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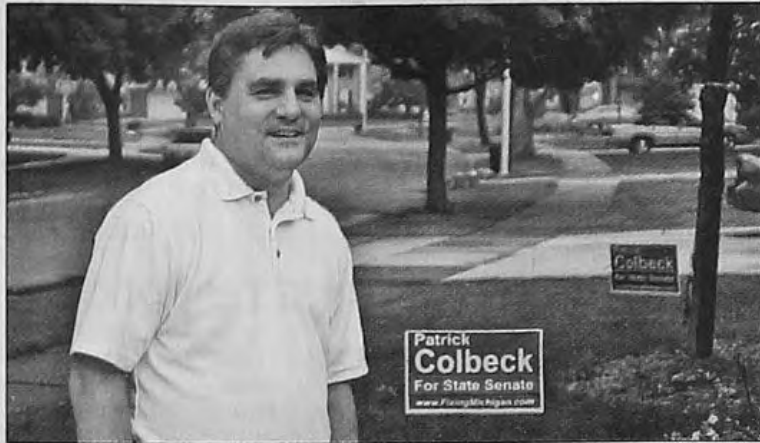
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Colbeck cruises to easy victory



State Sen. Pat Colbeck won his primary Tuesday and will face Democrat Dian Slavens of Canton in November's general election. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Incumbent wins Republican nomination in bid to hold on to state Senate seat he won in 2010

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Patrick Colbeck, who rode a wave of Tea Party support to the Michigan Senate in 2010, cleared a re-election hurdle in convincing fashion Tuesday in the redrawn 7th District.

The Canton Township Republican beat Matthew Edwards of Plymouth Township by a nearly 4-1 margin in the GOP primary.

With all communities in the

new district reporting unofficial election results, Colbeck had 14,484 votes to Edwards' 4,807.

Colbeck now faces Democrat Dian Slavens, a member of the state House of Representatives from Canton, in the November general election. Slavens was unopposed in the primary.

Reached late Tuesday, Colbeck thanked his campaign volunteers, who, he said, turned out in big numbers for

LOCAL RESULTS

STATE SENATE 7TH DISTRICT

Unofficial results for how Canton Township voted in Tuesday's primary. **Bold** indicates winner.

Patrick Colbeck	3,900
Matthew Edwards	922

him. "We had an awesome group of volunteers," he said. "We're very blessed."

The primary was the first

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District gets 105 schools of choice requests

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education approved a schools of choice option for increasing district enrollment and, coincidentally, augmenting its budget, officials agreed to take in 200 K-2 students.

When enrollment closed Thursday, the district had received 105 applications. Administrators said they've begun the process of school placements for incoming students. Families will be notified by mail the week of Aug. 11 about what school their children will attend.

The results of the enrollment period mean the district will only generate a little more than half of the \$1.5 million the schools of choice approval was expected to generate.

Still, Superintendent Michael Meissen said he was pleased with the program.

"I think it was successful," Meissen said. "It speaks to the quality of staff and the programming available to families here."

District spokesperson Mary Holaly said the bulk of the applicants came from within the Wayne-Westland and Van Buren school districts, which didn't come as a surprise.

Both of those districts reach into Canton and families from both districts have frequently asked Ply-

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"It speaks to the quality of staff and the programming available to families here."

MICHAEL MEISSEN
district superintendent



Kristy Pagan greets voters at Canton High School. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

FIRST TIME'S THE CHARM

Newcomer Pagan captures Democratic nomination in state House race

LOCAL RESULTS

STATE HOUSE 21ST DISTRICT

Unofficial results for how Canton Township voted in Tuesday's primary. **Bold** indicates winner.

Kristy Pagan	2,062
Natalie Mosher	1,810
Cornell Mathis	396

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Kristy Pagan, clinching the Democratic nomination in the state House 21st District race, vowed to campaign to boost school funding, fix roads and create jobs to keep young people in Michigan as she advances to the November general election.

Pagan, a first-time candidate and

associate director of development for Wayne State University Law School, won her party's primary Tuesday by garnering 3,003 votes compared to Natalie Mosher's 2,731 and Cornell Mathis' 1,005 in unofficial tallies from Canton, Belleville and Van Buren Township.

Pagan, 31, now faces retired U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone, who was unopposed in the Republican

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Library trustee stepping down, successor sought

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

An out-of-town move is prompting a Canton Public Library trustee to resign her position in late September, creating a vacancy officials hope to fill as she departs.

Kim Schulz, a trustee since 2009, is stepping down nearly midway through her current four-year term. She leaves a popular library that unveiled a major renovation this year and earned high marks on a recent community survey, which indicated 88 percent of

Canton residents had visited the facility.

Library Director Eva Davis said the board is accepting applications through Aug. 11 to fill the remainder of Schulz's term, which expires in November 2016. It's an unpaid, volunteer position.

Applicants should send a resumé and letter to Davis at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

The board is expected to decide during its Aug. 21

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election for the new state Senate 7th District; redistricting based on 2010 census numbers added the cities of Livonia and Wayne to the district, while taking away Van Buren Township and several Downriver communities.

The district still includes the Plymouths, all of Canton and Northville townships and the Wayne County portion of the city of Northville.

Colbeck said he isn't taking the contest against Slavens for granted, but thinks he has a good pitch to make to voters.

"If you look at how the state has turned around in the last four years, it'd be hard to make a case to change direction," he said.

"We've got our fiscal house in order up in Lansing," he said. "That speaks volumes." State debts are being paid off and jobs are being created, he said.

Colbeck said he met a lot of voters on the campaign trail who are disenchanted with politicians and the political process and that he wants to keep their trust. He said he enjoys door-to-door campaigning.

"That puts wind in my sails," he said. "There are a lot of nice people."

Edwards, the son of Ron Edwards, the Plymouth Township treasurer for nearly 18 years, did not return a phone call Tuesday night.

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meeting which candidates to interview.

Schulz's successor will join board holdovers Nancy Eggenberger, Michelle Farell, James Fausone, Sommer Foster and Thomas Hartnett. Applicants should be Canton residents, registered voters and U.S. citizens who are at least 18 years old.

The board is charged with setting long-term policy.

"Library trustees are citizen representatives who, by statute, are responsible for the finances, governance and long-term strategic planning of the library," Davis said.

Trustees are not responsible for the library's day-to-day operations.

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Price coasts to big primary triumph

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Shannon Price, a first-term member of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, handily won Tuesday's Republican primary over challenger Charles Clos.

Price, of Canton Township, collected 6,782 votes, or nearly 85 percent of the votes cast, to 1,219, or just over 15 percent, for Clos, an attorney and former county sheriff's deputy who lives in Plymouth Township. Price's 10th District is made up of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township.

The win was gratifying, Price said Wednesday morning.

"You go to work every day and you do what you think is right and you hope people recognize you for it," he said.

Price, first elected in 2012, now faces Democrat Milan Peele, also of Canton, in the November general election. Peele, a Chrysler employee who was unopposed in the primary, got 6,729 votes.

Price said Wayne County's looming problems — they include a budget deficit and a failed jail construction project — have forced

commissioners to make difficult decisions that may not sit well with voters, and that he's not going to take the general election for granted.

"We're trying to clean up the mess. You're never sure how that's going to show up at the ballot box," he said.

Voter turnout

The combined voter participation rate in Plymouth and Plymouth Township was more than 27 percent, with 6,584 people casting ballots in the township and 1,638 in the city. There were 22,296 in the township and 7,446 in the city registered and eligible to vote in Tuesday's election.

By individual commu-

LOCAL RESULTS

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION 10TH DISTRICT

Unofficial results for how Canton Township voted in Tuesday's primary. **Bold** indicates winner.

Shannon Price3,909
Charles Clos621

nity, Plymouth's voter participation rate was 22 percent, while the township's was 29.5 percent.

In Plymouth Township, more voters cast absentee ballots than showed up to vote at polling places Tuesday. There were 3,520 absentee votes cast, while 3,064 voted at the precincts.



Price

Canton's Sky Zone opens doors to area first responders

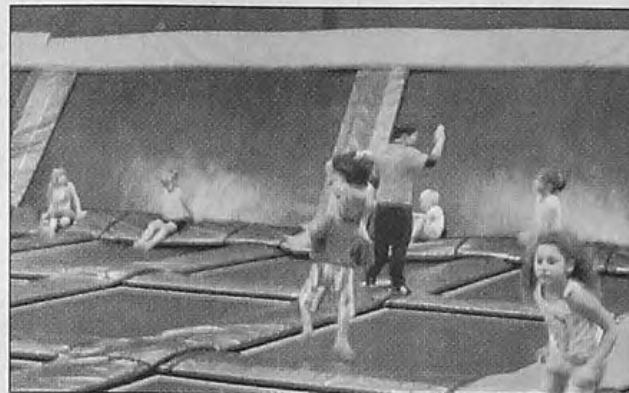
By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The folks at Sky Zone believe the area's first responders — police officers, firefighters, EMTs, the military, etc. — too often go without the recognition they deserve.

So they did something about it.

For 10 hours Tuesday, Sky Zone in Canton opened its 15,000 square feet of interlocking trampolines to first responders free of charge, giving them and their families some family fun on Police, Fire & EMS Appreciation Day.

"We are surrounded by the greatest local heroes, from police to EMS to the military," said Kathy Llamas, Sky Zone's general manager. "So often they go unnoticed and we thought it



Area first responders and their families took advantage of Police, Fire & EMS Appreciation Day at Canton's Sky Zone.

was a great opportunity for us to partner with the community and to celebrate what often are people who go under the radar and who give so much of themselves in their everyday life."

Sky Zone opened more than two years ago in its 35,000-square-foot building, featuring open jumps, dodgeball games

and tournaments and a trampoline basketball section, among other attractions.

The center also hosts leagues, field trips, youth groups and fundraisers. And Tuesday, it was all open to first responders.

"I think it's pretty cool, it's very nice," said battalion chief Brian Gallison of Farmington

Hills. "It's a big deal for the kids. For me, it's fun to be able to watch the kids and it's nice for (Sky Zone) to do something like that."

Gallison took advantage of the offer with his wife Susie and 3½-year-old twins Brooklyn and Andrew. Susie saw an advertisement a friend had emailed her and the family decided to give it a try.

"It was fun," Susie Gallison said. "It's a fun, family experience."

Total numbers weren't available, but Llamas said a "good number" of first responders took advantage of the offer.

And why not? "It's never a dull moment here," Llamas said. "We've got something for just about everybody."

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PAGAN

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primary.

"I really believe this is a Democratic district. We need to keep this a Democratic seat," Pagan said, amid supporters who gathered at Bailey's Pub & Grille in Canton. "I'm up to the challenge."

Pagan and Fausone, both of Canton, are competing to replace terminated state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, who is seeking a state Senate seat.

Turnout among Canton's 64,067 registered voters was 19.7 percent in the primary. Pagan carried Canton, Van

Buren and Belleville in unofficial vote totals.

Pagan, who said she walked the entire 21st District twice herself, attributed her victory to a strong grassroots campaign bolstered by a core group of 100 volunteers.

"At the end of the day, it's the personal connections with voters that count," she said.

Mosher realized she couldn't overcome Pagan after final absentee votes were counted in Canton, where she lives. Her supporters had gathered at her campaign office near Canton Center and Geddes.

"We've worked hard for an awfully long time and you move on," Mosher said. "I've been

proud of the campaign we ran. It was a good, clean campaign. We had a great team."

As Pagan's campaign shifts to November, she said her candidacy focuses on three overriding themes: restoring \$1 billion she said has been cut from education funding; ensuring Michigan's gas taxes are used to fix crumbling roads; and retaining young Michigan residents by creating high-tech jobs, entrepreneurial programs and "vibrant communities."

"I believe elections are about the future," Pagan said. "They are about what we aspire to be as a state."

As she walked the district, Pagan said she

sought to recruit new volunteers in every neighborhood where she campaigned. She said she and her supporters genuinely believe Michigan can be better with Democratic leadership.

Pagan earned a teaching degree from Western Michigan University, but said she left Michigan because she couldn't find a job. She returned and said she doesn't want others to feel they have to leave.

She attended graduate school in Washington, D.C., where she worked in U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow's office on issues such as education funding.

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mouth-Canton for just such a move.

But, Holaly pointed out, requests also came from districts like Livonia and Dearborn.

"We got some from nearby, but they're also from districts farther away," Holaly said.

Next up is deciding where the out-of-district students will be placed. Meissen said schools at 85 percent capacity or less will be used first for the new students.

When the board approved the move in late June, administrators said it would bring in some \$1.5 million. At roughly \$7,300 per student, though, the actual results fell short.

Meissen said the lost revenue would be addressed when school reconvenes and the district gets its actual student count. Once the actual budget number is determined, Meissen said, the administration would work with the board to make up any difference, if there is one.

"This whole thing is fluid," Meissen said. "We

are monitoring our student count now and we would anticipate taking a snapshot to determine actual enrollment in the first week of school. We would re-engage with the board and make a budget adjustment in the fall based on actual (student) totals."

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Warren Evans speaks to the press at his election night party in Detroit. KURT KUBAN

Evans ready to 'move county forward'

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Unofficial results for Tuesday's primary (with 91 percent of the precincts reporting). Bold indicates winner.

DEMOCRAT

Adam Salam Adamski.....	559
Phil Cavanagh.....	13,436
Cindy Darrah.....	2,499
Warren C. Evans.....	63,834
Robert A. Ficano.....	8,168
Russell George Leviska.....	255
Kevin M. McNamara.....	9,049
Bettie Cook Scott.....	4,428
Sigmunt John Szczepkowski.....	689
William R. Wild.....	34,036
Christopher Wojtowicz.....	2,236

REPUBLICAN

Fred A. Bolden.....	8,572
John Dalton.....	13,083
Daniel K. Wenderlich.....	7,846

as the city of Detroit is moving the needle forward," Evans said. "We're going to move Wayne County forward and to a much better place."

Evans' victory may very well bring incumbent Robert Ficano's political career to an end. Ficano, who has served as county executive since 2003, finished a distant fifth in the voting, garnering only about 6 percent of the vote.

Westland Mayor Bill Wild was second with about 24 percent of the vote. His election night party took place at Westland's Wayne-Ford Civic

League and broke up around 1 a.m. Wednesday. At that point, Wild still hadn't conceded the race, but did so shortly afterward when more of the numbers came in showing Evans with a commanding lead.

Wild felt he ran a good, organized campaign and that his message resonated with voters, especially in out-county areas where he did well. He said he couldn't overcome the support Evans received from the city of Detroit, however. While Wild was disappointed with the results, he enjoyed the campaign. He said it's too soon to think about running for such a position again.

"At this point, I'm going to focus on the city of Westland and all the good work we're doing there," Wild said. "We've got a lot of really great projects going on. I'm especially excited about the possibility of redeveloping the Ford Road property (where the current city hall is located)."

Finishing third was state Rep. Phil Cavanagh of Redford, who ended up with about 10 percent of the vote. Cavanagh's lawsuit to get Evans removed from the ballot was one of two shot down by the courts last week. Now that the campaign is over, Cavanagh had kind words for Evans and felt he would do well.

Gannett News Service contributed to this story.

Voters OK district's non-homestead millage renewal

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township resident Darcy Morris knows it's going to be a while before her 5-month-old baby walks through the door of a Plymouth-Canton Community School building.

But she also believes it's never too early to start paying attention to school issues. That's one of the reasons Morris was at West Middle School on Tuesday, casting her ballot on, among other things, the P-CCS request for a renewal of an 18-mill non-homestead millage.

"I was interested in the schools' millage request," Morris said. "I know it'll be a while (for her baby to start school), but I've started paying attention to school issues."

Voters in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton overwhelmingly passed the renewal, which district officials said was expected to generate more than \$25.2 million in 2013-14. That represents some 17 percent of the district's general fund revenue.

Voters in Plymouth favored it 1,028-476, while Plymouth Township voters approved it 3,785-2,305.

Canton Township voters OK'd the measure by more than a 2-1 margin, 6,756-3,253.

The non-homestead millage was last approved by voters in 2004. District officials have said the tax is applied to businesses and other non-principal property, such as apartment complexes, rental homes, etc. The tax does not apply to homeowners.

Board of Education Trustee Mike Maloney recently called the renewal "critical to our district."

"It's a significant piece of our revenue," Maloney said. "A loss of this revenue would be a significant bite on your local schools."

Plymouth Township resident Sandy Kettenbeil, whose two children went through Plymouth-Canton schools, cast her ballot in favor of the measure, despite the fact she no longer has kids in the district.

"I don't have any kids in the district now, but both of my kids went to Plymouth-Canton schools," Kettenbeil said. "I think it's important the schools have proper funding."

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Plymouth Township resident Sandy Kettenbeil fills out her ballot at the precinct at St. Kenneth Catholic Church. She said of the Plymouth-Canton non-homestead millage renewal, "it's important the schools have proper funding."

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Accused stalker accepts misdemeanor plea

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A 33-year-old man who had been accused of stalking two women he knew in Canton is expected to receive probation after he pleaded no contest to one misdemeanor stalking charge in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Thomas Earl Martin Jr. is no longer facing felony charges of possession of bur-

glary tools, stalking and aggravated stalking following a plea deal accepted by Judge Lawrence Talon, authorities said Monday.

Martin's decision to accept a plea to a reduced count of misdemeanor stalking averted a jury trial that was set to begin July 28 in Talon's



Martin

courtroom. Martin could have faced up to 10 years in prison if he had been convicted as charged after he was arrested by Canton police in late March.

Martin faces sentencing Aug. 21 by Talon. The judge has referred a second reduced charge of misdemeanor stalking charge back to 35th District Court for disposition, authorities said.

Martin was arrested by

Canton police shortly before 2 a.m. March 21 after a suspicious man was seen lurking near the Children's Hospital of Michigan Specialty Center, on Cherry Hill east of Canton Center, after it had closed for the night, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has said.

Baugh has said police searched a car parked nearby and confiscated a lock-picking set, binoculars, a flashlight and a Swiss Army tool kit.

According to police, the suspect arrested outside the medical facility indicated he was going there because he believed it was an animal hospital and he allegedly wanted to obtain information for a girlfriend whose dog had sustained an injury.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Teen 'gun play' reported

Canton police turned five teens over to their parents along with air soft guns, or replica firearms, after investigating an incident shortly before 7 p.m. Sunday on Pointe Street, near Morton Taylor and Warren.

Police went to the neighborhood following reports of a group of male teens shooting air soft guns back and forth at each other while walking down the street, a police report said.

The teens, ages 13-16, told police they didn't know they weren't supposed to shoot the replica firearms in a public place. The boys and the guns were released to their parents.

Home invasion try

A couple that lives in the Sherwood Village mobile home community, southeast of Haggerty and Michigan Avenue, called police to report five suspects were trying to break into their home while they were inside about 3:45 a.m. Sunday, a police report said.

A woman told police she and her fiancé were inside the home when the males, described as white and in their 20s and 30s, broke out a window as they tried to get in. The woman said her fiancé and one of the suspects had earlier been involved in a fight in Wayne.

According to the police

report, the suspect had threatened to come to their house with others in his motorcycle gang. The group arrived in a black SUV, banged on the front door, broke a window and then fled the scene after their activity triggered a security alarm at the residence, the police report said.

Police were investigating.

Pit bull loose

Canton police went to Admiralty, northwest of Warren and Sheldon Center, following reports a pit bull was running loose on two occasions Aug. 1-2 in a neighborhood common area.

- By Darrell Clem

Reward offered in death of bicyclist

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

A cash reward is being offered for anyone who can provide information regarding the fatal accident of a Plymouth man riding his bicycle in Livonia earlier this year.

Crime Stoppers of Michigan is offering up to a \$2,500 reward for anyone who can provide information regarding the suspect or suspects wanted in connection with the hit-and-run accident involving 64-year-old Plymouth resident Dennis Ryan.



Ryan

Ryan was visiting his son in Livonia on May 19. He was riding his bicycle home that evening to the Five Mile and Haggerty area, heading northbound on Newburgh near Schoolcraft, when he was hit by a vehicle.

