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## Police defend actions in murder-suicide

Canton officials respond to lawsuit filed by family of slain Detroit police officer

**By Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

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"I am confident that the practices and the procedures in place and the actions by our officers were appropriate," Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said Thursday morning.

His remarks came as a federal judge in Flint held a hearing Thursday arising from a

lawsuit filed by the family of Patricia Catherine Williams, a 33-year-old Detroit police officer who was slain the morning of Sept. 22, 2009, by her husband, Edward Gordon Williams II, 36.

Canton has hired an outside law firm to handle the case, but township Attorney Kristin Kolb and other local officials are hopeful U.S. District Judge Mark Goldsmith, when he issues his opinion on Thursday's hearing, will dismiss the case.

Patricia Williams' family has filed a lawsuit claiming the murder-suicide could have been prevented if Canton police had been more aggressive investigating a prior domestic dispute. The couple had lived in Canton.

Kolb said Patricia Williams reported she had previously been assaulted, but wouldn't give her husband's name or address.

"Our position is that we did what we were legally obligated to do under the circum-

stances," Kolb said, adding later, "We couldn't request a warrant (against Edward Williams) under those circumstances."

Edward Williams killed his wife and himself with a .38-caliber snub-nose revolver. The couple had a troubled past, and Canton police had gone to their Wall Street home the Sunday before the murder-suicide after an anonymous caller reported a possible do-

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## Canton historians roll out attic sale



Cowrie shell creations from Cameroon are among the items for sale.



Kathy Martin and Anita DePentu display some of the goodies for sale from Grandma Bartlett's attic. ALL PHOTOS BY BILL BRASLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Hundreds of unique antiques will be up for sale

**By Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

With a nostalgic eye toward the past, Canton historians have accumulated a treasure trove of old Detroit photos, bygone-era furniture, handmade quilts, early 1900s washboards, decades-old baby doll carriages and hundreds of other memorabilia.

They have a Victorian-era settee that needs refurbishing, an old wooden ironing board, vinyl record albums and a pair of Cowrie shell figurines from Cameroon.

Running out of storage space, the Canton Historical Society has opted to sell hundreds of items that aren't unique to Canton's past — a decision members hope will raise money for their archival preservation and community education programs.

"We figure people can re-purpose these items," historian Kathy Martin said.

Accordingly, the society has announced a sale 7-8 p.m. Saturday, July 27, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, July 28, inside the white pole barn in Preservation Park, on Ridge north of Cherry Hill. They have dubbed it Grandma Bartlett's Attic Sale, borrowing a family name from the historic Bartlett-Travis House on the same site.

Martin and historian Anita DePentu gave the Observer a preview of the collection they're selling. They plan to accept cash, personal checks or credit cards.

"Our storage space is at a premium," Martin said.

DePentu estimated the historical society easily has hundreds of items to sell, ranging in price from a mere 50 cents to around \$100. One book, *The History of the United States*, dates back to 1867. One doll carriage harkens from the 1920s, dresser scarves were made in the 1940s and framed photos show sites such as an old

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A wicker baby doll buggy will be for sale.

## Detroit bankruptcy could hurt suburbs

Local officials leery of potential consequences

**By Karen Smith**  
Staff Writer

Detroit's filing for bankruptcy Thursday may have financial implications for the cities and townships surrounding the Motor City, no matter how well they are managed.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the long-term implications of Detroit's filing for bankruptcy won't be known for some time. "Hopefully, it won't cause us any major problems. It's not going to be pretty (for Detroit), but for us, we'll have to wait and see."

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock is concerned about the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department's ability to bond following the bankruptcy filing. That "certainly affects everybody in the metro region," he said.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, who has long called for a regional authority to run the department, agreed.

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Canton Police Lt. Jerry Hardesty (left), with attorney John Freeman, waives his right to a preliminary exam in 35th District Court Friday.

## Canton cop waives hearing

**By Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Barring a plea deal, it appears Canton police Lt. Jerry Hardesty could be facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges he stole a department-owned rifle, an allegation defense attorneys have rejected.

Hardesty, 55, was ordered to stand trial after he voluntarily waived his right to a preliminary examination Friday in front of 35th District Judge Michael Gerou, who rejected yet another attempt to adjourn the proceedings.

Defense attorney John Freeman had sought another delay, citing "events outside the control of anyone," but Gerou stuck to his decision to move the case forward.

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# Canton teen clinches national tap-dancing honors

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Canton teen Kelsey Rose Young, who has dreams of becoming a famous singer, already has shone in the national spotlight after tap-dancing her way to win the Miss Dance of America contest in Panama City, Fla.

Using her stage name Kelsey Rose, she clinched the title after she advanced from an earlier regional competition in Grand Rapids.

"It was an awesome experience," she said. "I think (tap-dancing) is an awesome art and a way of expression. The tap community is so small nowadays, but we're like a big family."

Kelsey, daughter of Rick and Patty Young, started tap-dancing early in life. After winning her latest award, she heads to St. Louis in the coming days for an internship at a tap festival.

Long term, she is hoping her singing career takes off. She performs songs from genres ranging from pop to R&B to country.

Kelsey has recorded a five-song record, *Hear and Now*, penned by Canton resident and songwriter Gerald Dodson and recorded in the Canton-based Talent Live Studios her father owns.

With help from Dodson, Kelsey's songs have been played on the Armed Forces Radio network, reaching audiences estimated at 1,000 stations in 175 countries. "She's an awesome singer," Rick Young said.

Kelsey's songs can be found on iTunes and on www.CDBaby.com.



Kelsey Rose Young has won a national tap-dancing contest.

# DETROIT

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"The credit rating for DWSJ has already been downgraded because of the city's financial troubles," he said. "I'm concerned it'll be downgraded further. This bankruptcy is going to take at least two years to play itself out. During that time, DWSJ is going to have a greatly reduced credit rating which we, as customer communities, are going to have to pay for."

"I'm very concerned we'll be looking at higher rates as a result. The good thing is we now have a chance to create a separate authority. I've been calling for this for many years and now more than ever it's time to aggressively look for a regional authority."

## Wide brush

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey is concerned Detroit's insolvency and estimated \$20 billion in indebtedness will affect Livonia's AA bond rating. He said agencies like Standard & Poor's look at a suburb's "synergy" or "lack of synergy" with its core city when assigning municipal bond ratings.

He said those outside Michigan often paint the Detroit area "with the same brush." For ex-

ample, some companies won't even meet with Livonia officials about locating in Livonia because of Detroit's tarnished reputation, he said. They assume, "If you're 20 minutes away, you must be like that, too. They have no idea that Livonia is not like Detroit."

Westland Mayor William Wild said his city will be going out for \$16.5 million in municipal bonds for city hall, fire station and road improvement projects in early September and that's got him worried. "Ours could be the first test balloon as to how the market is going to react to the bankruptcy," he said.

## Won't hurt

Farmington Hills City Manager Steve Brock is more optimistic. He does not believe the bankruptcy will hurt Farmington Hills' finances whatsoever, particularly bond ratings. The Hills' rating was recently increased to AAA. "The guys on Wall Street know what is going on all around so the bankruptcy shouldn't affect our rating," he said.

Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz said Detroit's financial woes have already impacted Redford Township, forcing the cancellation of a tri-party agreement to

build a combined sewage overflow for the Rouge River water basin back in January.

The deal, which would have saved Redford up to \$15 million, was terminated when Detroit claimed financial hardship and applied to the state Department of Environmental Quality for a single permit without Redford and Dearborn Heights.

Farmington City Manager Vince Pastus said water and sewer service is expected to continue as usual, at least in the short term.

"In the long run, I'm not sure what the implications are in terms of its operations, governance—that type of thing," he said. "It's now up to a bankruptcy judge."

Farmington's Brock said he hopes the bankruptcy will help the city of Detroit get its financial house in order and set a healthy direction for the future.

Westland's Wild said these are unprecedented times as Detroit becomes the largest American city to ever file for bankruptcy.

"The city of Westland and the entire region are going to have to come together and stand behind Detroit and make sure the residents don't get lost in the shuffle," he said.

# POLICE

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mestic dispute, police said at the time.

They found no one at the residence when they arrived.

Police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said in 2009 that Patricia Williams had a boyfriend who became worried and called authorities on the morning she was killed, saying the Williamses were supposed to meet at the police department on Canton Center Road. They never made it there.

Police weren't sure why the couple ended up at the Canton Public Library parking lot. Police had said several witnesses saw the Williamses sitting and talking in a park area near the library just prior to the shootings.

Police had said Patricia Williams went to the Canton Police Department on Sept. 19, 2009, to report an assault, but she refused to file a formal complaint and declined to provide her husband's name.

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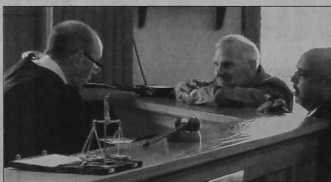
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Hardesty, who remains on administrative leave, could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison if he is found guilty of receiving and concealing stolen property, larceny of a firearm and felony firearm. The latter charge carries a mandatory two-year term with a conviction.

Hardesty is free with a \$5,000 personal bond. After rising through the ranks during his 24-year tenure with the Canton Police Department, Hardesty has been accused of illegally having a rifle. An earlier defense attorney, John Goldpaugh, had indicated Hardesty was a SWAT team member who is innocent of criminal charges.

"This was a department weapon he had in his custody legitimately and now



Judge Michael Perout listens to prosecutor Tom Trzcinski and defense lawyer John Freeman during a sidebar Friday.

they are bringing charges against him," Goldpaugh said in April, when Hardesty was charged.

He had described Hardesty as "very distraught" over the charges.

Michigan State Police conducted an investigation and MSP Lt. Mike Shaw has said the rifle in question has been recovered, though he declined to discuss details such as how long Hardesty is accused of having the weapon.

Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler called it "a sad day for us" when Hardesty was charged in April. He issued a statement saying, "The Canton Police Department holds its employees accountable to the high professional standards set by the organization and remains committed to providing excellent law enforcement services to the community in which we serve." Hardesty earned his

bachelor's degree in business administration and leadership from Concordia University in 2001. He earned his master's degree in organizational leadership and administration from Concordia in 2004.

Hardesty also has served as a team leader in Canton's community policing program.

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Kathy Martin shows that you don't need to spend a lot of money at the sale.

# SALE

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Sanders ice cream parlor, the Boblo boat and a winter street scene.

"We have copies of old auto posters," DePentu said.

Historians say they have collected the items from family, friends and donors over the years. They hope to sell Depression-era glassware, lamps, vases, a table loom, salt and pepper shakers, an old wooden jewelry box, tea kettles and a framed picture of humorist Will Rogers with an English settler, Nubert.

"Most of the things are under \$20," Martin said.

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# Plymouth welcomes Concours back to town

Annual show returns to Inn at St. John's

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

It was hot Tuesday on the grounds of the Inn at St. John's, where organizers of the Concours d'Elegance were staging the press preview day for the 35th annual car show, set for the end of the month.

The temperatures were appropriate for car enthusiasts, who believe the field of some 275 cars will make it one of the hottest shows of its kind in the world.

The show this year includes vintage NAS-CAR cars, what organizers called "a special array" of 1963 Corvettes and about 20 Porsche 911s (celebrating the car's 50th anniversary). The event is scheduled for Sunday, July 28.

"We also have our super cars, which are modern sports cars that you could actually buy if you had the money," Concours d'Elegance executive director James McCarter said, smiling. "It's going to be a wonderful show."

One of the most prestigious showings of classic, rare and magnificent automobiles in the world, Concours will be spread out over the historic St. John's grounds. In addition, there are numerous associated events Thursday, Friday and Saturday leading up to the grand presentation on Concours Sunday.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the township is happy to host the Concours d'Elegance and that all parties benefit from the partnership.

"Anytime you can attract an international event of this stature to your community, it provides positive vibes," Reaume said. "It's a huge positive in terms of ex-



With 89,000 miles on the odometer, Mike Welch's 1966 Ferrari 330 GTs is no hangar queen, but a car he enjoys driving. Except for paint touchups, the vehicle is all original. **ELL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

posure locally, nationally and even internationally."

Organizers said the event also features a range of innovative, one-of-a-kind automobiles that includes everything from the first electric cars to the exotic cars that ran in the Great Race, jet-age convertibles, vintage NAS-CAR autos, Detroit iron including early Lincolns, Cadillacs, Chryslers and Packards and Indianapolis iron including breathtaking Duesenbergs, Stutzes and Marmons, as well as a rare 1934 aerodynamic Pierce Silver Arrow.

Jack Beatty owns one of the electric cars that was on display Tuesday (he owns a second one and will have at least one in the show July 28). It's a 1916 Model 60 factory rebuilt in 1928. It will be part of what Beatty called "a special circle of electrics, past present and future."

"I've always been interested in all things electric," said Beatty, an Ann Arbor resident. "Most people aren't aware there were actually more electric cars than gas cars back in the 'teens. (But) when they

invented the electric starter for the gas cars, it put a whole new dimension to the gas engine and the gas engine never looked back."

Mike Welch of Birmingham drove his 1967 Ferrari to the preview and he'll be back for the show. Welch, who sold a 1967 Corvette to acquire the Ferrari, said he looks forward to bringing his car to the invitation-only show.

"I'm a big muscle car guy, but even muscle car guys know there's really nothing quite like a Ferrari," said Welch, who pointed out his car is one of only 99 total cars made. "It's considered to be one of the best-driving Ferraris of its time."

Another part of the show is the "Mode du Concours" fashion show that will feature models dressed in period garments that match vintage cars.

The models all come from Franklin-based Productions Plus, the Talent Shop, whose president, Margery Krevsky, is proud to say the models "are all gearheads."

"They can talk cars, they can talk car engines and they can talk auto-

models roll out with the cars and we talk about how that fashion relates to automotive history."

Related events are featured in the days leading up to the show, including:

- » Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Celebration, Thursday, July 25, Automotive Hall of Fame induction and awards dinner. Call 313-240-4000 for more information.

- » RM Auctions-Preview, St. John's Grande Ballroom Parking Lot, Friday, July 26, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- » Motoring Tour, Friday, July 26, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- » Downtown Plymouth's Friday Night Music in the Air, Friday, July 26, 7-10 p.m. Cost: Free.

- » City of Northville Concours Preview Party, Saturday, July 27, 3-9 p.m. Cost: Free

The show has added improved parking and shuttles will be available from downtown Plymouth and downtown Northville, a service McCarter, the executive director of the show, urges people to use.

McCarter also extolled the virtues of the three-year-old relationship between the Concours d'Elegance and the Inn at St. John's.

"St. John's is a partner; they take ownership of the show, so we're not just a tenant, so that's wonderful," McCarter said. "The municipalities, the chambers of commerce, the DAs, the police ... everyone without exception has been helpful. It's been a wonderful, wonderful move and I suspect we'll be here for a long time."

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# Students put the sun's rays to work

## Solar energy helps class cook up treats

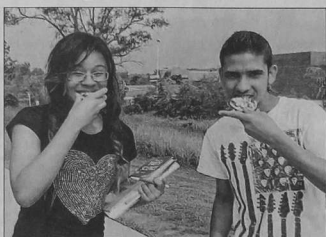
By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Students in Tracy Gibbons' geophysical science class ate pretty well during one recent lesson.

In a class designed to compare and contrast non-renewable and renewable resources, some 36 students prepared mini pizzas, s'mores, nachos and grilled cheese sandwiches.

