as well. "We're not necessarily picking inaugural gowns," Yockey said. "We're primarily picking dresses they wore.

Setting up an exhibit of this size is a serious endeavor. The museum closes for two weeks while the exhibits team takes down the current exhibit "It's a Downton Abbey Thing" and sets up the "First Ladies — Fashion Setters.'

"We do this every four years in the months leading up the presidential election to celebrate the history of the United States and the presidency," Kerstens said. "This night, in particular, is an exciting celebration of our country's history."
Tickets for the Wine &

Appetizer Reception are available online at www.plymouthhistory.org, by phone at 734-455-8940, ext. 0, or in person at the museum at 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

Tickets are \$25 (mu-



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The "First Ladies Fashion Setters" exhibit

opens June 29 and runs through Nov. 6. The museum is closed June 13-27 during the change-



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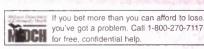
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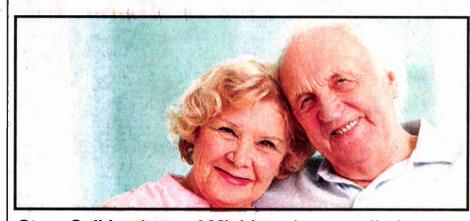
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### TIME TO 'SPARK UP'

Plymouth prep standout Adebiyi set to launch AAU basketball program

**Tim Smith** Staff Writer

When Deji Adebiyi played football and basketball at Plymouth High School, he consistently brought energy as well as the necessary smarts and sweat to excel at the varsity

And just a year after graduating, Adebiyi — along with Plymouth classmates Harman Sidhu and Josh Gendron — are doing a full-court press on area youth to turn up their own competitive juices.

They've organized nonprofit Voltage Elite, through which they soon will launch a sixweek football skills program and Amateur Athletic Union boys basketball summer team.

### 'Spark and energy'

"(Voltage Elite) definitely signifies the spark and the energy," said Adebiyi, who by the way also is in the midst of training to play quarterback

this fall at Ohio Weslevan University. "Our motto is 'Spark Up,' just radiating positive energy in order to build a brighter future for kids. And that's what we have. We want to bring that spark.

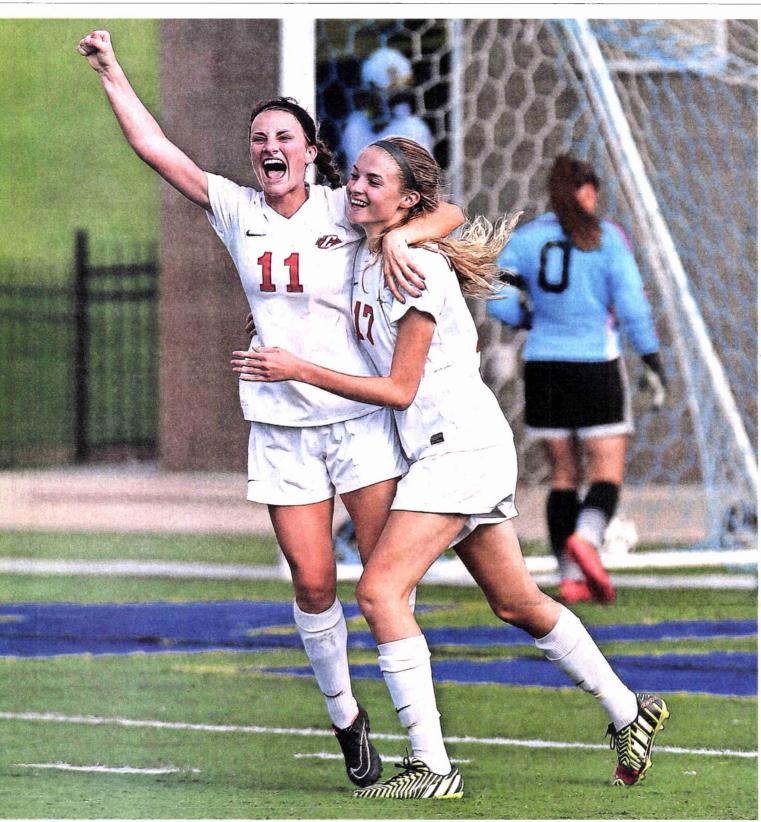
"We look at the metro Detroit area right now, it's kind of down, it needs that spark to come up. We have to reach the youth with that."

Voltage Elite's first-ever

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Deji Adebiyi (left) and Harman Sidhu are Plymouth High School alums who are teaming up to unveil Voltage Elite.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Madison Archibald (No. 11) and Raquel Church (No. 17) celebrate after Church scored for Canton in the second half of Friday's regional final.

# CHIEFS GET IT DONE



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Watching her shot nestle into the back of the Woodhaven goal Friday is Canton's Raquel Church.

Canton captures regional title with 1-0 win over Woodhaven

**Tim Smith** Staff Writer

In a game as closely contested as Friday's Division 1 varsity girls soccer regional final at Saline — where one goal likely was going to decide matters — Hannah Lapko looked for an opening and took

The Canton junior noticed a Woodhaven midfielder having trouble possessing the ball and turned on the gas to get it. Lapko then raced up the gut before launching a shot that

Warriors junior goalkeeper Kerstyn Williams sprawled to get in front of but could not

"The defender was kind of fumbling with the ball, so I just went up as hard as I could and took it," said Lapko, recalling the key sequence. "The goalie made a great save, I toed it with my right foot — I probably should have used my left.'

No worries, as it turned out. With the ball rolling away from Williams inside the 18-

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**D1 TRACK FINALS** 

### Park athletes shine at state meet

**Tim Smith** Staff Writer

Their weren't any firstplace finishers from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park track and field teams at the June 4 MHSAA Division 1 state meet.

But there were numerous exceptional performances in Hudsonville, including plenty of all-state finishers for finishing in the top eight in their respective event.

In some respects, it was a case of turning the baton over to youngsters, as Canton freshman girls sprinters Donae Adams and twins Jada and Jade Sabir teamed with senior Jessica Krone to finish fifth in the 400-meter relay with a time of 48.92 seconds.

That Chiefs' quartet also came close in the 1,600 relay, finishing 10th out of 64 schools.

'This was quite an accomplishment for the three freshmen and the hard-working senior," Canton varsity girls head coach Alan Jones said. "These young ladies have proven what AAU track can help you attain to.

"They are already planning ahead for next year as they plan on breaking more records and finishing higher than

Plymouth's 800 relay tandem of junior Erin Bradley, sophomore Faith Washington, freshman Reghan Draper and junior Ryen Draper took sixth with a mark of 1:42.06.