The Newburgh bridge over I-96 at the time was reduced to one lane in each direction because of repairs being done as a part of the freeway reconstruction through Livonia. Police were unsure in May if the lane closures played a role in the fatal accident.

Since the incident, police have asked for any help from

the public who may have seen the accident that day. As of Tuesday morning, no arrests had been made, according to Livonia police. The accident remains under investigation.

Shirley Schuler, communications manager for Crime Stoppers of Michigan, said when a reward is offered through the agency, tips typically begin to increase.

"I think sometimes people are more apt to call us to see if there's a reward," she said. "I think people wait to see that advertised to see that reward."

The agency, which offers rewards to anonymous tipsters for crimes all over southeast Michigan, has received more than 6,200 tips that led to more than 280 arrests and doled out more than \$54,000 in reward money the last 12 months, according to its website.

Anyone wishing to remain anonymous with information can contact Crime Stoppers of Michigan at 800-SPEAK-UP, send a text message at 274637 or write in a tip on its website at 1800speakup.org. Those with information can also contact the Livonia Police Department at 734-466-2680.

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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Shoplifting charge

A 49-year-old Northville woman was arrested on a shoplifting charge July 19 at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

A store security worker told police he had watched via in-store video as woman put several personal care items and a package of dog treats in a purse before leaving the store without buying anything, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The employee confronted her outside and called police. The incident occurred around 11 a.m.

The woman told the responding officer that she was short of money for the week and asked if she could pay for the items rather than go to jail, police said.

Police later issued her a citation for retail fraud and released her.

Sign vandalized

A "No Soliciting" sign at an entrance to a township condominium complex was damaged the night of July 25.

The sign was at the corner of Pinecrest Drive and Ann Arbor Trail, at an entrance to the Pinecrest Condominiums. A po-

lice report said the sign was damaged between 11 p.m. July 25 and 8 a.m. the next day.

Projector stolen

A \$1,000 projector was reported stolen last month from a meeting room at the Inn at St. John's on Five Mile.

The room was being used by a real estate firm for a two-day conference, a police report said, and was locked up after the first day's session. When conferees returned for the second day, July 22, the projector was gone, the report said.

- By Matt Jachman

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Trott defeats Bentivolio, ends incumbent's tenure

By Todd Spangler
Gannett Michigan

It's over — for now, at least — for Michigan's so-called "accidental congressman." Birmingham businessman and lawyer Dave Trott, with widespread backing from establishment Republicans and an aggressive, well-financed campaign, sent U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford, to defeat Tuesday in the GOP primary for the state's U.S. House 11th District.

With 87 percent of precincts reporting, Trott held a 66-34 lead over Bentivolio, a margin which hadn't changed throughout the night as results came in. The *Free Press* called the race for the challenger shortly after 9:30 p.m. and Bentivolio conceded a short time later.

"I know that we are all disappointed with the outcome — and I assure you, I am, too," Bentivolio told supporters. "But we must remember that this is only the beginning battle to take back our country and take back our party from crony capitalists. ... The status quo in the Republican Party is

going to have to change, whether they like it or not." Trott's campaign wasn't immediately available for comment.

"Kerry was clearly outspent financially. He was an accidental candidate to begin with," former state Republican Party Chairman Saul Anuzis said. "Trott is kind of the quintessential representative for that area. He ran a good campaign from day one."

Bentivolio had gone into the Republican primary with grave doubts hanging over his political future and only one potentially significant advantage: his incumbency. From the beginning, it looked like that might not be enough for him to beat Trott, however.

Trott, who has been running for the 11th District nomination for most of the last year, has a long list of impressive endorsements, a significant financial advantage and a sizable margin in public polls that were taken in his race against Bentivolio. Meanwhile, the incumbent had run a largely invisible campaign.

"Bentivolio was nowhere to



U.S. House 11th District GOP primary winner David Trott wife Kappy share a laugh Tuesday at campaign headquarters in Commerce Township. KATHLEEN GALLIGAN | GANNETT MICHIGAN

be found. He didn't run a campaign and Trott ran the perfect campaign. That usually ends up in a lopsided victory," Lansing consultant John Truscott said.

It was rare that a challenger such as Trott would enjoy such advantages over an incumbent. But Bentivolio, a former educator, National Guardsman and reindeer

rancher who was 2012's so-called "accidental congressman," has always presented an unusual case.

He was thrust into the seat when former U.S. Rep. Thad McCotter abruptly resigned amid a scandal involving fraudulent signatures on re-election petitions after the filing deadline. And Bentivolio, a newcomer, was the only oth-

er Republican on the ballot. A last-minute move by establishment Republicans to run a write-in candidate of their choosing fell far short of winning.

This time, though, was different: Trott had the backing of numerous mayors and local officials, including Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. Former GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney, who grew up in the district, also endorsed him. And Trott spent months introducing himself to voters via a flood of TV ads and direct mail, while Bentivolio failed to air a single TV ad.

Trott spent more than \$2.4 million — the same amount he's given or lent his own campaign and more than four times as much as Bentivolio. A *Free Press* poll on the race last month done by EPIC-MRA of Lansing showed Trott with a 22-percentage-point lead on the incumbent. It included an edge among tea party supporters — who would have otherwise been expected to form the base of Bentivolio's support.

Proposal 1 to repeal Michigan's PPT approved by voters

By Paul Egan
Gannett Michigan

LANSING — A state-wide proposal to phase out the personal property tax on manufacturing equipment was approved by voters Tuesday, despite voter confusion and unhappiness about the complex proposal.

Proposal 1 phases out the PPT on industrial and some commercial equipment between 2016 and 2023.



Lt. Gov. Brian Calley (center) and Dan Wyant, the director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, recently got a tour of Fraza Forklifts from CEO Greg Blackwood (right). Fraza officials call the passage of Proposal 1 "critical to our business."

It's an unpopular tax among manufacturers. Gov. Rick Snyder and most members of the Legislature from both parties say eliminating it will help Michigan's competitiveness as a place companies want to locate.

Most of the revenue from the PPT goes to local governments and the proposal replaces that lost revenue by shifting money from the state's 6-percent use tax — charged on items such as Internet and mail-order purchases, telephone service and hotel accommodations.

"What it really means for us is stability," said Samantha Harkins, director of state affairs for the Michigan Municipal League.

Count Roger Runyan among business leaders who believe elimination of the personal property tax is a huge leap forward in promoting a business environment where growth can happen. Runyan, chief financial officer at Fraza Forklifts in Plymouth Township, said the money his company will save without the tax would be enough to hire two additional employees.

According to Runyan, Fraza employees spent 160 man-hours just managing personal property tax obligations, including the paperwork. The company, he said, had to file 110 personal property tax returns and pays \$105,000 annual in PPT.

"We are so excited about this," Runyan said of the passage of Proposal 1. "This is so critical for our business."

Leslie dePietro of Ann Arbor, a part-time editor, said she sympathizes with businesses that have to pay tax on the same equipment year after

year, "but I also do not trust the government to replenish the coffers of towns and cities and townships."

But Harkins said the greater concern is the Legislature repealing the PPT without replacement revenue if the proposal had failed. Then, "I'm terrified what could happen in lame duck," she said.

The proposal sets up a new Local Community Stabilization Authority to distribute the use tax money to local governments and an Essential Services Assessment — which would be paid by some manufacturers in place of the much more costly PPT — as a partial revenue replacement.

According to the Senate Fiscal Agency, the change could leave a \$500 million hole in the state general fund once it is fully phased in. But Snyder and other officials say they expect that money to be offset as tax credits issued under the old Michigan Business Tax expire.

The Michigan Municipi-

pal League supported the proposal, as did Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer, the conservative Michigan Chamber of Commerce and the left-leaning Michigan League for


Public Policy. Backers of the proposal were expected to spend more than \$7 million, most of it on TV ads.

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Ron Bachman teaches Anderson Middle School students how to Walk This Way on April 17. BERKLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

WALK THIS WAY

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

He doesn't wail on a traditional instrument like the Stratocaster guitar Eric Clapton favors or the Steinway piano Elton John pounds on, nor does he jump around on stage and belt out lyrics like his hero, Steven Tyler of Aerosmith.

In fact, Ron Bachman can't jump at all – he lost his legs when he was 4.

But make no mistake – he's as rock 'n' roll as they come. Witness one of his Walk This Way presentations to a group of middle school students and watch their reaction. Remember all those women screaming when The Beatles hit the U.S.?

Bachman's "song," however, is much more serious than anything the Fab Four ever put down. And he's on a mission to make sure every kid in this country hears it.

The mission

For youths who are being bullied – and, equally as important, for those who are doing the bullying – the effect of Bachman's 45-minute school assembly is life altering.

"It's working," said Bachman, who often speaks in third person. "The big thing is, it's having a change for the kids. The kids that are cutting. The kids that are so, so depressed. These kids that are bullying to an extent that we've never seen before. There's no question – we have the data – the Walk This Way program performed by Ron has got bullying dropping in the communities we go to."

Bachman, who lives in Plymouth, pointed out a recent Associated Press article "U.S. survey finds sharp drop in children's bullying" attributed to the Walk This Way program and including a photo of Bachman with 700 kids.

"So, yeah, we know," Bachman said. "You can't get to everybody, but that's not the goal. If you can get to one kid that day who's thinking of leaving us or she puts down that device that's for mutilating herself ... if we can get that kid to rally up, follow up with herself and learn to Walk This Way, that's the mission."

The show

It all begins with a five-minute video that removes the shock value of seeing Bachman for the first time and gives the students "tons of food for thought," Bachman said.

Then in kicks his theme song, Aerosmith's *Walk This Way*, then his introduction. "When I come on," he said, "they know I don't have legs. They've already seen how I get around. Those questions don't need to be asked. And we get to work." That work can be uncom-



Anderson Middle School students react enthusiastically to Ron Bachman's anti-bullying message April 17.

BOOK IS OUT

Ron Bachman has a new book, *Walk This Way: Life Lessons for Dealing with Bullies and Bad Times*, that hit Amazon in mid-June as a paperback. Self-published by Walk This Way LLC, the 200-page book will also be available to download via Kindle.

Bachman wrote it with Conny Coon, spending long hours going over his life and what he wanted to say. During the two-year writing process, he said he was constantly on the road doing six-week tours and would then come home "with all that energy" and try to do a writing session.

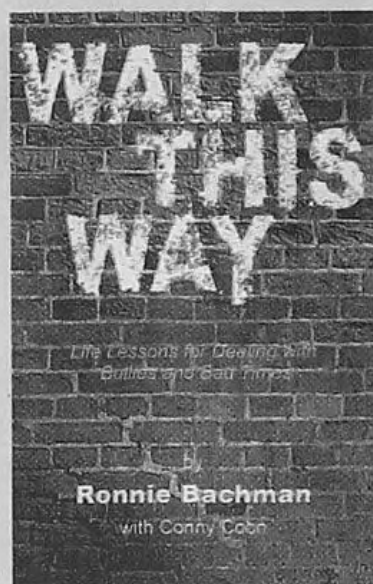
"It's a mixed bag, geared toward middle schoolers," Bachman said. "How did Ron do it – get up every day without legs and find a place for himself in this world? Growing up in inner-city Detroit, how did he not cave into pressures? There's where the tools are: life lessons and his experiences." And he takes some of the kids' stories and what he's witnessed from parents over the years.

"I gave the book in raw form to a school teacher who read it in one night," he said. "She called me that night and said, 'It's perfect. It's exactly what we need in our schools.'"

Although it's geared toward middle school students, high school students and adults can benefit from it as well.

Bachman's lifelong friend, artist Kim Fujiwara, designed the jacket cover.

"People who don't know Ron will never



understand the cover," Bachman said. "We didn't want to just do a cover with the words. People who knew Ron and grew up in the 48227, 48228 (ZIP codes) will know what that cover represents. It's the brick wall of the houses we grew up in, but it's faded; it's weathered; it's tainted; it's chipped. That's who Ron is today. His pride's been hurt, but he's still standing and he's still that brick wall. You could run a Mack truck through that wall and there could be three bricks left and he'd still be talking!"

Bachman will also be selling the book out of the back of his van while on tour and each of his 20 Dodge dealers will have copies, as will Linamar in Canada. School libraries will also get copies so teachers can get it into the hands of students.

With more than 350,000 social media fans, Bachman is hoping the "bounce effect" will multiply that by 10, spreading the word quickly. His goal is to hit 10,000 in sales and, hopefully, attract a publishing company to pick it up.

His ultimate goal is to visit every state and spread his anti-bullying message. That will take major sponsorships to fund a tour.

"This isn't a cancer we're trying to cure or multiple sclerosis or childhood diabetes. This is straight up, kids are walking into our schools with automatic weapons and they're killing your kid," he said. "Who doesn't want to join that fight?"

fortable for many in the audience. Within 10 minutes of the show's start, nearly everyone is reaching for a tissue.

And the bullies? They're easy for Bachman to spot – he's spent his lifetime dealing with them.

"They can't make eye contact," Bachman said. "Suddenly, as I'm going by, I'll see their heads go down. Later, I'm thinking, OK – I got one there. I got one over here. I'll get back to 'em. And when I say, 'Let me tell you something: If you're a bully' ... and I just pause. Take a drink of water after that and then look. I'll see these heads go down and I know where my bullies are."

He never singles the bullies out. He never hurts their feelings. That's not what

Walk This Way is about. That, Bachman said, will just cause them to keep bullying.

"As I'm rolling back forth, I can stop and look right into their eyes and I can do 20 to 30 seconds and touch them," Bachman said. "I grab their hand and go, 'Listen to me, my brother. Here's the thing: Tomorrow you could be sitting on a scooter because somebody runs a stop sign tonight. All it's going to take is a stop sign. A little bit of alcohol. Just an accident. You fall off a diving board. And tomorrow, you're an amputee or you're paralyzed.' Man, you'll see that kid just instantly light up and squeeze my hand."

From that point on, they stop being bullies.

So what is it exactly about Bachman that touches kids

and makes them listen, learn and leave a changed person?

"Because Ron knows pain. Ron gets it," he said. "You could walk in there and tell them the most horrific story of your middle school. They'd never believe it quite this way ... because they can't see it. With Ron, they see it."

How it began

How did a guy who used to do the AAA early morning traffic updates on the radio – and wanted to be like legendary Detroit disc jockey Arthur Penhallowon WRIF-FM (101.1) – end up here?

"Actually, I wanted to be Johnny Carson mixed with Jerry Lewis," Bachman said. "Of course, my physical appearance has certainly had its stopping points."

His first gig in front of

kids was in 1997, a favor to his late mom. She said there were a handful of kids in Sunday school at their Howell church who saw him and had questions, so she asked him to speak to them.

"I went, but it was not my cup of tea," Bachman said.

A while later, Bachman had lost a kidney. He was struggling to make ends meet, a single father raising a daughter, and the Salvation Army in Plymouth was very helpful.

"We're in a rough situation financially," said Bachman, who lived in Northville at the time, "and The Salvation Army in Plymouth was right there."

He did a show for the Army and Northville Civic Concern, which wound up in the *Walk This Way* film.

"What you don't see is my back was wringing wet," Bachman said. "I was a complete nervous wreck."

His second show was at Novi Middle School. He wasn't expecting a big audience, but wound up with 350 students listening to him. WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) showed up and did a piece called *Standing Tall* that aired two weeks later and then went to the wire service.

The road

Fast forward to 2014 and Bachman is on the road, touring as hard and often as any rocker. His core audience, his comfort zone, is middle school students.

"Where can you turn it into a concert where those kids will climb out of those seats and be that excited about what took place? Middle school," he said.

But Bachman also speaks to high school students and adults via corporations like DTE and United Way.

Canadian auto supplier Linamar has been backing Bachman since 2004 and has him signed until 2017. He recently wrapped up his winter/spring tour for the Dodge 20 group of auto dealers, which has been sponsoring him since 2010.

"Yeah, we're shakin' things up," Bachman said. "I'm out there on the road touring; doing all the driving; loading in and loading out."

Being featured on the front page of the local newspaper, wherever he's at, is standard, as is an appearance on the local TV station. That kind of publicity is invaluable to his sponsors, but they've also become champions of Bachman.

"Well, it's not so much they're a big fan of Ron – they're a big fan of the fall-out," he said. "You come into a community and when I leave, the letters come pouring in to what's saying, 'I can't believe to them's happening at our school. The kids are literally walking down the

BACHMAN

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hall, going, 'I love you man.'"

Throughout the schools are signs declaring, "Walk This Way," "Ronnie Rocks!," "We're a non-bullying school," "We're a school that Walks This Way."

"I'm flattered," Bachman said. "We all are entertainers. I'm a showman. You love that part of it. But to see the fall-out - that it really, really stopped a kid who was thinking of taking her life or stopped a young man whose vision of what was cool was to continually pound people in school verbally and beat up on the weaker. To see that kid stop ... it's goosebumps time, right?"

Why that song?

Using a song titled *Walk This Way* may seem like an odd choice for a motivational speaker with no legs, but once one

learns why he chose it - or, rather, why it chose him - it makes perfect sense.

Closing in on 57 now, Bachman was just 4 when his legs were removed due to a congenial birth defect. To get around as a kid, he used to walk on his hands. But like most people of that era who are from Detroit, he was into rock music. It was a band out of Boston that spoke to him - Aerosmith.

"I was fortunate enough to meet Steven (Tyler)," Bachman said. "I was in his dressing room one night before the show. And I don't know who the person was, but he opened up the door to say something to Steven and looked over at me and said, 'Yeah, man, I still can't get over how you get around. That's so cool.' And Steven, without missing a beat, said, 'Well that's because we walk like this, but Ron walks this way. And me, all I heard (hums guitar lick intro to

song), right? You're this big fan who's heard *Walk This Way* since you were 15 and all of the sudden at that moment, he had just branded me. My hero, the guy whose posters I had all over my room, just branded me without knowing it."

The two have kept in contact over the years. In fact, Tyler appears in a movie about Bachman titled, of course, *Walk This Way*.

"When he did the movie, Steven said some really nice things about me and my physical circumstances and his view of what I've been able to overcome and do," Bachman said.

Because he performs so much outside Michigan, many folks here are surprised to find out he's from this state and still lives here. But he's hoping that this year he's able to expand his reach across the Mississippi River and he believes his new book (see sidebar) will provide that opportunity - and more.

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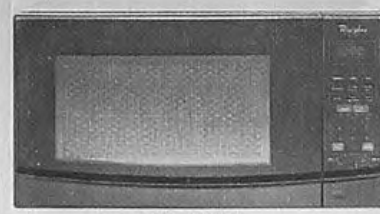
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Observer: How did you decide to start your business?

Fractured Prune: We were looking into many franchise opportunities, but by chance we met the franchise owner of Fractured Prune Doughnuts and the concept couldn't have been more perfect for us. Always the best quality product and service, always as fresh as any product can be. And you can customize your doughnut, unlike

any other doughnut shop you've ever been to before. It's a completely unique and new concept for Michigan and we know it will do well here.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Fractured Prune: When it came to choosing the location to introduce the first Fractured Prune Doughnuts to Michigan, Canton was the obvious choice. With its ever-expanding, thriving and vibrant community, Canton has proven to be the perfect place to introduce and embrace our Fractured Prune Doughnuts philosophy: always high-quality, customized products and service.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Fractured Prune: Just like our product, our business is unique in the fact that we encourage each of our patrons to "channel their inner doughnut genius" and truly customize their doughnut creations. As we like to say, "You create 'em, we make 'em."