"And they did it all without benefit of anything more than the sun's rays — on a mostly cloudy day. While focusing on the pros and cons of fossil fuels, wind energy, hydroelectricity, solar energy and geothermal energy, students created solar cookers to determine the challenges and benefits first-hand."

"The kids were especially surprised it worked so well on a mostly cloudy day," said Gibbons, a science teacher. "It helped reinforce the correction to a common misconception that solar energy can only be used in places where it is always sunny."



Skylar Allison and Jugraj Singh enjoy mini pizzas they made in the Earth science class.

One of the biggest challenges some students faced, Gibbons said, was getting the angles of the lids properly placed to direct the sun's rays into the cooker.

Once they figured that out, Gibbons said, the students were "excited to see" the solar cookers they had made out of reused pizza boxes and common household staples worked so well.

"Many felt that if we could accomplish what we had with

these items, that engineers could easily develop ways to harness this energy resource," Gibbons said. "It made them realize how efficient solar energy could be."

Student engagement — "They were full of ideas to improve their cookers, our country's energy's crisis and questions," Gibbons said — was high because the activity provided them with the opportunity to learn in a way that was fun and meaningful to them.

Students who cooked s'mores and mini pizzas yielded the best results, with good ray direction. Some of the students used lights to determine the best angles to put the solar cooker reflectors at, "which was a perfect idea," she said.

The solar cooking segment was the latest in a batch of interesting subjects the class has tackled, among them real field analysis of Earth's four spheres (hydro, atmosphere, geosphere and biosphere), energy-use simulation — "This lab was really cool because it helped students realize why we need to use more renewable resources and decrease our energy consumption in order to create sustainability," Gibbons said — and rock hunt/nature hike.

Students also traveled through the life cycle of common items that they use, such as cell phones, jeans, bottled water, nail polish and a bag of chips and created an electronic presentation demonstrating the materials and energy used, as well as ways the process could be made more eco-friendly.

"This activity was a huge eye-opener for students as they realized how easy it is for



Jugraj Singh adjusts his cooker to best take advantage of the solar power.

us to 'over-consume,'" Gibbons said. "In other words, they saw how much energy and materials go into the production, transportation and disposal of these things."

Other fun stuff the class will be doing: Making volcanoes, making earthquake-proof structures and choosing a cause to give back to (earthquake relief, renewable energy, etc.).

"When the students choose a project to help with something that we have learned about, it reinforces the concept and makes them realize how great it feels to help others," Gibbons said.

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## Ferris State University

A team of Ferris State University students earned gold medals at the 2013 SkillsUSA Championships, where nearly 6,000 career and technical education students — all state contest winners — competed in 95 trade, technical and leadership fields during the national showcase.

College of Engineering Technology students Brandon White of Plymouth, Thaddeus Wilcome of Sparta and Shane Ferris of Lyons took the top spot in the Automated Manufacturing Technology competition. The championships were

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held during the June 25-28 National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, Mo.

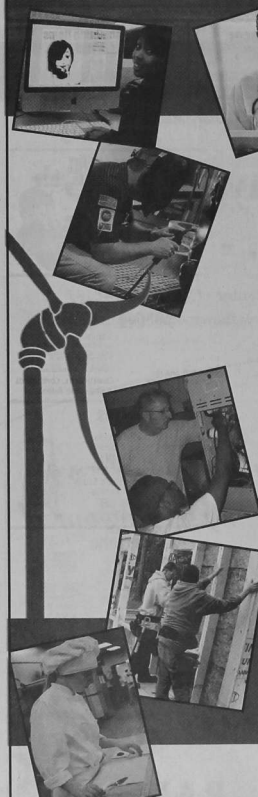
The students earned gold medals at the Michigan SkillsUSA competition in April in Grand Rapids to advance to last month's national finals. The championship competition is designed to reward students for excellence, to involve industry in directly evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employers' needs.

• Twenty-five Ferris State University students were awarded Alumni Association Legacy Scholarships totaling \$30,000 for the 2013-14 academic year. The Legacy Scholarship recognizes the academic achievements and leadership potential in students whose parent, sibling or grandparent is a Ferris graduate.

Lauren Carnevale of Plymouth, Television and Digital Media Production, earned a \$1,000 scholarship.



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» Sunday, July 21, 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren
» Monday, July 22, 1:45-4 p.m., Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 39851 W. Five Mile.

Details: The American Red Cross sponsors several blood drives in the area. Tickets to Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio, will be raffied off at these drives.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 30, 7-10 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road.

Details: The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 welcomes another series of Jazz @ The Elks with the Cliff Monear Trio with Stephanie Monear as the vocalist. Cliff has played at the Elks several times, but this is Stephanie's first appearance.

KIDZ KAMP

Date/Time: July 31 and Aug. 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Mill Race Village, 215 Grivold St., Northville

Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support offers its annual KIDZ Kamp for children ages 4-12. Kids will be able share their own unique stories with other grieving children as well as enjoy music, games, crafts and food.



Going for the ride

Margaret Dunning and Marty Kerstens have been promising rides back and forth, with Dunning wanting a ride on Kerstens' Harley and Kerstens hoping to ride in Dunning's 1930 Packard.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING

Date/Time: Aug. 7, 1-3 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste. 250, Canton

Details: United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor.

APIA DINNER

Date/Time: Saturday, July 27, 6-10 p.m.
Location: East Lake Chinese Restaurant, 5087 Rochester Road, in Troy

Details: Asian-Pacific Islander American-Native-Mi hosts their third annual dinner to honor and recognize outstanding APIAs in the community.

DIABETES SUPPORT

Date/Time: Second Thursday of each month, 2-3:30 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator.

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Date/Time: Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, 6-7:30 p.m.
Location: Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608, in Plymouth.

Details: The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members.

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SUPPORT GROUP

Date/Time: Second Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland
Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts, who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences. Learn from others as they share ideas, resources and support.

CALLING ALL CRAPTERS

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Crafters wanted for Delta Kappa Gamma's 29th annual Craft Show. Proceeds from the show will be used to support college scholarships for local students focusing on careers in education.

HOSPICE SUPPORT

Date/Time: Third Saturday of each month, 10:15-11:30 a.m.
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilly, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings.

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Staff, board directors and family members of eight Metro West Chapter credit unions gathered for a group photo while volunteering to work two Saturday shifts at Forgotten Harvest.

## Credit unions help Forgotten Harvest

The Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions raised nearly \$13,700 during April and May for Forgotten Harvest, the country's largest food rescue organization. Donations to help feed the hungry were made by employees and members of eight Metro West Chapter credit unions that are located throughout the Detroit area.

Participating credit unions included Catholic Advantage Financial, Federal, Communicating Arts, Community Financial, Co-op Services, Parkside, Public Services, Unified Communities Federal and Village Community.

In addition to the funds raised, 125 credit union employees, board directors and family members from the Metro West Chapter volunteered June 1 at Forgotten Harvest's facility in Oak Park.

The volunteers worked in two groups, with one group sorting a large amount of donations. Forgotten Harvest had received for the people in Oklahoma, to help facilitate distribution on the convoy reached its destination. The second group repackaged "meat snacks" for local food pantries. The items were taken from 750-pound bins and repackaged into four-pound

bags that were appropriately labeled for distribution.

Volunteers were heartened to learn that the food they prepared that day would be shipped to people affected by the disastrous tornadoes in Oklahoma.

"Our chapter's fundraising and efforts at Forgotten Harvest are part of the credit union spirit and philosophy of 'people helping people,'" said Hank Hubbard, CEO of Communicating Arts Credit Union who organized the volunteer event. "The time we spent at Forgotten Harvest and collecting funds brought us closer together and demonstrates how credit union members work together every day to make a difference to help others less fortunate in our community."

In addition to Forgotten Harvest, the Metro West Chapter hosts an annual golf outing to award grants to dozens of nonprofit organizations located throughout metro Detroit.

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

# One suspect bound over in gas station robbery

Judge rules enough evidence to send case to circuit court

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

The man suspected of driving the getaway vehicle in a June 30 armed robbery in Livonia will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court following a preliminary exam Thursday in Livonia.

Matthew Ross, 20, of Taylor, was bound over Thursday afternoon by 16th District Judge Sean Kavanagh on a charge of armed robbery. Police say Ross and Tyler Robinson, 21, of Canton, robbed the Exxon gas station at Merriman and I-96.

Kavanagh said while evidence presented during the preliminary exam did not show Ross going into the station and demanding the money, his actions of driving away with Robinson afterward showed enough evidence to take the case to circuit court. Had Ross not driven away with Robinson in the car after finding out what had happened, it may have resulted differently, he said.

"He participated in an aiding-and-embedding," Kavanagh said. "I find that there is probably cause."

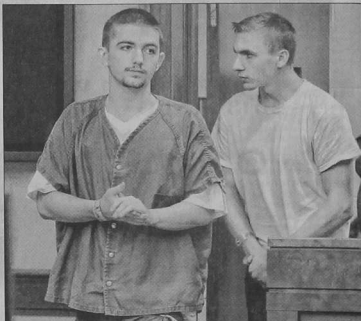
Kavanagh set Ross' arraignment for 9 a.m. July 25 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit. Bond remained the same for Ross, currently at \$60,000 cash or surety, according to records from the Wayne County Jail.

Police said Robinson entered the gas station around 2 a.m. June 30, grabbed a bag of beef jerky, placed it on the counter and then demanded money from the attendant before leaving the store. They say Ross drove Robinson away from the store after the incident.

Robinson was also in the courtroom Thursday afternoon before the preliminary exam, but his attorney requested a competency exam before proceeding. Kavanagh set Robinson's next court date at 9 a.m. Oct. 24 in 16th District Court.

Sajad Alsayad, the attendant working at the station at the time of the robbery, said he saw an individual enter the shop, walk to the back of the store and pick up two bags of beef jerky before approaching the counter. The patron then demanded money and brandished a silver handgun from his pants.

"He walked in wearing glasses and a hat," he said. "He walked up to the register and told me to give



Defendants Tyler Robinson (left) and Matthew Ross enter the courtroom. Ross was bound over on armed robbery charges, while Robinson's attorney asked the court for a competency exam. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

him all the cash."

He said he saw the suspect walk out of the store and leave out the right side without entering a parked car. Alsayad said the person who walked into the station was not present in the courtroom during his testimony.

Both men are also charged in a similar instance that took place the same day in Plymouth Township at a gas station near Five Mile and Beck.

The men's preliminary exam for that case will take place at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 2 in Plymouth's 35th District Court.

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## W-W school board OKs two new principals

Students at Hamilton and Elliott elementary schools in Westland will be welcomed back to school in September by new principals.

The Wayne-Westland school board last week approved the appointment of Katie Booth of Novi as the Hamilton principal and Andrea Griffin of Canton as the Elliott principal.



Booth



Griffin

"I want to thank you so much for affording me the opportunity to join the Hamilton Family," said Booth, who has been with the district since 2008. "Hamilton is bursting with potential and I look forward to sharing the impact with the students and the community."

Booth has a bachelor of arts degree in organizational studies from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from Saginaw Valley State University and master of arts degree in educational leadership from Eastern Michigan University.

She taught at ATMS West Village Academy in Dearborn before joining Wayne-Westland, where she taught fourth grade at Jefferson Elementary and fifth grade at Adams Upper Elementary.

mentary and most recently was an intervention specialist at Schweitzer Elementary.

"I want to thank you for this opportunity," Griffin said. "I am so looking forward to my new role and I look forward to serving the district in a new capacity."

"I've been in the Wayne-Westland schools

for 21 years and I have always loved what I do; I love coming to work every day," she added. "I look forward to bringing my hard work and the passion of what I have done in the district to my new role at Elliott."

Griffin has a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University and a master of arts degree in the art of teaching from Marygrove College.

She taught in Detroit and Taylor before joining Wayne-Westland in 1992, where she has taught at Stottlemeyer, Roosevelt and Schweitzer elementary schools and has been an intervention specialist at Marshall Upper Elementary.

She also was the Westland Teacher of the Year in 2006.

—By Sue Mason

## Check It Out!

### Make Back-To-School Physicals Routine

#### Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Szecezienski  
Sports Medicine

Shopping for school supplies, filling out permission forms, and annual checkups are usually a large part of every parent's back-to-school "To Do Checklist." Garden City Hospital Family Practice and Sports Medicine Expert, Dr. Stanley Szecezienski, explains why the yearly physical should happen for all children...even the non-athletes.

**Q:** My children are active and in good health, but don't participate in organized sports. Should I be taking them for a yearly "back-to-school" physical even if they are not playing a sport?

**A:** All children, whether actively participating in a sports program or not, should be seen by their doctor at the start of each new school year. Often the only visit most children have with their doctor every year, an annual back-to-school physical exam provides a long-term history of the child's progress and development over time. This helps your pediatrician or family physician detect emerging problems, and log important medical details of past illnesses or injuries.

In addition to a regular physical, children involved in athletics require an in-depth, pre-participation physical exam. This exam, although more limited than a regular physical, helps determine whether it's safe for a child to participate in a particular sport. During a pre-participation exam, the doctor can identify health problems that might interfere with participation in a sport, and will educate patients on preventing overuse and overtraining injuries.

As a nation, our children are in the midst of an epidemic health crisis. Childhood obesity and diabetes are at all-time highs, while financing for school athletics and physical education continue to be cut. As doctors, we are paying more attention to obesity-related issues, and in addition to monitoring heart and blood pressure, pediatricians/family practice physicians use these annual visits to discuss diet and exercise options. We talk with the child and parents about safe approaches to transitioning from little or no exercise to a sound, achievable exercise program. Establishing a strong patient/doctor relationship early in a child's life creates a "go to" resource for important health information.

Whatever the child's interest — sports, academics, and it's — we want to be sure their interest is a healthy one, and the arts — balanced with the other aspects of the child's life. A healthy childhood and adolescence calls for balancing home life, school, social activities, sports, and extracurricular pursuits. This is not easy, especially when the child is passing through the years of growth, learning, and emotional and physical development. This is all the more reason to set aside one day during each of those years for your child to see their doctor.

Join Garden City Hospital every month at Westland Mall, for our wellness lecture series. At 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, a GCH Health Expert will provide helpful and in-depth information on a variety of issues that impact our health every day. The next lecture, "Back to School Health 101: What Parents Need to Know", is August 10.

Do you have a health or medical question for one of the GCH Health Experts? Visit [GCH.org](http://GCH.org) or call 877.717.WELL.

### PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY

#### MEETING NOTICE LIBRARY DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2013, 9:30 a.m.

The Plymouth District Library Board has scheduled a meeting for Saturday, July 27, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the Dunning Hough Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

This meeting is scheduled for the purpose of interviewing and selecting a candidate for the Library Director position, to be vacant in September, 2013. Four candidates will be interviewed. This is an open meeting and any interested person is welcome to attend.

Plymouth District Library is handicapped accessible and is compliant with the American Disabilities Act.

Any questions can be directed to the Plymouth District Library at 734-453-0750, ext. 215.

Nancy Anderson/Secretary  
Plymouth District Library  
Board of Trustees

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE

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Meeting dates for 2013: July 21, August 20, September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22, November 12 and December 10.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

Nancy Conzelmann  
Township Clerk

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Todd Lipa of Farmington (from left), Lizzie Eiler of Novi, Jamie Fineran of Westland, Kristin Quint of Garden City, Ebony Gibson of Romulus and Wynema Timmons of Southgate train for 'Extreme Weight Loss' at CrossFit in Northville. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Trainer helps women shed pounds for TV

By Lonnie Hulman  
Staff Writer

With some help from the CrossFit centers in Northville and Plymouth, a group of metro Detroit women set about to lose some weight and change their lives. For one of them, the challenge was also part of ABC's *Extreme Weight Loss* program and her big reveal is coming up in the next week.

