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Horvath resigns from P-CCS board

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Veteran Plymouth-Canton Board of Education member Mark Horvath resigned from his post Monday, effective immediately.
"I don't think I can continue to do a good job without reliable data and I am not getting it," Horvath said Tuesday. "I

don't have any hard feelings for anyone on the board."

The Canton resident was first elected to the P-CCS Board of Education in 1994. At the time, he credited his election to the support of parents at Miller Elementary, where his children attended, and the school district's bargaining units.

School board President John



Horvath

"The Board of Education wishes to thank Mr. Horvath

Barrett accepted Horvath's resignation shortly after the letter was provided Monday morning, said Nick Brandon, district spokesman.

for his many years of commitment to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. We wish him luck in his new job and future endeavors," Barrett said.

More than a month ago, Horvath changed jobs and is working for a number of independent testing labs as a metallurgist. He has a long resume of operations experience in industry.

Horvath's letter said he was resigning with "profound regret," adding that his expertise was not education, "but the business of education and its operational success."

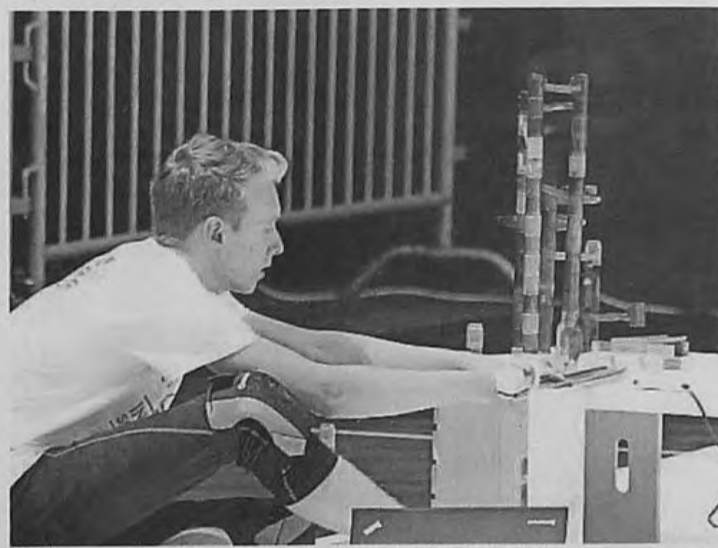
District officials were brief in their reactions to Horvath's resignation that followed a sometime contentious dis-

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Steve Price of Canton gets a hug after the Incredible Science Machine event Saturday at the Michigan Science Center.



INCREDIBLE SCIENCE MACHINE

Steve Price of Canton and his Rube Goldberg machine-building team will have to wait to learn if they set a Guinness World Record.

Guinness world record results pending for Canton man's team

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A team of chain-reaction experts led by Steve Price of Canton shattered the U.S. record Saturday for using the most dominoes to assemble a vast Rube Goldberg machine.

Price's 16-member team has to wait, however, to learn if the Guinness World Record was broken for building the most steps into their Incredible Science Machine.

"We won't hear about that for a long time," Price said, because Guinness officials have to review video evidence and eyewitness accounts.

Price's team built enough steps in the Incredible Science Machine to topple the 300-step Guinness record set in 2012 by the Purdue Society of Professional Engineers Rube Goldberg Team.

Problem is, not all of the steps worked during the chain-reaction event Saturday at the Michigan Science Center in Detroit - and official results on the world record are in the hands of Guinness officials.

Regardless, Price - who will be a mechanical engineering senior this fall at Michigan State University - said the experience is one he will never forget, much like his appearances in 2013 on *America's Got Talent*.

"It was amazing," Price said. "The best part was having my first opportunity to work with all these great builders and create something like this."

The project, sponsored by Zeal Credit Union, unfolded before a live audience at the Michigan Science Center after the global team, organized by Price, spent days building the machine. It was enjoyable, but a little nerve-wracking.

"The fun part really outweighed the nervousness," Price said.

Ideally, Price and other builders would like to participate in a television show that each year features a competition for the biggest and best Rube Goldberg chain-reaction machines. It's a dream, one that's not impossible.

"I think all of us would do this full-time in a heartbeat if we were paid to do it," he said.

It's not available yet, but Price said Saturday's chain reaction, which involved some 500,000 objects, will at some point will be available at www.youtube.com/hevesh5.

Tonya Matthews, the Michigan Science Center's president and CEO, has said she hopes the Incredible Science Machine effort "will spark an interest in this great field" and inspire others to pursue similar goals in science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, projects.

For more on Price's work, go to www.YouTube.com/TheSprice17.

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Easing water rate hikes goal of talks

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Aiming for long-term relief from steadily increasing water rates, Canton leaders are continuing talks with Detroit officials to possibly buy or lease part of a Detroit Water and Sewerage Department water-storage facility on Canton's north side.

The plan would allow Canton to better manage its own water flow, ease peak-hour spikes in usage and, ideally, soften the blow of future rate hikes.

"It's still not a done deal, (but) it sounds encouraging," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Tuesday. "We're still working on it. I think we're going to do something."

His remarks came after he had a conversation Tuesday with William Wolfson, DWSD general counsel, to continue talks that began last year after a DWSD team, including Director Sue McCormick, indicated an interest in reaching an agreement.

The plan would help Canton and allow Detroit to save money by having Canton manage a small portion of the vast system, now overseen by a new, regional Great Lakes Water Authority.