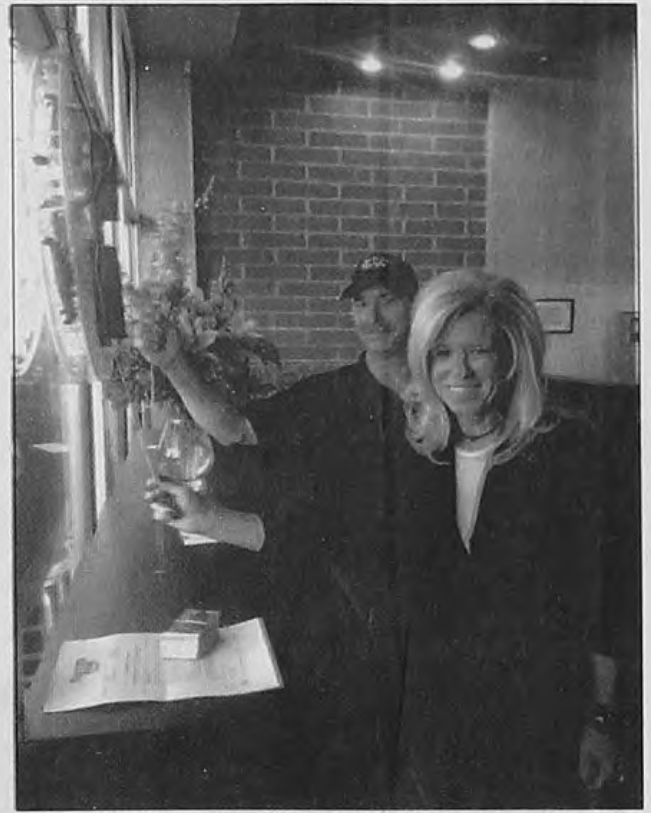
DETAILS

Name: Fractured Prune Doughnuts of Canton
Address: 47192 Michigan Ave., Canton
Name and title: SaraAnn Hales, marketing manager
Hometown: Canton
Opened: May 6
Employees: 14
Hours: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday; 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday
Specialty: Always hot doughnuts, all ways
Contact: 734-340-9145, canton@fracturedprune.com, www.fracturedprune.com

Observer: How has the business changed since you opened?

Fractured Prune: Since our grand opening May 6, business has increased steadily. People are hearing the story of our namesake, Prunella Shiek, and are becoming more receptive to the unique name, as well as our unique doughnuts.

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



Owner Lori Wigler and store manager Mark Eastman celebrate the opening of the Fractured Prune.

Fractured Prune: Within the next five years, we plan to open two to four more Frac-

tured Prune Doughnut stores through Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland counties.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Old Village Crawl

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the 15th annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. They can be purchased at the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in downtown Plymouth. Tickets can also be purchased by calling 734-453-1540.

This year, the Crawl features five eateries. Last year's event was sold out and chamber officials are encouraging people to buy their tickets early.

Participating this year are Hermann's Olde Towne Grille, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Plymouth Fish & Seafood, Station 885 and AQUA.

Contact the chamber at 734-453-1540 for more information.

Member appreciation

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its Member Appreciation Day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford, in Canton.

The event will feature a classic car display, live art and a free lunch.

RSVPs are due to the chamber office at 734-453-4040 by Aug. 11.



Happy anniversary

Forest Computers' Roz Spencer and Jayne Rossiter are celebrating their fifth year at 480 Forest Ave. They have been in business for 22 years and moved to Plymouth five years ago. They specialize in computer maintenance and are an A-plus Microsoft service repair facility. They are pictured here with the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, friends, office staff, Plymouth City Commissioner Diane Bogenrieder and state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township.

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- Live Thoroughbred Racing Starts at 7:30pm

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Elder law series begins in September

The Plymouth Community United Way, in partnership with the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, will present a free Elder Law Series with Northville attorney Gary S. Allen, 10-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. each Monday in September at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty.

Allen is an estate planning and elder law attorney. Advance registration is required. To reserve a space, call Plymouth Community United Way at 734-453-6879, ext. 7.

Topics of the series include:

» Sept. 8: Estate Plan-

ning – Avoiding probate, discussion of wills and power of attorney for financial and health care purposes, Lady Bird deeds, changes to 2013 Federal Estate Tax.

» Sept. 15: Outliving Your Assets – Seventy percent of retirees need long-term care. Learn about long-term care insurance and combining it with life insurance, how to qualify for Medicaid, convert financial assets into guaranteed income. Create a guaranteed lifetime pension for you and your spouse.

» Sept. 22: Retirement

Accounts – Discussion will revolve around IRAs, 401(k), 403(b), etc. Avoid up to 40-percent taxation on accounts at death, 10-percent and 50-percent tax penalties for improper withdrawals from retirement accounts. Convert taxable IRA to tax-free inheritance.

» Sept. 29: Taxes – Income and estates taxes are expected to rise in the future. Convert taxable assets into tax-deferred or tax-free assets. Reduce taxes on social security income. Learn about gift taxes and using a charitable remainder trust to reduce taxes.

Team launches Arbor Trust in Canton

Dynasty Financial Partners announced its partnership with Arbor Trust Wealth Advisors, the most recent independent investment advisory firm to leverage Dynasty Financial Partners' industry-leading platform of integrated wealth management services and technology.

Financial advisers Charles Waterhouse, James Winslow, Carol Sewell and Gary Haapala all join Arbor Trust Wealth Advisors from United Bank & Trust. The four advisers collectively advise on more than \$350 million in client assets.

"Arbor Trust Wealth Advisors was created to provide sophisticated investment and estate

planning advice to our highly educated community," Haapala said, opening up shop in Canton. "As an independent financial and investment planning firm, we want to provide our clients — professors and administrators, physicians, entrepreneurs and others — with complete objectivity and transparency."

The company will access Dynasty's groundbreaking investment and technology platform, which leverages Dynasty's investment committee and internal investment operations team. Dynasty's leading RIA middle office Core Services platform will provide turnkey marketing, CRM, financial planning, proposal support and

client reporting. Charles Schwab will provide primary clearing and custody services.

"Charlie, Jim, Carol and Gary are extraordinary investment advisers with a deep commitment to their unique southeast Michigan community," said Shirl Penney, president and CEO of Dynasty Financial Partners. "Dynasty has increased its commitment to the Midwest and devoted resources to support leading teams such as Arbor Trust who are seeking independence. We are excited to be their transition and growth partner, and we are proud to add them to our Dynasty Network of truly independent advisers."

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HEALING HEARTS

Date/Time: Thursday, Aug. 7, 10:30 a.m.
Location: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth
Details: Author Ron Gries will share his thoughts about the loss of his wife. His message is encouraging, uplifting and filled with hope. Program is sponsored by Hospice of Michigan.
Contact: RSVP to 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

GARAGE SALE

Date/Time: Friday, Aug. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts a rummage sale to support its senior group, "Older N Wiser." Rent a table or space and sell your own stuff for \$20.
Contact: Call the Salvation Army, 734-453-5464, ext. 24.

BLUES FESTIVAL

Date/Time: Sunday, Aug. 17, 12:30-8 p.m.
Location: Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: The Elks Blues Summer Festival features Carl Henry, The BOA Constrictors, Greg Nagy Band, RJ's Kansas City Six, Thoretta Davis and an all-star jam. Food and beverages will be available. Entry fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthannarborelks325.com.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m.

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

Details: Jazz @ The Elks is \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Featured will be the Tommy Good Quartet with Tommy Good on vocals, Chuck Shermetaro on keyboards, Ray Tini on bass and Jim Ryan on drums.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthannarborelks325.com.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Date/Time: Tuesday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to noon

Location: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: Dr. James Gregg, president and founder of Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers and Michigan Disc & Spine, a noted and national speaker on health and wellness issues, will present his timely and relevant senior based seminar "No Need To Live With Pain." He will follow up with a Q&A session. His team will provide individual, painless and non-invasive computerized health screenings that will

immediately detail any current health issues. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers.

Contact: RSVP is required by calling 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

CRAFT BAZAAR

Date: Saturday, Dec. 6.

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

Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum is accepting applications for its annual Juried Craft Bazaar. Applicants are required to submit three or four photos of craft items for judges to select participants as there is a limit of crafters to five per category. Table rentals are \$30 each and most are 8 feet wide, although there are some space variations available. The museum is offering free admission that day for both museum patrons and Craft Bazaar shoppers. Crafters are requested to donate an item for the museum's raffle. The application is available at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/cm/dpl/downloads/events/117/craft_show.pdf.

Contact: Call the museum, 734-455-8940.

CROP WALK MEETING
Date/Time: Wednesday, Aug. 13, 7 p.m.

Location: Living Peace Church, 684 Deer St., Plymouth

Details: All area churches, temples and mosques in Canton

and Plymouth are invited to send a representative to this meeting regarding the CROP walk to be held Sunday, Oct. 12, in Plymouth. CROP Hunger walks bring the whole community together in a common mission: helping hungry people at home and around the world.

Contact: For more information contact Gary or Becky Copenhagen at bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com or 734-981-6023.

FALL FEST CRAFTERS

Date/Time: Craft show is during Plymouth Fall Festival, Sept. 5-7

Location: Downtown Plymouth

Details: It's not too late to send

in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com.

Contact: For more information, contact Colleen Brown at craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Date/Time: Oct. 18

Location: West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

Details: The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried Craft Show. Proceeds from the show provide scholarships for young people

who are pursuing a career in education and mini-grants for educators in the district.

Contact: For more information, contact Debbie Cortellini at debccortellini@comcast.net or 734-451-1525.

BNI MEETING

Date/Time: Each Thursday, 7-8:30 a.m.

Location: Red Olive Restaurant, 1051 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The BNI Northville-The \$1 million Referral Chapter meets every Thursday morning.

Contact: For more information, visit www.NorthvilleBNI.com.



**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. 2014-06**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 55, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING PERSONAL PROPERTY SALES.

Section 1 The City of Plymouth Ordains:

Chapter 55, "Personal Property Sales" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby added to include the following described text.

Section 2 Add the following text to Chapter 55, Personal Property Sales

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sections 55-1 -- 55-5 Reserved

ARTICLE II. PERSONAL PROPERTY SALES

Section 55-6. Short Title

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Garage Sale Ordinance."

Section 55-7. Statement of Purpose

It is the intent of this chapter to regulate the term and frequency of personal property sales within residential areas so that the residential environment of such areas is not disturbed or disrupted.

Section 55-8. - Definitions

As used in this chapter, the term "garage sale" shall include the terms "basement sale," "attic sale," "estate sale," "yard sale," "rummage sale," "barn sale," or other types of so-called residential sales of tangible personal property such as repurposed furniture, clothing, household effects, tools, garden implements, toys, recreation equipment or other secondhand items customarily found in and about the home and advertised in a manner whereby the public at large is, or can be, aware of such sale. Such sales include sales that are open to the public and conducted from or on residential premises for the purpose of disposing of personal property.

A "calendar year" is defined as January 1 through December 31.

Section 55-9. - Limitations

- (1) No one but the homeowner or occupant of the residential property on which the sale is conducted may conduct a garage sale on the premises.
- (2) No merchandise of any nature shall be brought in from any other source in connection with such sale. Only personal property, as defined in this chapter, may be offered for sale.
- (3) No sale can be conducted for longer than three consecutive days.
- (4) Not more than three sales can be conducted on or at the same premises during any calendar year.
- (5) No sale shall begin prior to 7:00 a.m. nor continue later than 8:00 p.m.
- (6) Confines of the sale must remain on private property.
- (7) Excessive noise emanating from the area of any sale is expressly prohibited as prescribed by the City of Plymouth Noise Ordinance.

Section 55-10 - Exceptions

This chapter shall not apply to the homeowner or occupant who, during the normal course of housekeeping, advertises or otherwise offers for sale individual pieces of furniture, an automobile or an appliance being replaced or no longer needed. In addition, the limitations of this section shall not be applicable when a garage sale is registered and conducted by a church, school or other civic or charitable non-profit organization. Further, if the property has been transferred, the new property owner is entitled to one additional garage sale unless no sales have occurred as of the date of the transfer of the property.

Section 55-11 - Registration

Online registration of each sale must be completed prior to the commencement of the sale at the City's website address (www.ci.plymouth.mi.us). There is no fee to register.

Section 55-12 - Signs

Signs advertising the garage sale may be posted, subject to the following:

- (1) Any allowable signs must comply with the City of Plymouth Sign Ordinance
- (2) One garage sale sign not to exceed four square feet in area may be located on the property where the garage sale is being held and shall be used to advertise the garage sale. Such sign shall be placed at least ten feet inside the property line of the premises on which said sale is conducted, and shall be removed immediately after the completion of the garage sale in accordance with the terms of registration and this ordinance
- (3) No more than three (3) signs advertising the garage sale shall be posted within the City limits and may only be posted on private property with the owner's permission
- (4) No signs shall be posted more than one day prior to the sale and must be removed within one day of the end of the sale
- (5) Signage shall not be illuminated in any manner whatsoever except incidentally by streetlights or house lights
- (6) Under no circumstances shall any signs be attached to or located on any tree, utility pole, traffic-control device or on any public land or right-of-way, either by nail, screw, wire, cord, tape or by any other manner whatsoever.

Section 55-13 - Penalty for Violation of Ordinance

Any homeowner or occupant who violates any provisions of this article, more than one time, during any given calendar year that person, and any other homeowner or occupants living in the home at the time of violation shall be prohibited from registering and holding a garage sale for the following calendar year. Further, any person who violates any of the provisions of this article shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction punishable by a civil fine of not more than \$250 for the first offense, \$500 for the second offense and \$750 for the third and all other offenses and the costs of prosecution. Any person found responsible for a municipal civil infraction for holding an "unregistered" sale the preceding year shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction equal to a third offense for any "unregistered" sales held the following calendar year. The City Commission may, by resolution, at any time, change the amount of the civil fine for the municipal civil infraction.

Section 3 Rights and Duties

Rights and Duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

Section 4 Validity

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof, other than the part declared invalid.

Section 5 Ordinances Repealed

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

Section 6 Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

Introduced: 7-7-2014
 Enacted: 7-21-2014
 Published: 8-7-2014
 Effective: 8-8-2011

Daniel Dwyer
Mayor

Linda Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk



Play ball!

The fall season for the Miracle League of Plymouth begins Saturday, Aug. 16, and the eight-team league can always use volunteers. Volunteers can serve as buddies to the players, as umpires or they can help check in the volunteers on game day. Familiar faces are reassuring to players and parents. Games are played at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Bilkie Field on Theodore in Plymouth. To volunteer or for more information, email info@miracleleagueplymouth.org.

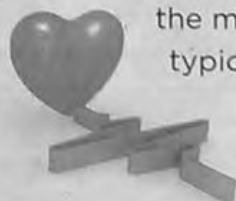


Oakwood cardiac care is second to none. Come learn from the experts at A-Fib 101.

A-Fib 101 is a FREE class that will teach you the causes and symptoms of atrial fibrillation as well as the leading surgical and nonsurgical treatment options available.

Whether you've been recently diagnosed with atrial fibrillation or you've been medically managing your condition, you will have your questions answered personally by an expert panel of Oakwood cardiac specialists, including primary care physicians, cardiologists, electrophysiologists and cardiothoracic surgeons. We will discuss medical management of atrial fibrillation as well the latest advancements in

minimally invasive surgical techniques like the minimize procedure - a solution that typically allows patients to discontinue their anti-arrhythmic and anti-thrombotic medications within 120 days of surgery.



Please register to attend this event by calling **800.543.WELL** (9355) or visiting **oakwood.org**.



Oakwood

The Center for Heart and Vascular Services

OFFICE OF THE WAYNE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER
NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
and
NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Notice Is Hereby Given that on **August 18, 2014**, the Wayne County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Department of Public Services Roads Division, Central Maintenance Yard, located at **29900 Goddard Road, Romulus, Michigan**, to hear the proofs and allegations and to carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Drainage Districts for the Drains listed below, and determine whether the addition and/or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Drains, and whether such addition and/or deletion of lands is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of the Michigan Drain Code (MCL 280.197).

A general description of the lands by section number proposed to be added or deleted from the Drainage Districts as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor for each of the Drains is as follows:

Drain Name	Municipalities	Portions of Sections or Private Claims (PC) Added	Portions of Sections or Private Claims (PC) Removed
Anglum Drain	City of Woodhaven	22	15, 22
Big Swan Creek Consolidated Drain	Sumpter Township	-	4-6
Blakely Drain	City of Romulus	19, 20, 28, 30, 31, 34, 35	19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 34
	Huron Twp.	1, 2, 4-6	1-6
	City of Taylor	29-34	30, 32-34
	Brownstown Twp.	7, 17, 18, 20, 21, 34, PC355	2, 7, 8, 17, 18, 21, 34, PC355
	City of Riverview	2, 11	2, 11
	City of Southgate	35	35
	City of Woodhaven	28	27
	City of Trenton	14, 26	23, 26
Brahmer Drain	City of Gibraltar	35, PC355, PC54	35, PC345, PC355
	Huron Twp.	13, 24	-
Breitmeyer Drain	Brownstown Twp.	18, 19, 20	18, 19, 20
	City of Rockwood	9, 16	9, 15, 16
Brown Drain	City of Romulus	34, 35	34, 35
	Huron Twp.	2	2
Bull Drain	Huron Twp.	23, 26	23, 26
Burns Drain	City of Taylor	30, 31	30, 31
Carr Drain	City of Romulus	29, 30, 31, 32	29, 31, 32, 33
	Huron Twp.	4, 5	-
Carsontown Drain	Brownstown Twp.	9, 11	3, 10, 11
Carter Drain*	Brownstown Twp.	18, 19, 20	18, 19
Carter Drain**	City of Romulus	28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34	28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34
Chase Drain	City of Flat Rock	4, 5, 32	5, 32, 33
Cicotte Drain	Huron Twp.	9	9
Clark No. 1 Drain	City of Taylor	-	34
	City of Southgate	-	35
	Brownstown Twp.	2, 11	2, 3, 11
	City of Riverview	2, 11	2, 11
Clark No. 2 Drain	City of Taylor	31, 32	31
	Huron Twp.	1	1
	Brownstown Twp.	5, 6	5, 6
Clark No. 3 Drain	City of Taylor	34	34
	City of Southgate	-	35
	Brownstown Twp.	-	2, 3, 11
	City of Riverview	-	2
Clee Drain	City of Woodhaven	15, 22, 23, 26, 27	15, 22
	Brownstown Twp.	10	10
Crane Drain	City of Romulus	28, 33	28, 33
Denton & Branch Drain	Canton Twp.	32	-
	Van Buren Twp.	4-6	5, 6
Ellward Drain	City of Romulus	36	36
	City of Taylor	31	31
English Drain	City of Romulus	36	36
	City of Taylor	31	-
	Huron Twp.	1	-
Evans Drain	City of Romulus	33	33, 34
	Huron Twp.	4	3, 4
Flowers Drain	City of Flat Rock	28, 33	28, 33
	Brownstown Twp.	20, 21, 28, 29	20, 21, 28, 29
	City of Woodhaven	21, 27, 28	21, 28
Goetske Drain	Huron Twp.	1, 2	1, 2
Gregory Drain	Brownstown Twp.	20	20
Groh Drain	Brownstown Twp.	3, 10, 11, PC 354	3, 10, 11, PC 354
	City of Gibraltar	2, PC 354	2, PC 354
	City of Rockwood	10, 15	10, 15
Gudith Drain	Brownstown Twp.	3, 9, 10, 11	10, 11
A.A.Hale Drain	Huron Twp.	15, 22	15, 22
Hale Creek Drain	City of Romulus	29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35	17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35
	Huron Twp.	1	-
Hale Drain	Huron Twp.	9, 10, 15, 16	8, 9, 16
Hand Drain	Huron Twp.	11, 12, 13	11, 12, 13
	Brownstown Twp.	18	-
Holbert Drain	Huron Twp.	4, 5, 8, 9	4, 5, 8, 9
Hosmer Drain	Huron Twp.	5, 6	5, 6
Jewett Drain	Van Buren Twp.	28, 29, 30, 32, 33	28, 30, 32, 33, 34
Jones Drain	Brownstown Twp.	2, 11-14, 24, PC636	11-14, PC636
Kauffman Drain	Brownstown Twp.	4, 5, 6	4, 5
King Tile Drain	Brownstown Twp.	16, 17	16, 17
LeClair Storm Drain	Brownstown Twp.	34, PC 355	34, PC 355
Lee Drain	Brownstown Twp.	14, 23, PC636	13, 14, 23, PC636
Lindsay Drain	Brownstown Twp.	4, 5	4, 5, 6
Lindsay West Drain	Brownstown Twp.	5, 6	4, 5, 6
	Huron Twp.	1	1
Monroe Drain	Canton Twp.	35	35
Morrison Branch Drain	Brownstown Twp.	11, 14	11, 14
Morrison Drain	Brownstown Twp.	11, 14, 23	11, 14, PC354, PC355
	City of Gibraltar	2, PC354, PC355	2, PC354, PC355
Nowland Drain	Huron Twp.	9, 10, 15, 16	9, 10, 15, 16
Number One & Three Drain	City of Romulus	33	32, 33
	Huron Twp.	4	4
Olds Drain	City of Romulus	33, 34	33, 34
Olmstead Drain	City of Flat Rock	3, 4	3, 4
Peters Drain	City of Flat Rock	29	29
	Brownstown Twp.	28, 29	28, 29
Ray Drain	City of Woodhaven	14	14
Reh Drain	Brownstown Twp.	19, 20	19, 20
Reiser Drain	Huron Twp.	4, 5	4, 5
Richardson Drain	Huron Twp.	5, 6	5, 6
Richman Branch of Morrison Drain	Brownstown Twp.	2, 11	2, 11
	City of Gibraltar	PC354	-
Sanders Drain	Brownstown Twp.	20, 21	20, 21
	City of Woodhaven	21	21
Sherben Drain	City of Flat Rock	31	31
Sherman Drain	Huron Twp.	1, 2, 11, 12	1, 2, 3, 11, 12
	Brownstown Twp.	7	7

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Public classes offered at Schoolcraft complex

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Officials at Schoolcraft College know their recently opened public safety academy isn't well-known to Livonia residents. That's something they're hoping to change.