"There is strength in numbers. That's why I asked them to join me," Trina Miller, 47, of Grosse Ile, said of the group of seven. "It's been amazing because of the support we give each other."

The women work together as nurses for Oakwood Healthcare and will also appear with Miller in the upcoming reveal show for the television program. Kristin Quint, 32, of Garden City, has lost nearly 100 pounds since joining Miller on her weight loss journey.

"I didn't fully believe she could do it, but low and behold, here she is," Quint said. "She has been a true inspiration for me."

Starting at a weight of 295 during the initial shows, Miller said she has always struggled with her weight and put the needs of others before her own. For the past year, the Oakwood team focused on nutrition, exercise and keeping each other motivated and inspired. They got a lot of help from CrossFit owner and trainer Dave Finlay.

"I helped the Oakwood *Extreme Weight Loss* participants by creating an effective, healthy and balanced program that worked for the entire team through proper coaching, education and guidance," he said.



Wynema Timmons, 56, of Southgate holds up her former pants with CrossFit owner and trainer Dave Finlay, 39, of Plymouth. Timmons works as an L.P.N. at Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor.

The team worked out at the Hines Park CrossFit in Northville recently and was still hard at work trying to lose even more excess weight. Finlay said he was contacted by producers of *Extreme Weight Loss* to help support the Oakwood nursing team's weight loss efforts over the past year.

"I trained the entire Oakwood team three days per week and found what motivated each person to aid their overall performance," he said. "In addition, every workout was followed by a short session on adopting healthy habits and nutrition."

The group also received help from their employer, through a wellness program called Oakwell. This added to their resources to learn how to change their lifestyles.

"The Oakwood team experienced incredible results over the past year because CrossFit is as

much about changing shape as losing weight. I've helped and watched these women physically do things they never thought they could do," Finlay said.

Miller could not reveal how much weight she had lost prior to the show's airing, but said it would be a big surprise to those who knew her before. The last year has been a tough, yet rewarding one. She still has her days when she craves certain foods, but she knows the rewards to her weight loss have changed her life.

"This has been an amazing opportunity to change my life," Miller said, looking back. "If I can inspire others to embrace their own journey, then it will make it that much better."

The final reveal show is at 8 p.m. July 23 on ABC.

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**A:** Unfortunately, your hands are tied with regards to your pension. Under federal law, when there is a pension involved, both spouses must approve any changes. In this situation, unless your wife approves, you cannot take the lump sum through Ford.

I'm not sure this will work, but it is something that you may wish to consider. Offer your wife her share of the pension. In other words, if she signs off, then you will give her a cash payment. This may be something that works for you and for her.

With regards to the divorce,



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

I'm not sure that will work for you. Just because you file for divorce does not remove her rights as a spouse. Those rights would only be removed once the divorce has been approved by the court. Unfortunately, considering you have a deadline to make your decision, you will not be able to complete the divorce in that time frame. In addition, it is likely your wife would be given some rights over your pension.

It is not unusual today for courts to issue what is known as qualified domestic relations order. These types of orders give rights to a divorced spouse and you would also have to have those waived by your spouse in order to change the terms of your pension.

As to removing her as a beneficiary from your IRA and from your will, you are allowed to do that. However, you need to keep in mind that under Michigan law,

you cannot totally disinherit a spouse. I recommend that you consult an estate planning attorney to make sure you dot the I's and cross the T's.

Many readers may say it is not fair to accept a spouse's permission to accept a buyout. That may be the case; however, it is the law.

If you are offered a buyout from your pension, it is one of the most important financial decisions you could ever make. The key is to analyze the offer and not to do what everyone else is doing, but do what makes sense for you and your individual situation.

In the Ford and General Motor buyout examples, there were many cases where it made sense to accept the buyout, while in other cases it was not a good financial move. The bottom line is, focus on your situation and make the best decision for you. Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com)

## Political, business leaders from western Wayne plan gathering

Gathering of the chief elected officials and business leaders from across 18 western Wayne County communities will gather this fall for an evening of networking.

The inaugural Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet will be held Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center in Dearborn. The Conference of Western Wayne, an advocacy organization serving the elected leaders of the region's 18 cities and townships, is working with a team of local Chambers of Commerce to coordinate this program.

The intent of the banquet is to build stronger municipal-business relationships in a region that represents 700,000 residents and more than 54

percent of Wayne County's tax base.

"The conference continues its 34-year-old tradition of working together with a dynamic and unified voice to improve the quality of life for our citizens," said Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, who chairs the Conference of Western Wayne Board.

The Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet will be emceed by Mary Kramer, the publisher of *Crain's Detroit Business*, and the keynote speaker will be James Tetreault, Ford Motor Co.'s vice president of North American Manufacturing. Tetreault will speak about how metro Detroit communities can support the re-emerging American manufacturing industry in need of tech-savvy workers.

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Within the first few weeks of the program, my periods became lighter and regular and have remained so. Headaches, allergies, temperature imbalances, and cravings are things of the past. My energy and outlook are up, and I lost 50 pounds in the process. This program has given me a whole new outlook on life and a firm foundation for keeping things improving.

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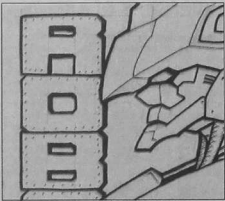
# VAAL offers teen art camp

Grant reduces workshop cost to \$55 per student

Any young person age 12-18 who enjoys being creative is invited to participate in a Teen Art Camp offered by the Visual Arts Association of Livonia. The five-day workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, Aug. 12-16, at the VAAL classroom in Livonia. The course is called Anime Cartooning and Comic Book Art.

Participants will have the opportunity to create three to five artistic projects. Projects to choose daily include trading cards, cover art, character design, a mini-poster, CD cover, calendar page or a jigsaw puzzle. Emphasis will be made on developing drawing skills, coloring techniques, character creation and storytelling. Additional methods include the transfer of drawings, perspective drawing, project planning and design, lettering, inking and marker rendering.

Tuition for this class is normally \$105; however, due to a grant from the Livonia Community Foundation,



VAAL is able to offer it at \$55 per student. All materials will be provided at no additional cost.

The instructor for this class is Michael Boursaw, a freelance wildlife, fantasy and science fiction and comic illustrator since the late 1980s. Boursaw has been an air-brush instructor for adult and community education at Delta College and for GM's enrichment program.

Current projects in this field are his own self-published comics, short



Youth ages 12-18 will have the opportunity to create three to five artistic projects like these.

story books and multifaceted games including "The Lost Outpost TM" to be released in the fall. Boursaw is a member of the Association of Science Fiction and Fantasy Artists, a national organization. He also owns his own custom art business, A2Z Customwork in Oak Park.

The VAAL classroom is at 37653 Five Mile Road, at Newburgh Road. For more information see a registration, call 734-838-1204 or visit [www.vaalart.org](http://www.vaalart.org).



This is an example of instructor Michael Boursaw's work as a freelance wildlife, fantasy and science fiction and comic illustrator.

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If the artery is narrowed by aging or cholesterol deposits, the blood supplied cannot keep up with what the muscle needs. The person feels pain in the leg muscles. The pain worsens with continued walking, but resolves with rest, that is stopping and sitting. In intermittent claudication, rest means moments to a few minutes. The person arises, starts walking, the pain returns, followed by the need for brief rest again.

This pattern of leg pain is in contrast to pain caused by a pinched nerve. When nerve impingement is the problem, the person feels numbness, tingling or a buzz that moves down the leg starting in the back and heading in the direction of the toes. Discomfort is present day and night but varies in intensity. Usually, activity does not change the pain for better or worse, but position, especially when in bed, influences how bad the pain is and where it travels in the leg.

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# 'The last goodbye'

## Docent meets Prince Charles at anniversary of program for Jewish children

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

In 1939, Edith Maniker's parents made a life-changing decision that saved her and her older sister from certain death in the Nazi concentration camps.

Through a lifetime of history and events, that long-ago decision led this year to Maniker meeting Prince Charles as he commemorated the 75th anniversary of the Kindertransport rescue program that saved her life and gave her a future in England and the United States.

"I am extremely blessed. My parents were brave enough to let me go. I have had a good life," said the Southfield resident and 20-year docent at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.

Maniker, 82, and her sister, as well as four cousins, all German natives, were among the 10,000 children and infants whose lives were saved when their parents sent them to other countries as part of the Kindertransport rescue program.

In mid-1939 — before World War II started — Maniker, then 8, her sister and cousins were sent to England, where the oldest daughter of one of her mother's cousins lived. But the cousins did not travel together.

"It was the only time I saw my father cry," Maniker said as she described her sister saying goodbye and boarding a train a few weeks before she left. "My parents made it very easy for me. The told me, 'You are going on a wonderful vacation. We will see you in a couple of weeks.'" Maniker and her sister never again saw their parents and are unsure how, when or where they died. "I know they got as far as Hungary," she said. "The end of 1940 was the last time we heard from them."

### Kristallnacht

The events that led to Maniker leaving her hometown of Leipzig, Germany, which is south of Berlin, began with the Kristallnacht ("Night of Broken Glass") Nov. 9, 1938. Nazi stormtroopers and German civilians orchestrated and implemented a series of attacks on Jewish synagogues,



Edith Maniker, a docent at the Holocaust Memorial Center, stands in front of a quilt at the museum. ALL PHOTOS BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

businesses and institutions and ransacked the homes of Jewish residents.

Maniker and her family, including her grandmother, lived across the street from their synagogue, which was next to homes owned by non-Jewish residents. But Maniker watched as items were removed from the synagogue, piled up and burned in a bonfire.

"We watched it as it burned," she said. "I was so scared. I saw people laughing and dancing around it and singing. You knew who it was aimed at."

Maniker's family home was not ransacked because the building landlord told stormtroopers that there were no Jewish tenants in his apartments. "My father turned out the lights so no one could see our silhouettes," she said.

After that incident, Maniker's uncle got the six grand-

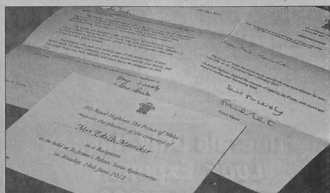
children into the Kindertransport program to save their lives. But it was also the start of some six years during which Maniker was moved around England, staying with a number of different families and, eventually as she got older, sharing an apartment with her sister.

Maniker arrived by boat in the United States in July 1947. She and her sister made their way to Detroit, where they had family. "Why did we come to America? You look for family," she said.

Maniker journeyed back to England earlier this year for the 75th anniversary of the Kindertransport that brought Jewish children to cities and villages throughout Britain. A reunion was planned and she was among 400 who attended, followed by a reception hosted by Prince Charles at St. James's Palace. "We were in a semi-circle and Prince Charles shook every-



This is the invitation Edith Maniker received from Prince Charles.



Edith Maniker's treasured papers include a letter from the Queen of England's Lady in Waiting and an invitation from Prince Charles.

one's hand," she said. "He spoke to each person. He made everyone feel like they were important."

"Everyone at the reunion was thrilled the prince was there. He was so gracious."

### A letter

The reception and meeting with Prince Charles wasn't just a stop on the itinerary planned by a reunion committee. Maniker received an official invitation from the heir to the British throne to attend the reception.

Maniker's correspondence with the Royal Family actually began with a letter one of her daughters wrote to the Queen of England. In that letter, her daughter thanked the queen for saving her mother's life decades ago. Unexpectedly, her daughter received a letter in return from Buckingham Palace and the queen.

Written by the Queen's Lady in Waiting, the letter said in

part: "The Queen was touched to hear of the tragic fate suffered by your mother's family during the Second World War, and to know of Mrs. Maniker's enduring gratitude for the welcome offered to her in this country when she arrived here as a young refugee."

"That letter, Prince Charles' invitation and another letter from an official of the British government are items she never plans to toss. Maniker has them well-cared for in a large envelope and gently removes each from their envelopes to show others."

Despite being moved from one family or refugee center and hostel to another during her years in England, Maniker fondly remembers the people who helped her during the war. "I found that most people I met were very kind," she said. "I was never hungry."

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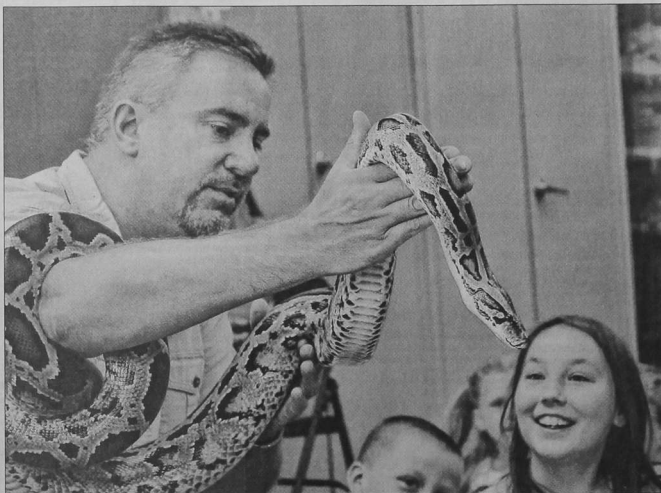
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# 'Dan the Man' delights library crowd

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer



Dan The Creature Man introduces a python to the crowd. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dan Briere of Troy knows animals. He has a housefull of them. Known to local children as Dan the Creature Man, Briere brought his menagerie to the Garden City Public Library on Thursday, July 18.

He's the owner of The Little Creatures Company. The goal of the company is to allow children to see up close creatures which are found in the wild.

"I have always loved animals," Briere said. "I call them my little babies, my little buds."

He brought out Jamilah, a 25-year-old African Grey parrot, who was talkative before the children entered the room but spent more time time observing the children once they were there.

She whistled and said hello.

"Yesterday I was at a summer camp, she said goodbye the whole time," Briere said. "She will also make the sound of a cat's meow, a doorbell, a microwave oven, a toaster and a smoke detector."

She cats bananas, apples, grapes and peas. "She will eat some of my peanut butter and jelly sandwich when we drive home today," Briere said.

Jamilah laughs and giggles and might live another 40-50 years.

Briere brought reptiles and lizards and a tarantula spider, a chinchilla and a baby alligator.

He took care to hold the creatures' heads away from the children and considered the behavior of each animal before getting close to the crowd. He told the children to wash their hands after the demonstrations.

Briere showed a non-poisonous milk snake from Mexico which is about 15 years old.

"He has never tried to bite anyone," Briere said. "He has a tongue that comes out to pick up the smells in the air. When a snake moves, it's called slithering. When the snake was a little baby, he would have been the size of a slippy straw."

He advised everyone to

leave snakes alone that they might find in the wild.

Briere also amazed the children with the size of a python he brought out, which he said was non-poisonous.

Some children found this snake two summers ago crawling through a field in a neighborhood in Mount Clemens.

"He got taken to an animal shelter and we adopted him," Briere said. "He is eight feet long and 20 pounds. Pythons like this can be friendly pets but for grownups only."

Snakes feel totally dry. Pythons live in Asia, India, Thailand and Vietnam.

Briere said that he has about 35 different animals which stay in his basement.

A tarantula spider he showed through a container came from Mexico. "She wasn't allowed out of her container which had breathing holes."

"Around people, I don't handle her because she could jump," Briere said.