Just missing all-state honors was Salem sophomore Haven Essien in the 110 hurdles. After an eighth-place showing in preliminaries

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MICHAEL VASILNEK Canton's Jade Sabir (left) and Plymouth's Ryen Draper, shown from earlier this season, both made all-state honors June 4.

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**PDL SOCCER** 

### BOCK'S BACK AT CC — WITH BUCKS

Former Catholic Central football standout makes transition to soccer

**Brad Emons** Staff Writer

The last time Zach Bock stepped on Catholic Central's football field he was wearing a different kind of jersey.

Three years later, Bock will not only be wearing a different jersey, but minus the helmet and shoulder pads when he suits up for the Michigan Bucks of the U.S. Soccer League's Premier Development League as they will be taking on the Cincinnati Dutch Lions beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday at CC's Fr. Elmer Stadium.

"The only time I was on that field was for football, never got to play soccer there," said Bock, a starting defender with the Bucks. "It's definitely exciting. My older brother (Andrew) was on the soccer team at Catholic Central and I went to a lot of his games to support him and his team there, but being able to play just again on the Catholic Central field is going to be exciting whether it's football or soccer.'

On the gridiron, Bock was a standout kick returner, cornerback and running back for the Shamrocks, who reached the 2013 MHSAA Division 1 state finals. As a senior he was named to the 22-member Detroit Free Press Dream Team.

But during the winters, springs and summers, Bock was suiting up for the Michigan Jaguars and it would eventually would land him a soccer scholarship to Western Michigan University.

"I definitely had an aspiration to play college football," said Bock, who has a younger brother Alex headed to Ferris State this fall on a football ride. "I attended a lot of camps and things of that nature, but I think about early in my junior year I decided I'd like to play soccer after my youth team made it to the national championship game in Rock Hill S.C.

During the US Youth National Championship run with U-16 Jaguars in 2012, Bock took home the Golden Ball as the tournament MVP.



MICHIGAN BUCKS

Catholic Central alum Zach Bock (left, at the recent Canton Cup) has been a mainstay on the backline for the Bucks.

"I just really love soccer," Bock said. "And as much as I loved football, I just thought it was time to give it up after my senior year.

"My parents started me in soccer when I was like 3 years-old and it's

just something I've stuck with my whole life. Now having the opportunity to play with Western Michigan and the Michigan Bucks it's an awesome experience for me."

Converting over from football to soccer, however, was an adjustment to say the least while the Novi native was at CC.

"It was definitely a weird combination, Bock said. "I was doing a lot of different conditioning for each sport. When football ended in late November, around Thanksgiving, it was definitely a month-and-ahalf of hard work transitioning from football shape into soccer shape, and getting my touch back. But I wouldn't have trade it for anything. I loved playing football at Catholic Central, but I loved playing soccer."

As a freshman and full-time soccer player at WMU, Bock started 15of-18 games on the backline and had three goals and two assists. As a sophomore, Bock started all 19 matches leading the Broncos to an 11-4-4 overall record and a 3-1-1 mark in the Mid-American Conference.

But a potential NCAA tournament bid eluded the Broncos last fall when a Catholic League rival from none other than Birmingham Brother Rice scored the gamewinning goal.

"We had a bit of a disappointing end to the season getting knocked

out in the semifinals of the MAC," said Bock, who carries a 4.0-grade point average majoring in bu said. "Actually, a kid on the Bucks team (Russell Cicerone of Buffalo) scored on us in overtime to knock us

This summer, the second-place Bucks are off to a 3-1 start in the the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference. They are coming off a 1-0 loss to the Dayton Dutch Lions, but have outscored their opponents, 12-1.

"We've had a lot of success as a defense and going forward we have aspirations of winning the PDL and hopefully not allowing any goals this Thursday," said Bock, who was a Bucks part-time starter last year.

Tickets for the Bucks-Cincinnati game are available at the gate for \$10 (adults 16-and-over) and \$7 (youth).

Pre-sale tickets for all ages can be purchased on line for only \$6 at www.buckssoccer.com. Group packages (20 or more) are also available by calling Bucks Director of Operations Kelly Haapala at 248-521-2179.



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Another milestone, another celebratory team photo for the Canton Chiefs, after Friday's 1-0 win over Woodhaven in the regional final. Canton advances to the Division 1 semifinal round.

### **SOCCER**

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yard box, Canton junior Raquel Church pounced on it and chipped into the empty cage with 24:25 remaining in regulation.

That was all the Chiefs needed to win 1-0 and capture the regional championship.

"We had to do anything to get a goal there, everybody's got to crash the net," said Church, about what her mindset was at that point of the contest. "I'm just happy that I was there to knock

The offensive surge by the Chiefs immediately followed a strong effort at the defensive end of the pitch to deny an indirect kick.

Woodhaven's Abbey Lorenz took the kick from about 20 yards away from Canton senior goalkeeper Jordan Anheuser. But the ball never even got close, as it was blocked by a wall of Chiefs' defenders.

"It was definitely a counter," Warriors' head coach Scott Hoye said. "We had an indirect down here and it turns into a goal on the far end. Definitely miscommunication on our defensive end."

### Strong finish

Over the final 25 minutes, the Warriors had few if any quality chances to even the match, as Canton defenders sealed off every



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Canton's Hannah Lapko (left) maintains a step on Woodhaven's Nicole May.

seam on the hot turf. When the Warriors managed to connect on a play, Anheuser was

ready. With 10 minutes to go, Elizabeth Ferguson ripped a 35-yard shot that Anheuser tracked and

successfully blocked. If anything, the Chiefs came much closer to padding their lead. Senior Madison Archibald,

cutting in from the right side of the pitch, sent a shot that squarely hit the left post.

But while Archibald later smiled and said it would have been nice to have found the mark with that shot, she was more than happy with the final result.

'It feels great to come this far, it was a tough battle all the way here,"

Archibald said. "I think we really deserve it for all the hard work we've put in, and we're not done

Another Canton senior, Mary Galm, echoed Archibald about how big a moment it was for the Chiefs to prevail and now make it to Tuesday's semifinal at Spring Arbor University against **Grand Rapids Forest** 

Hills Central (7 p.m.). "It means everything

to us," Galm noted, "I think everyone came out here and tried their hard-"It's a really big deal for us to advance this far,

I'm just really proud of my team, I think we all worked really well together." Canton head coach

Jeannine Reddy said her message at halftime of a then-scoreless game was

'I just told them it's going to be them or it's going to be us," Reddy said. "Just got to go out there and play harder than you did in the first half because they're going to play harder."

Hoye, whose team ended up with a 20-4-3 record, lamented players not connecting when chances were there to

press the Chiefs. "We had good effort but we didn't have good execution, we didn't communicate well," Hove said. "Our fault on that, but the biggest thing is we just didn't combine the ball. We had open players, ... we just didn't combine."