"We get the public out here and they have no idea, none," said Michele Fuher, programming coordinator for continuing education. "They've lived in Livonia their entire lives and they have no idea."

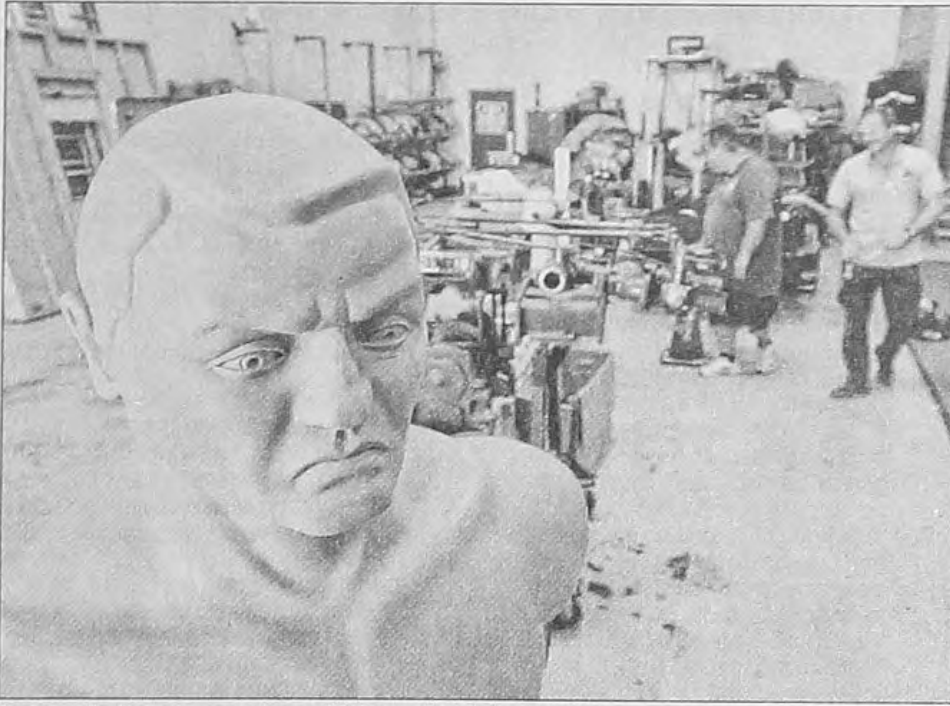
Nestled in Livonia's industrial park is a public safety training haven, one that boasts a gun range, a fire tower and a 10-acre parking lot to train police car and fire truck drivers. After several years of operating under the radar, the center, located at 31777 Industrial, has a wide range of public classes open this fall to those not with a police department or enrolled at the academy.

The facility, which opened in 2011 (the police academy opened in 2013 after moving from the Radcliff Center in Garden City), trains several dozen recruits during its academy and opens the facility to local law enforcement agencies to hone their skills. While it's taken a few years to get the center up and moving at full speed, officials say the center is ready to offer more to the public with classes that deal with emergency preparedness and firearms, among other topics.

A class teaching precision driving techniques is offered for the public. This course, designed to help teach driver confidence and maneuvers, is open to area residents, both young and old, looking to improve their driving.

The class, held on weekends, uses the academy's "skid cars" that have braces on them to prevent them from overturning.

"Some people, they get hysterical or they get nervous and what do they do? All of a sudden, they step on the brake,"



Training includes encounters with large, but fake, bad guys.

said Jerry Champagne, associate dean of public safety programs. "We're going to show them maneuvers that, you hit the brake instead of slamming through the floor with the brake, that you make these sudden maneuvers, corrective actions with that obstruction."

More offerings can be found on the college's website at schoolcraft.edu/cepd.

Police, fire training facilities

In the complex exists areas specifically designed for first responders, including a room that has more than 100 panels that move along a grid and can create different room layouts, be it a kitchen, bedroom or office building.

There, police can practice doing raids or entering homes during a standoff, while fire agencies can practice rescue techniques. The building's materials allow the police departments to use their actual weapons, but with marking rounds, ammunition that will leave a paint-like substance on the walls that can be removed easily.

"We can configure any kind of room," Champagne said. "So what we can do is practice our tactics in here. And multiple agencies



Instructor Greg Brighton teaches cadets how to make a traffic stop. He's a retired deputy chief from Dearborn.

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use this room." A practice home set up for fire rescue is also in the complex, allowing firefighters to practice entering dark homes with hazards, such as downed wires.

John Smilnak, fire technology programs coordinator, said furniture in the home, which is dark, can be rearranged so trainees never go through the same situation twice. It has downed beams and an area for participants to crawl through an entanglement of wires to simulate a drop ceiling.

"They actually have to go through here and find their way around here and find the victim," he said. "We've got different doors for different locks, inward swinging doors vs. outward swinging doors. There could be a difference in how the doors operate or the hinges go. So we teach them differ-

ent variations of that."

He said academy students will use the facility, but other fire departments, such as Livonia and Dearborn Heights, have used it or plan to use it.

At the college's fire tower, a five-story tower that can produce fire at several hundred degree temperatures, firefighters can practice entering a home with extreme heat blasting from a simulated oven or other utility.

The school may have other, more indirect benefits to the community as well: helping to reduce blight and increase occupancy in the city's industrial area.

Champagne said it's been talked about at the college that the recent opening of the facility in the last few years has helped keep the industrial area of the city moving forward.



Jerry Champagne, associate dean of public safety programs, describes the advantages of a training room with endlessly moveable walls, enabling trainers to set up different rooms, complete with moveable appliances and furniture.



Robin Boruta of Livonia on the gun range.



Using a remote control, fire technology programs coordinator John Smilnak ignites a simulated kitchen fire.

here, I didn't know this existed," Champagne said. "Now you don't have a bunch of vacant buildings."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday, August 19, 2014

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a Public Hearing will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, on Tuesday, August 19, 2014, to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate request of ADVICS North America Inc., 45300 Polaris Court. The request is available for inspection from 8-4:30 daily in the Clerk's Office. During the public hearing which begins at 7:00 pm., any resident of Plymouth Township or representative of any affected taxing unit shall have the right to appear and be heard.

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Shetrum Drain	City of Taylor	32, 33, 34	33, 34
	Brownstown Twp.	3, 4	3, 4
Silver Creek Drain	Huron Twp.	1-5, 8-14, 23-26	3-5, 8-14, 23-26
	Brownstown Twp.	2, 3, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17-21, 34, PC355	18, 19
	City of Woodhaven	26, 27, 34	-
	City of Flat Rock	28-34, 4, 5	29-33, 4, 5
	City of Gibraltar	PC354	-
	City of Rockwood	8-10, 15	9, 10
	Huron Twp.	1-3, 11-13, 24	1-3, 11-13
Smith Creek Drain	Brownstown Twp.	2, 3, 7, 11, 14, 17-21, 28-30, 34, PC355	2, 3, 7, 11, 17-21, 28-30, 34, PC355
	City of Woodhaven	27, 28	21, 27, 28
	City of Flat Rock	32, 33, 3, 4	32, 33, 3, 4
	City of Gibraltar	PC354	PC354
	City of Rockwood	10, 15	10
Stear Drain	Huron Twp.	12, 13	12, 13
Strong Drain	Brownstown Twp.	3, 4	3, 4
Texas Marsh and Branch Drain	City of Romulus	25, 36	25, 26
Trosin Drain	Brownstown Twp.	5, 6, 7, 8, 9	5, 7, 8, 9
Truax Drain	City of Romulus	35, 36	35, 36
	Huron Twp.	1	1
Uht Drain	Huron Twp.	5, 6	5, 6
Van Cleef Drain	Brownstown Twp.	3, 4, 5, 9, 10	3, 4, 5, 9, 10
Vandicar Drain	Huron Twp.	10, 14, 15, 23, 24, 26	10, 14, 15, 23-26
Vreeland Drain	City of Flat Rock	29, 32, 33	29, 32, 33
Wallace Drain	Huron Twp.	30	-
	City of Flat Rock	30-32	29-31
Warner Drain	Huron Twp.	14, 15, 22, 23, 26	14, 15, 22, 23, 26, 27
Waterman Drain	Huron Twp.	24-26	24-26
	Brownstown Twp.	19	-
Zink Drain	City of Romulus	19, 20, 29	19, 20, 29, 30

*Carter Drain C010 - Located in Brownstown Township near West Road and Beech Daly Road
**Carter Drain C011 - Located in the City of Romulus near Eureka Road and Interstate 275

Maps depicting the proposed revisions to the boundaries of each Drainage District can be reviewed at www.waynecounty.com/doi.

Notice Is Further Hereby Given that on **August 25, 2014**, the Wayne County Drain Commissioner will also hold a Day of Review of Apportionments from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Department of Public Services Roads Division, Central Maintenance Yard, located at **29900 Goddard Road, Romulus, Michigan**, for the benefits of land within the Drainage Districts for the Drains listed above. Any property owner within the Drainage Districts, Road Commission representative, representative from the Michigan Department of Transportation, Township, City, Village or County wishing to be heard or wishing to inspect the computation of costs with respect to the special assessments may appear during the day and time specified.

The computation of costs for each of the Drains will also be available for review. The Drain Commissioner will have available to review the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within each of the Drainage Districts. Drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the collection period is greater than one year, the land owner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office at the number noted below (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

You Are Further Notified that persons aggrieved by the decisions of the Drain Commissioner as to the addition and/or deletion of lands to a Drainage District may seek judicial review in the Wayne County Circuit Court within ten (10) days of the decision. Persons aggrieved by the decisions of the Drain Commissioner as to the apportionment of benefits for a Drain may appeal to the Wayne County Probate Court within ten (10) days of the decisions.

Kenneth M. Kucel, P.E.
Wayne County Drain Commissioner
Telephone (313) 224-3620

OUR VIEW

Play nice

Candidates should focus on issues, not personalities, in general election

The primary election is over and it's time for the winners to turn their attention to the Nov. 4 general election.

We hope they do so with more of a focus on issues and less on political bashing and gamesmanship.

Obfuscation is a mainstay of political campaigns and the primary season saw its share of such tactics. There was the use of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan's picture on a Wayne County executive campaign piece from Westland Mayor William Wild, a move that didn't bring the desired result but which political observers thought was a step too far.

While the piece indicated (in rather fine print) that it wasn't suggesting an endorsement by Duggan, it seemed out of place considering the new Detroit mayor had actually endorsed Wild's biggest competitor, former Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans.

There were the two lawsuits – both dismissed in Wayne County Circuit Court – claiming Evans didn't qualify to be on the ballot in the first place after changing his residency the same day he filed for the election. The first was filed by former Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, who told the *Observer* he was supporting Republican Fred Bolden, but also posted positive comments about Wild's qualifications. The second was filed by Democrat Phil Cavanagh, a futile filing that also came late in the game.

There was also the claim – this one part-truth, part-obfuscation – that state Sen. Pat Colbeck voted in favor of the senior pension tax legislation. While the claim – made in the literature of Colbeck's rival in the state Senate 7th District Republican primary, Matthew Edwards – didn't point it out, Colbeck's favorable vote actually came in allowing the legislation out of committee. When it came up for a vote in the Senate, Colbeck voted against it. Edwards' literature made no mention of that.

And there was the bashing that went on in the Republican primary for the U.S. House 11th District, where Dave Trott tried to spend incumbent Kerry Bentivolio into oblivion, focusing more on Bentivolio's shortcomings than on any plans or programs he himself would introduce.

There is plenty to debate in the general election, a lot of issues in Michigan to discuss. There are roads to be fixed, schools to be funded properly, jobs to be created. Those are far too important to allow the campaign to devolve into a negative round of character-bashing.

We believe voters want to talk about the issues, not the personalities. With the general election looming, we urge primary winners to focus on their own campaigns, on introducing their own solutions to the state's ills and on their own vision for Michigan's future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Priorities straight

As a resident of Plymouth Township, I am urging the board to reconsider its decision to build an amphitheater in the township park.

It does not appear that there is support from the citizens for their tax dollars to be spent in this manner. To the contrary, there is considerable opposition to this project. We do not understand why this action is being taken without the support of the public. If they disagree with this assertion, I suggest that a survey be done that will ask the question: "Do you want an amphitheater built in the Township Park? Answer yes or no." Then there will no longer be a question over the matter; the numbers will be out there for all to see.

As far as the necessity of bond money being used exclusively for the amphitheater project, that is easily remedied with a transfer of funds allocated for the amphitheater to another account covering the maintenance of the park.

This should free up funds for additional fire protection, which is sorely needed in the township. The residents feel that public safety should take priority over an amphitheater.

Jackie Peters
Plymouth Township

Who's suing whom?

I read where Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives have voted to sue President Obama.

You know, there may be some merit to that. After all, the president gave millions of our fellow citizens the ebola virus. Oh, wait, that's wrong. He gave millions of our people health insurance. So scratch that.

All right, let's see what else they can sue him for. How about him pushing to make sure our auto industry didn't survive; he wanted our unemployed neighbors to lose benefits; he wanted college students to pay more for loans; he stalled the job and high-way bills and, uh-oh, I have been informed that our president fought against all of those and it was the suers who own them. Now what?

OK, he certainly signed on to give billionaires lower taxes, allow corporate leaders to hide profits and ship jobs overseas, right? Nope, once again his suers are behind those actions.

Well, I guess I'll see if I can sue the right-wingers and Tea

Partiers in the U.S. House on behalf of all the sane people in this country that have been harmed. Also, gross incompetence and pandering for the rich should be included in the suit.

James Huddleston
Canton

The truth is ...

There are 1,600,000 abortions per annum.

That is one million, six hundred thousand terminated pregnancies each year. The abortionists accord it a right and a freedom to all women to terminate their pregnancy when they care to.

It is not limited to a danger to the mother or the fact that the child will die anyway or is dead or is the product of rape or incest – it is up to a choice by the woman.

There is no protection for that little thing. When the mother is "counseled" for abortion before the act, it is often to ensure she is not going to walk and so the fee to the clinic would be lost.

If there are truly a combination of pregnancies by rape and lost for medical reasons that are not being recorded elsewhere – as in the crime and health statistics – and the numbers are not showing up, then we have some problems in this society that are clearly not being addressed.

Having said that and considering the weight of these problems, why is our government invading other nations and attempting to literally change them to our ways?

Our "enemies" do not believe in abortion. It is common knowledge around the world that people in the United States routinely kill their own children.

Consider the plight of one soldier in Afghanistan who suddenly realized that he was guarding an abortion clinic.

There will be more than one coming home that knows the truth.

What will you do with truth?
Alfred Brock
Wayne

Protect our rights

If the media reports about the National Security Agency's warrantless spying program are true, our Constitution and our republic are in serious danger.

The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution is non-negotiable. It protects Americans from being searched by the government without a warrant and for good reason. Before independence,

American colonists were subject to "general warrants" by the British government. The king's agents could search anyone whenever they felt like it, without suspicion of any wrongdoing.

The current NSA spying program is exactly the same. Government bureaucrats can spy on your phone calls, chats, Internet searches and emails. That's un-American.

State Rep. Tom McMillin, R-Auburn Hills, has a solution. His bill – HB 5420 – would protect the Fourth Amendment rights of Michiganders by banning Michigan state agencies from complying with the NSA's warrantless spying program.

Rep. McMillin's bill is a common sense way to protect our inalienable rights. But HB 5420 is stuck in the House Judiciary Committee. Our representatives should pass this bill and uphold their oath to the Constitution.

Government bureaucrats have no right to spy on me or any other American without a warrant. I encourage all my fellow Michiganders to pressure their representatives to pass HB 5420. Our Constitution hangs in the balance

Matthew Webb
Westland

Take submachine guns from bureaucrats

I object to the premise that bureaucrats need to be armed, especially with firepower that exceeds common reason. These untrained personnel have not been trained nor authorized to use weapons against the citizens of this state.

Even worse, is that bureaucrats are beholden to special interest groups that seek to criminalize the rights of the general public.

This smacks of the Nazi regime of the 1930s. History is repeating itself. And not in a good way.

Pointing out the foibles of politicians is akin to a perceived anarchy. We, as a free people, need to expose the abuses of those currently sitting in power. Of course, standing up for one's right will ultimately incur the wrath of paid-off judges and other politicians who have been bought and paid for by corporate interests.

Just look at the financial backing of those running for office in this election cycle. Follow the money, then ask who benefits from the financial contributions.

Randy Zeilinger
Garden City

GUEST COLUMN

An overall look at the 13 metroparks

What is a metropark? The question itself is a lot easier asked than answered. With almost 25,000 acres of land stretching across five counties, serving approximately nine million visitors annually, a better question to ask would be, "What isn't a metropark?"

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, better known as the metroparks, is a regional special park district encompassing Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Livingston counties.

Currently, 13 metroparks make up the authority. The metroparks are located along the Huron and Clinton rivers, providing a greenbelt around the Detroit area.

Recreational facilities are provided at 12 sites stretching in a loop from Lake St. Clair to Lake Erie. The parks are generally more than 1,000 acres each, with Stony Creek, located in Shelby Township, and Kensington, located in Milford, being more than 4,400 acres.

The metroparks provide a natural oasis from urban and sub-



John P. McCulloch
GUEST COLUMNIST

urban life and provide an ever-growing variety of outdoor recreational and educational activities year round in safe, clean environments. Picnicking, fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, nature study, biking, golf, disc golf, winter sports and a host of special outdoor programs and events are available within a short drive to southeast Michigan residents.

Extensive paved hike/bike trails and scenic golf courses make the metroparks easily distinguishable from other parks. More than 55 miles of paved hike/bike trails wind through the metroparks and some of these trails connect with many more miles of trails outside the metroparks. The system operates eight regulation golf courses and two par-3 courses.

With a strong commitment to environmental education and preservation, the metroparks operate nine

full-service interpretive centers – nature, farm and historical – that provide a variety of programs both on site and off site, for almost 1.75 million people annually.

A 10th interpretive center, the Mobile Learning Center, is a fully stocked vehicle filled with exhibits and hands-on activities that visits schools, community centers, fairs and other locations in southeast Michigan to conduct nature, farm and history programs to groups that may not have the means or opportunities to visit a metropark.