He told the girls that in the spider world, the girl spiders are prettier, stronger and they live longer than the boy spiders.

Briere retrieved an African bull frog which he told the kids they wouldn't want to touch. "They are slimy and goey like a piece of fruit. He is like Jabba the Hut."

The bull frog has a big stomach to hold water.



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Four key dates are as follows: Appointments are only for audition dates, not for the workshop date.

**Auditions:**  
6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 24; Parent Information Meeting & Youth Workshop. This meeting is not mandatory, but recommended.  
7-10 p.m. Thursday, July 25: Audition for teens 16-18 year of age and adults. By appointment.  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 27: Children 6-15 years of age. By appointment.

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Auditions will be held at The Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.

The full audition notice is posted at [www.farmingtonplayers.org](http://www.farmingtonplayers.org) and also on the Farmington Players Facebook page.

Full cast rehearsals will begin the week of Sept. 15 with most running 6:30-9:30 p.m. Rehearsals for the orphans and Annie only will run 9

a.m.-noon Saturdays, Aug. 3-Sept. 28.

The Players will have mandatory rehearsals for all techs on Saturday, Dec. 7, and full runs will run Dec. 9

Performances for *Annie* are scheduled Dec. 13-15, Dec. 20-22 and Dec. 27-29. The shows run 8 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information on available characters, visit the Farmington Players website at [www.farmingtonplayers.org](http://www.farmingtonplayers.org). If you have questions about auditions, email: [Annieatthebarn@gmail.com](mailto:Annieatthebarn@gmail.com).

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# March seeks justice for murdered teens

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer



Joined by family and friends, Virgie Kudla will be walking around the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for an hour beginning at 9 a.m. Monday.

The day marks a sad anniversary for Kudla—a year since her son Jacob, 16, and his friend Jourdan Bobbish, 17, failed to return home to Westland after a visit to Detroit. They were found shot to death in a field on Detroit's east side five days later, robbed of their shoes and a small amount of money.

This will be the second time Kudla and supporters have marched calling for justice for the murdered teens. The first walk also included the Detroit Police Department headquarters on Beaubien.

Two men pleaded guilty to stealing items from the car driven by the teens, but no one has been charged with their

murder.

"To be honest, I'm not sure if it will help doing something on the one-year anniversary," Kudla said. "It's such an emotional time. The first walk was hard. I'm a talkative, outgoing person. I only spoke three words in two hours."

It will be a quiet protest as Kudla and about 35 supporters, most wearing red T-shirts, will carry signs calling for justice for Jake and his friend.

Marches and other efforts to call attention to the lack of criminal charges in the murder of her son and Bobbish is

something that she shouldn't have to do, Kudla said, but it's something she will continue to do.

"It's frustrating. My son deserves justice. Only bad guys deserve to be killed," Kudla said. "He wasn't a bad guy—he didn't deserve to be murdered. I'll never have closure. How can I go through the grief process without justice?"

Jacob Kudla and Bobbish had gone to visit Virgie Kudla's brother at the Detroit home where she grew up. Detroit Police have not publicly reported what happened after

the teens left that house on Algonac and headed back to Westland.

Based on what she has been told, Kudla said she expects the teens were carjacked. Jacob Kudla's 2001 Chevrolet Cavalier was found parked behind an apartment building in the 8500 block of Beechwood in Detroit.

The two men who entered guilty pleas to stealing the stereo from the Cavalier are not suspects in the murders, Kudla said, but two other men have been identified as suspects.

"The two men (suspects) are in jail being held on other murders. One is charged with two murders, the other is charged with one. These guys are obviously serial murderers," Kudla said. "The last contact I had with the (Wayne County) prosecutor's office I was told they would not sign the warrant charging them (with the teens' murder)."

While it wasn't spelled out,

Kudla said she surmised the charges weren't going to be filed since both men were facing life in prison for other unrelated homicides.

"We have been assisting the police and have been working diligently to close this case. This is an active and ongoing investigation," said Maria Miller, spokeswoman for the prosecutor's office, when asked about that scenario.

There is some irony in Jacob Kudla, an only child, and Bobbish being killed in the Detroit neighborhood where his mother grew up.

"I left that side of town years ago. I did all I could to take my son from that environment," Kudla said. "Then for someone to take his life, I'm inflamed with anger. The bottom line is, they're gone. I'm a firm believer in God. Karma will get these people."

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# Paul's Players present 'The Sound of Music'

Paul's Players will present *The Sound of Music*, the well-known Rodgers and Hammerstein musical based on the true story of the Von Trapp family of singers from Austria, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, July 25-27, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students.

Life imitates art with the Paul's Players production as the cast of 60 includes numerous families represented with siblings, parents, children, cousins, even husbands and wives.

The multi-generational musical workshop, with cast members and singers ranging in age from 5 to 85, gives families a rare opportunity to participate in a musical theater experience together.

Livonia resident Jeff Swan portrays Capt. Von Trapp and



The Von Trapp children are played by (from left, back row) Chalyin Bryce (Friedrich) and Katherine O'Donnell (Liesl), both of Livonia; (middle row) Audrey Turnage (Bligit), Livonia; Natalie Corrigan (Louisa), Canton, and Ethan Kain (Kurt), Livonia; and (front row) Abigail Borsodi (Maria), Redford and Grace Cretu (Gretl), Livonia.

production. Rebecca Borsodi (Elsa), from Redford, and Leigh Emmett (Nun's Chorus), from Walled Lake, are both joined on stage by their daughters, while Rachel Kain and Cecile Schooley (Nun's Chorus) are sharing the experience with their sons Austin (Frederick Van Trapp) and Dan.

*The Sound of Music* is Paul's Players second summer multi-generational musical. In 2012, the group produced *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Pat Hutchison, founder and artistic director of Paul's Players, finds the summer musical an ideal venue to further one of Paul's Players biggest missions. "One of the things we want to do is offer people of every age an opportunity to participate in theater," she said. "The summer musical is perfect because it allows several different members of the family to enjoy a theater experience



Maria is played by Molly Durkas of Redford.

together." Tickets for *The Sound of Music* may be purchased by calling 248-347-4134, or emailing paulsplayers@gmail.com.

# Applebee's, Del Taco could come to Livonia

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Livonia could see its first Applebee's restaurant if a proposed site plan is approved by the city council next month.

The proposed casual dining restaurant would be located in front of the new Menards at 13301 Middlebelt, just south of I-96. It would be the first Applebee's within the city limits.

The city council first saw the proposed site plan for the property, which also includes space for a Del Taco fast-food restaurant and two other business ten-

ants not yet named. "The proposal is to construct two buildings on the property," said Mark Taormina, the city's planning director.

"It's currently in the process of being rezoned from its current classification of M-1, light manufacturing, to C-2, general business."

The buildings would have entrances from Industrial Drive and another from the driveway leading up to the new Menards building.

The Del Taco restaurant would have a drive-through.

The restaurants would be owned by Team

Schostak Family Restaurants, a Livonia-based company that recently bought 65 Applebee's across Michigan.

Council President Laura Toy said she was pleased to see the plan not include direct access to Middlebelt, especially with the area expecting to become even more congested with traffic when the Menards opens.

"I'm glad to see they're utilizing the industrial street there," she said. "That's a very, very congested area, which is a great thing for businesses, but when you add extra businesses on

it, it makes it a little more congested, if you will."

Ryan Jones, an employee representing Team Schostak at Monday's study session, said the new Applebee's, a sit-down restaurant that serves food such as salads, pasta and chicken, would be the second one in the United States with the company's newly redesigned structure, with the only other one being in Tennessee.

"This would become our first restaurant from the ground up that we did not purchase recently," he said. "It would be the brand-new prototype

building that corporate just rolled out."

That prototype calls for more high-top tables to appeal in those in their 20s and 30s and a new decor, among other improvements.

Other Applebee's restaurants are located nearby in Northville, Westland and Canton.

The Del Taco restaurant would be Wayne County's second and the Detroit area's sixth. The company currently operates three other Del Taco stores, located in Dearborn Heights, Warren and Roseville. Two other restaurants operate in Warren and Clawson not

owned by Team Schostak.

Del Taco is an American-style Mexican fast-food restaurant that serves items such as tacos, burritos and nachos, as well as American food such as hamburgers, french fries and milkshakes. Most of its locations are located outside the Midwest.

If constructed, the Applebee's would employ roughly 80 people, while the Del Taco would employ about 40, Jones said.

But the plan has some issues the city wants the petitioners to address before it receives final approval, Taormina said. Issues such as green space, signage and parking could pose conflicts with the city's ordinances.

The parking lot as proposed does not have enough parking as required by the city for the buildings of their size, he said.

"There is a slight deficiency when it comes to parking," Taormina said. "There are a total of 11 spaces that would have to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals for approval to have that deficiency."

Councilman Brandon Kritzman said he has spoken to the petitioners and encouraged them to rethink the current plan in order to better meet the city's desired guidelines. By delaying that process, he said, the site will conform better to regulations on green space and landscaping.

"I think ultimately, we'll be in for a better product," he said.

The plan is expected to come up for a vote from the city council at its Aug. 12 meeting.

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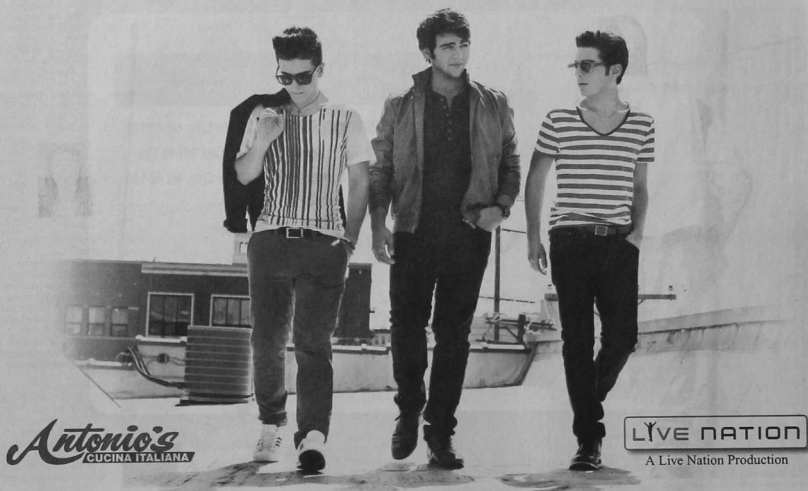
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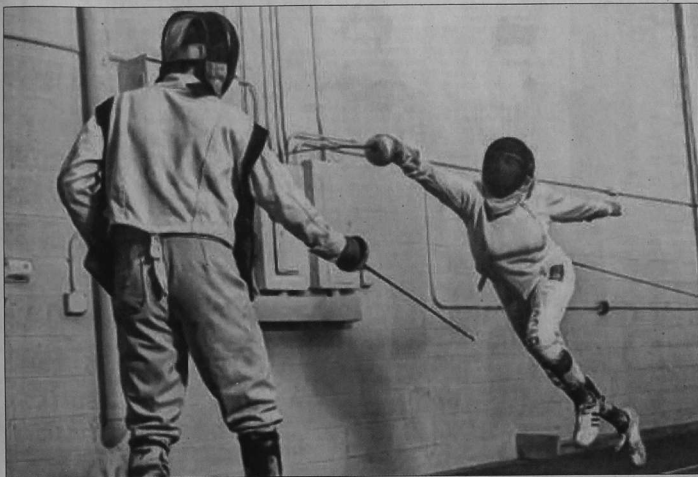
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Farmington Hills' Elizabeth Kocab (right) often used "the fleche" move en route to the Veteran 60-69 women's epee championship at the USA Fencing Nationals held in Columbus, Ohio. DETROIT LEGAL NEWS

## Fencers Kocab and King capture gold medals at national championships

By Brad Emmons  
Staff Writer

Elizabeth Kocab and Erica King are living proof that you're never past your prime when it comes to the sport of fencing.

Kocab, an attorney from Farmington Hills, is undergoing a renaissance of sorts after capturing a national title in the Veteran 60-69 women's epee at the USA Fencing National Championships, held June 28 through July 7 at the Columbus (Ohio) Convention Center.

She has also secured a place on the U.S. National Team that will compete in the Veteran World Championship, Oct. 1-6 in Bulgaria. It will be her third international appearance in three years after capturing gold in the women's 50-59 age group in 2011 (Porec, Croatia), followed by a bronze medal in the 60-69 division in 2012 (Krems, Austria).



Elizabeth Kocab (left) and Erica King, representing the Underground Fencing Organization in Livonia, won their respective age-group titles at the national championships.

The 44-year-old King, a pharmacist from Brownstown, was a finalist in three events at the U.S. Nationals, coming away with the Veteran 40-49 women's epee title. She also followed with a silver medal finish in Division 2 women's epee and also reached the elimination round in women's foil.

Kocab and King are both under the umbrella of the Underground Fencing Organization, which meets at Salle d'Etroit Fencing Academy on Amrhein Road in Livonia.

## Good reach

"We're very happy with how they did," said Ben Scheiss, who runs the UFO club. "They're both pretty tall. They're both over 5-10 and they both have a decent amount of athleticism. They have their things that they're really good at and they play to their strengths in their events."

"Erica has a very good reach. She was able to play her game and actually get the other fencers to play into her game to do what she was able to have the advantage of not getting hit."

"Liz has got a little bit stronger attack and is also able to use her reach, so she was able to find the right time to go and actually make her hit."

Kocab, who is a judicial legal adviser for Wayne County Circuit Court, won all six of

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## WSU honors Carly Sevald

Farmington Hills Mercy High School graduate Carly Sevald is the Wayne State University 2012-13 Female Athlete of the Year.

The senior diver was an eight-time All-American during her career for the Warriors, who won the NCAA Division II



women's swimming and diving championship in 2012 and were runners-up this year.

Sevald earned All-America first-team honors seven times based on top-eight finishes at the NCAA national meet. She was just the second WSU diver to win a national championship, claiming the three-meter crown in 2012.

Sevald was twice named to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's All-Academic Excellence team and was a 2013 CoSIDA Academic All-America honoree.

The early childhood (elementary) education major was named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll five times, including three semesters with a 4.0 GPA. She was on the Coach's Honor Roll the other three semesters.

Sevald was the Division 2 diving state champion in 2008.

## Rams rout Southfield

The Michigan Rams scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning

Wednesday to invoke the mercy rule and defeat the Southfield Indians in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game, 13-3. Chris McDonald pitched all five innings for the Rams (13-11-2) and didn't allow an earned run at Bicentennial Park. He surrendered four hits, struck out six, walked two and hit one batter.

The Rams, who had 11 hits, scored five runs in the first and fourth innings. Tyler Baker was 2-for-4 with a double and drove in five runs.

Justin Sherman and Miles Sorise went 2-for-3. Sherman and Trent Avromov also each had a two-base hit. Griffin Harms knocked in two runs with a single.

Sorise, J.P. Maracani, Brett Ramirez and Brandon Katta had one hit and contributed one RBI apiece.

Trent Drumheller and Sherman scored three runs each, Avromov two.

## Falcons have new hockey coach

Veteran Newton takes charge of Farmington High School program

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

Bill Newton brings a rich background in the sport to his new position as head coach of the Farmington High School varsity hockey team.

As a former college and junior level player, Newton learned from some of the biggest-name coaches in the game, plus the Ontario native hails from a family with deep hockey roots.

"I've had some really good coaches in my career," Newton said, noting he played for Ron Mason and Jerry York at Bowling Green and was a graduate assistant to Bill Wilkinson at Western Michigan. "I've been around a lot of good people in hockey."