### **Early chances**

The first half was evenly matched for the most part, although the Chiefs did have more chances to get on the scoreboard.

With about 22 minutes to go in the half, junior Monica Newton sailed the ball over the crossbar from about 30 yards.

In the final 10 minutes, iunior Sarah Willett spun and ripped a 15-yard shot that Williams dove to

A nifty give-and-go between Church and freshman Carly Schwinke looked promising, until Williams scampered out to scoop up the

The Warriors came close with about eight minutes left in the half when Christina Cobetto smoked a shot from the right side of the box that just missed the mark the ball sailed wide of the far post.

But once the second half started, it seemed as though the Chiefs were upping their game in all facets. It would only be a matter of time before they'd be rewarded.

"I think everyone worked super hard, whether they played defense, midfield, forwards," Reddy stressed. "They really want it. They're working hard and they're also having fun. I think that makes a huge difference.'

And now, the Chiefs (16-2-4) turn their attention to Tuesday's semifinal. They aren't about to stop just yet.

"It's going to take 100 percent effort all 80 minutes every game," Archi-bald said. "We can't give up at any moment, that's what we got to do.'

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**REMEMBERING A LEGEND** 

## GIVE IT UP FOR BUTCH!

Fifty-three years ... a Rocks record and a lasting impact — Hugh 'Butch' Sarah

**Darrin Silvester** 

Correspondent

In spring 1963, a notable Plymouth High School athlete readied himself for his turn to throw the shot and help his team achieve victory.

That senior athlete's name was Hugh Sarah or "Butch" to all those who knew and loved him.

Butch's throw of the 12-pound shot would travel 56 feet, 2 inches, assisting his team in victory and qualifying him for states alongside his lifelong friend, hurdler Bob Steele.

Sarah, also a Plymouth football player, would finish runner-up in the state meet that year, bested only by Jack Harvey, who would later become the University of Michigan's track head coach for 25 years. The old Plymouth

High School (and later Central Middle School) is closed now; last summer the school transferred ownership of the property over to the leaders of PARC (Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex) and a new era began at 650 Church Street.

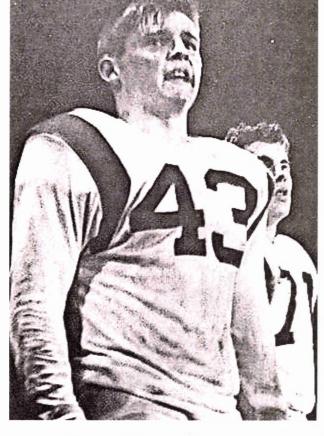
But it's notable that from that warm spring day in 1963 through this school year, no one ever topped that record.

It stood for 53 years. This month, a young man from Salem High School has finally pushed a distance out farther than the late "Butch" Sarah.

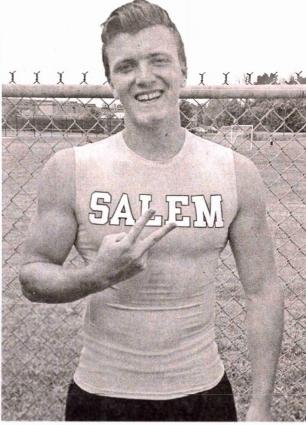
### A lasting mark

While we should and need to honor Salem senior Jannik Schmitt for his remarkable achievement (59-7) June 4 at the Division 1 state meet, it is important to pause and reflect upon the incredible man who will forever hold the Plymouth Rocks record, "Butch"

Sarah and his parents



Hugh "Butch" Sarah — a track and field legend for the old Plymouth Rocks — also was a pretty decent football player.



SALEM TRACK

Salem senior Jannik Schmitt recently broke the Rocks' 53-year shot put record held by the late Hugh "Butch" Sarah.

lived a simple life on

rural land along Lotz He was loved by his many friends and respected by the teachers and coaches at the

An imposing figure, Sarah held 220 pounds on his 5-foot-10 frame. Recently, Herman Theeke (PHS 1964), a football teammate to Sarah, shared a story where a male fan from an opposing team picked a fight with him after a high school basketball game.

The fight worked its way into the parking lot, but before any punches could be thrown, Sarah positioned himself in between the two boys and informed the agitator that if he wanted to fight, he'd have to go through him first.



A matchbook from the Sarahs' wedding.

The boy, looking over Sarah, whose head seemed to work right into his shoulders, thought better of the battle and walked away.

Herman stated with emotion in his voice that, "even though we weren't close, he saw a friend in

trouble and came to help. This is how I will remember him.'

### **Meeting Vickie**

Sarah, one of the school's top athletes, would court "the most popular girl in school." homecoming queen Vickie McCuaig.

McCuaig and her family moved to Plymouth when she was in seventh

It was early that fall, in the middle school halls, where she would meet Sarah for the first

She said, "From then on, 'Butch' and I were together ... we pretty much grew up together."

After graduation, they both attended Eastern Michigan University and, while still students, would marry July 2, 1966. Sarah would graduate

from EMU with a degree

By the time he graduated from college, military deferments for post-graduate degrees were no longer available so he, like many others across the nation, went

off to war leaving behind a wife, parents and numerous friends.

### A tragedy

Sarah's time in Vietnam would be short. In September 1969, only three months into his tour, Sarah stepped on a land mine and was tragically wounded.

Though he fought hard, his injuries would be too severe to recover and he would lose his life 10 days later.

Two military officers arrived at the home on Clemens Drive to officially share the tragic news to Vickie.

Sarah's service to our nation and ultimate sacrifice would keep him from ever seeing his lovely wife again and from meeting his only child. Hugh, named after the father he would never meet, was born only two days later.

Bob Steele wrote that he "could cry thinking about those sweet days" when he was asked to reflect on the life of his great friend.

In short, Steele stated that while Butch "was a great athlete, he was an even greater guy."

The doors for Ply-

mouth High School closed in 1970 and Sarah's record, while broken at The Park, will remain a final tribute as the longest lasting record of any student to have participated in sports in our district's history.

Memorial Day recently took place, but it is still appropriate to remember Hugh "Butch" Sarah, his life, his record and his sacrifice.

And congratulations to Jannik Schmitt for his incredible achievement. He is now in a class with great company.

Darrin Silvester is a teacher at Salem High School.

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(15.85) she took ninth in the finals with a time of

Ryen Draper placed eighth in the 200 dash, finishing in 25.46; she narrowly missed making the all-state cut in the 400 dash, coming in ninth (57.38).

### **Boys excelled**

There were standouts among Park male athletes, too.