The metroparks are funded principally by a property tax levy, limited to 0.25 mills, and by revenues from vehicle entry fees and other user fees for various facilities such as golf courses. A vehicle entry permit is required to enter any metropark and is \$30 annually (\$20 for seniors) or \$7 daily.

So next time instead of asking the question "What is a metropark?" head to the closest one and find out for yourself all of the amazing things it has to offer. You'll quickly realize that "What isn't a metropark?" is a much shorter answer.

For more information and for a list of amenities and attractions that each metropark has to offer, visit the website www.metro-parks.com.

John P. McCulloch is the metroparks director.

OUR VIEWS

Farmers markets hook up suburbs with fresh produce, healthy food

On any given day of the week, somewhere, someplace in the Metro Detroit area, a farmers market is taking place. The markets are a way of bring the roadside farm stands to suburban communities. The stalls are filled with the farmers' fresh produce, baked goods, honey, home canned foods, flowers and crafts.

This week has been declared National Farmers Market Week, a time to celebrate all the good things that happen at those weekly gatherings. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack calls farmers markets "an important public face for agriculture and a critical part of our nation's food system. They provide benefits not only to the farmers looking for important income opportunities, but also help fill a growing consumer demand for fresh, healthy foods."

"Farmers markets play a key role in developing local and regional food systems that support family farms, and help grow rural economies," he said. "They bring communities together, connecting cities with the farms that support them and provide Americans across the country with fresh, healthy food."

The number of farmers markets in Michigan has grown from around 90 in 2001 to more than 300 today. In fact, Michigan ranks fourth in the country for having the

most farmers markets. California tops the list with 759 markets, followed by New York with 637, Illinois with 336, and Michigan with 331.

Farmers markets offer consumers fresh, affordable, convenient and healthful products sold directly from the farm. They also offer additional market opportunities for local producers, especially smaller or newer operations. Communities like Westland, Wayne, Livonia, Canton and Plymouth have markets happening every week. Some like Livonia and Plymouth have been around for years, while those in Wayne and Westland are building in popularity after starting a few years ago.

U.S.D.A. Marketing Administrator Anne Alonzo is correct in her observation that farmers markets "continue to be popular social events for families and communities."

The growing season is in full swing and it's not too late to check out a farmers market this week. A full list of markets can be found on the Michigan Farmers Market Association website at www.mifma.org.

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The beauty of farmers markets is that they bring communities together and often act as a centerpiece of community vitality. They have become popular social events for families. Kids Days, concerts and activities are now as much a part of area markets as the fresh fruits, vegetables and food being sold. Dollars spent locally also circulate locally, supporting your community's economy and local businesses.

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New rules on IRA rollovers



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

It seems that tax laws change faster than the weather in Michigan. In fact, if you look back over the last 10 years, we've had more than one tax law change per day.

Most of those tax laws don't affect consumers directly; however, many do. Tax law changes happen because of new legislation and new interpretations of existing rules. One new interpretation that will impact many is the rule on rollovers of IRAs.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Tax Court issued a ruling stating individuals are entitled to only one rollover in an IRA in any 365-day period. Previously, if you had two separate IRAs, each one of those IRAs was entitled to one rollover, according to the IRS interpretation.

It is important to understand the difference between a rollover and a transfer. A rollover is where your IRA

custodian issues you a check made out in your name for your IRA. Typically, you would then have 60 days from the time you receive the check to place that into a new IRA. If you met the 60-day requirement, then there would be no taxes due.

An example of a rollover is when an IRA, in a bank CD, matured and the bank wrote you a check for the total amount of the CD. You then deposited that check into your checking account and within 60 days you opened a new IRA in the same amount of money as the check that was issued to you.

In this situation, there would be no tax due. You would, however, have to report the transaction on your tax

return. Under the new rules, no matter how many IRAs you have, you would only be able to do one rollover for any 365-day period.

A transfer is different and the new rules don't affect those. A transfer is where you have money from an IRA directly transferred into a new IRA. For example, in the previous example, when the CD matured, as opposed to the bank issuing you a check, the bank directly transfers the money into a new IRA. That would be considered a transfer for tax purposes and nothing would have to be reported on your tax return. There are no limits on transfers and you can do an unlimited number of them without any issues.

Over the last few years, more people have done transfers versus rollovers because they are easier to accomplish. However,

rollovers are still popular.

The IRS has given taxpayers a bit of a reprieve. The IRS will not enforce the new provision until 2015. The problem, however, is when will the 365-day rollover period begin? For example, if you do a rollover in October 2014 this year and then another in June 2015, is the June rollover considered a second rollover within a 12-month period?

Unfortunately, the rules are unclear. My advice is to avoid rollovers when it comes to moving your IRA. Do it through direct transfers and avoid the new rules regarding rollovers.

Good luck.

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Farmington High School students Tony Sharpe, a senior, and Annika Andersson, a junior, rehearse choreography under the direction of Wendy Kwiatkowski, as Jordan Gagnon, a North Farmington sophomore, sings a Broadway tune.

Musical theater students perform at Madonna

Ten area students are taking part in an intensive summer musical theater workshop at Madonna University in Livonia. Wendy Kwiatkowski is director of dance for the workshop and Barbara Wiltsie is the vocal music director.

The two-week training culminates in a "Take the Moment" production of film scenes and songs by Richard Rodgers and Stephen Sondheim at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, and Saturday, Aug. 9. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

The rehearsals and final productions are held at Madonna University's Kresge Hall at the corner of Schoolcraft and Levan roads in Livonia. They will sing such tunes as: *Some Enchanted Evening*, *Bewitched*, *Bothered and Bewildered*, *Nobody's Heart*, *Anyone Can Whistle*, *Old Friend* and a medley of Rodger and Hammerstein favorites.

Other musical theater students hail from Churchill and Walled Lake Central high schools.

BeckRidge presents '25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee'

BeckRidge On-Stage presents the Tony Award-winning musical *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* Thursday, Aug. 7, through Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Made up of a stellar cast, organizers said audiences will find incredible laughs and ultimately relate to and love

all the characters in the show.

The story follows six pre-pubescent spellers as they vie for a trophy and a spot in the National Spelling Bee. Led by two equally quirky adults and a Comfort-Counselor on parole, each speller tries to overcome their individual challenges or quirks to become champion of the Bee! The

majority of the cast is made up of college-age actors, directed and choreographed by Olivia Rhoades, with music directed by Michael Gross.

Connor Rhoades, who plays William Barfee (it's pronounced Barf-AY!), spoke of the rehearsal process. "The actors worked off of each other very well, allowing really

excellent improvisation," he said.

Cara Gross, who plays Logainne Schwartzandgrubienerre, added, "Everyone in the cast already came into this show as friends. We have an extra level of comfort which makes us that much more free to really open up as comedic actors and singers." Dante Hill, who plays

a parental role in the show, had great things to say about *Spelling Bee's* director: "Olivia has a very sweet personality that makes a fantastic learning environment!"

Holly Platis, who plays Rona Lisa Perretti, added, "I love being a part of such a small, tight-knit cast! The level of talent is really impressive and the show is

hilarious." Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.beckridgechorale.org, by calling BeckRidge Productions at 734-667-3127 or at the door. *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is rated PG-13 for language and content. For additional information, call 888-459-4887.

Downtown Northville Sidewalk Sales

Friday Aug. 8th and Saturday Aug. 9th

Downtown Northville's Sidewalk Sale is a showcase of the businesses, restaurants, shops and everything else that makes life along Main and Center streets such an attraction.

Organized by the Northville Central Business Association this event has over 20 businesses participating and brings a food truck rally to Main Street. The retailers are offering their best deals of the year during the Sidewalk Sale and merchants will be open additional hours.

Loyal customers and business owners look forward to this.

"I love a good sidewalk sale!" said Goody Two Shoes owner Dan Argonis. "This will be our biggest in eight years of business in Northville. We'll have shoes, sandals and boots at more than 75 percent off plus our back to school shoes are in stock already."

Great sales will be found everywhere this weekend.

The businesses participating are: Loria's, The Northville Gallery, Healthy Jones, Goody Two Shoes, The Moon & Me Baby and Toddler Boutique, Bailey and Shamoun Interiors, Van Dam's, Rock On Main Clothing Company, Salvaged, Gardenviews, Pear-aphernalia, Orin Jewelers, Stefana Boutique, Utopia Salon, Edward's Cafe and Caterer, Baby Baby plus More, Pendelton, Celebrity Pets Co., Lulu By Design, Starring the Gallery, Your Michigan Connection, Stampeddler and D&D Bike Shop.

The Food Trucks scheduled to be on E. Main Street between 5pm and 9pm on Friday are: Rollin' Stone Wood Fired Pizza, Jacques' Tacos, Concrete Cuisine, The Pita Post, The Mac Shack, Smoken Rhodes BBQ, The Chicken Coupe, and The Mean Weenie.

The Friday Night Concert in town square will be Steve King and The Ditties (Classic Rock).

Sale Hours are:
10am-9pm on Friday
(Food trucks 5-9pm, plus the concert in Town Square)
10am-7pm on Saturday and 11am-5pm on Sunday

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Goody Two Shoes owner Dan Argonis (left), Northville Gallery's Dan Ferrara (middle) and Toni Talan of Van Dam's are among the 20 plus businesses participating in the Sidewalk Sale on Aug. 8-10.

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Northville has a lineup of events that is sure to turn up the heat on Summer Fun in August! The following events are scheduled in Downtown Northville for August:

- a - Friday Night Concerts (7 p.m.): Fridays, August 8, 15 & 29
- b - Tunes on Tuesdays (10:30 a.m.): Tuesdays, August 12, 19 & 26
- c - Northville Farmers' Market (8 a.m.): Thursdays, August 7, 14, 21 & 28
- d - Northville Sidewalk Sale (various times): August 8-10
- e - Northville Food Truck Festival (11 a.m.): August 23

While in town for the events, stop in one of your favorite local restaurants or shops. For more information on Downtown Northville events, shopping and dining, visit www.downtownnorthville.com



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Jordyn Shepler of Livonia shot 77 at Whispering Willows Golf Course to win the O&E women's tournament. MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Shepler claims O&E women's title

Livonia golfer shoots 3-under-par on front nine at Whispering Willows, wins championship flight

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

It was only the second O&E tournament appearance for Shepler, who turned 20 last week and was third a year ago with an 83.

"Over the course of the last year, I've really been working on hitting greens and that's really helped," Shepler said.

"That made it easier to birdie and par. I started out with a birdie, so that sent me out in a good mood for the day."

Highlight of the day

Shepler finished the front nine with an eagle on the par-4 ninth hole. Her second shot from 140 yards and the left rough went in the cup.

"There's a creek in front of the green, so most people lay up," she said, adding she did that and pushed the ball down a little to the left. "I was about 15 yards into a valley; I was behind a willow and had to punch it out."

"When I was walking up to the green, I couldn't find the ball. Somebody came running

down off the practice green and said: 'It's in the hole; it's in the hole.'

"I didn't even see it go in the hole. It was just kind of a luck shot. I just happened to hit it in the right spot to make it go in."

Shepler shot 44 on the back nine for the second straight year, but that was more than offset by her good play on the front side.

The eagle on No. 9 "just got me too amped up, too excited," she said. "I just kinda lost it. It added up to a good score, so I can't be mad about it."

Overall, it was a pretty solid day, according to Shepler, who

was an all-area player for Whispering Willows pro Paul Worley at Churchill High School.

"I was hitting the driver just perfect off the tee, which made it easier to hit approach shots to the green," Shepler said. "My putting on the front was pretty much on point."

Top competition

Shepler was paired with Jacobs, 58, for a second year, so she knew where she stood at all times in regard to the competition and the lead.

"After the front nine, I had a lot of confidence going into the back, knowing I had a pretty solid front nine. I was pretty sure not many shot 3-under,"



Shepler

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AREA SKIPPER GUIDES BOAT TO ANOTHER MACKINAC WIN



The members of the Limerick crew at the awards ceremony are (from left) Lee Sullivan, Steven Van Hoof, Brian Sullivan, Kerri Pearce, Dan Holley, Jacquie Pethick, Bob Pethick, Kevin Pearce, Darrell Cope and MacKenzie Pearce.

Plymouth's Darrell Cope, crew sail Limerick to Cruising B Class victory on Lake Huron

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Darrell Cope and the veteran crew of the sailboat Limerick successfully dealt with high winds and rough seas to win going away last month in the annual Belle's Bayview Mackinac Race.

It was the second victory in three years for Cope, a Plymouth resident and co-owner of the boat with Kevin Pearce of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Limerick easily won the Cruising B Class and finished third overall in Division 3 Shore Course Cruising, receiving a flag for each one.

It marks the sixth straight year the boat has received a flag, which is the sailing equivalent of a trophy.

"You're always paying close attention to the weather and how it's going to

change," Cope said. "We did a good job at doing that. We worked the boat real hard, and everybody was committed to trying to win."

"We had a lot of changing weather this year. We had some storms come through. We had a lot of wind and then no wind. We worked hard to keep the boat where we thought it should be and it really paid off."

'A fast race'

Unlike two years ago when the Limerick won by a mere 19 seconds after accounting for handicap and corrected time, Cope and crew enjoyed a larger margin of victory.

They finished more than two hours ahead of the next boat in their class. Following the July 12 start in Port Huron, the Limerick reached Mackinac Island at 4:49 a.m. Monday; Knot Yours Too finished at 6:58 a.m.

The Phoenix, owned by John

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A member of the Limerick crew captures a sunrise over Lake Huron during the annual Port Huron to Mackinac sailboat race.

Bucks hoist second PDL championship cup

U-M keeper Adam Grinwis has stellar performance in 1-0 win over Kitsap Pumas

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

A day after a U.S. record soccer crowd of 109,000 showed up to see two of Europe's premier club teams square off in Ann Arbor, University of Michigan goalkeeper Adam Grinwis made Sunday's Premier Development League championship match his own personal "Big House."

The fifth-year senior made four critical saves to post a shutout and lead the Michigan Bucks to their second PDL title in franchise history with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over the Kitsap (Wash.) Pumas at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

It may have not been quite as big as Real Madrid and



The Michigan Bucks celebrate Sunday at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas after winning the Premier Development League Cup. DAVE MCCALEY

Manchester United, but the Grand Rapids Forest Hills High product from Ada got plenty of satisfaction afterward. The tournament MVP helped the Bucks become the third club in PDL history to register its second title since

the United Soccer Leagues launched the top 64-team developmental league in North America.

"Yesterday was a fantastic experience, those 100,000 fans with those two amazing clubs to support that," Grinwis said.



Michigan Bucks owner Dan Duggan (left) and assistant coach Nick O'Shea, both Livonia natives, hold the coveted Premier Development League Cup. BRAD EMONS

"But it's always good to be on the pitch for a win."

Tom Owens, who played at Notre Dame (Ohio) College, did not tally a goal during the Bucks' regular season, but became the unlikely hero offensively. The England native

deposited the game-winner past Pumas goalkeeper Matthew Grossey (Nebraska) in the 58th minute after a slight touch from Drexel (Pa.) University's Ken Tribbett.

"I'm not one to be scoring many goals and, when it went in, emotions took over," Owens said. "Very, very happy in the moment. I can't remember what I did, to be honest, so I'll have to watch on the tape ... just a very, very good day and very grateful to be a part of such a great group."

On two different occasions, Grinwis showed off his acrobatic skills in denying Kitsap's top goal scorer Miguel Gonzalez, the first on a sprawling save during the 39th minute, followed by a one-handed stab against Gonzalez again in the 75th minute.

Bucks defender Mo Kaba (University of South Carolina) also came up with a timely clear-out against Gonzalez in

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Thunder heard loud and clear



The 14-and-under Livonia City Thunder concluded its tournament season by winning the End of Summer Slam held Aug. 2-3 in Monroe. The Thunder went 5-0, defeating the Huron Rams in the championship game, 7-1. The team members are (kneeling, from left) Jake Beaune, Craig Jakacki, Brendan Olepa, Carlos Beltran, Joe Kubeshesky, (standing, from left) Connor Beck, Carl Clapp, coach Joe Chops, Parker Graham, Connor Jakacki, coach Dave Kubeshesky, Spencer Weber, Zack Chops and coach Joe Jakacki.

Blue Bombers fly high in finale



The 8-and-under South Farmington Blue Bombers concluded their tournament season by winning the Berkley Brawl July 26-27 at Community Field in Berkley. The Blue Bombers went 4-0 and won the championship with an 11-6 victory over the Orion Chargers. The team finished the tournament season with a 12-1 record. The Blue Bombers are (kneeling, from left) Josh Brenner, Ben Kazan, Andrew Van Akin, Joe Young, (standing, from left) Noah Cahill, T.J. Calleja, Cameron Pettaway, Rece Linn, Josh Young, Owen Matteson and Dylan Dinkins. The coaches are (back row, from left) Tom Brenner, Kurt Linn, Joe Gjebic and Rob Young. Not pictured are coach Rich Hanks and Ryan Hanks.

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Madonna University adds to baseball recruiting class

Crusaders sign six more players to help in the 2015 season

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger announced the addition of five recruits to his 2014 class with the signings of Zack Byron (Dexter), Mitch Hudvagner (Cottam, Ontario Essex), Todd Jones (Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central), Kohl Roberts (Napoleon) and Jacob Rogers (Sterling Heights Stevenson).

Also in the fold is Redford Union's Pat Wierimaa, who committed earlier this spring to the Crusaders.

The six join the pitching duo of Cliff Landess and Jack Zimmerman, who also signed earlier this spring.

Byron is a speedy outfielder who hit .357 with a .458 on-base percentage for Macomb Community College,

where he earned team MVP and all-MCCAA honors.

"Zack was a very impactful switch hitting outfielder this season for Macomb," Haeger said. "He's great on the base paths and defensively. Offensively, Zack is a keep the ball in play type of guy."

Hudvagner, a teammate of Zimmerman, enters MU after a tremendous summer season with the Windsor Selects where he hit .415 with five homers and 60 RBI.

"Mitch is a left-handed hitting catcher who has the opportunity to play a multitude of positions," Haeger said. "From a swing potential, he has a college swing right now. Hopefully, he can continue to expand that."

Jones, a 6-foot-4 right-handed pitcher, earned All-Huron League honors on the mound as a senior while all-district, all-region and all-county

honors for St. Mary CC.

"Todd is in the mold of a lot of the pitchers we have signed here, another big bodied kid," Haeger said. "He spent most of his time in high school golfing, and baseball is kind of new."

"He came in for a workout and we liked the way he threw because the potential is there with his size."

Roberts took Senior Athlete of the Year honors at Napoleon, capping his baseball career with All-Cascades Conference honors for the second straight season.

"Kohl one of the two new catchers we have added this year and is kind of in the mold of a catcher we had in the past, Drew Adamiec, a tall, lanky kid who receives the ball very well," Haeger said.

"He has a little swing work to do, but he had a very successful high school career, and guys that have had success in

one venue have a desire to reach that success at the next venue."

Rogers comes to MU following success as both a position player and a pitcher.

He helped the Titans to the Macomb Area Conference Red, Division 1 district and regional titles as a junior, making second-team all-MAC.

"On the mound, Jacob is a mid-80s type of guy," Haeger said. "At the plate, the potential is there to be another guy who can stretch the field with some power."

Weirimaa, a three-sport athlete at RU, earned team MVP and all-Western Wayne Athletic Conference honors as a junior and senior twice in baseball.

The 6-1 right-hander, Weirimaa went 10-2 on the mound as a junior and 4-1 as a senior in leading the Panthers to the program's first league crown in 15 years.

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Draft pick Nicholas Caamano, formerly of the Hamilton Jr. Bulldogs, will be with the Whalers when preseason camp starts. BRIAN WATTS | OHL IMAGES

Whalers' second-round selection will join team

Plymouth Whalers general manager Mark Craig announced the commitment of 15-year-old right wing Nicholas Caamano, who was drafted in the second round (27th overall) of the 2014 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection.