Newton's brothers are involved in hockey, too. Tom has been a long-time assistant coach at Michigan State, while Bruce is the director of marketing for Hockey Canada.

"When we get together, the conversation is about hockey," Newton said. "I'll certainly use the Michigan State program as a source of information for the



Bill Newton has moved up the coaching ranks in the Farmington hockey program. CHRIS FLECK | PHLECK PHOTOS

latest goings on and what's a buzz in hockey."

Newton, who turns 54 next month, replaces Mark Vellucci, who resigned in May to become the coach at Novi High School after 11 seasons with the Farmington Unified and Farmington High programs.

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## Malek leaves Ladywood for Sacred Heart

A.D. resigns after 20 years

By Brad Emmons  
Staff Writer

For the first time in more than two decades, Livonia Ladywood will be undergoing a transition phase in its athletic program.

Sal Malek, who guided the Blazers to a successful 10-year run, stepped down Tuesday to take the athletic director position at Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Malek replaces Debbie Pavle, who recently retired as A.D. from Sacred Heart.

"At this juncture of my career, I decided to make a change," Malek said. "And while I enjoyed my 20 years of being athletic director at Ladywood High School — made some phenomenal memories, met some great people, phenomenal girls and thanks to Sister Mary Ann Smith for hiring me in 1993 — I had to make a change."

"And when the opportunity opened up at Sacred Heart, I thought that would be a good fit. Number one, it's a small school. And number



Malek

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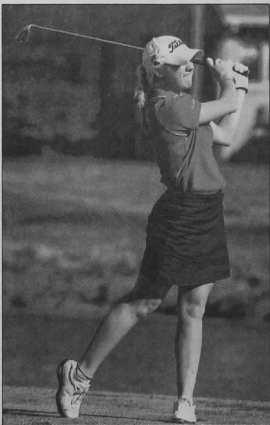
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# Livonia's Warner earns GAM women's golf championship



Shannon Warner was a two-time state Division I champion as a high school player at Livonia Churchill. PHOTOS: PHOTO

Livonia's Shannon Warner didn't have any expectations, certainly not of winning, when she entered the 22nd annual Golf Association of Michigan Women's Championship July 17-18 at Gull Lake Country Club.

After undergoing hand surgery last year and taking a healing hiatus from golf, Warner was prepared to be content with whatever she did in her first competition since the surgery.

The result was much better than Warner ever imagined as she surprised herself and won the title with a 4-under-par 142, edging Kelly Harrigan of Lake Orion by one stroke. Warner shot back-to-back rounds of 71.

"I haven't played much this year, so I didn't expect much," Warner said. "I had hand surgery right after the



Warner

a few rounds just to get myself ready for the tournament."

Warner said her irons were smoking hot for the entire tournament and her putting was spot-on from the first day.

"The driver was the only thing that wasn't working great," she said. "On the second day, I scrambled a lot more and just had a couple of birdies. But I had a lot of fun and low expectations, so it was great."

"Most of the players in the field were college age, so Warner, who graduated last year from Eastern Michigan University, felt like a veter-

an on the links this time.

"I really had a great time talking to the girls and getting to know them," she said.

"I'm older now and I don't know everyone. I wished them all luck this year in their college seasons."

Warner had played just five rounds of golf since she completed her collegiate career last fall — three in late 2012 and two in recent weeks to get ready for the tournament.

She hadn't even signed up for the tournament until her father received an email stating the GAM had extended its deadline by a few days.

Warner, who had been working a lot of hours at Barton Hills Country Club in Ann Arbor, hadn't had much time to practice or play, but she decided to give it a try.

"This spring she has

been keeping in touch with her instructor, Paul Haase, for a few lessons, but that was about it," Warner's father Blair said.

"She went in with no expectations. I figured, if she could break 80, she would be doing well. Then, this happens!"

"Golf has been tough for her since her high school days. With all the coaches expectations, academics and the hand problems, it was real tough on her."

"It's just nice to see her playing the game again. Having fun again and, what do you know, doing well again."

Warner was a two-time Division I high school state champion at Livonia Churchill and she was named to the Mid-American Conference second team as an EMU senior.

## DeBear out as Plymouth girls basketball coach

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Add Plymouth's varsity girls basketball team as the latest at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to have changes at the top.

The Wildcats will not have head coach Bob deBear on the sidelines, as he stepped down — with last year's assistant coach Nick Brandon the front-runner to take the post.

Brandon would not officially confirm Tuesday night that deBear

would not return or that he was a candidate for the permanent spot. Several times he deferred confirmation to Sue Heinzman, the district's athletic director in charge of basketball.

Later Wednesday, in an email from Heinzman to the Observer, the departure of deBear was confirmed.

It did not indicate whether the coach was relieved of his duties or left on his own.

"Bob deBear will not be returning as the Plymouth girls basketball

coach next year," Heinzman's email began. "Currently, Nick Brandon and Patrick Foley are co-coaching for the remainder of the summer. The job has been posted and I expect to hire a new coach this fall by the end of September."

"We appreciate the three years Bob deBear was at the helm of the program. I have no further comments regarding Coach deBear."

The official team website lists Brandon as the point man for players to contact: "For summer

workouts and shootouts for current high school players please, view the link 'About Girls Basketball' and click on the link 'Announcements.' ... We will keep you posted there. You can always email Coach Brandon for more information."

Brandon and Foley last week were in charge of the Wildcats' summer league team.

The future of deBear at the helm has been the subject of recent speculation, namely that some 2012-13 varsity parents had issues with

the team's direction. Efforts to contact deBear had not been successful as of Wednesday.

The latest upheaval follows another parent-led spin of the coaching carousel at Plymouth High School just two months ago.

In May, varsity baseball coach Bryan Boyd was forced out and replaced by an interim coaching staff led by Mike George (Madonna University).

Boyd initially was put on a paid administrative

leave from the baseball job this position on the faculty at Central Middle School was not impacted) following complaints from unhappy parents about decisions involving the program.

Boyd later resigned following the district's investigation into the concerns.

George said he was approached about taking over the team for the 2014 season, but would need time to consider it.

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### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Golfer shoots ace

Gary Fernyhough of Livonia notched his second hole-in-one in 13

years of playing golf July 12 at Whispering Willows. He used a seven iron to ace the 129-yard seventh hole. Fernyhough

shot 40 for the round.

#### CYO soccer sign-up

The St. Edith athletic program is accepting

registrations for its CYO fall soccer teams.

Boys and girls entering grades four through eight are eligible to play.

The program is open to those who attend St. Edith, St. Colette, St. Aidan and St. Kenneth parishes.

For additional information, contact Ron Wol-lenbecker at stedithsoccer@gmail.com or visit www.stedithcyo.com.

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# Abraham returns to softball diamond for MU

**NAIA Hall of Fame volleyball coach will once again do double duty for the Crusaders**

Madonna University didn't have to go far to find its new softball coach. He was right there in the athletic department already.

Following an extensive search, the Crusaders decided Jerry Abraham, the school's NAIA Hall of Fame volleyball coach, was the right person to fill the softball position, too.

It'll be Abraham's second year coaching softball at Madonna.

He will continue to coach the defending Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season and tournament champion volleyball team, too.

Abraham returns to lead a softball program he skipped over from 1994-98, posting a 17-89-2 record in his five seasons. He replaces Al White, who announced his retirement in May after 15 seasons with the Crusaders.

"We are very excited to have Jerry back at the helm of the softball program," MU Athletic Director Bryan Rizzo said. "Coach White built a tremendous program and I cannot think of a better coach to carry on the success."

"Jerry is a proven winner who knows the ins and outs of recruiting, running a program and developing student-athletes. His softball teams competed at a very high level in



Jerry Abraham has 1,005 career victories as the Madonna volleyball coach. **TIM BUSCH**

high school and his previous stint at Madonna, so I am confident he will continue the tradition of our program."

Abraham, who has a national record 1,005 career victories in volleyball, takes over a softball program that posted a 32-18 mark in 2013 and returns 13 letter winners.

In addition to his time coaching on the diamond at Madonna, Abraham also coached softball at Taylor Center and Bishop Borgess high schools.

"After talking with Bryan, I took a lot of time to think about taking the job due to the demands of balancing the two sports," Abraham said. "I've always had a passion for softball, love it and I've had success with it."

"I talked with Al about his roster and who was coming back, and I got the feeling he would like someone who worked with him and did things the way he did them to carry on with what I think is a

talented team in 2013-14. I'm excited about the opportunity."

"Having been through the rigors of coaching two sports previously, Abraham knows the challenges that lie before him.

"You're always worried about too much with too little time, but I will give both sports equal time," he said. "I'm not just dealing with 14 or 15 kids anymore. It's near 40 with both teams and balance will be the key."

"I'm elated to have Mike Baum and Shawn Hopper helping me as assistant coaches. You need to gather great people around you. I am comfortable that we will make it all work."

Hopper remains on staff after four seasons assisting White, who led the Crusaders to three NAIA national tournaments. Baum comes aboard after a hall-of-fame career at Taylor Kennedy High School and with the Finesse travel program.

"Shawn and Mike are very experienced coaches," Abraham said. "Mike is very well connected and has a lot of roots in the community. I wanted Shawn on staff because I wanted someone who knows the players and has been a part of the program."

# Playoffs on tap for Bucks

The Michigan Bucks know they'll host their playoff opener at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

What the Premier Development League team doesn't yet know is which of two programs teams they will face at 2,000-capacity Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

The Toronto Lynx, K-W United, Chicago Fire and Recreativo will play each other over the next four days to land the coveted final postseason berth in the PDL's Great Lakes Division.

With four other teams still competing for the final Great Lakes Divisional playoff spot, the Bucks' opponent may not be known until the conclusion of the regular season Sunday night.

The Bucks finished their regular season Wednesday with a 4-2 loss at Chicago

finish with a record of 8-3-3 (27 points).

Although the outstanding record is sub-par by Bucks standards, the eight wins extend the team's lead in all-time wins in PDL history but the Bucks in the playoffs for a record 16th time and keep their record intact with having a winning season in all 18 years of existence.

The winner of Tuesday's playoff match will join FC London with a trip to Thunder Bay, Ontario, for the Central Ontario conference championship tournament, to be played Saturday and Sunday, July 27-28.

If the Bucks win Tuesday, they will play the opening match against top seed and host Thunder Bay Chill at 3 p.m. Saturday; that semifinal match will be followed up at 6

p.m. by FC London and Real Colorado.

The two winners will play at 6 p.m. July 28 for the conference title and a trip to the PDL final, where they will be joined by the week's other three conference winners.

Tickets for Tuesday's game are discounted and specially priced at only \$7 all ages (5 and under free) and may be the last opportunity to see the Bucks in action this year. Group tickets are available for only \$5 each when purchasing a minimum of 20 tickets at one time for the group.

For more information on the Bucks' playoff opponent, follow the PDL at [www.usl-soccer.com](http://www.usl-soccer.com) or go to the Bucks' website at [www.bucksoccer.com](http://www.bucksoccer.com).

## MALEK

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two, it has a lot of the same characteristics in all sports like Ladywood. And number three, still being in the Catholic League."

Malek said he recently signed a one-year contract to return to Ladywood for the 2013-14 school year.

"It was a very tough decision for me," Malek said. "It

was very hard to make, but I thought I just need to move forward with some new challenges and new things to do. It was the best fit, but the Blazers of Ladywood will always be in my heart."

"They'll always be in my prayers and they'll always be my supporters."

At Ladywood, which had an enrollment of 321 girls (2012-13 school year), Malek directed 22 different MHSAA and club sports and 34 teams.

Malek will direct 15 differ-

ent upper school programs at Sacred Heart (enrollment 178 girls), along with seven different seven different middle school sports for girls.

A native of Iraq, Malek was business manager for the athletic department at the University of Detroit from 1972-87, when he served a stint under athletic director and former men's basketball coach Dick Vitale.

He also owned the Soccer Locker store in Farmington Hills before moving to Lady-

## FENCING

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her bouts in the preliminary round and added four more wins in the elimination round.

Prior to her trip earlier this month to Columbus, Kocab was the top point-getter and earned one of the four spots on the U.S. Women's National team headed for Bulgaria after going undefeated against all 40-and-over age division competitors in qualifying tournaments held in December (last March), and Milwaukee, Wis. (last November).

### Wins award

Kocab - winner of the Cynthia Carter Memorial Trophy, which goes to the most dedicated women's epee fencer in the country - called her title in the country "icing on the cake." "I did and let's not forget, so I did and I won," she said. "Certainly experience helps and that's what I bring to the team right now. Many of the women have been competing only 10 or 15 years. Not to take anything away from them - they're very good - but some-

times having the experience and knowing a particular situation in the past, especially emotionally, can help you get through the tough bouts. At a certain point and time, the mental component of the game becomes as important or more important than the actual physical fitness or even the experience. That's kind of what I've found over the years."

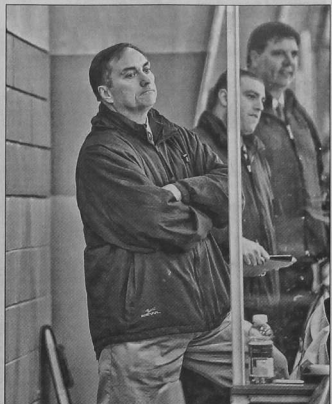
Kocab, now coached by Gil Pezar and Jon Zelkowski at UFO, began competitive fencing at age 17. She was an NCAA All-American at the University of Detroit and competed in the Under-20 World Championships.

"I took 10 years off when my kids were involved," said Kocab, a native of Cleveland. "I took another four years off while I was in law school."

In 2007, Kocab landed at UFO and decided to make a full commitment to the club.

### Fits the needs

"The club there is a very, very good environment for me in terms of being able to attract other quality fencers, so you have the level of fencing that you need to be successful," Kocab said. "Overall, Ben



Coach Bill Newton follows the action during a Farmington hockey game. **CHRIS FLECK/PHLECK PHOTOS**

## NEWTON

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Newton has had a long association with the Falcons, serving four seasons as a varsity assistant and two as a JV assistant before that. He also coached in the Farmington Hills Hockey Association for five years.

"The program is in such good shape," Newton said. "That was one of the appealing things about (the job). I have done such a great job. It's not a situation where I have to go in and clean anything up or rebuild."

"It's just a case of changing the big guy behind the bench. We'll be keeping our two young assistants (son Chris, a former Farmington goalie, and Christopher Gendron, another former Falcon).

"We'll be able to do some things that are a little more advanced," he said. "Last year was kind of a rebuilding year with a young team. We've got great goalies in the state and the program at least two years and that's certainly a good way to start."

"(John) Lethemon will be returning and he's probably the best goalie in the state. That was certainly one of the appealing things about coming back and coaching. We should

wood to take the A.D.'s position on a permanent basis in 1993.

"Although Sal was not the athletic director during my high school years at Ladywood, I am fortunate that I had the opportunity to work with him," Ladywood Principal Tracey Moon said. "Sal approached all endeavors with a great deal of dedication, vision and an unwavering support of the young ladies of Ladywood. Sal's chapter at Ladywood has closed, but he will forever remain a Blazer. We wish him

well on his new venture."

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**BILL NEWTON**  
Farmington hockey coach

have a good team with a lot of senior leadership."

Newton, a resident of Farmington, added Vellucci and his staff did a phenomenal job in player development over the course of last season.

"I went to the first game and told my son afterward, 'It's going to be a long year,'" he said. "I went to the last game and the development of the team was outstanding. We just have to carry that forward and get everybody to be a little better and we should be very successful."