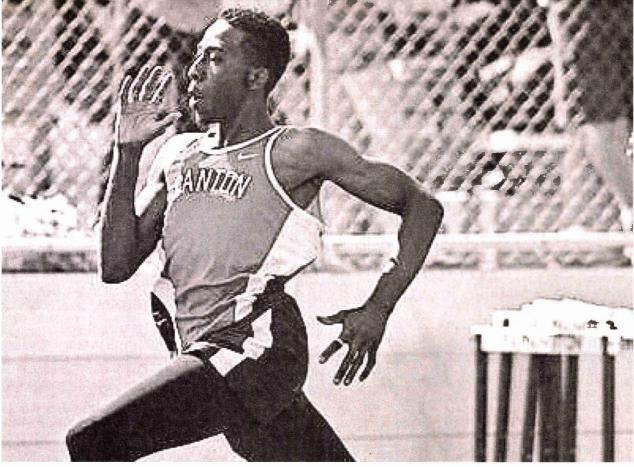
Salem had three allstate athletes on the boys side, with senior thrower Jannik Schmitt finishing second in the shot put with a toss of 54 feet, 4.5 inches.

Senior distance runner Chaz Jeffress garnered a fifth-place finish in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 4:14.33, while sophomore sprinter Andrew Davis' time of 11.24 in the 100 dash earned him an eighthplace finish.

"To be able to place in three separate disciplines, sprints, distance and throws, just shows how well-rounded our team was this year, Salem head coach Dale Maskill wrote in an email to the Observer. "Our coaches had all the state guys prepared and ready to perform at the state

"Andrew Davis worked hard all season. Sprint coaches Ron Davis and Tom Crawford added in 400s to his workout and race schedule. That extra endurance helped him get through running prelims and both sprint relays in the championship meets late in the season. It paid off at states; he was the youngest guy on the podium.'

The only other allstate performer from P-CEP boys squads was



Canton's Darren Davis placed 17th in the 200 dash at the state meet in Hudsonville.

DAN DEAN

Canton junior Jemal Vaunado, with his 39.32 mark good for third place in the 300 hurdles. (Chiefs coach Jess Shough noted that Vaunado set a new school mark with a 39.1 after it was converted from SAT to hand held time.)

### **Stopped in prelims**

Meanwhile, athletes who did not earn all-state status still turned in notable showings during preliminaries. In the girls prelims,

Plymouth featured senior Katherine Harris tallying 4-11 in the high jump to place 12th.

Plymouth junior Erin Bradley recorded a time of 16.54 in the 100 hurdles, to earn her 13th place overall.

Senior Bailey Brown



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Salem senior Chaz Jeffress, shown from earlier this season, earned all-state honors in the mile run at the state meet.

tallied 16-5 in the long jump, reaching 17th place.

The Wildcats had two performers in the pole vault. Junior Natalie Janke tied for 29th (9-6) while sophomore Emily Caragay finished 32nd, also with 9-6; Caragay finished lower because it took her more tries.

» Salem made a strong showing in relays, with two teams reaching the top 21 during pre-

The 800 relay team of junior Lauren Ogarek, sophomore Madeline Kernahan, senior Brynna Samuels and Essien came in 16th with a time of 1:46.05.

Junior Ayanda Brydie, Kernahan, Samuels and Ogarek finished 21st in the 400 relay (51.05).

In the boys prelims, a large number of Salem and Canton athletes did well enough to rank in individual events and relays.

Jeffress, in addition to his all-state showing in the 1,600 run, finished 13th in the 800 run with a time of 1:56.64.

Salem senior standout

Junior high jumper Cameron Grace came in 12th with a mark of 6-3.

In throwing events, Schmitt also had an 18thplace toss in the discus (133-6), while Rocks senior DeAngelo Meredith's throw of 138-5 earned him 16th place.

Joining Schmitt in the shot put was sophomore Alex Howie, who registered 44-7 to finish 18th.

Salem relays also were stellar. The 400 relay team of senior Freddie McGee, Davis, senior Jacob Miller and junior VerShawn Patrick placed 15th with a 43.25

Davis, Miller, Patrick and sophomore Sharriff Dyer came in 11th in the 800 relay (1:29.41).

» Canton also came close to additional allstate awards.

In the pole vault, junior Andrew Koenigsknecht registered a 13-0 effort to place 14th.

Senior Darren Davis finished 17th in the 200 dash with a 22.99 mark. One Canton relay

team took 14th overall, with another coming in The Chiefs' 800 relay

quartet of senior Alan Jones Jr., junior Brennon Pelland, sophomore Dirk Thornhill and Darren Davis came in 14th with their time of 1:30.38; the 1,600 relay of Thornhill, junior Caleb Moraw, Pelland and Vaunado finished 16th with a time of 3:27.38.

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### Ladywood ousts East on Connolly's walk-off

**Brad Emons** Staff Writer

When Katie Connolly stepped to the plate with the bases loaded and one out in a 4-4 game May 31, she surveyed the situa-

"I took a pitch," the Livonia Ladywood third baseman said. "I was just looking for my pitch, just to drive it and do something good. It was mostly fastball, doesn't matter if it's inside or outside. I seem to find where the pitch is thrown and then just hit it."

Connolly drilled the next serving by South Lyon East pitcher Sydney Kist on a rope over center fielder Julia Vollmer's head - a no-doubter - as courtesy runner Bridget Folk waltzed home from third for the game-winning run in a

dramatic 5-4 victory for the host Blazers.

And as soon as Connolly made contact?

"I knew it," she said.
"It means a lot for me and my team knowing they beat us in the district final last year."

The pre-district game pitted two of the state's top contenders in the MHSAA Division 2 softball state tournament.

"I told the team that if you want to keep moving on, you've got to win a game like this some-where along the line," said Ladywood coach Scott Combs, whose team improved to 20-12. "Every time we've been to the final four, you have to beat a really good team, which they (East) are, a top five team in Division 2. Then you have to win in walk-off fashion. I think everybody that's



TOM BEAUDOIN

Ldaywood's Jamie Gietl gets ready to take a cut during the pre-district win over South Lyon East.

won any kind of title in the last six, seven or eight years has done

East (24-9) made a dramatic comeback of its own, rallying from a 3-0 first-inning deficit with two runs in the top of the fifth inning and two more in the seventh to go ahead, 4-3.

Maggie Dolan's RBI double and Vollmer's RBI single pulled the Cougars to within a run, 3-2, in the

In the sixth, the Cougars threatened again after singles by Hannah Warthman and Emma Loveland, coupled with a walk to Bailee Taylor to load the bases.

But Ladywood starter Rozlyn Price maneuvered her way out of the jam when she got Morgan Bowen to line out to second baseman Erika Selakowski, who doubled off Taylor for an inningending double play.

In the seventh, East's Carly Petri lined a shot to the left field fence for a lead-off triple. The next hitter, Dolan, lined a bullet shot to Selakowski, who made the putout and fired to third, narrowly missing doubling off the runner on a close call as Connolly momentarily bobbled the ball.