Caamano, who hails from Ancaster, Ontario, will turn 16 on Sept. 7. He will attend school at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Caamano scored 22 goals with 22 assists for 44 points in 40 games last season for the Hamilton Jr. Bulldogs minor midgets.

He also scored a goal in five games in the 2014 OHL Cup tournament last spring and added an assist in two games last weekend in the Hockey Canada U-17 Development Camp in Calgary.

"We're very excited to have Nicholas in Plymouth," Whalers head coach Don Elland said. "He has good size and an excellent overall skill set. Given time, we look forward to seeing Nicholas develop into a top-six forward."

Central Scouting has this assessment of Caamano:

"Nicholas has made huge strides forward this season in all aspects of his game. He is playing with a lot more confidence with the puck and is trying to do more things than he did at the beginning of the season.

"He is carrying the puck more, attacking with speed and being more creative. Nicholas has a nice, long fluid stride, and he plays the game at a high tempo with the ability to make plays at full speed. He is not afraid to take on a defender one-on-one."

Earlier this off-season, the Whalers announced the commitment of first-round choice Will Bitten, a skilled center taken seventh overall from Ottawa.

Caamano and Bitten join a young and improving Whalers team that made the OHL Playoffs last season for the 23rd consecutive year – a league record.

Plymouth brings back six National Hockey League draft choices in 2014-15, including goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic and defenseman Josh Wesley (both with Carolina), defenseman Alex Peters (Dallas), right wing Connor Chatham (New Jersey), left wing Matt Mistele (Los Angeles) and center Victor Crus Rydberg (New York Islanders).

Alumni game: Plymouth's fourth alumni game is set for 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Compuware Arena.

Thirty-one alumni have committed, including current NHL players Tyler Seguin (Dallas), David Legwand (Ottawa), Brett Bellemore (Carolina) and Matt Hackett (Buffalo).

The Whalers alumni will meet the fans in an autograph session before the game from 2-3:30 pm.

Billed "Whalers Alumni Give a Miracle on Ice," proceeds of the game – in the form of a \$10 donation – will go to the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

Tickets for the game can be purchased online at www.plymouthwhalers.com or at the Compuware Arena box office. Please call the box office at (734) 453-8400.

Generals softball

The Michigan Generals will have softball tryouts from 6-8 p.m. at North Farmington High School, according to the following schedule:

16U: Tuesday, Aug. 12, and Tuesday, Aug. 19; 14U: Wednesday, Aug. 13, and Wednesday, Aug. 20; 12U: Thursday, Aug. 14; and Thursday, Aug. 21.

Pitchers and catchers should plan on staying a little longer. Registration begins at 5 p.m. each night.

Visit michigangenerals.com for a registration form and more information.

SPORTS TRYOUTS

Unified girls golf team

Tryouts for the North Farmington-Harrison girls golf team will be 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Farmington Hills Golf Range.

For more information, contact coach Bruce Sutton at indy-500@earthlink.net.

Riversharks baseball

The Motor City Riversharks 2015 14U travel baseball team will hold tryouts Saturday and Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Players must be willing to

commit to 40-50 games, which include league play and weekend tournaments, from April through July.

For questions or to pre-register, email motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

Redford Union soccer

Redford Union boys soccer tryouts will be held Aug. 13-15 from 5-7 p.m. at MacGowan Elementary. Players must bring cleats, water and a completed physical. For more information, contact coach Jim Gibbs at 313-995-4234.

Physicals for students can be done at RU on Aug. 7 for \$10.

SHEPLER

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she said.

"With that in mind, maybe I eased up on the back nine. Playing with (Jacobs), I knew what I had to shoot to beat her. I think that helped to keep me calm and focused."

Shepler was not intimidated by the older and more experienced golfer either.

"I'm used to playing with a lot of competitive people," she said. "Janina was great competition because she doesn't play bad. It was nice to play with someone like that. She's a great golfer, too."

Shepler also works at Whispering Willows and knows the course well. That was her home course during her high school years.

"I'm sure I had a huge advantage because the course can be difficult if you don't know where to hit it," she said. "That definitely helped."

Fall season nears

Shepler began practicing with her Madonna teammates for the fall season Tuesday. She will play in the Michigan Amateur next week at the University of Michigan.

Madonna's first tournament will be the Crusader Invitational at the end of the month. Shepler shot a school-record 69 in that event last year.

"That set the standard extremely high for the season, which I didn't quite fulfill," she said. "That's why I took time this summer and focused on my game and approach shots."

"I'm striking the ball a lot better and hoping to come closer to the record and beat it. We really want to make it to nationals, because last year we missed by a few shots, which was a real disappointment."

Livonia's Alethea VanGorp won the first flight championship, defeating Royal Oak's Ann Mikek in a playoff. Both shot 86 in regulation play.

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O&E golf champion Jordyn Shepler follows through on a tee shot Saturday at Whispering Willows Golf Course.



Kathy Stellema of Wayne won low-net and closest-to-the-pin honors in the O&E championship flight.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

1. Jordyn Shepler, Livonia, 77; 2. Janina Jacobs, St. Clair, 82; 3. Kathy Stellema, Wayne, 86 (first low net, 71; and closest to the pin); 4. Deb Horning, Livonia, 91; 5. Cindy Hill, Ypsilanti, 93; 6. Ellen Howell, 94.

FIRST FLIGHT RESULTS

1. Alethea VanGorp, Livonia, 86 (first low gross, playoff winner); 2. Ann Mikek, Royal Oak, 86 (second low gross); 3. Yvette Gagnon, Bloomfield

Hills, 88 (second low net, 71); 4. Kathy Konkol, Northville, 89; 5. Arezell Brown, Detroit, 90; 6. Mary Warrick, Sterling Heights, 92; 7. Judy Petreer, Canton, 94; 8. Rosalyn LeFlore, Burton, 97; 9. Donna Haapala, Hartland, 98; 10. Cynthia Pinkard, Southfield, 104; 11. Patty Moran, Rochester Hills, 104 (closest to the pin); 12. Gail Cooper, Farmington Hills, 104; 13. Monica Oliver, Farmington, 107; 14. Denise Buechel, Walled Lake, 107 (first low net, 68).

LIMERICK

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Gabriel of Farmington Hills, was third and the Pirate, which came so close to winning two years ago, was fifth.

The Limerick was on Lake Huron for 40:39.19; Knot Yours Too had an elapsed time of 42:48.32. Even on corrected time, the Limerick still won by more than two hours.

"It was a fast race," Cope said. "We had a lot of work with the spinnaker (large sail). We had a lot of wind toward the end. We had some big waves and winds of 20-22 knots. I thought we did pretty well with it."

"When those storms come through, it's all about how you handle it. We were able to get the spinnaker down in time and get the smaller sail up. It paid off for us."

Anxious moments

While it appears there was less anxiety in this year's race due to the margin of victory, there were difficult times for Limerick, however.

"When the storms came through, we had some challenges just like everybody else," Cope said. "The spinnaker was in the water at one point. I was up there pulling it in hand over hand."

"When the weather gets rough, everything you do is a challenge. (The sail in the water) can cause problems; it can drag the whole boat back. We were able to get it out of the water and get back on our feet, luckily."

"It reminds you how little



The sailboat Limerick, co-skipped by Darrell Cope of Plymouth, makes its way up Lake Huron under ideal sailing conditions.

you are and how big Lake Huron is. Lake Huron will humble you. I'm glad nobody got hurt and nothing got broken. We had a really fun race."

That was due to a lot of good sailing by the 10-person crew, Cope added. Two teams of four crewmen changed shifts every four hours, and two crew members were designated floaters, available to go on deck at any time.

Race veterans

The crew included four young females — three of whom (Kerri and McKenzie Pearce and Mary Elizabeth Sullivan) were veterans of previous Mackinac races.

Jacque Pethick and her father, Bob Pethick, of Bloomfield Hills joined the crew this year. Steve Van Hoof of Plymouth, Dan Holley and Brian Sullivan had sailed on the Limerick previously.

"We did a good job of sticking to the routine," Cope said. "Everybody got along so well and that's what was so nice. Everybody jelled well and had a great attitude, and we went out there and kicked some butt."

"We probably could have used a little more weight on the rail, but it all worked out. I was really proud of the girls."

"They put their foul-weather gear on and sailed up on the rail in pouring rain. We had a lot of challenging conditions, but everybody stepped up and did his or her job."

Right calls made

Cope and his team made a couple good tactical decisions that benefited them greatly, choosing to stay near shore around Thunder Bay and to sail in open water as they neared the Straits of Mackinac.

"Boats think they're going to get the shore breeze," Cope said, regarding the latter. "When the new wind came in, it was stronger in the middle of the straits. That was a decision we consciously made."

"We saw boats going toward shore. We all discussed the pros and cons: When the wind filled in, we were in the right spot and set sail straight for the island."

"We finished with some big boats that we don't normally finish with. We finished with the big boys. We knew we had toasted anybody that went toward shore."

Though it ended up being an easy win, you never really know where you stand until the race is over due to the handicap rating system, according to Cope.

"You just have to keep pushing the boat hard and working hard to keep it out in front when you think you are," he said. "We had a solid crew and good tactics."

"It proved out that we got a pretty fare rating. We owed time, which means we should be the first boat across the line. We showed we sailed the boat fast and went about it the right way."

Natural beauty

After a rough first night, the Limerick crew experienced the thrill and splendor of being on the lake in good weather the next night.

"The first night was real cloudy, pretty rainy and nasty cold," Cope said. "The second night was beautiful. We had a super moon. Sunday night coming into the island was just gorgeous."

"You smell the pine from the island. It's just a whole other experience when you're up past Thunder Bay coming around the corner to the straits."

"That moon just lit the whole course up. It was so bright you didn't even need a light."

This year's victory, which was the fourth in 30 years for the Limerick, had additional significance for Cope.

His father, Art, who bought the boat in 1983, was a race regular ever since and sold it to his son and Pearce 20 years ago, died in December.

"Up on the podium (at the awards ceremony on the island), the whole crew made a cheer to Art," Cope said. "It was really special. He would have been so proud of us."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Field hockey sign-up

Registration for the Farmington United high school field hockey team is under way through the Costick Center (activity 110541) in Farmington Hills.

No field hockey experience is necessary. Practice begins Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Costick Center. The practice time will be 4:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Farmington United is a combined team of eighth-through 12th-grade players in Farmington Public Schools.

For more information, contact farmingtonunitedfieldhockey@gmail.com.

Keen wins Junior Amateur

Oakland University incoming freshman Jake Kneen made a 30-foot putt to maintain a 2-up lead and went on to defeat 15-year-old James Piot of Canton 1-up to capture the 36th Michigan Junior Amateur Championship at Battle Creek Country Club Aug. 31.

Kneen, a native of White Lake and graduate of Lakeland High School, led for 17 holes and shot 145 (72-73) during stroke play to advance to match play competition.

He defeated Alex Scott of Traverse City 3-and-2 in a semifinal match, and he beat defending champion Donnie Trospier of Canton in 19 holes in the quarterfinals on Wednesday to earn his spot in the title match.

National baseball champ

The Farmington-based Warriors Baseball Club of Michigan's Midwest Elite team won the 18-and-under Perfect Game BCS tournament last month in Fort Meyers, Fla.

Competing against 87 of the best teams in the United States, Midwest Elite defeated Next Level Upperclass from Tallahassee, in the final game, 5-2, for their third tournament championship in a row and second consecutive Perfect Game national title.

The team's Randy Righter was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, and Karl Kauffmann was named the Most Valuable Pitcher.

Softball players needed

The 18-and-over Michigan Diamonds women's fastpitch softball team is looking for two players to join the roster. The team needs a pitcher and a utility player.

The team is composed of college players and will compete in four tournaments during the 2015 summer season.

If interested or for more information, contact Jeff Combs at jcombs@netscape.com or 810-417-1192.

Bucks rally to reach PDL final, 2-1

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Michigan Bucks advanced to the Premier Development League championship game with a come-from-behind, 2-1 semifinal victory Friday over Eastern Conference and Mid-Atlantic Division champion Jersey Express.

The Bucks, who last played for the PDL title match in 2007 after winning it all in 2006, defeated the Kitsap Pumas, based in Bremerton, Wash., in the final Sunday at air-conditioned Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Butler University's Zach Steinberger tallied the game-winning goal in the 78th minute for the Bucks, the PDL's Central Conference and Great Lakes Division champs.

"I believe it was David Goldsmith who played me through," Steinberger said of the England native and Butler teammate. "It was a great ball, on the outside of his

foot. "He found me right in my path. I just took a touch, pulled the goalkeeper (Matthew Turner) out and put it past him in the far corner."

Things, however, didn't go as well during the first 45 minutes as the Express, who are based in Newark, N.J., got an unassisted goal from Kene Eze (Rutgers) in the 38th minute to take a 1-0 halftime advantage.

"It's apparent why they're the No. 1 scoring team in the nation," Steinberger said. "They've got so much speed and talent going forward. Fortunately, our back line was up to the challenge today and we snuck two past them."

The Bucks tied it in the 54th minute when Ken Tribbett (Drexel University) perfectly time a header off a feed from Thomas Ownens (Notre Dame College).

That seemed to awaken the Bucks after a sluggish first half.

"I think it was just a matter of us feeling a little more

comfortable," Bucks coach Demir Muftari said. "The guys want this so bad. They work so hard for it. And we were a little cautious early."

"We were working hard, but we were a little tentative. We needed a little bit more. We needed a little encouragement to see, 'Hey, we're good; we deserve to be here and we're good enough to win this game.'"

Muftari said there were no real adjustments made at intermission.

"It was unfortunate that we gave up that goal late in half. But what a great response. That's all we talked about at halftime is that, 'Hey, you're playing against a fantastic team, but there's no reason why you can't go out there and do what we train about every single day of the year. And if we're going to lose to a really good team, that's OK, but let's give them our best effort.'"

And the Bucks heeded Muftari's call.

"At halftime there was only one thing that needed to

be said," Steinberger said. "We just needed to bring more energy. There's 45 minutes left in our season and we weren't ready to be done, so we turned it around in the second half."

The Express did put the clamps on Bucks striker Dzenan Catic, the PDL's scoring champion (35 points) and Golden Boot winner (16 goals in 14 regular season matches).

Express coach George Vichniakov thought his team was more effective in the second half despite giving up the tying and winning goals.

"I thought we actually dominated a little more in the second half and then got killed off a set piece early on," he said.

"I was really happy with the boys bouncing back, creating chances and not giving up much. Michigan's efficiency was great. They had a couple of chances down there and - bang, bang - they take care of you."

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Despite cool temps, MHSAA offers help to schools to deal with heat

EAST LANSING - Despite unseasonably cool temperatures this summer in Michigan, high school athletes should prepare for the heat that usually accompanies August and the beginning of fall practices next week.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association provides information to its member schools each year to help them prepare for hot weather practice and game conditions in the late summer and early fall.

Football practice can begin at MHSAA schools on Monday, Aug. 11, followed by first practices for all other fall sports Aug. 13.

The topic of heat-related injuries receives a lot of attention at this time of year when deaths at the professional, collegiate and inter-scholastic levels occur, especially since they are preventable in most cases with the proper precautions.

In football, data from the National Federation of State High School Associations shows 41 high school players died nationwide from heat stroke between 1995 and 2013.

Many MHSAA schools this

fall are expected to again follow the MHSAA's Model Policy for Managing Heat & Humidity that directs schools to monitor heat index prior to and during activity and recommends actions based on those readings.

For the first time, the MHSAA is requiring all assistant and sub-varsity coaches at the high school level to complete the same rules and risk minimization meeting requirement as varsity head coaches. An alternative is one of several online courses designated for this purpose on mhsaa.com.

"It's not an accident that causes severe heat illness and death," Jack Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA, said. "It's a lack of attention to what should have been taking place, a lack of preparation."

"We're trying to communicate to our constituents, if we make the precautions that we should and plan as we should, we will have none of these tragedies in school sports."

The MHSAA Representative Council adopted in 2013 the Model Policy for Managing Heat & Humidity that,

while not mandated for member schools, has been adopted by many at the local level.

The plan directs schools to begin monitoring the heat index at the activity site once the air temperature reaches 80 degrees and provides recommendations when the heat index reaches certain points, including ceasing activities when it rises above 104 degrees.

The model policy is outlined in a number of places, including the publication Heat Ways, which is available for download from the MHSAA website.

Heat Ways not only provides the model policy but addresses the need for proper acclimatization in hot weather.

Heat, hydration and acclimatization also are again focuses of the MHSAA's required preseason rules meetings for coaches and officials.

The online presentation discusses the need for good hydration in sports, regardless of the activity or time of year.

The Health & Safety Resources page of the MHSAA website has a number of links

to different publications and information and a free online presentation from the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Visit mhsaa.com, click on "Schools" and then on "Health & Safety Resources" to find the information. The direct link is www.mhsaa.com/Schools/HealthSafetyResources.aspx.

Roberts said the first days of formal practices in hot weather should be more for heat acclimatization than the conditioning of athletes. Practices in such conditions need planning to become longer and more strenuous over a gradual progression of time.

He added schools also must consider moving practices to different times of day, different locations or change practice plans to include different activities depending on the conditions.

"I think all schools need to prepare themselves in these ways," Roberts said. "They need to educate participants, parents and coaches about proper hydration and the dangers of practicing and competing when the heat and humidity are too high."

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the 86th minute as the Pumas desperately tried to push up and score the equalizer.

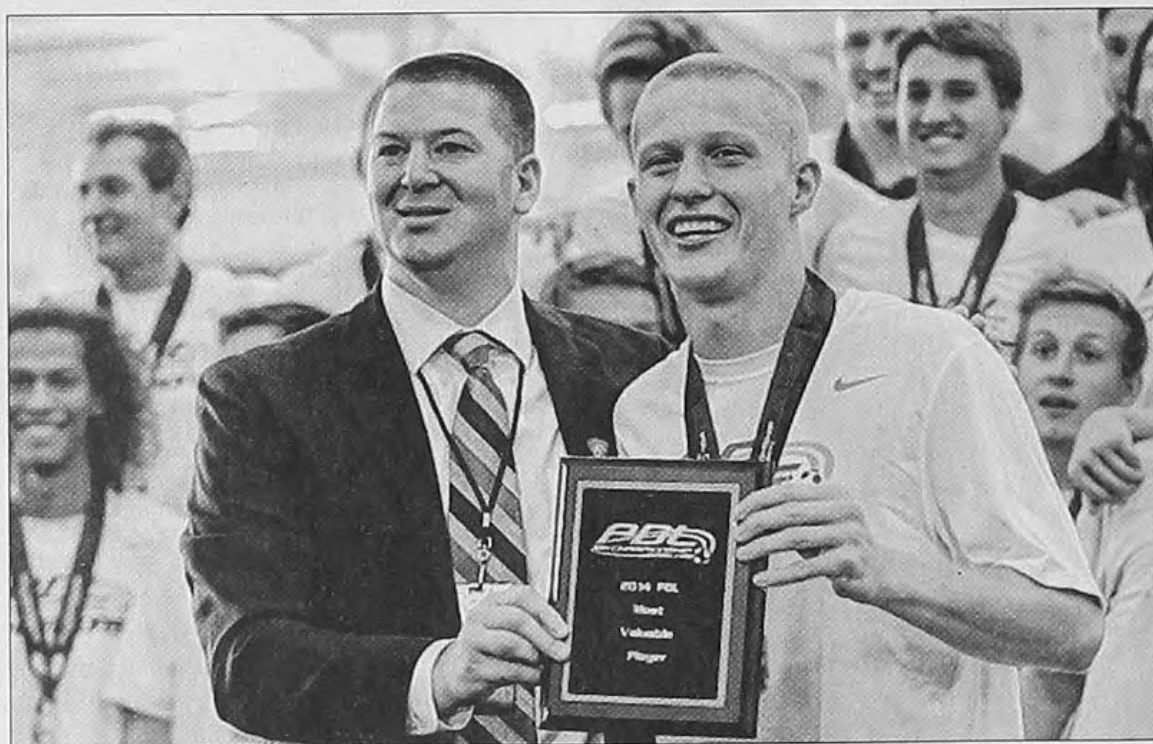
"I think the defense did a really good job, the back line helped me out a lot," said the 6-foot-2, 195-pound Grinwis, who was a second team all-Big Ten selection in 2012. "They didn't have a lot of opportunities. And they (the defense) have done that this whole season. They've made my job very easy and I give a lot of credit ... to them."