Newton, who was a center throughout his career, also played for coach Mike Keenan of NHL fame in junior hockey with the Oshawa Generals of the Ontario Hockey League.

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Richard and later competed at Wayne State University before taking a hiatus from the sport.

"Once I got back into it, I felt like I never left it," King said. "I moved from my house to another house and I found my old fencing bag and I said to myself, 'Why did I ever stop this?' I looked at the local tournaments and went to Ben's club and jumped right back in it head-first."

### Commitment

In 2007, King decided to make the commute back and forth from Brownstown to Livonia. She competed in the 2010 and 2011 U.S. Nationals, but this year was her first podium finish.

"This was definitely my best performance ever," King said. "I practiced pretty hard for this one. I ramped up my practice before this tournament. This is the third national I've gone to and maybe I handled it better under pressure. It's easier to crack under pressure and blow it. I've seeded well in previous nationals and then (would) just blow it in your first elimination bracket or second elimination bracket. I think I handled the pressure

better. I stayed on my game."

Schleis, a former Division 2 men's champion, came away impressed with King's breakthrough performance.

"This was a great, great performance for her doing it over the course of three days," the UFO coach said. "It's experience. I was there to coach her, so I'm going to pat myself on the back a little bit as far as helping her out. She did everything exceptionally well."

King, ironically, feels like a queen when she's fencing, no matter what the stage.

"There's always local tournaments and it's always demeritutive," she said. "It's tough to take a week off from work. It's a lot of money and a lot of time invested. We do this for enjoyment. Going to nationals and winning is certainly wonderful. It gives you the ability to say, 'Look, I'm good, look what I've done on a national level.' But doing it at the local level certainly gives you a lot of satisfaction while still doing the activity that you love. I guess there's some bragging rights when you do it at nationals and (are) doing well."

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# Salem carries All-Park baton

Top boys lacrosse players from PCEP honored

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Last week's heat wave slaming metro Detroit somehow seems fitting when it comes to the unveiling of the 2013 "All-Park" boys lacrosse team.

That's because the recent Kensington Lakes Activities Association season featured scorching hot performances by players from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's three varsity squads.

Leading the way with six of 11 first-teamers was Salem, the Park champion with a record of 12-6 (best in program history). Spearheading that success was All-Park Coach of the Year, Salem's Paul Nemzek.

"This is the toughest team I have ever coached," said Nemzek, whose first season at the helm of the Rocks was a big-time success. "They (Salem players) persevered through constant adversity all year. Our seniors bought in to the new system and coaching style and set a great example for our underclassmen."

"The discipline and commitment of this team are the foundation of our current and future success."

## Solid Rocks

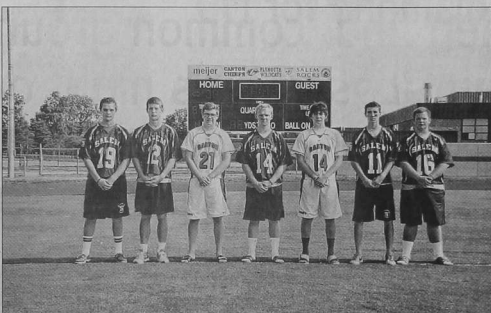
Five Salem seniors — along with sophomore attacker Noah Willer — were selected to the first team, culled via input from coaches for the Rocks, Canton Chiefs and Plymouth Wildcats.

Two of the hottest performers on the team scored at a fever pitch, namely Salem senior attacker Patrick Kretschmer and senior midfielder Brandon Lee.

Despite missing time due to a severe illness, co-captain Kretschmer was a force with 40 goals and a team-leading 38 assists. He obviously turned some heads, signing to play lacrosse this fall at Michigan State University.

"Patrick was a key part of every possession," Nemzek said. "He helped us repeat as Park champions, finish the regular season ranked sixth in the state in scoring."

The 2013 Park Player of the Year was Lee, another Salem co-captain who led the Rocks with 56 goals while contributing 29 assists to lead the squad in total points.



Members of the 2013 All-Park Boys Lacrosse Team include (from left): Noah Willer, Salem; Patrick Kretschmer, Salem; Tim Popp, Canton; Philip Sutfin, Salem; Jack Ewald, Canton; Cameron Hussey, Salem and Justin Oldani, Salem. Also on the team are Canton's Kyle Topper, Salem's Brandon Lee, Plymouth's DK Kim and Ben Stover and Salem coach Paul Nemzek.

Lee also led in ground balls, faceoffs and shots on goal. His efforts also are being rewarded as he will continue playing collegiately in New Hampshire at Plymouth State University.

"Brandon did everything for us all over the field," Nemzek said. "We had the ball a lot because of Brandon."

"Noah was our best pure finisher," Nemzek said. "He has great hands and knows how to find the net in traffic."

Salem's other first-team selections included senior long-stick midfielder Cameron Hussey (39 ground balls), senior defender Phil Sutfin (30 ground balls, 15 takeaways) and senior goalkeeper Justin Oldani (65-percent save percentage).

"Cameron was great for us at the LSM position this year," the coach said. "We switched his position in March and it really paid off. He was great on the wing during faceoffs, leading to fast breaks."

Salem's success also had plenty to do with the defensive work turned in by Sutfin and Oldani.

Sutfin, another co-captain, led the team in ground balls, takeaways and clears despite missing time due to injury.

"Phil was our defensive leader," Nemzek said. "He has good stick skills to go along with good field awareness."

As for Oldani, the third-year starter quarterbacked the defense and was instrumental in its "dramatic" improvement over the course of the season.

"Justin ran the show on defense," Nemzek said. "His communication was clear and constant. Justin stood on his head during the last third of the season."

Not to be overlooked on the All-Park team were top players from Canton and Plymouth, represented on the first squad with three and two selections, respectively.

## Canton contributors

Making the grade from Canton were junior attacker Kyle Topper (36 goals, 24 assists), senior midfielder Tim Popp (22 goals, 12 assists) and junior defender Jake Ewald (49 ground balls, 29 takeaways).

Topper led the Chiefs on offense, always in the middle of things when it came to putting pressure on opposing goalies.

"Our offense typically flowed through him," Canton head coach Hank Lewandowski said. "He has a scoring mentality and can finish."

Another key to Canton's season was Popp, an "effective

dodger from the wing" and team captain beset by injuries during the latter stages of the season.

"Our offense suffered with his loss due to lower body injuries as the season wore on," Lewandowski said.

Meanwhile, the Chiefs can look forward to having tough, reliable D-man Ewald back for another season.

"Jake played great positional defense, often drawing opponents' top attackmen," Lewandowski said.

## Top 'Cats

Named to the first team from Plymouth were senior midfielder Dohyoung "DK" Kim (39 goals) and sophomore defender Ben Stover (44 ground balls, 26 takeaways).

Kim was the leading scorer for the Wildcats and played all over the field, mooting for four complete quarters virtually every time out.

"DK was a phenomenal dodger and ground ball machine," Plymouth head coach Brian Walsh said. "He would stand near piles only to snag the ball and outrun the opposition to the goal creating many scoring chances for our offense."

Stover led Plymouth defenders in ground balls and takeaways and possessed exceptional field awareness.

"Ben really stepped up as

## 2013 ALL-PARK BOYS LACROSSE

### FIRST TEAM

**Attackers:** Patrick Kretschmer, sr., Salem; Noah Willer, soph., Salem; Kyle Topper, jr., Canton.  
**Midfielders:** Brandon Lee (Player of the Year), sr., Salem; Dohyoung "DK" Kim, sr., Plymouth; Tim Popp, sr., Canton.  
**Long-stick midfielder:** Cameron Hussey, sr., Salem.  
**Defenders:** Jake Ewald, jr., Canton; Ben Stover, soph., Plymouth; Phil Sutfin, sr., Salem.  
**Goalender:** Justin Oldani, sr., Salem.

**Coach of the Year:** Paul Nemzek, Salem.

### SECOND TEAM

**Attackers:** P. J. Rogers, sr., Salem; Jason Newel, jr., Salem; Isaac Bessey, jr., Plymouth.  
**Midfielders:** Kyle Durham, sr., Plymouth; Kyle Robertson, soph., Plymouth; Jake Perkins, sr., Salem.  
**Long-stick midfielder:** Brian Newton, soph., Canton.  
**Defenders:** Phil Avromoski, jr., Plymouth; Paul Somerville, jr., Salem; Charlie Miller, sr., Plymouth.  
**Goalender:** Colin Smith, jr., Canton.

the anchor of our defense this season," Walsh said. "He has great stick checks and possesses a strong lacrosse IQ."

### Second teamers

Plymouth led the All-Park second team with five selections. Those included the following: Isaac Bessey (junior attacker, 23 goals), Kyle Durham (sophomore midfielder, 22 goals), Phil Avromoski (junior defender, 29 ground balls) and Charlie Miller (senior defender, 16 ground balls).

Salem players on the second team included the following: P. J. Rogers (senior attacker, 27 goals, 26 assists), Jason Newel (junior attacker, 24 goals), Jake Perkins (senior midfielder, 17 goals) and Paul Somerville (junior defender, 18 ground balls).

Rounding out the second team were Canton sophomore long-stick midfielder Brian Newton (30 ground balls) and junior goalie Colin Smith (70-percent save percentage).

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## Area golfers get in the swing of things at Publinx tournament

Several golfers from Observeland enjoyed plenty of success July 9 at the Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association tournament at Lyon Oaks Golf Club in Wixom.

The tournament produced 22 winners from a handicapped field of 98 players ages 50 and over who represented 15 different communities throughout southeast Michigan.

One of the highlights was provided by Doug King of Farmington Hills, who scored a hole-in-one on the sixth hole.

Through eight (of 15) Publinx tournaments, there are presently 35 qualifiers (first place and ties in each flight for each daily tournament) over the tournament of Champions competition that will be held Sept. 12 at the Fox Hills Golden Fox Golf Course.

The prize winners by Flight are as follows:

**Flight A (Gross/Net):** 1st place: Russ Verigin, Milford (75/67); 2nd (tie): Thom Allen, Bloomfield (80/69); Billy Green, Waterford (74/69); 4th (tie): Gary Scepta, Plymouth (76/70); Don Ward, Sterling Heights (78/70).

**Flight B (Gross/Net):** 1st (tie): Tom Ahern, Plymouth (81/68); Chris Green, New Hudson (81/68); 3rd (tie): Dave Baldwin, Northville (86/71); Greg Frontier, Waterford (84/71); Har-

ry Hicks, Commerce Twp. (85/71).

**Flight C (Gross/Net):** 1st (tie): Steve Germond, West Bloomfield (89/71); Joe Mercury, Rochester Hills (89/71); Don Ouellette, Livonia (87/71); Dale Romeo, Lake Orion (90/71); 5th: Steve Williams, Detroit (87/72).

**Flight D (Gross/Net):** 1st: Michael Northcutt, Northville (87/65); 2nd: Richard Irwin, Plymouth (89/67); 3rd: Raymond Donnelly, Troy (92/68); 4th: Charles McCullough, Detroit (93/69); 5th (tie): John Bevil, 7 Gross Ile (95/71); Dan Moore, Plymouth (92/71); Dan Pavlat, Livonia (94/71).

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The participants of this week's Garden City High School volleyball camp took a quick break to pose for a group photo.

## Garden City volleyball camp a hot draw for young spikers

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The heat was rising in the Garden City High School gymnasium this week — right along with the bumps and sets.

Sixty-five young volleyball enthusiasts — some as young as 8 years old — soaked in instructions on how to improve their skills set from Garden City High School coach John Pace, who was assisted by current and former Cougars.

Smiling and focused on the tasks at hand, the aspiring spikers didn't seem to be fazed by the sweltering temperatures or the humid mid-summer air.

"No. 1 thing we want to do at this camp is teach the girls all the fundamentals and the six basic skills," said Pace, who has been orchestrating a summer camp for the past seven years. "For the really young girls, it's all about learning the basics and having fun."

On Monday — the first day of the



A young player picks up the art of passing quickly during a drill at this week's Garden City High School volleyball camp. [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com)

week-long clinic — the participants were divided into two groups. The smaller of the two groups consisted of six- and 9-year-olds.

Former GC captain Cassie Ford assisted the younger group, along

with two current players, recent graduate Mintia Whitaker and several returning Cougars players helped out the older group of players.

"We have one girl, Alex, who has been coming to the camp for six or seven years now," Pace said. "It's nice because once she gets to us at the high school level, she'll know what to expect."

Pace and the Cougars will host an advanced camp beginning Monday in the Garden City High School gymnasium. The advanced camp is designed for high school players or players who are starting their ninth-grade year in the fall.

The advanced camp will run 5-8 p.m. Monday through Friday. The cost is \$100, which includes a T-shirt and 15 hours of training. Interested participants can show up at the high school prior to Monday's first day or email Pace at [gardencityvb@yahoo.com](mailto:gardencityvb@yahoo.com).

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## Women find 'common ground' in faith-based girls night out

By Jill Halpin  
Correspondent

### God-focused

A group of local women from all denominations is moving from the pews to the pavement, putting their faith in action and coming together in an effort to help the community.

Commonground, comprised of women of varying ages and religious backgrounds from throughout the southeastern Michigan region focusing on charitable outreach, will gather at 7 p.m. Friday, July 26, at Connection Church in Canton Township.

The event will benefit Vista Maria, one of Michigan's largest private, nonprofit residential and community-based treatment agencies for youth suffering the effects of severe abuse, neglect and other trauma.

The evening includes opportunities for praise and worship with music — it's not a worship service — and singing, complete with an after-party featuring a coffee bar and appetizers as well as prizes.

Commonground is open to women "ages 13 to 115" from all denominations, said Kelly Bates of Westland, outreach coordination for the group.

"We're just a bunch of girls who love God. We come together and leave our religious differences at the door in order to do his work and lift others up. That is our 'common-ground,'" said Bates, who has been involved with group since its inception in 2009.

Commonground grew out of idea from Tami Frailey, the Connection director of Connection Church. She is a New Boston resident and has been involved with church for 13 years.

She said she was brainstorming with a small group of female parishioners on ways to encourage "younger upcoming generations" to get involved in community outreach.

"All of a sudden the idea just dropped in my lap. Getting involved in helping others is not just a cross-generational thing; it is a cross denominational thing," Frailey said.

"A girl's night with a God focus," she said, "We are all women and we all face the same issue and struggles regardless of the church we attend."

That was February of 2009, she said. By May, the group held their inaugural event and their first fundraiser that August, collecting toiletries for abused women and children for First Step, a domestic violence shelter in western Wayne County.

Since then, the group has met four times each year with attendance over 200 at times and growing.

### Reaching out

Collections of small items are accepted at each event and benefit a wide variety of local organizations including the Lighthouse Mission Warming Center in Westland, the AAA Pregnancy



Resource Center in Livonia, the Open Door Ministry Food Bank in Canton, Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor, St. Mary's Back-to-School Fair in Wayne and Camp Kesem, a camp for children of parents who are battling cancer.

One of the group's most memorable events was "Project Crazy Love," aimed at collecting Christmas gifts for 14 young girls in the foster care system. For some, it was their first Christmas gift, Bates said.

"This was one of our biggest and most successful outreach projects yet. The generosity of people was just amazing. We were able to give each girl 100 gifts — it blew my mind," Bates said. "They thought we were blessing them but really they were blessing us."