"I think the line drive to third ... that would have been the ballgame, but stuff happens, Combs said. "Both of the umpires said they didn't see the play, so I believe them.'

After Vollmer reached

base on an infield error and Morgan Nieto followed with a bunt single, the Cougars tied it on Warthman's RBI single, followed by a Ladywood outfield error as Vollmer raced home for the goahead run.

But in the bottom of the seventh, Ladywood's CeCe Werner led off with a single up the middle and Price reached base on a perfect bunt single, putting two runners aboard with none out. Lefty Liz Kemp followed with the game-tying single and Lauren Holdsworth walked to load the

That set the stage for Connolly, who has been a hero earlier this season for Ladywood.

"I did hit a walk-off home run in a tournament a few weeks ago," she said.

**USA HOCKEY** 

### NTDP needs billets to host new players

USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, now housed at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, is actively seeking host families for the upcoming 2016-17 season.

The program soon will welcome 22



players for the fall. Each player is in need of a "home away from home" as they attend local high schools and represent the United States on and off the ice.

Each year, the NHL is filled with players that once called USA Hockey's NTDP home. Just last season,

more than 75 alumni of the NTDP skated in the NHL, including superstars like Dylan Larkin of the Detroit Red Wings, Phil Kessel, Patrick Kane and Ryan Su-

And many more joined the NCAA ranks skating for the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and many other college programs.

Please contact the NTDP housing department at housing@usahockey.org for more information.

### **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

#### Hole-in-one club

Alex Birkie, 16, of Ann Arbor, recorded a hole-in-one at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth on May

Birkie aced the 149-yard No. 6 hole at the Fox Hills course, using a pitching wedge and Titleist Pro V1 ball.

He finished his round with a score

### Plymouth 'Y'

Stay active this summer with Plymouth YMCA sports, through various clinics, camps and leagues for ages 3-12. On tap are week-long sport-specific camps, to help players develop skills using various drills, games and scrimmages while teaching YMCA core values in a fun, safe environment.

Every sports camp is from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Cost for camp is \$75 for YMCA members and \$100 for non-members. Cost includes facility usage, T-shirt, water bottle, experienced YMCA staff, player awards, player's raffle and equipment. Extended after care for families for an additional \$75 YMCA members and

\$100 for non-members is available. Following are some other summer offerings:

» Baseball is for ages 6-12 for the weeks of June 27 through Aug. 8. Players will learn the basics of baseball through practices and games.

All equipment is provided by the YMCA. Practices start the week of

July 11 and the first game is Saturday. July 23. Practices and games are held at Farrand Elementary. Ages divisions are 3-5 T-ball; 6-7 coach pitch; and 8-10 kid pitch. The league costs \$80 for YMCA members, \$105 for non-members and \$15 jersey for coach-pitch and kid-pitch league.

» Flag football will be taught by YMCA staff during a three-week clinic Aug. 4-25 for ages 6-10.

Participants will learn through drills, games and scrimmages. A jersey, football and medal are included..

» A new, preschool cheer clinic is on tap for youngsters ages 3-5. The clinic starts Aug. 3 and continues until

Families can register by going to ymcadetroit.org/plymouth or calling 734-453-2904.

### Salem coaching vacancy

Salem High School is looking for a new varsity girls swimming coach to succeed the retired Chuck Olson.

Interested applicants should email athletic director Brian Samulski at brian.samulski@pccsk12.com.

Minimum requirements for applicants include the following: high school graduate or equivalent; experience in high school level coaching or competing at the college/university level in swimming; have a time schedule compatible with that of high school; CPR and/or first-aid training preferred; demonstrated ability to work with parents and children.

### Salem camp offerings

A series of summer camps is being offered at Salem High School.

Contact athletic director Brian Samulski at brian.samulski@pccsk12.com or go to the Salem athletics website if interested. Following are the various offerings:

**Sports Camp Grades 1-5:** Fee is \$60 for residents, \$70 for non-residents; camp is 9 a.m. Monday through Thursday, July 11-14; for boys and girls of all ages in grades K-5.

Basketball Skills Camp (Boys -Grades 5-9): Fee is \$85 for residents, \$95 for non-residents; camp is 8 a.m. Monday through Friday, June 20-24.

**Basketball Youth Camp (Girls -**Grades 3-6): Fee is \$50 for residents, \$60 for non-residents; camp is 10 a.m. Monday through Thursday, June 27-30. Boys also are welcome to sign up. Basketball Youth Camp (Girls -

Grades 7-12): Fee is \$50 for residents. \$60 for non-residents; camp is 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 6-9. Boys also are welcome to sign up. Volleyball Skills Camp (Girls -

**Grades 3-6):** Fee is \$70 for residents; \$80 for non-residents; camp is 2 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, June

**Volleyball Skills Camp (Girls -**Grades 7-12): Fee is \$85 for residents, \$95 for non-residents; camp is 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, June

### **VOLTAGE**

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official endeavor is the six-week football camp, which runs June 21 through July 28 (11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday each week). It is for kids from "elementary through high school," Adebiyi said. "We're not going to separate kids that want to come to get better.'

The 14-and-under AAU team primarily is for boys going into eighth or ninth grade. Tryouts will take place 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, at the former Central Middle School in Plymouth, now called the PARC (650 Church Street).

Once a 12-player team is chosen, games in the competitive Midwest Athletics League will begin July 11 and continue until early August.

"It's definitely doable," Adebiyi said when asked about whether it was possible to virtually pull off two simultaneous endeavors. "We definitely got a passion for it.'

Both the football camp and basketball team are not just for Plymouth and Canton residents.

"We have kids (signed up) from Wayne, Westland, Southfield," he

### Rolling it out

Adebiyi said he is Voltage Elite founder and that he brought in Sidhu and Gendron (one of Adebivi's teammates with the football Wildcats) to handle business and website duties, respectively.

"I'm the founder; those two guys are the co-founders," Adebiyi said. "I brought them along on the team. Josh is a big guy with our web, goes to College for Creative Studies in De-



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be a standout athlete on the football field and basketball

troit, did all our website. "Harman is more of the business guy. Me,

I'm kind of a (Plymouth) sports celebrity. I think we're like a three-headed

They are executing the X's and O's from a get-the-word-out standpoint, too. Voltage Elite will have a barbecue this weekend and then have a booth at Heritage Park during Canton's Liberty Fest (June 16-18).

"I feel this is a great opportunity for me," Sidhu said. "Because I am going into business, it's a good start-up thing for me, showing I have dreams and ambitions to do greater things outside of school.

"And also, on the sports side, I've never had anything like this growing up, so bringing this to the kids and to the community is a good thing.'

Helping the cause will be their legal consultant, Tommy Wiegman, a Canton grad who goes to the University of Michigan.