The Pumas, who captured the PDL title in 2011 and made it to the semifinals this season as the Western Conference champs, featured two Michigan players: three-year Bucks player Tommy Catalano and lead defender Cory Kreitz.

"It was a well-played match, worthy of two champions," Pumas coach Andrew Chapman said. "When you have a 1-0 game, that means it's close and you have the right two people here. We were just making some foolish mistakes that would have been nice to not have made."

Nobody was more pleased with the outcome than second-year Bucks coach Demir Muftari.

"This is a big as it gets," he said. "The whole reason we started putting this team together last fall and getting all the guys together. We got a great selection process from the top down, with Dan Duggan (the owner) and Gary Parsons (the general manager), trying to identify players that we think are quality players with this goal in mind. The Bucks are a fantastic organization - 20 years, we've never had a losing season. And this is



Premier Development League president Tim Holt hands the MVP award to Bucks goaltender Adam Grinwis. DAVE MCCAULEY

what it's about for us.

"What a goal Tom Owens comes up with. It's a special group of guys. We talk about this every day. There's been lots of really good Bucks teams, but there's only been a couple of special ones, and that's what we wanted to be. And the guys bought in. They set their goals and they wanted to separate themselves from other Bucks teams."

And it didn't hurt to have Grinwis as the last line of defense.

"This is his fifth year with us," Muftari said. "We know what we can expect out of Adam. He is a talented, driven, determined guy. We all are very confident that we're going to be watching Adam on TV someday pretty soon. He's just a leader. He works hard, he works hard on his craft. He

works hard to be part of the team. He's a big part of it and the guys look to him being a part of this organization so long. He gets it, he gets the mentality and he gets the focus that has to go in to be a part of something like this."

Several substitutions were made on both sides during the final 25 minutes. The Bucks were looking for fresh legs and the Pumas were looking for a goal.

Kitsap directed even more pressure at Grinwis during the waning moments, which included four minutes of stoppage time.

"It was intense, you live for those moments," the U-M keeper said. "It was very exciting. They were just trying to throw everything they had toward the goal. And credit to the back line and credit to our

team for standing strong."

Chapman went with a different alignment down the stretch.

"We went to a 3-4-5, changed some things up and put some players in there to give us some pace up front to keep the pressure up," he said. "We got some guys out that had some tired legs. We made those changes to do all we could do."

"Their goalkeeper did well. He made some great saves there to keep them going. Hats off to him, for sure."

Meanwhile, longtime Bucks owner Dan Duggan, a Livonia native, was pleased to win the championship in front of the home fans.

"We had a long road trip to Des Moines (Iowa) last weekend," Duggan said. "We were with the boys 13 hours on the bus and they said, 'Is there any

chance we can host?' Just the look on their faces when I came to practice Tuesday when I said, 'Guys, we're hosting.' These guys jumped through the gym. They literally were so excited that a fire was lit under them. Sometimes you don't know if it's that much of an advantage, but in here, it really was."

And despite taking a financial hit to host the PDL's final four, Duggan said it was worth the cost.

"We got to the spot where we deserved to be," he said. "Nineteen years we've been doing this. We've gotten to the final four six times. We won it only once, so this makes two. When you play a team like Kitsap, you got to get a little lucky, but you've got to work hard. These guys deserve it."

"We expect to be back next year in the final four. The guys come from all over the world to play for this team and expect to be in a championship. That's why they're here. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. But this is a special team and this year I think they deserved it."

The Bucks' longtime formula for success this summer was never more evident, according to Owens.

"It's huge for any program to win the PDL," he said. "It's such a condensed season and I think one thing that stood out about our team this season is we had a lot of depth. We could have put anyone out there and gotten the job done."

"Throughout the season we had knocks and injuries, but we've been lucky enough to put people in from the bench and they've come through. They're hard-working players, a great coaching staff and just a great recipe for success."

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Include fire safety planning in off-to-college schedule

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Keith Bo, fire inspector with the Livonia Fire Department, is dad to two young adult children commuting to the University of Michigan-Dearborn. They live at home, so he hasn't had to discuss college fire safety with them much.

"They get to hear it enough," said Bo, a 25-year fire service veteran with 20 years in Livonia.

College fire safety is a serious subject worthy of attention of students off to school this fall and their parents, however. "A lot of them are cooking," Bo said of fires following use of hot plates or toaster ovens. "You have to check the regulations on the college dorms."

Some cooking equipment is banned. You should check right away your escape plans from the dorm room, with fire drills usually held by college/university officials to remind students. "Make sure you know the fire escape route," Bo said.

"Most colleges, the dorms are smoke-free," he said. For those in off-campus housing who smoke, it's important never to smoke in bed and to use a deep ashtray, making sure cigarettes and cigars are

fully extinguished.

Fire extinguishers are usually mounted on dorm walls, Bo said, and that's the route he recommends, as those extinguishers are inspected. For off-campus housing, a fire extinguisher is a good idea - and students need to know how to use it.

You should watch open flames like candles and space heater use, even the deeper-bottom Yankee brand candles, he said. "It's still an open flame. Something could fall on them. Any open flame you want to be careful."

Curtains can fall on open flames, causing a fire that can spread quickly.

Bo recommends families contact the college or university on fire safety concerns and regulations, which can also be done if you have a deaf student or other disabled student in the family. Off-campus housing isn't as well

inspected in many cases, but parents can look it over, Bo said. A barbecue on a balcony is a bad idea, he said, as it can cause a fire.

As with any home, working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are vital. "A fire extinguisher in there wouldn't hurt either," Bo said of off-campus dwellers.

Again, those in off-campus housing should know their escape routes.

Bo agreed use of alarms, detectors and early notification have made college students safer. "There's quite a few more safety regulations for the schools now," he said.

Retrofitting of dorms with sprinkler systems and fire alarms has improved campus fire safety.

As with any fire, once you're out you should stay out. The door may lock you out when you're safely out, but should never lock you indoors.

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Ladder fall liability has its limits legally

Q: Our homeowner association board is being threatened to be sued by a person who was contracted by our contractor who fell off a ladder in one of our buildings. He is claiming that the association was negligent in failing to provide him with a safe means to access the areas that he was painting, and in refusing to allow him to tie his ladder to the building. Do you think we have any responsibility?



Robert Meisner

A: There are two possible theories under which the association could be liable to your contractor. The first is under a premises liability theory that a property owner may be liable for physical harm caused to his guests by the condition on the land. The second possible approach is based on employer liability. As a general rule, one who employs an independent contractor is not liable for the contractor's acts or omissions. A recognized exception to this rule is the retained control exception which provides that one who hires an independent contractor, but retains control of the work is liable for injuries to others. However, the employer must retain some degree of control over how the work is done for the retained control exception to apply. If your association had no control over this gentleman's work, you may not have any liability.

Q: We live in a community that is restricted to single family residential use and prohibits industrial or commercial use. Certain residents have rented their homes on a short-term basis for decades without controversy, however, a number of homes have become available for short term rental and the association is concerned about members doing vacation rentals. The association voted to amend the documents to stop rentals for less than one month or 30 consecutive days. Do you think that is enforceable?

A: It is, obviously, fact-intensive; however, that well may be enforceable and it may be that you are not able to rent those units on a short term basis. Again, it depends upon the overall review of the documents. You are best to consult with a community association attorney who can talk to you about the various cases involving these issues in various states, and the difficulty of defining "transient" tenants or enforcing 30-day limitations.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

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Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to

their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

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Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 24-28, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

16214 Locherbie Ave \$303,000
31176 Old Stage Rd \$358,000
17 Riverbank Dr \$590,000

BIRMINGHAM

845 Fairfax St \$950,000
1411 Humphrey Ave \$158,000
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1350 Villa Rd \$321,000
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4130 Meadow Way \$447,000
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185 Westwood Dr \$1,160,000

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5735 Carroll Lake Rd \$82,000
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36219 Smithfield Rd \$230,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

29218 Earth Ln \$95,000
21232 Flanders St \$58,000

37875 Fleetwood Dr

\$300,000
35190 Gary St \$140,000
33627 Heirloom Cir \$400,000
22082 Lancrest Ct \$207,000
22270 Ontaga St \$85,000
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36875 Valley Ridge Dr \$259,000

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17617 Avilla Blvd \$86,000

MILFORD

2296 Carriage Way \$270,000
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23029 Shilo Ct \$670,000

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1086 Chestnut Ln \$285,000
52069 Copperwood Dr S \$421,000
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1132 Paddock Dr \$253,000
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19225 Magnolia Pkwy \$90,000
21175 W Nine Mile Rd \$60,000
24095 Wildbrook Ct # 102 \$75,000

WHITE LAKE

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573 Farnsworth Rd \$98,000

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8271 Chatham Dr \$685,000
41687 Glade Rd \$180,000
7615 Kingsbridge Rd \$195,000
6028 Meadowview Dr \$355,000
600 Merrimac Rd \$160,000
44040 N Umberland Cir \$194,000
3708 Shepherd Ct # 74 \$216,000

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33340 Alvin St \$100,000
6724 Elizabeth St \$60,000

LIVONIA

14998 Auburndale St \$115,000
31782 Fonville St \$105,000
17181 Golfview St \$175,000
15850 Harrison St \$163,000
14230 Ingram St \$187,000
35458 Leon St \$170,000
11222 Middlebelt Rd \$53,000
35486 Orangelawn St \$125,000
20121 Saint Francis St \$23,000
28285 W Chicago St \$136,000

32045 Wyoming St

\$169,000
NORTHVILLE
50556 Livingston Dr \$450,000
350 N Rogers St \$695,000
48835 Rainbow Ln S \$403,000
18549 Steep Hollow Ct \$615,000
46301 W Main St \$433,000
327 Yerkes St \$380,000

PLYMOUTH

703 Adams St \$210,000
11511 Brownell Ave \$170,000
12721 Essex Ct \$453,000
14460 Robinwood Dr \$185,000

REDFORD

13571 Centralia

\$40,000
8898 Dale \$51,000
9050 Hemingway \$85,000
19782 Negaunee \$58,000

WESTLAND

33026 Audreys Way \$240,000
31816 Bay Ct \$10,000
267 Daniel Ave \$97,000
32132 Glen St \$82,000
30713 Grandview Ave \$105,000
38457 Milton St \$118,000
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Help Wanted - General

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CPA with strong entrepreneurial spirit needed full time for Northville CPA tax practice. Candidate needs a minimum two years public accounting experience, preparation of business and personal tax returns, hands-on QuickBooks. Please send resume and salary requirements to: sloppayment@gmail.com

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Full time for medicare certified home care agency in Commerce Twp. Minimum 2 years experience. Kinser software experience is a plus!
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Canton/Rummage Sale 1843 Morrison Blvd
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One day only! Everything goes Thursday 8/7/14 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
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Farmington Brook subdivision in Farmington Hills located off Haggerty Road between 12 and 13 Mile Road, Friday, August 8 through Sunday, August 10th. Times: 9am-4pm

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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 More polite
 - 6 Sumptuous meal
 - 11 Classical hunk
 - 13 Baked —
 - 14 They, in Calais
 - 15 Self-confidence
 - 17 Owns
 - 18 Grandfather clock numeral
 - 19 Ragtime's — Blake
 - 20 Homer hitter Mel —
 - 21 Bridge bldr.
 - 23 Glove leather
 - 24 Manitoba tribe
 - 25 Chew like a beaver
 - 27 Waterproof
 - 29 Apprehend a suspect
 - 31 Drag into court
 - 32 Hyde's alter ego — morgana
 - 38 Chignons
- DOWN**
- 39 Admirer's sound
 - 41 Mathematician — Descartes
 - 43 Compilation
 - 44 Ruminated
 - 46 Midnight teller
 - 47 Rights-movement word
 - 48 Kind of physicist
 - 49 Not guzzle
 - 50 Bond film "Quantum of —"
 - 52 Influence
 - 54 Geographical regions
 - 55 Meticulous

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Inexperienced
 - 2 Wasting time
 - 3 Guarantee a loan
 - 4 Printer's measure
- DOWN**
- 5 Fully developed
 - 6 Bolt
 - 7 Apiece (abbr.)
 - 8 On leave, to a tar
 - 9 Played hockey
 - 10 Likes and dislikes
 - 12 North African market
 - 13 Stage whippers
 - 16 Long-billed wader
 - 22 Prioritizes
 - 24 Sunny
 - 26 Habitual manner
 - 28 — Wiedersehen!
 - 30 Woman's garment
 - 32 Kind of college
 - 33 Make possible
 - 34 Off-course
 - 36 Ribs or needles
 - 37 Pranks
 - 38 Light, strong wood
 - 40 Jealous goddess
 - 42 Returnable bottle
 - 44 Rain gear
 - 45 Tip one's hat
 - 51 Battery sz.
 - 53 Dr. Manchu

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SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

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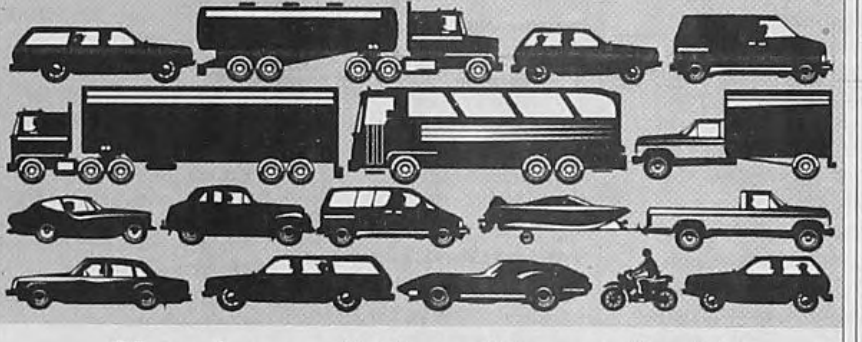
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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BRENNAN, THOMAS CHARLES

Died on July 30, 2014, at the age of 86 in Livonia, Michigan. Born in Detroit, Michigan on July 18, 1928 to Margaret and Michael Brennan, he graduated from Holy Rosary High School in 1947 and served in the United States Marine Corp. from 1950-1951. He was a journeyman newspaper pressman by trade. Tom began working as a flyboy at the Detroit Times in 1949. He also worked at the Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, and the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers throughout his career. As a pressman, he quickly became active in union politics and was a proud union man all his life. In 1967 he was elected president of the Detroit Newspaper Pressmen's Union, Local 13-N, a position he held for most of his career, and during which local 13 became part of the Graphic Communications International Union. He retired in 1992. He was an international executive board member for the North American Newspaper Conference and a member of the Metropolitan Council of Newspaper Unions. He was respected in the newspaper trade as fair, honest, and a staunch fighter for the rights of working men and women. Above all, Tom was a family man. He was known for his fun loving sense of humor, his quick wit, his wisdom, and his unconditional love. He shared all of these generously, and in addition to his own children, he was a father figure to many nieces, nephews, and neighborhood kids throughout his life. He is survived by his wife, Jacquelyn Brennan of Canton, Michigan; as well as his sister, Maureen Delaney and sister, Nancy (Patrick) Delaney. He is also survived by three children from his first marriage, Michael Brennan, Margaret (Tony) Koblinski, and Maura (Daniel O'Neil) Brennan; his two step-children, Katie (Mark Jenzen) McKernan and Justin (Leighann) McKernan; his grandchildren, Mary O'Neil, Connor Koblinski, John O'Neil, Spencer Koblinski, Riley O'Neil, Syd McKernan, and Kolsen Jenzen; as well as many nieces, nephews, and grandnieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Margaret (McGrath) Brennan and Michael Brennan, and his brother-in-law, Gerald Delaney. A celebration of Tom's life will take place on Friday, August 8, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. at the Universalist Unitarian Fellowship of Farmington, 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan. A dinner and wake will follow at John Cowley and Sons Irish Pub at 33338 Grand River, Farmington, Michigan. Friends and family are encouraged to come prepared to share their memories of Tom. Memories may also be shared on his memorial website which can be found at www.legacy.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bread for the World at 425 3rd Street SW, Suite 1200 Washington, D.C. 20024. More information can be found at: www.Bread.org/giftoflife



ELDER, MARILYN

Age 86. Wife of the late Robert. Beloved mother of Robert (Bess), Richard (Laura), Ronald (Sue), Randal (Betsy) and Roy (Samantha). Loving grandmother of Katie, Joe, Kara, Jackie, Stephanie, Theresa, Rob, Maggie and Jenny. Dear sister of Joseph Eckhoff and Vi (Sr. Imelda O.P.) and the late Evelyn Hitchingham and Carole Russell. Daughter of the late Joseph and Viola Eckhoff. Marilyn was a long time member of Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church and was active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society and many other organizations. Visiting Wednesday 2-8 p.m. at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (btwn. 6-7 Mile). In state Thursday 10:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Mass, Our Lady of Loretto Church (6 Mile at Beech Daly). Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Donations to the Adrian Dominican Sisters appreciated. Condolences to: charlesstepfuneralhome.com

KISH, BARBARA ANN (Nee MILLER)

Age 79, August 4, 2014 of Cadillac (Formerly of Livonia). Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Judith (Patrick) Kennedy, John Albert (Elaine) Kish, Jr., Henry William (Laura) Kish and Cheri (Paul) Strauch. Dear grandmother of Sean and Alexa Rae Kennedy; and Joel, Kyle and John Kish. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. (in state at 12 noon) at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Interment in Great Lakes National Cemetery. Donations to Michigan Humane Society or American Cancer Society. Please share a memory at rgharris.com



AUGUST BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 16

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Backpacks with basic school supplies will be given to anyone in need
Contact: 734-522-6830; christoursavior.org

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 9

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: School clothing
Contact: 734-427-3660

MOVIE ON THE LAWN

Time/Date: 8:30 p.m. Aug. 30

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merri-man, Livonia

Details: Bring a lawn chair or blanket to watch *God's not Dead*. Movie starts at sunset. Admission, popcorn and ices are free. Movie will be shown indoors in inclement weather
Contact: Steve Morgan at 313-377-0832

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, through Aug. 24

Location: Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton

Details: Bring your own lawn chair for this service with members of St. Michael Lutheran Church. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Contact: 734-459-3333

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8

Location: The Salvation Army Plymouth, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Rent a table or space and sell your own stuff. Rental fee is \$20, with proceeds supporting Older N Wiser senior group
Contact: 734-453-5464, ext. 24

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19

Location: St. Paul's, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: Daycare, preschool, Young Fives programs, and grades K-8
Contact: 248-767-4806

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

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

RELIGION CALENDAR

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

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

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.
Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.

Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.
Contact: 248-374-5920

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

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

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

» Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

» Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

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

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

» Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

» Fireside Church of God

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

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry offers an activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidehog.org; or email to adm@firesidehog.org

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

» St. John Neumann

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Overeaters Anonymous meets
Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154 or Jennifer at 734-812-6077 for additional information

» St. Thomas a' Becket Church

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

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good.
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322 for additional information

» Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

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

Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: 248-559-7722; www.ooa.org for additional information

» Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

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Take a seat on stage for one-act play showcase

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

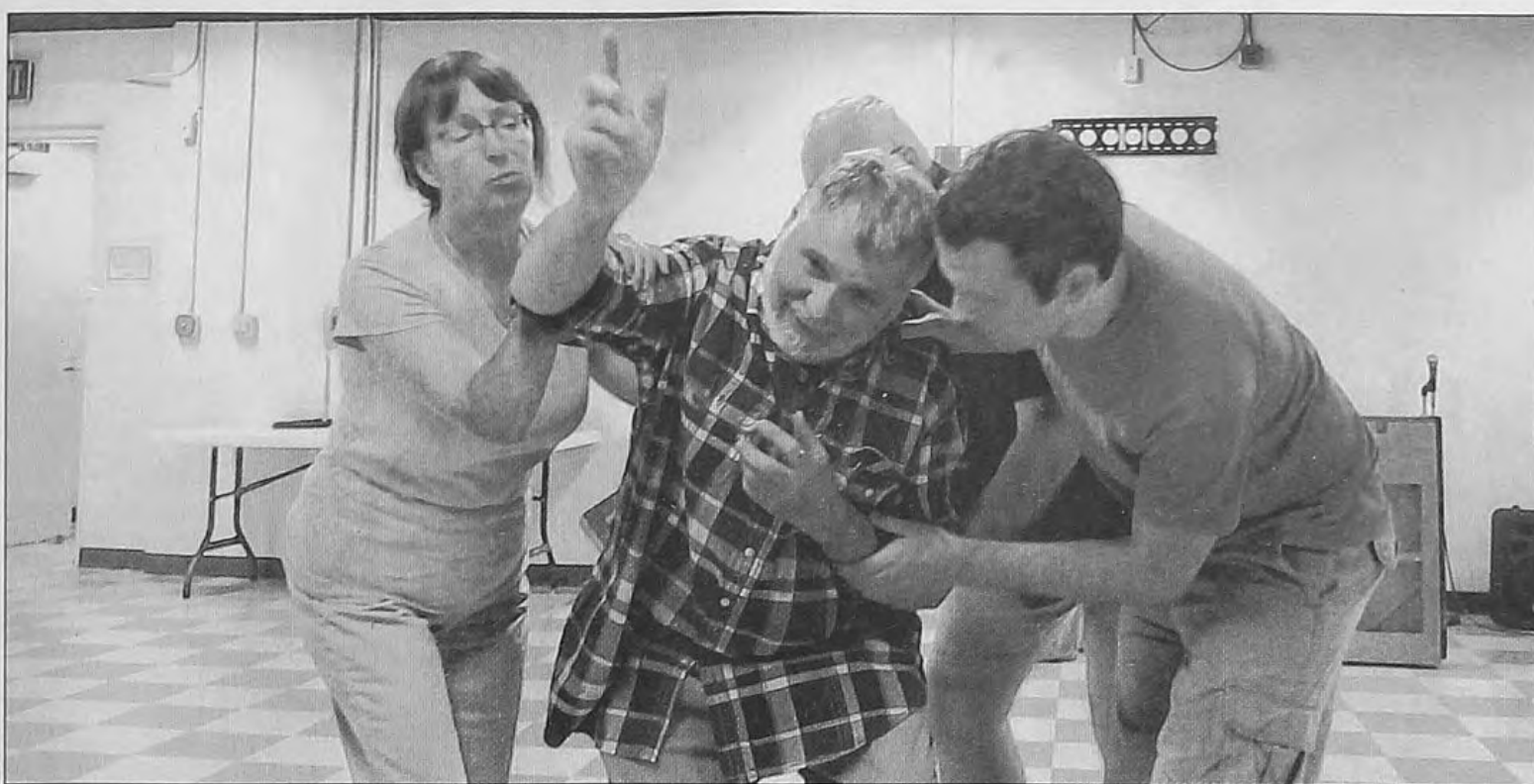
Every ticket-holder will get the best seat in the house at the Random Acts of Theatre show this month in Dearborn. The audience will sit on the stage for the showcase of one-act plays and songs.

"You are on stage with the actors/musicians, so it's a more intimate experience. You get to see the action of the performance better. You get to see the actors' expressions better," said Cory Chambless, a Plymouth resident who is assistant directing. "It's also a bare bones production, so you get to see what's going on behind the scenes as well. The patrons become part of the show."

Dearborn Area Theatre Association created Random Acts of Theatre last year as a scholarship fundraiser for high school seniors active in school and community theater. Shows start at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 15-16, at the Michael A. Guido Theatre in the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for seniors and students. To order tickets, visit or call the theater box office at 313-943-2354.

"There will be five one-act plays this year along with some great music by some awesome vocalists. I was at a rehearsal two weeks ago with the vocalists and was getting chills. They are wonderful," said Chambless, who is assisting with the production of *Promenade, All*. "I am not working on any original works, but we have two directors this year who are directing one-act plays they wrote. Collette Cullen (of Dearborn) wrote and is directing *Between the Thorns* and Brian Trippel (of Romulus) wrote and is directing *The Shape of Her Curves*. Their works are are wonderful. Their passion for their work is inspiring."

Other directors are Marc Walentowicz of Garden City, Dianne Bernick of Armada and Stan Guarnelo of Dearborn. The casts also feature several local actors including Carissa Madley of Redford, Brian Plater, from Plymouth, Kori Bielaniec of from West-



"Promenade All!" features Michele Devins (left) of Southgate, Richard Bulleri of Dearborn and Chris Washburn of Garden City. Cory Chambless of Plymouth is assistant directing the play for Random Acts of Theatre, Aug. 15-16 in Dearborn.



Kori Bielaniec (left) from Westland and Chris Boudreau of Dearborn work on a scene from "Post Its: Notes on a Marriage."

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Acting, directing

Chambless, co-secretary of the Dearborn Area Theatre Association Board, played

Broderick Williams in *The Ballad of 423 & 424* last year during for the first Random Acts of Theatre show.

"I enjoyed the experience last year, so I was more than happy to be a part of the pro-



Carissa Madley of Redford will perform in "Between the Thorns," a one-act play staged Aug. 15-16 during the Random Acts of Theatre show in Dearborn.



Brian Plater of Plymouth rehearses in "The Shape of Her Curves" with Monica Moline from Dearborn Heights.

gram again this year," he said.

Chambless is a secretary at Tonda Elementary School in Canton by day, and a community theater devotee at night. He previously assistant directed *I Love You, You're Perfect* for Spotlight Players in Canton and will assistant direct *Rumors* for the Players Guild of Dearborn, beginning with rehearsals in November. He also plans to produce *Young Frankenstein* for Spotlight Players in April 2015.

He became involved in community theater two years ago when a friend posted an audition notice on Facebook

for *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*.

"I always wanted to perform, but was afraid to do so," Chambless said. "I was a nervous wreck, but I made it through the auditions and was offered the role of Schroeder."

"Most of what I have done in theater has actually been on stage. I am enjoying working behind the scenes. I have a lot to learn and I think it makes you appreciate everything everyone does to make a play/musical happen."

For more information about Random Acts of Theatre visit freewebs.com/dearbornareatheatreassociation.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day, with closing time at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in August

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

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

Wild Summer Nights: Concerts run 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, through Aug. 27, in the Main Picnic Grove and are free with zoo admission, which is reduced to \$6 after 6 p.m. on concert nights. Performers are The Ragbirds, folk rock, Aug. 13; Candy Band, children's, Aug. 20; and Joe Reilly and the Community Gardeners, children's, Aug. 27

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, through Aug. 14

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

Details: "Kids Gone Creative" exhibits artwork from Farmington Hills' summer art camps

Contact: 248-473-1859

JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sept. 11

Location: Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Daily Gratitude: Art, Sport and Cupcakes," features the work of Jessica Kovan. Also on exhibit are works by glass artists and Teresa Petersen, who creates art from thrift store and hardware shop finds

Contact: 248-432-5448

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Aug. 23

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "DongFeng" solo show by WanChuan Kesler

Contact: 248-344-0497



"Bird Girls" Cara Bertucci (left), Samantha Cannon, Catherine Dickow and Katherine Gearns surround Nick Serafa, who plays Horton the elephant in the Farmington Hills Youth Theatre's production of *Seussical*.

AUDITIONS BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Aug. 18-19

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: There are roles for five women and two men in the Victorian thriller, *The Lights Are Warm and Coloured*. Prepare a dramatic monologue no longer than two minutes and be prepared to read from the script. Craig Hane will direct the show, which will run Oct. 17-26

Contact: 734-276-9075

COMEDY JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 8-9

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Dave Landau; tickets are \$12 show only, \$22 with dinner on Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday

Contact: joeyscomeclub.net; 734-261-0555

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8 and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9

Location: Fourth and Troy Streets in downtown Royal Oak

Details: Nathan Trimmel performs; tickets \$18

Coming up: Phil Johnson performs stand-up comedy and music, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 31; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2; tickets are \$10 for Thursday and \$18 for Friday-Saturday

Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

DANCE MOTOR CITY TAP FEST

Time/Date: Aug. 13-16

Location: Old Main Building on the Wayne State University campus in Detroit

Details: Four days of tap classes and tap jam sessions. Teachers include Cloe Arnold, of *So You Think You Can Dance*, and Michigan native, Eric Gutman, who performed on Broadway. The Motor City Soles show caps the festival, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. It will include performances by faculty and leading tap dancers

Contact: 917-687-4811 for the festival and 313-576-5111 for Motor City Soles

FILM PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 9-10

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Earth to Echo*, admission \$3

Summer Cinema Series: All shows at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday; seats \$3.

Back to the Future III, Aug. 7; *The Nutty*



Thornetta Davis will perform Aug. 17 at The Elks Blues Summer Festival in Plymouth.

Professor, Aug. 14; **Abbott & Costello in Buck Privates**, Aug. 21; **Ferris Bueller's Day Off**, Aug. 28

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 8 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 9

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

Details: *Some Like it Hot*, \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481

FUNDRAISER FASH BASH 2014

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14

Location: Detroit Institute of Art (DIA), 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Details: Includes an outdoor cocktail party, the Neiman Marcus "Art of Fashion" runway show in the DIA's Great Hall, followed by the Audi After Party. Tickets are \$500 for front row seating at the fashion show and a \$100 gift card with purchase of two tickets; \$250 includes priority reserved seating in the second row of the fashion show; \$175 per ticket includes priority reserved seating in the third row for the fashion show; and \$85 provides access to the Audi After Party on the steps of the DIA. Proceeds benefit the museum's operating endowment

Contact: 313-833-5646

BREAKING THE CHAINS

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9

Location: Nafas Fitness, 811 N. Main, Royal Oak

Details: The fitness studio will offer a "Booty Bunz" class, 6-6:30 p.m. and Zumba class, 6:30-7 p.m. followed by refreshments and sharing stories. Donations will be accepted for Breaking the Chains, (BTC) an organization focused on raising awareness of eating



Cloe Arnold, who was featured on *So You Think You Can Dance*, will teach at the 7th Annual Motor City Tap Festival, Aug. 13-16 in Detroit.

disorders. BTC is raising money to create a music video starring its spokeswoman, Jillian Rose Reed, former Northville resident and MTV's *Awkward* star

Contact: 248-677-0723

HISTORY COLONIAL KENSINGTON

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10

Location: Kensington Metropark, 2240 W. Buno, Milford

Details: More than 200 American Indian, French, British and American reenactors, dressed in costume, will show what life was like in the 1700s. Demonstrations include carpentry, cooking, blacksmithing, woodcarving and more

Contact: 810-227-8917

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Sept. 7

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: The exhibit, "Ancient/Modern: The Design of Everyday Things," examines how inhabitants of the ancient Mediterranean and Near East both resembled and differed from contemporary Americans

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: *Wheels of Summer*, an exhibit of toys with wheels, runs through Nov. 2. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Contact: 734-455-8940

Peanut butter stars in regional recipes

In kitchens, cafeterias and restaurants nationwide, our local food preferences may be unique, and our culinary traditions may be diverse, but we all share a common bond: a love for peanut butter.

"Affordable, nutritious and of course delicious, peanut butter is a staple found in most American homes," said Leslie Wagner, executive director of Southern Peanut Growers. "While some parts of the country

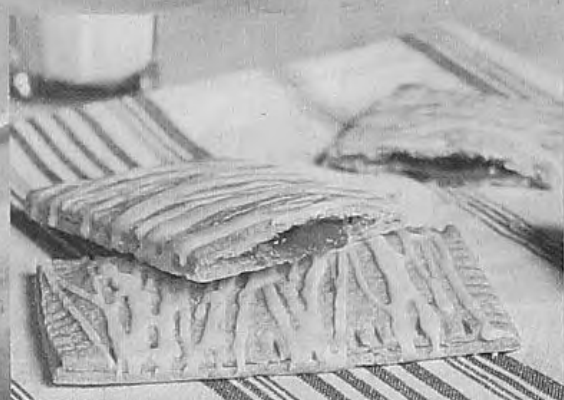
prefer their foods hot and spicy, others prefer savory or sweet. But no matter where you go, families love making peanuts or peanut butter a key ingredient in their favorite recipes."

To celebrate the unique flavors from coast to coast, and to find the best hometown peanut butter recipes, Southern Peanut Growers conducted its first "PB My Way" regional recipe contest.

Peanut butter lovers nationwide submitted their recipes, from spicy stuffed peppers inspired by the Southwest to decadent chocolate bars in the Northeast. These are the top regional peanut butter-powered recipes in our "United States of Peanut Butter."

For more recipes, visit www.peanutbutterlovers.com.

- Courtesy of Family Features



EASY PB & J BREAKFAST TARTS

Recipe contributed from West region
Servings: 8 tarts

2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling
½ cup whole wheat pastry flour
6 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon sea salt
¾ cup shortening
6 tablespoons peanut butter plus 4 heaping teaspoons for filling (½ teaspoon per tart)
½ cup cold water
5 tablespoons jam (strawberry works well)
Drizzle option 1:
½ cup powdered sugar
1 tablespoon jam
1 tablespoon milk
Drizzle option 2:
½ cup powdered sugar
¼ teaspoon strawberry extract, optional
1 tablespoon milk

Preheat oven to 350°F. In medium bowl mix together flours, sugar and sea salt. Using pastry cutter, cut-in shortening and peanut butter, until mixture resembles small peas. Drizzle mixture with cold water until mixture is moist and holds together. Roll out on floured surface to at least ⅛ of an inch thickness. Using 3-by-5-inch index (recipe) card for template, cut into 16 3-by-5-inch shapes. Re-rolling works fine. In middle of eight shapes, smear ½ heaping teaspoon peanut butter and heaping teaspoon of jam on top. Be careful not to go to edges. Using fingers, wet edges with water and place another piece of pastry on top. Press all sides well, and using fork press all edges to secure. Using fork, gently poke tops in four places so steam can escape. Place inch apart on parchment lined baking sheet. Bake for 13-14 minutes until starting to brown around edges. Cool on rack. Whisk together drizzle of choice in small bowl. Drizzle over cooled tarts. Note: This pastry is very user-friendly and delicate. Freeze tarts up to one month and defrost at room temperature before serving.



CAROLINA DREAMING APPETIZER MEATBALLS

Recipe contributed from the Southeast region
Servings: 24 meatballs

½ cup peanut butter
¼ cup fig preserves
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon minced or grated fresh ginger
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
¼ teaspoon ground red pepper
1 ½ pounds ground turkey
4 green onions, finely chopped (including green tops)
½ cup chopped fresh parsley
1 large egg
1 teaspoon salt
Diced green onion tops or chopped parsley (optional)

Preheat oven to 425°F. Whisk together peanut butter, preserves, Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice until well blended. Add ginger, black and red pepper, mixing well. Reserve. Place approximately half peanut butter mixture into mixing bowl (reserve remainder for later). Add turkey, green onions, parsley, egg and salt to mixing bowl and mix lightly but thoroughly. Roll mixture into 1-inch balls and place 1 inch apart on lightly greased, rimmed baking sheet. Place into oven and bake for 15 minutes. Remove pan from oven and brush tops of meatballs with remaining peanut butter mixture. Return pan to oven and bake for about 5-8 minutes more, or until nicely browned. Remove from oven. Arrange on serving plate and sprinkle with diced green onion tops or parsley, if desired. Note: Use with decorative toothpicks placed in each meatball for easy consumption.

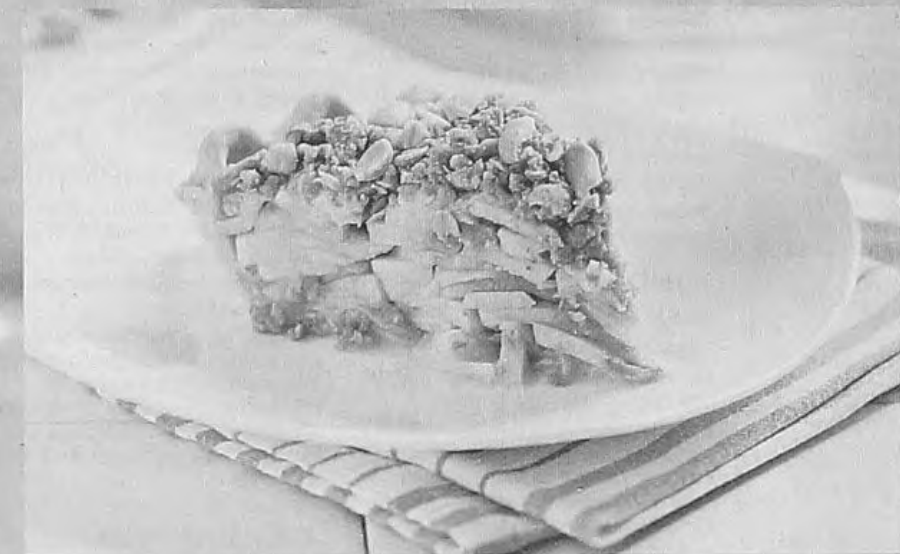


PENNSYLVANIA PB & C BARS

Recipe contributed from the Northeast region
Servings: 12 bars

Crust:
1 cup melted butter
2 cups peanut butter
¼ cup brown sugar
2 ¼ cups granulated sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
5 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
3 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ cup chopped peanuts
Topping:
1 ½ tubs chocolate frosting
1 cup peanut butter, melted
1 cup salted peanuts, chopped

Preheat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, mix butter, peanut butter, sugars, salt, eggs and vanilla until well mixed. Add flour and baking powder and mix thoroughly. Spread on a 10-by-15-by-2-inch ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 12-15 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool. Spread frosting over crust. Drizzle melted peanut butter over chocolate. Sprinkle chopped peanuts on top of peanut butter and chocolate. Let set until topping is firm. You can refrigerate cookie sheet to speed firming process, if desired. Cut into desired size bars.



AFTER SCHOOL PEANUT BUTTER APPLE PIE

Recipe contributed from Midwest region
Servings: 8 pieces

Prepared pie crust
Chopped peanuts (optional)
Filling:
7 apples, peeled cored and sliced
½ cup sugar
3 tablespoons flour

1 teaspoon lemon juice
Crumble:
¼ cup rolled oats
¼ cup butter
¼ cup peanut butter
½ cup brown sugar
½ cup flour

Place crust in 9-inch pie pan and crimp edges. Use dried beans to weigh down bottom. Bake crust for 10-15 minutes, or until crust is lightly browned. Mix all filling ingredients together and put in crust. Using hands, mix crumble ingredients until in pea-sized pieces. Top apples with crumble. Don't worry if sky high, apples will cook down and pie will be perfectly proportioned. Bake at 350°F for 40-50 minutes. Keep edges covered with foil until last 15 minutes. Garnish with chopped peanuts.



NUTTY JALAPENO-CHICKEN STUFFED PEPPERS

Recipe contributed from the Southwest region
Servings: 12 peppers

12 large jalapeno peppers, split open (not all the way through) and seeded
½ cup peanut butter
1 cup shredded cooked chicken
1 3-ounce package cooked bacon pieces
½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
¼ cup mayonnaise
1 cup crushed cornflakes

Preheat oven to 350°F. Place peppers in medium bowl and cover with boiling water 2 minutes. Drain and pat dry. In medium bowl, mix together peanut butter, chicken, bacon and cheese. Fill each jalapeno with mixture. Smear each pepper with a little mayonnaise and roll in cornflakes in shallow dish to cover. Place jalapeno on non-stick baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven until golden, about 15-20 minutes.