Nancy Penn of Plymouth Township has participated with the group for the past three years with her daughter, Alene Hoffman of Canton Township. She said she

appreciates the opportunity to provide meaningful outreach to others in the area.

"Everyone needs help sometimes," she said. "We all come together and do good. It is what you are supposed to do as Christians."

Frailey said that she believes that the success of Commonground is due in part to the opportunity to "leave denominations at the door."

"Sometimes there is so much mystery about other religions. Working

alongside one another and getting to know each other opens eyes. People begin to realize that we are really all alike," Frailey said.

Connection Church is located at 3855 Sheldon. The group is collecting lip gloss, stickers, composition notebooks, flip-flops, and Dove bar soap for Vista Maria; donations are optional.

For more information, call 734-397-1777, Ext. 111, or go to <http://commonground3855.com>.

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# Sleep disorders are prevalent, treatable

**M**y interest in sleep and its importance to our mental health began long ago when I spent six months studying in one of the few sleep research laboratories in the country. It was housed in our old Lafayette Clinic in Detroit. We have come a long way since then in our understandings of sleep disorders and treatment.



Leonard McCulloch

clinically significant distress and other impairments in important areas of functioning.

Narcolepsy amounts to irresistible attacks of sleep that occur during daytime. A brief loss of muscle tone and the intrusion of elements of Rapid Eye Movement (REM), such as vivid visual images can accompany the disorder. Often, an intense emotional experience, even laughing, can trigger an episode of narcolepsy.

Sleep apnea is a very common breathing-related sleep disorder. Commonly, in the sleep lab it is shown that a person with sleep apnea stops breathing up to 100 times per night. There is a disruption of sleep into brief, partial wakefulness, gasping for air, and frequent loud snoring.

**Treatment available**  
Treatment of sleep disorders and practice of sleep hygiene can be examined from behavioral, cognitive, and medical/biological perspectives.

Behavior techniques of sleep hygiene include having a set bedtime and rising time, seven days per week. General relaxation such as abdominal breathing and meditation are good. Counting sheep does not seem to do much good! Forgoing exercise, alcohol, and caffeine consumption for about

three hours before sleep time, can be helpful.

Sleep restriction can be tried by using the bed only for purpose of sleep. No TV, no reading, etc. If you find that daytime thoughts are being hashed and re-hashed in your mind, get out of bed, write these aside, out of your mind.

**Cognitive approaches**

The things one tells oneself when lying awake but trying to sleep also matter. For example, it is important not to "catastrophize" as in thinking, "I'll never make it through tomorrow with no sleep." A better line of thought would be, "I'll manage tomorrow, I have before; I will be tired but I'll get through it." It can also help to not have your bedroom too warm or too cool. Try a "white noise," mechanical device to hum out distracting

noises from the rest of the house. A simple room fan can work.

**Biological approaches**

With sleep apnea, a medical device may be in order. Many experience relief from numerous breathing stoppages during the night, with a CPAP machine (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure). This is a mask/medical device prescribed by physicians specializing in sleep disorders. It produces a continuous flow of nasal air, keeping the breathing passages open. Another device is a dental-like mouth appliance, which can work for some by keeping the airways open. Weight loss is also recommended for those with sleep apnea to reduce fatty tissue surrounding the respiratory passage.

Usually, forms of benzodiazepine, (Valium and its cousins), are used for

short periods of time. Over the years we've also seen the use of Dalmane, Restoril, Halcion, and Ambien. However, these are usually meant for short term use to attempt to re-stabilize the sleep/wake cycle. When longer term medications are needed, low doses of some of the anti-depressants such as Elavil and Desyrel are used, and more recently we are hearing about a relatively newer sleep aid called Lunesta. Sometimes stimulant-like medications such as Provigil are needed to offset daytime drowsiness. In the end, it may be a combination of improving sleep hygiene, making use of medical appliances, medications, and changing one's attitudes about sleep which cumulatively serve as an antidote.

**Resources**

» The Michigan Sleep Institute for Sleep Medicine at St. John's Providence Hospital of Novi includes a comprehensive sleep laboratory and treatment clinic; 248-465-4100.

» St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center is located in Livonia; 734-655-4640.

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## GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Daraway, Observer & Editor, sdaraway@hometownlife.com, 615 W. Lafayette-second level, Detroit, MI 48226.

### English Gardens

English Gardens tours in metro Detroit offer a variety of programs and workshops for gardeners.

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» The store will supply everything needed to make a fairy garden to take home at a workshop, 2-3 p.m. Saturday, July 27. Cost is \$49.99. Sign up online at [englishgardens.com](http://englishgardens.com).

» Learn about plants that thrive in summer heat at a free presentation, 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3.

» Get tips on creating a beautiful shade garden, 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 at a free presentation.

» Learn basic information on how to can, freeze and dry your precious produce, like fruits, vegetables and herbs, at a free presentation, 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17.

» Enjoy shopping, inspirations, food, wine and music in a garden-like setting, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, at the West Bloomfield store. Pre-registration is required.

Area English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road, Farmington Hills, 248-844-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield, 248-851-7506.

### Kids and nature

Free summer nature programs are designed for kids of all ages through August 23 at Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills. Programs include a nature movie, 2 p.m. Monday; story and a craft, 2 p.m. Tuesday; a scavenger hunt, 2 p.m. Wednesday; nature hike, 2 p.m. Tuesday; and family campfire, 7-9 p.m. Friday.

### In the moonlight

Listen for nocturnal animals, observe the night sky, and heighten your senses during a Full Moon Friday Night Hike in Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile Roads, Farmington Hills. The hike is 9-10 p.m. Aug. 23. Hikes are designed for families and children, 5 and up. No flashlights are needed. Hikes will meet at the Nature Center in the park. Cost is \$3 per person. Pre-register for the hike at [recreg.hon.com](http://recreg.hon.com). You also can pay at the event, however space is limited. In case of inclement weather, the hike will be canceled and refunds given. The Nature Center also will offer a campfire from 7-9 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 23. Marshmallows, s'mores and beverages will be sold. Call the Nature Center at 248-477-1135.

### Master Gardener

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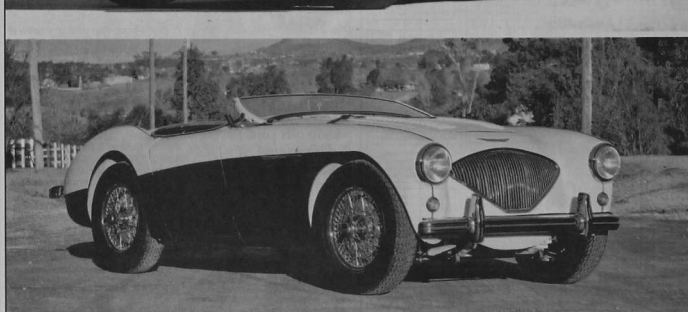
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# Pewabic party goers get first dibs on clay art

The 23rd annual Pewabic Pottery House and Garden Preview Party was a great kick-start to the summer's activities. The fundraiser, held on June 6, gave Pewabic supporters a sneak peek



Kimberly Williams of Farmington Hills, (left) Eva Warner of Bloomfield Township and Lisa Sherman of Bloomfield Hills enjoy the 23rd annual Pewabic Pottery House and Garden Preview Party. JULIE YOLLES

first-dibs on artist-made pieces. The new Pewabic Detroit Tigers "D" tile was already sold out, but the museum shop has them back in

now for purchase for sports fans (\$25). While the benefit marked its 23rd year, Pewabic Pottery is celebrating 110 years.

If you missed the opportunity to attend the show, the Pewabic Pottery Museum store is open seven days a week, at 1025 E. Jefferson Ave., at Cadillac Ave., in Detroit. In addition, there's still time to take advantage of Pewabic's Passport to Pottery Summer Camps, Monday through Friday through August 2. For adults, sign up for Raku Firing Thursdays, 6-9 p.m., July 25, Aug. 1 or Aug. 8. Call (313) 626-2010 or register at shop online at [www.pewabicstore.org](http://www.pewabicstore.org).

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# Time to unplug: Take a technology break

As access to technology increases, families may find they are spending more time on their devices and less time together.

Some psychologists worry our growing attachment to technology may result in social isolation.

"We're getting used to a new way of being alone together," said Sherry Turkle, Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor, psychologist and author of *Alone Together: Why We Expect More from Technology and Less from Each Other*. "People want to be with each other, but also elsewhere, connected to all the different places they want to be."

In her book, *Alone Together: Why We Expect More from Technology*

and *Less from Each Other*, Turkle explores the idea that this constant need for virtual connection is leading to a gap in communication between families, and a new generation of children is unable to actually communicate and relate to their peers or parents.

Ready for a Tech Timeout?

Forsters, a life insurance provider, recently launched the Tech Timeout™ challenge in response to a growing awareness that our attachment to digital devices may contribute to a sense of social isolation among families. Tech Timeout encourages families across North America to take a pledge to turn off their digital devices, including television sets, smartphones,

video games and computers, for an hour each day for one week and connect with each other in a more meaningful way. The idea is not to eliminate technology, but to create awareness of the dependence on technology, and ultimately improve personal bonds within families.

**Easy ways to unplug**

Carving out space and time for each other can start the channels of communication flowing. Here are some activities families can do together:

- » Board Game Bonanza – Break out the cards, puzzles and board games for a night of old-fashioned fun.
- » Get Out and Trail – Find a local trail and set out on a hike together. You will have a chance to



A family game night is one way to "unplug" from technology. GETTY IMAGES/BLISS IMAGES

interact with your surroundings and one another, and be active too.

- » Volunteer – Volunteering can help strengthen community connections and avoid a sense of social isolation. Find a cause your family is passionate about and volunteer with a local

organization.

- » Cook Together – Dig out your favorite recipes and try cooking as a family. Assign each person a role in meal preparation. You will not only have plenty of time to interact, your children can pick up some valuable life skills along the way.

» Take a Tech-Free Holiday – Family vacations are a great time to recharge and bond with your kids, but connecting can be tough if you are each plugged into your electronic devices. Fun time together will create more information. Your children will cherish for years to come.

» Rediscov Reading – Begin a family reading hour or book club. Starting a discussion about literature will open up communication.

To take the Tech Timeout pledge, and for more tips on building stronger bonds within your family, visit [www.TechTimeout.com](http://www.TechTimeout.com) and [www.facebook.com/TechTimeout](http://www.facebook.com/TechTimeout).

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## REUNIONS

### DETROIT CODY CLASS OF 1963

The 50th reunion is just for you! On August, 16, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland, Ticker 540. Contact Jerry Marszalek at 313-532-0134, [jmarsar@bigsbl.com](mailto:jmarsar@bigsbl.com) or [jmarsar@icloud.com](mailto:jmarsar@icloud.com).  
 Classes From '50s and '60s  
 Annual picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, at Edward Hines Park, Lincoln Mills Pavilion, at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, will include music, memorabilia, door prizes, hot dogs, chips, Fritos, t-shirts, baseball hats, T-shirts, taxis, special

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### DETROIT GESU CATHOLIC SCHOOL CLASS OF 1956

A reunion is planned for Aug. 17. Call Jack Sayed at 810-231-9230.

### DETROIT MACKENZIE CLASSES OF THE '50S AND '60S

Third annual picnic is set for those who attended Mackenzie High School in the '50s and '60s. The event runs from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 at Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines Park, at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, near Farmington Road. It will include music, memorabilia, and camaraderie. Participants may bring their own picnic or buy Michigan-made hot dogs, chips, pop, water and ice cream at the event. T-shirts, sweatshirts, and music CDs will be available. Seating will be

available under the shelter, or bring your own chairs and pop-ups. No need to pre-register. Questions? Call Janet Cable at 734-377-4009 or e-mail [mackenzie506@hotmail.com](mailto:mackenzie506@hotmail.com). Visit the website at <http://www.classcator.com/Detroit-Mackenzie-1960>.

### CLASS OF 1963

50th reunion for the January and June classes of 1963 is set for Saturday, Oct. 19, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia. For more details or a registration form visit the website of party planner Celebrations To Remember at [www.celebrationstoremember.com](http://www.celebrationstoremember.com). For more information on the reunion session, Or call 734-261-3264.

### DETROIT MUMFORD CLASS OF 1963

A 50 year reunion will be for 3:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 5, at Somerset Inn, 575 W. Big Beaver, Troy, 885. Visit [www.mumford63.com](http://www.mumford63.com).

### DEARBORN FORDSON CLASS OF 1954

A 59 year reunion luncheon will be held noon-4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3, at the St. Ann Legion Hall, Post 232, Dearborn. For more information contact Nancy Barlow Pastor at (313) 581-6623 or e-mail to Pat Ganson [chiesa@patg63@aol.com](mailto:chiesa@patg63@aol.com).

## RELIGION CALENDAR

### JULY MILE WORKSHOP

**Time/Date:** Workshops, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday-Saturday, July 26-27; worship and music ministry, 10 a.m. Sunday, July 28

**Location:** Way of Life Christian Church, Lily Executive Plaza, 9401 General Drive, Suite 100, Plymouth  
**Details:** James and Clarice Green have 17 years together in ministry, will lead the workshop. They use mime as a way of ministering to individuals who may need "see to see" to get what God is saying. Cost: \$30 for adults, \$55 for couples, and \$20 for children and teens, 10 and above  
**Contact:** Dorothy at 313-412-5917 or e-mail to [dnborum@yahoo.com](mailto:dnborum@yahoo.com)

### OUTDOOR WORSHIP

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Sundays, through Aug. 18

**Location:** Grounds at Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton  
**Details:** St. Michael Lutheran Church offers a worship service in a casual atmosphere. Bring your own lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton.  
**Contact:** 734-453-3333

### RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 26 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 27

**Location:** Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia  
**Details:** The sale will be in the lower level of the church  
**Contact:** 734-425-3062

### SINGLE PLACE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursdays, July 25

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Cards and game night is planned for July 25. Ice cream is available for \$5  
**Contact:** [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org)

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 5-8

**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** Designed for children, 3 and through entering fifth grade in the fall. Cost is \$10 per child & \$25 for families with three or more children. Each child will receive a free CD with the music from the week. Registration forms are available in the church office.  
**Contact:** Pam Gunderson at [www.hearthandvoices.org](mailto:www.hearthandvoices.org) or 734-422-0494, Ext. 14

### WORSHIP & MUSIC CAMP

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 12-14

**Location:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** "Hearts, Minds and Voices" is designed to help students in grades two-seven grow spiritually and musically.  
**Contact:** Register at [www.hearthandvoices.org](http://www.hearthandvoices.org); 734-427-1414

Send reunion information to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlive.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlive.com)

### BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963

50th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Contact Kathy (Thot) Hay at [khay@hondachicago.com](mailto:khay@hondachicago.com) or Diane (Barrow) McDani at [djmcandani45@comcast.net](mailto:djmcandani45@comcast.net).

### CLASS OF 1973

40th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Send inquiries to Belleville 1973 40@comcast.net or call Laura (Kingsley) Delter at 734-485-7744 or Sterling at 734-265-6132.

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### LOESCHIE, MARGARET ALICE

Age 84, died peacefully at home on June 24, 2013. Margaret was the daughter of Mary and Henry Loeschie and the step-daughter of Roland Bird. She enjoyed a more than 30-year career in equipment disposition with the US Department of Defense in Detroit. She is preceeded in death by her brother, Francis J. ("Doc") Loeschie and her sister-in-law, Virginia Loeschie. "Aunt Margaret" is survived by her nephew, Steven Loeschie (Brigitta), niece Janet Loeschie (Dan Laura) and Lynn Morhouse (Mark), and by their children Joe, Laura, Megan, Kristy, Nick, Anna, Sascha, Maya, and Dan. Internment was at Grand Lawn Cemetery. A memorial to celebrate Margaret's long and healthy life will be held, Sunday, July 28 starting at 2:00 P.M. at Corsi's Restaurant, 27910 West 7 Mile Road, Livonia.