### The Four C's

Their enthusiasm for their budding endeavors is palpable and they hope that rubs off on the young athletes who either will participate in



During his career at Plymouth, Deji Adebiyi (middle) proved to



Logo for new Voltage Elite.

the football program or play on the 14U AAU basketball team.

The football sessions will unfold on the practice field behind the old Central Middle School and, as of early last week, there were around 30 kids registered through

www.voltageelite.com. "No pads, just learning about the basics of football and the life lessons off the field," Adebiyi said. "All of our coaches are qualified, so guys will be getting speed and agility techniques and fundamen-

"They'll be going through and performing drills, having fun. We want to hit a lot with character off the field. We have these four C's

that we talk about, it's communication, character, chemistry and consistency. If you want the youth to grow up in this world and be something great, we have to have something off the field,

Helping Adebiyi coach the Voltage Elite basketball team will be Sidhu (who played basketball at Plymouth as a freshman and sophomore) and one of Adebiyi's varsity teammates, Josh Reynolds.

"The kids we want for basketball, we want to make sure they're very competitive," Sidhu said.
"They're going to be playing in a very competitive league, so we want to make sure these kids are tough-minded individuals, never give

up on themselves. "If they do, we're going to use the 'Spark Up' mentality. If you see them put their head down, like, 'come on, spark up, get back in

#### Why he does it Adebiyi said coaching

Deji Adebiyi demonstrates his never-say-die persona during a

2015 Plymouth basketball game. He wants Voltage players to

also give it their all no matter what the situation in a game.

the football program and basketball team over the next couple of months won't hinder his own training for the 2016 Ohio Wesleyan football season.

If anything, his coaching duties will enhance his personal preparations — even if that means getting to the gym at 6 a.m. to get his own workout done.

"I'm so passionate about this and passionate about my own game, too," Adebiyi said. "İt's going to force me to be at the field, it's going to force me to be doing all the things I should be

"Just looking and seeing kids putting their all into it, it's going to re-energize me whenever I do feel a little down. Remind me of why I'm truly doing this."

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#### **SWITCHING ON** THE 'VOLTAGE'

What: Voltage Elite football and basketball summer programs, being launched by 2015 Plymouth High School grads Deji Adebiyi, Harman Sidhu and Josh Gendron. The programs are open to anybody in metro Detroit.

Staff: Adebiyi — who was a standout varsity athlete on the Wildcats' football and boys basketball teams — is Voltage "founder" and front man, while Sidhu will handle business responsibilities for the fledgling, nonprofit organization and also help with basketball coaching duties. Gendron will run the Voltage website. Helping them out with any legal issues is Canton alum Tommy Wiegman, whose title is director of operations. Among others helping with instruction is Plymouth basketball alum Josh Reynolds (a teammate of Adebiyi's with the Wildcats).

Football: A six-week training camp, described as "an up close and energetic opportunity for young athletes to learn about the basics of football and life lessons off the field," will take place from June 21 through July 28. Sessions will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at the PARC, 650 Church Street, in Plymouth. The program is for athletes from elementary to high school age. Fee to participate is \$20 per session or \$240 flat rate (six free sessions are included for those choosing the latter)

Basketball: Voltage is putting together a 14U AAU team to practice and play games from July 11 until early August. Tryouts will be 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, at the PARC. Fee to join is \$300. Contact: Go to www.voltageelite.com for

more about the programs. Adebiyi can be reached at 313-204-3106 or akadebiy@owu.edu. Sidhu can be reached at 734-660-7583 or harmandeep.sidhu@gmail.com. Gendron can be reached at 734-756-7590 or jgendron@collegeforcrea-

tivestudies.edu.

#### Email event information for this calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com

### JUNE

**CONCERT** Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. June 22 Location: Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt.. Eliott, Detroit

Details: Riccardo Selva, director of the jazz studies program at Schoolcraft College, will perform with the Dr. Riccardo Selva & Friends Jazz Combo in the Center's Creation Garden. Wine, soft drinks and appetizers will be available. The concert is free Contact: solanuscenter.org

#### Concert

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 22

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton **Details:** The Canton Concert Band will perform on the church lawn. Bring a chair or blanket Contact: 734-459-3333; connectingwithGod.org

#### **FILM**

Time/Date: 7:30-9:02 p.m. Tuesday, June 28

Location: AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: One-night screening of "Alison's Choice," a story about a young pregnant woman who meets Jesus Christ in the guise of a friendly janitor while waiting for her name to be called at an abortion clinic. She must decide if she will go through with the abortion. Tickets are \$13 and must be reserved by June 21. Order tickets at https:// www.tugg.com/events/106414 Contact: Donna Gonzalez at

#### **GOOD NEWS DAY** CAMP

313-247-3108

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 20-24

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Activities include worship, praise singing, games, arts and crafts, Bible study, nature study and more. Includes snacks. Early-bird registration is \$65 for the first child in the family, \$60 for the second child, and \$55 for each additional child. After May 29, registration is \$65 per child. .Deadline to register is June 13 Contact: Judy Cook at 248-442-

### **PARKING LOT SALE**

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 18 Location: St. John Bosco

Church, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** Participants will sell items to the public. Rent one space for \$15; two for \$25

Contact: Sally at 734-748-8110; church office at 313-937-9690

#### **POLISH-AMERICAN** CELEBRATION

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, June

Location: Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake, 3535 Indian Trail,

Orchard Lake Village Details: "Anno Domini 966" is a

celebration of 1,050 years of Christianity in Poland. It begins with a musical performance by Jaroslaw Golembiowski, followed by refreshments at 4:30 p.m. and a procession to the bilingual Mass. The Mass will include the blessing and dedication of the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II and the lighting of the 1,050th anniversary candle. A banquet will be held after Mass in the St. Mary's Athletic Complex. Banquet reservations are \$75 per person. Call Isabel Lopez at 248-683-0507 or email ilopez@orchardlakeschools.com

Contact: Orchard Lake Schools at 248-682-1885

#### **VACATION BIBLE** SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. June

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church & School Wayne, located two miles east of I-275 and one mile north of Michigan Ave., at Hannan and Glenwood

**Details:** "Cave Quest Following Jesus The Light of the World" will include Bible adventures, songs, snacks and hands-on explorations for children, 3 through those entering sixth grade. Pre-register by calling the church at 734-728-1950 or email r.barta@att.net.

Contact: 734-728-1950; stmichaellutheran.org

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon, June

Location: Berean Baptist Church, 38303 Eight Mile Details: "Submerged" is the

Contact: 248-477-6365

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. June

20-24 Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh,

Details: "The Armor of God" is the theme. The program is for children in preschool-fifth grade Contact: 734-464-8844

### **ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY**

### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

**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 St. Michael the Archangel **Parish** 

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniastmichael.org

study of Isaiah. Bring your own

**Faith Community Wesleyan** Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman,

**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

### **EXERCISE**

Livonia

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

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

#### Contact: 313-408-3364 **FAMILY MEAL**

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

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

### **HEALING SERVICE**

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

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

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

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

### MOMS

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran** Church

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

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

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

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel** 

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

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

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084

### or Kristen at 734-542-0767 PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

#### **PRAYER** St. Edith Church

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

Location: Parish office, 15089

Newburgh, Livonia **Details:** Group meets for sing-

ing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

Contact: 734-464-1223 St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Location: 7000 N. Sheldon,

Canton **Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests wel-

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information Recycling

#### **RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month Location: 46250 Ann Arbor

Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third

Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church. Contact: Lynn Hapman at

734-466-9023

### **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

**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

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday Location: 2055 Merriman,

Garden City **Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibro-

group.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,

Details: A twice-monthly dropin 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 Sen-

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

» Unity of Livonia Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 28660 Five Mile,

**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional

between Middlebelt and Inkster,

#### » Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

information

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 com-

pulsive behaviors); child care is

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

#### **THRIFT STORE**

St. James Presbyterian Location: 25350 W. Six Mile,

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

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

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

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

Contact: 734-637-7618

### **TOUR**

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at

1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although

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

#### **WORSHIP** » Adat Shalom Synagogue

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

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100 » Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia Contact: 734-522-6830

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Farmington Road, in Livonia Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church

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### ANNIVERSARY



Nancy and Jack Trainor of

Jack and Nancy Trainor of Northville will mark their 50th wedding anniversary June 25. They were married in 1966 at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington

Hills. The Trainors are the proud parents of two sons, Christopher (Shelley) of Novi and Daniel

(Claudia) of Chicago, Ill. They have five grandchildren: Jack, Jeffrey,

### Lauren, Alexis and Ryan.

### **Scott-Langston**

Northville

Katie Scott and Hunter Langston announce their engage-

ment. The bride-to-be, daughter of Jim and Angela Scott of Northville, graduated in 2005 from Northville High School and in 2009 from Grand Valley State University. She is employed by The American Heart

Association. Her fiance, son of Linda Marino of Northville and the late David Langston, graduated in 1999 from Northville High School and in 2005 from **Grand Valley State** 



Katie Scott and Hunter Langston

University. He is owner and president of Hunter Langston Designs, a graphic design firm.

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wedding is planned.

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### **HAMBLIN**



MARY FRANCES of Westland, entered eternal life on June 7, 2016. She was wife to the late Ulos Junior "Okie" Hamblin of Plymouth Township, where they lived nearly 50 years raising their family. Born in Gowen, Oklahoma, September 10, 1931 to the late Jessie Juanita (nee Moore) and Fred Edward Ford, she and her late husband arrived in Michigan on May operated "Okie and Mary's Market" in Plymouth for 42 years with her husband, selling flowers, vegetable plants and farm fresh homegrown produce. A Christian woman of European and Native American descent, she endured the Great Depression and World War II. Often called, "one tough old gal" by her husband, Mary has always been an inspirational, yet quiet and modest person, embodying an indomitable spirit, and ever helpful to others in need. She practiced faith, hope and love with those around her, leading by example. Mary often traveled throughout the US to visit her many family members and cousins. She enjoyed arts and crafts, crochet work, and especially weaving baskets with her many friends. Mary was a Charter Member of St Kenneth's Catholic Church in Plymouth. Mary is survived by her children; Bill (Brenda) Hamblin of Adams, TN, Pam Hamblin of Ann Arbor, MI, Adra (Tom) Erwin of South Lyon, MI, James (Angela) Hamblin of Dexter, KY, George (Mildred) Hamblin of Avoca, MI, Robert Hamblin of Richmond, MI, Stephen (Jennifer) Hamblin of Pleasant View, TN, Lou Ann Hamblin (Kathleen Vonk) of Las Vegas, NV, 14 grandchildren 18 great-grandchildren, 1 great great-grandchild, and hundreds of friends in the Plymouth-Canton community. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her sister; Billie Sue Denton, husband Ulos and son John Hamblin. Visitation for Mary will be Sunday, from 2-8pm with a Rosary Service at 7pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth 48170. Family and friends may visit St. Kenneth Catholic Church located at 14951 N. Haggerty RD. Plymouth, Ml. 48170 beginning at 10am on June 13, 2016. Catholic Mass and a celebration of life will be held at 11am with Father Tom Belczak presiding. A luncheon is planned at St. Kenneth Church Hall immediately following. Private burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth Donations in honor of Mary may be made to the Purple Heart, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, or to the American Diabetes Association. The family expresses special

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**Lack of clarity** 

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### Watch out for red flags in your job interview

BY MATT TARPEY CAREERBUILDER

f you're looking for a job, you've probably received ■ plenty of advice about how to ace the interview and convince the employer that you're the best candidate. However, interviews are a two-way street. Just as they are assessing whether you're the right fit for the job, so should you be assessing whether this job is the right fit for you.

With that in mind, here are some red flags for job seekers to watch out for during the interview.

#### Lack of enthusiasm Genuine interest and en-

thusiasm are two of the most important traits employers are looking for from job candidates, but job seekers should be on the lookout for these traits in their interviewers as well.

"An interviewer who lacks enthusiasm when talking about the position or company is a major red flag that a candidate should look out for," says Jesse Siegal, a senior managing director at the Execu | Search Group, a recruitment and workforce management firm. "Similarly, if the interviewer hesitates when asked to discuss what they like about the company, this may be a sign that the organization

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is not a good place to work."

### **Disrespectful behavior**

Job seekers are expected to be well-prepared and fully attentive during an interview, and therefore, they deserve the same level of investment from the interviewer.

"If the interviewer keeps you waiting and then doesn't apologize for making you wait when he or she finally comes out to greet you, this is an indication that this potential boss will be disrespectful in other ways," says Cheryl E. Palmer, owner of Call to Career. "Disrespectful behavior can also

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include the interviewer checking email while talking to you or looking bored and watching the clock."

### Interpersonal dynamics

There are some more subtle things you may be able to pick up on in the margins of the official interview — namely the personal and social dynamics and overall workplace atmo-

"You should pay close attention to the interpersonal dynamics between your potential boss and other employees in the organization," Palmer says. "This is relatively easy to do

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"It also makes sense to observe interactions that are casual, such as how the potential boss treats others who are just walking down the hallway," she adds. "The interviewer may put his or her best foot forward in the interview, but it is probably that the person will slip up when talking to others in the

### Unreasonable

of yours are interviewing you along with the potential boss.