### DAVIS, EUNICE L.

Age 91, of Scribner, Florida, passed away Sunday, July 14, 2013, at her home. She was born December 16, 1921, to Joe and Mable (Lusk) Currie in Lawrence County, PA, and had been married to Ernest D. Davis, 1953, coming from Pinckney, Michigan. She was a homemaker, a member of First Baptist Church of Scribner, enjoyed golf and ceramics, and especially shopping. In her younger days, she enjoyed water skiing. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Harold E. Jr. and Connie Davis, of Michigan; daughter, Pamela A. Bailey, Michigan; brothers, Ralph Currie, PA; and Lee Currie, MI; sisters, Gladys Trainger, OH; Leona Collins, Pinellas Park, FL; Dora Wigton, PA; Vera McCahan, Scribner and Mary Lou Walker, Apollo, FL and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold E. Davis, two grandchildren, Scotty and Caleb, brother, Kall Currie, five sisters, Ruth Kay, Marton Pherson, Roma Fowler, Julia Robinson and Hazel Allison. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 13th, 2013 at Crosspointe Meadows Church, Novi. Internment will be at Great Lakes Memorial Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Local arrangements have been entrusted to the Healey-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-744-8200) [healey-sundquist.com](http://healey-sundquist.com)

### GOUDSEUNE, BARBARA E.

June 22, 2013, age 76 of Canton. Beloved wife of the late Robert M. Goudseune. Loving mother of Tim (Heleen), Scott (Barb), Kim (Dave) Goschke and Rob (Sue). Proud Grandmother of Chris (Sara) Goudseune, Greg (LeAnn) Goudseune, Amanda (Ryan) Johnson, Molly and Marissa Goudseune. Justin (LeAnn) and Emily Oudekruyke. Private family Memorial Service to be held. Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association.

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### LUMSDEN, MARGOR G.

91, formerly of Birmingham and Holland, MI, at rest July 14, 2013 in Libertyville, IL. Beloved wife of the late George. Loving mother of Jim (Barbara) Lumsden of Lake Zurich, IL; Devoted grandmother of Jennifer (Jason) Beale and Ross (Amber) Wilkin. Great grandmothers of Owen and Gavin Beale and Parker and Hunter Wilkin, dear mother-in-law of Gary Sullivan. Graduate of Hope College in Holland. Visitation 10:00 a.m. until time of memorial service at 11:00 a.m. Sat. July 20, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. Internment Acacia Park Cemetery in Beverly Hills, MI. **847-362-3009** or sign the guest book at [www.burieddate.com](http://www.burieddate.com)

### MUTH, ALBERT M.

Age 55, July 14, 2013. Beloved son of late parents Maxwell and Genevieve Muth. Dearest brother of Elisha Muth. Proud graduate of Churchill High School, Alma College and Indiana University. Also attended the University of California, Berkeley and taught at Grand Valley State University. Albert was a dedicated genealogist for his local library. A Memorial Service was held at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia. Memorial contributions appreciated to the church.

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### SACK, MARLENE E.

76, of Hubbard Lake, passed away at her home on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, after long struggle with Alzheimer's. Marlene was born May 17, 1937 to Clark and Marie (Logan) Somers in Taymouth Township and was raised in Montrose, Michigan. On September 19, 1959 she married John J. Sack. They resided in Bloomfield Hills most of their lives where she was very active in school programs. Marlene and John retired in 1997 to their home on Hubbard Lake. Marlene is survived by her husband John, sons, David (Gabrielle) Sack of Farmington, MI; Steven (Jennifer) Sack of Bloomfield Hills, MI; Daughter, Julie of Hubbard Lake. She has 8 Grand Children: Matthew, Catherine, Alexander, Adam, Evan, Megan, John and Jacob, and one brother Marvin (Donna) Somers of Montrose MI. A memorial and celebration of her life will be held at the Montrose United Methodist Church, Montrose, MI on August 16th at 4:00PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the "Cure Alzheimer's Fund" (a charitable organization) of Michigan (http://alzheim.org). Further information and a more extensive biography is available at [www.griefcenterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.griefcenterfuneralhomes.com). Cremation arrangements are being handled by Collins Funeral Home, Livonia, MI. **Gilley's Funeral Home**

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# MAKE FOOD CHOICES THAT KEEP DIABETES AT BAY

Summer means that families everywhere are dusting off their grills and preparing for family get-togethers and backyard barbecues.

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan reminds consumers that with all those summer potlucks and family reunions coming up, it's important to continue eating healthy. Making healthy food choices, even while on vacation or eating at a get-together, is a key step in managing and preventing diabetes.

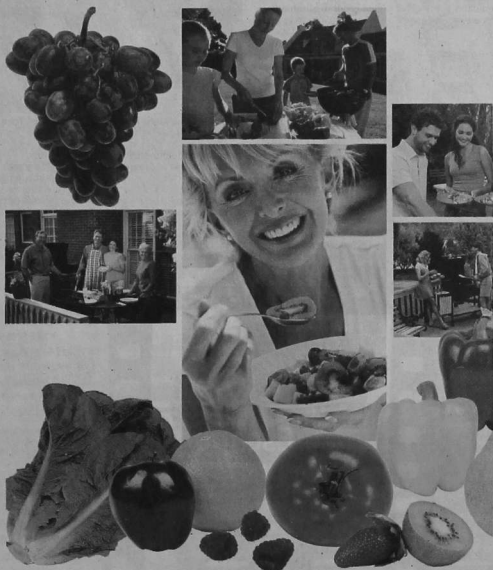
Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure, and by controlling it, more than 70 percent of kidney failure cases can be prevented or delayed.

The foundation recommends scanning the table to see what's available at summer buffets. Focus on eating vegetables and whole grains. Meat dishes can also be included, but should be limited to the size and thickness of a deck of cards. If you choose to eat meat, stick with lean meats such as poultry or fish instead of high fat meats, like barbecued ribs. Choose grilled chicken and remove the skin, instead of something fried.

Look for high-fiber foods, such as dried beans and peas, lentils, and dark green vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, spinach, and kale. Dishes with green beans, three-beans, black beans, and black-eyed peas are a good choice, as are whole grain foods such as brown rice, couscous, and whole wheat bread and pasta. Since salads, potato salads, and pasta salads are popular in the summer, you'll usually have more than one option.

Watch out for fatty foods. Limit dishes with a lot of mayonnaise, sour cream, and butter.

Choose veggies that are light on dressing and cheese by using your own dressing made with a little olive oil and vinegar. If you make a sandwich, use whole wheat bread with mustard or salsa instead of mayonnaise.



Choose fruits, vegetables and lean meats at summer buffets

Try to drink water, unsweetened tea, or diet soda with your meal. If you choose to drink alcoholic beverages, limit yourself to no more than one drink (for women) or two drinks (for men) a day.

Have fruit for dessert. This is a great opportunity to get in

some of your daily fruit intake. Everyone — including people with diabetes — needs three to four servings of fruit a day. Let's face it: what is summer without delicious watermelon or strawberries? An occasional small slice of pie or cookie is OK if you can

work it into your meal plan.

For more information on managing and preventing diabetes, or on kidney disease and kidney failure, contact the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at 800-482-1455 or visit [www.nkfm.org](http://www.nkfm.org).

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### JOINT REPLACEMENT

Jeffrey Mendelson, M.D., will answer questions, discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures and available implant options 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, in Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy's Center for Joint Replacement, located on the hospital campus at Five Mile and Levon, in Livonia. To register, call 734-655-2345.

### LUPUS SUPPORT

The Michigan Lupus Foundation will hold a support group meeting for individuals with lupus, their families and friends, from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Support Group meetings are offered at no cost to anyone interested in participating. For more information visit [www.milupus.org](http://www.milupus.org) or call 800-705-6677.

### August BARIATRIC SURGERY

The Michigan Bariatric Institute offers free monthly educational seminars about laparoscopic bariatric surgery by Talal Zeni, M.D., Director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery. Presentations will be offered from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1 and Sept. 12 in the North Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Five Mile and Levon, Livonia. For more information, call the Institute at 877-949-9344.

### CONTROLLING JOINT PAIN

Henry Ford Health System's Joint Preservation Program offers free classes on ways to slow down the progression of joint pain without surgery. The focus is on the knee and hip joints. Participants learn how the joints work, self-management of pain, medical treatments, physical therapy, how and exercises to strengthen joints. Classes run 1-3 p.m. Aug. 15 at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn, and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 22 at Henry Ford Medical Center-Columbus, 39450 W. 12 Mile, Novi.

### WOMEN'S HEALTH

Dr. Paul Makela, M.D., director of Gynecological Robotic Surgery, will present a series on women's health topics 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21 and Sept. 18, in Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levon, Livonia. Pelvic pain is this month's topic, followed by bladder dysfunction in August and pelvic prolapse in September. Light refreshments will be provided. Presentations are free but registration is required. Call 734-655-1980.

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1 Dit partner  
4 Make hot spiced wine  
8 Caviar source  
12 Unfathomable  
13 Yves' girl  
14 Like early LPs  
15 Pay for  
16 Waterfalls  
18 Coach  
20 Shinto or Zen (abbr.)  
21 Ermine and sable  
24 Hydroplane part  
28 Scallopini  
31 Ms. Hagen  
33 The "Elephant Boy"  
34 Summer in Cannes  
35 Almost-grads  
36 Not him  
37 Outfit  
39 Sarcastic retort

DOWN  
1 Mortgage or car loan  
2 The Chills  
3 Georgetown hopstar  
4 Temple city  
5 Picchu  
6 Ms. Thurman  
7 Name in private jets  
8 Some T-shirts  
9 Ad - committee  
10 Aardvark prey  
11 Two, in Tijuana  
17 Limp's cousin  
19 Grey Cup sports org. (abbr.)  
22 Big hurry  
25 Waikiki band  
26 "Green Mansions" hero  
27 Domain  
28 Bright star in Lyræ  
29 And others (abbr.)  
30 Flying prefect  
32 Queens stadium  
38 Sent packing 40 Thousand bucks  
42 Brother's title  
44 Brown paper  
46 Post-Card garden  
48 Sea eagle  
49 Ukraine city  
50 Overindulge  
51 Uh-uh  
52 Bulling cheer  
53 Get the drift  
54 Pasopardo's piece  
55 Suppositions

Answer to Previous Puzzle  
H I D M A M B A A M P  
A N Y A L D E N N E E  
T I C E D U P A N G I F A  
J A I L T R U E R  
S M O G B I L E A N S  
L A B W A D E S K I T  
O N R E C Y C L E C U  
S I T E H I R E T E D  
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WORDS

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O D Y E O F O L E T Z A W W Y F T E C Y  
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Z S F U E C T V S E P R G S O O B H  
L N Z I M A R G T C R E T A G Z H U K  
N O O R P R I S O P E U F P U A Z P S V  
A L T O G V H T N L T R B B L B L I U E  
I L S N B C L T P L P Z I K E S N N  
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9	Z	1	6	8	Z	9	6	
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Advertising Feature

## Chrysler Has Detroit Rivals Beat When It Comes to Branding



By Dale Buss

Chevrolet may stake a claim as the heart-beat of America, and Ford is still generating consumer goodwill because of its refusal of a government bailout four years ago. But Chrysler and its brands have forged the strongest emotional connections with American car buyers of any of the Detroit Three.

That's a good thing. Because if Chrysler hadn't excelled at brandcraft since Fiat bought its carcass from the U.S. government in 2009 — weaving magical bonds with Americans with brilliant efforts such as "Imported From Detroit" and the Ram "Farmer" ad — the company finally might have failed after surviving a handful of other near-death experiences over its 88-year history.

Chrysler was named marketer of the year in 2012 by Advertising Age magazine because it demonstrated a mastery of the evolving art of modern branding that has survived into 2013 and which shows no sign of slippage anytime soon.

In fact, Chrysler has been a trailblazer for Corporate America in this new era where companies are making appeals on the basis of "brand values" that consumers may believe far transcend the mere attributes of products and services.

"When Jeep stands for things in our culture that are commonly good and better the human condition — like in its Super Bowl ad on behalf of wounded veterans [in February] — it aligns their brand with a positive opportunity," said Daniel Cobb, president of DBA Worldwide, based in Rochester.

The ad probably had something to do with the fact that Jeep was just named America's "most patriotic brand" in a survey of the thousands of consumers by Brand Keys. The ranking presumably also reflects Jeep's association with helping win World War II and its appearance as the original Lifestyle-SUV brand in the Eighties. There was a reason Mitt Romney tried to use the threat of Jeep production being outsourced from Toledo to China as a last-minute lever in the 2012 presidential campaign.

No automaker has managed to rely on mere branding to resonate so effectively with the American consumer as Chrysler. And, in fact, no industry competitor has had nearly as much riding on its ability to pull off that feat.

Let's face it: The Chrysler that Fiat took over four years ago consisted of a patchwork product line that had been left lean by Daimler and Cerberus in exactly the small-car and light-SUV segments destined to become hottest in the years ahead. Its product quality was relatively abysmal. And Chrysler's brands comprised a mishmash of overlapping missions.

Even now, Chrysler and Fiat Chief Executive Officer Sergio Marchionne is stretching new-product commitments for Chrysler's brands more thinly than he



The Ram "Farmer" ad and campaign were a hit.



At its Toledo plant, Jeep positions old and new models in a patriotic tableau.

had anticipated because of Fiat's travails in Europe and other demands on overall corporate resources.

To be sure, Chrysler has fielded some worthy and timely new vehicles lately, among them the overhauled Ram 1500 that the company managed to put together last year, and the new Jeep Grand Cherokee.

But no doubt Chrysler wouldn't have just reported its 39th consecutive month of year-over-year U.S. sales gains were it not for Eminem, Clint Eastwood, and Olivier Francois. While Francois sounds like a movie star's name, he's actually the French-born chief marketing officer for Chrysler who recruited the rapper for the epic "Imported From Detroit" ad in the Super Bowl three years ago and who's maintained a sure finger on the pulse of the U.S. consumer like no American-born rival has been able to do.

Reclaiming its Detroit roots with the campaign has won for Chrysler a strength of identity that the brand couldn't have accomplished any other way, considering its threadbare product lineup that currently consists only of two reworked

sedans and the hoary Town & Country minivan.

"It's all about having the substance to take on the imports — this is what Chrysler [now] means to me," Francois told me recently.

The "Farmer" ad during the latest Super Bowl confirmed the mastery of Francois and his associates over addressing Chrysler's brands toward "the human condition." Recall, of course, that the ode to farmers and their trucks featured excerpts from a speech extolling agrarians by the late radio host Paul Harvey, a favorite of rural Americans.

The spot was an instant hit with Super Bowl viewers and, months later, was partly credited by Chrysler executives for subsequent growth in Ram sales (which also were helped by a revival of the U.S. housing industry).

"Brand loyalty is huge in the pickup market," Francois told Automotive News. "We were all convinced that we have a superior truck, but it has to have a little bit of soul. It has to speak with the heart."

This piece was adapted from the author's op-ed article in the Detroit News.

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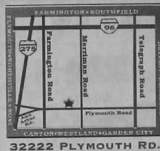
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