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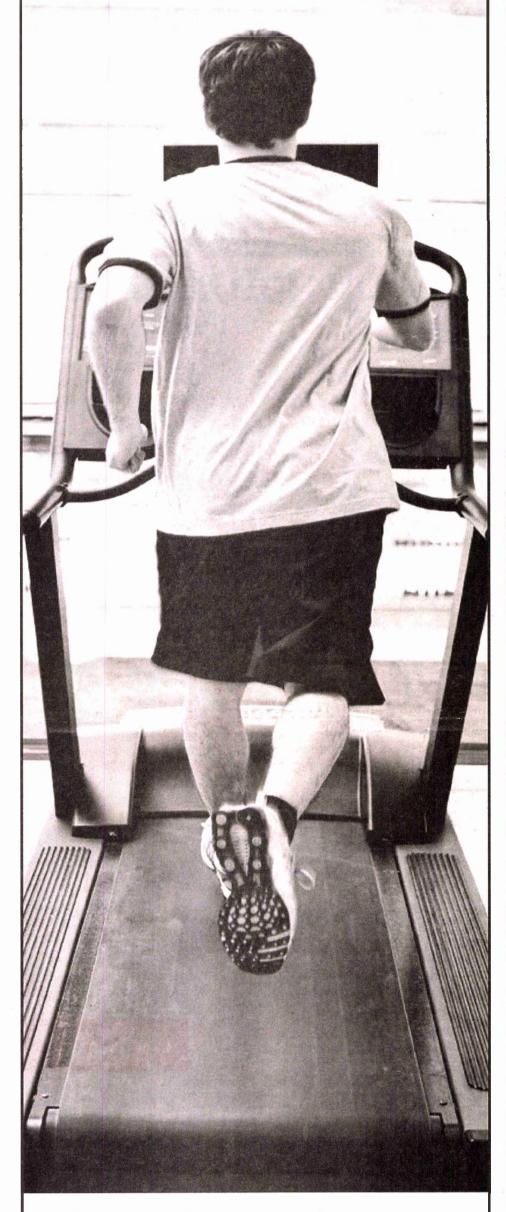
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### By Popular Demand: Soul, and the Brand, Keep Rolling as Kia **Brings Back the Musical, Animatronic Hamster Mascots**



model last year. but a key element was missing: the

Kia's U.S. dealers asked the brand to bring back the animatronic

buzz-builders in its advertising, and so the company has done exactly that, in a new music-themed campaign that broke over Memorial Day weekend.

Soul has managed to climb from 35,000 sales in its first year, 2009, to 146,000 sold in the United States last year. And for this year to date through April, Soul sales were up by 6 percent over 2015 levels.

without the hamsters, who made their

first appearance with the launch of the

all-new model seven years ago and

unlikely

"We didn't have a campaign with the success of its Soul hamsters in 2015, and our dealers said, 'Bring them back," Michael Sprague, chief operating officer and executive vice president of Kia Motors America, told me. "They bring people into the showroom. Or when they come in for service, they'll ask, 'When are you bringing them back?' You see it in social media as well.'

So while kids may tire of real-life hamsters after a couple of years, the Soul hamsters have plenty of life left in them. The new campaign called "The World Needs More Soul" -- which bowed on more than 34,000 movie screens across the country over Memorial Day weekend -- gives Soul a ride with an upbeat message of musical and cultural unity using a catchy new tune that transforms the classic "Dueling Banjos"

Nathaniel Rateliff, front man of

roots sensation Nathaniel Rateliff

& the Night Sweats, begins the spot



playing hamster who arrives on the and where impressive fuel-economy scene -- in a Soul, of course. Then additional hamsters join the fray, and so do hundreds of humans (and other colors of Soul), all racing to a Central Park-like setting with their instruments, which range from classic western pieces such as a bass fiddle to an Indian sitar.

Indeed, the hamsters have generated more than 20 million online views in the process of spreading their furry brand of joy, Kia said, and were the stars of the "Automotive Ad of the Year" for two straight years.

Kia has managed to ride on top of the U.S. auto marketplace despite factors that have slowed down other brands lately, led by sales of Soul. Overall, Kia posted a 4-percent yearover-year increase in US sales from January through April even as sibling Hyundai posted a 2- percent dip.

Other automakers have struggled in a U.S. auto market that may be peaking

figures no longer hold much sway with consumers who've gotten used to sub-\$3-a-gallon gasoline.

Sprague believes the mix of fresh product and marketing should get a lot of the credit, plus the fact that Kia and Hyundai now ride atop third-party ratings of product quality in the U.S. market, where they once resided near the bottom.

'So much of this business is about product, and since 2009 our brand has undergone a complete transformation of every vehicle, and we've introduced new ones," Sprague told me. "Plus we're raising awareness for the brand and making sure the brand is right."

I talked with him about Kia. Soul and the hamsters:

How do you manage to keep Soul

Sprague: We launched Soul and the hamsters with a campaign in 2009—and

you know, they've never been in the Super Bowl ads. The timing has never worked for it. We always have held our Soul campaign for late spring or early summer, particularly because we like to put the spots in cinema.

Soul is a phenomenal car, but the hamsters have played a role in terms of raising awareness of the vehicle in fun ways and not the ways that traditional auto advertising is done.

Soul sales have risen despite lower gasoline prices. How have you managed to keep Soul afloat, besides the hamsters?

Sprague: A lot of it is the product itself. Initially, we were targeting vehicles such as the Scion xB and Nissan Cube, and those vehicles since have gone away, partly because of the popularity of Soul. Also you're seeing the first true crossover in that segment. Others saw the growth we were experiencing, and Honda came up with HR-V, and Jeep with Renegade.

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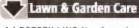
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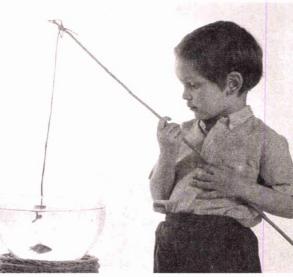
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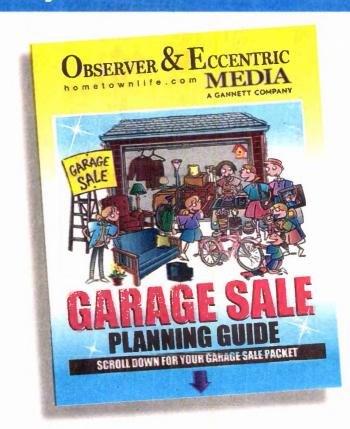
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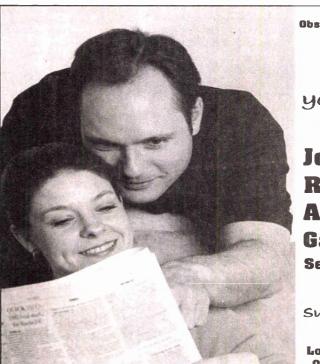
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