Canton resident James Fausone, an attorney who chairs the Detroit Board of Water Commissioners, said Tuesday that talks between Canton and DWSD "remain on track."

"It's taking a little longer than we expected," Fausone said, adding that the shift to a regional water authority has dominated much of DWSD's time.

Fausone said a real estate appraisal of the Canton-based DWSD site near Joy and Morton Taylor roads has occurred, along with certain engineering studies. Fausone described himself as "optimistic" that an agreement can be reached that could ease future water rate hikes.

"I think that's certainly the plan," he said. "Everybody's expectation is that if you had (more) capacity, that would keep a damper on rate increases."

Moreover, Fausone said regional control of the Detroit-based water system could eventually, gradually help to lower costs not just in Canton, but across the region.

The latest developments come after Canton residents

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Shakespeare a boon for Canton Village Theater

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Jennifer Tobin likens the arrival of the Michigan Shakespeare Festival at Canton's Village Theater to the thrill of Christmas.

"I don't know when I've been more excited," said Tobin, Canton arts coordinator.

Early this week, members of the Shakespeare company were moving sets and props into the local performing arts center at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads in anticipation of a three-week run of performances from July 29 through Aug. 16.

And it's a first for the Village Theater and Canton.

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"This raises the bar," Tobin said. "We have had the Detroit Symphony Orchestra here. We are providing the highest quality for discerning patrons. It is also for our groups who perform here. They will be rubbing elbows with those at the top of their game."

In its 21st season, the Shakespeare Festival features productions of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Henry IV*, as well as Richard Brinsley Sheri-



Alan Ball as Bottom and Janet Haley as Titania in "A Midsummer's Night Dream" — "What angel wakes me from my flowery bed?"

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Canton first site in metro Detroit for senior facility

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton has been chosen as metro Detroit's first location for a senior assisted living center planned by a growing Grand Rapids-based company.

Glen Abbey Assisted Living, which officials say places an emphasis on a smaller, upscale facility, is expected to open by fall of next year after the parent company, Leisure Living Management, broke ground this summer at 455 N. Lotz, north of Cherry Hill.

Company president Neil Kraay said Canton seemed a prime location for Glen Abbey, which will offer 27 assisted living units and 14 apartments for residents needing care for memory issues.

"We know Canton is

one of the more vibrant areas economically," Kraay said Monday, adding later, "We felt the market was deep enough and strong enough to support (Glen Abbey)."

Moreover, Kraay said the facility will provide an alternative for residents who need care and are moving out of their homes, but who want to stay in Canton for what he called desirable amenities ranging from arts to green space.

"It's a beautiful community," he said.

Glen Abbey will accommodate single residents, couples and pets with what is billed as spacious floor plans and secure, landscaped walking paths. It marks the company's 22nd senior community and the first in metro Detroit.

Canton Chamber of Commerce President

Thomas Paden said Glen Abbey will fill a need.

"They're beautiful facilities and I think that Canton obviously is a growing community," he said. "Some of our residents are aging and their parents are aging. It's always a good idea to have businesses that can cater to that demographic."

Leisure Living Management started in 1995 with just a few assisted living facilities and has branched into both rural and metropolitan areas across Michigan.

To learn more about Glen Abbey, go to www.glenabbeyassistedliving.com. For more information on Leisure Living Management go to www.leisure-living.com.

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Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden (foreground) joins other officials to break ground for the new Glen Abbey assisted living center in Canton.

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awarded to the top performer.

Space is limited; participants are required register and to email their song selection to welzn@cantonpl.org by July 24.

WATER

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are approaching quarterly water bills of \$400. The township board in the spring approved an 8.6-percent water-sewer rate hike.

Under that plan, Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas has said a typical residential customer using 32,000 gallons of water every three-month billing cycle has seen quarterly bills jump from \$358 to \$389.

Efforts by Canton to

buy or lease one of DWSD's storage tanks could prove significantly cheaper than an alternate plan for the township to build its own storage facility, such as a water tower, which could cost millions.

Residents have long complained about water rate hikes, which Detroit officials have said were needed to maintain and repair an aging, sprawling system in southeast Michigan.

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Water rates are explained by Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas during an earlier public forum.

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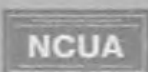


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Church pantry helps area resident pay bills

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Without help, Carolyn West would be forced to choose between paying her bills and buying food.

"When I get through paying my bills, I don't have enough money to stock up on my groceries like I need to," the 61-year-old Westland resident said.

Her situation worsened after her Bridge Card benefits were reduced, so she has turned for help to the Abundant Life Church of God in Canton, which has started a new food pantry to fight hunger.

"It's very helpful," said West, accompanied by grandsons Rashard, 5, and Kaiden, 1.

The church has marked the second week of its new food pantry, open 2-4 p.m. each Thursday inside its building near Hannan and Palmer. Recipients need only to show a driver's license and proof of residence.

Paulette Smitherman, food pantry administrator, has witnessed metro Detroit's hunger as a home care and hospice nurse. She has gone into homes and seen empty refrigerators.

Smitherman said some people, especially the elderly, are forced to choose between buying food or paying for their prescription drugs. It's a choice she said they shouldn't have to make.

Her husband Dan, the church's pastor, agreed.

"This is a way for us to reach out and touch the community," he said. "We don't just want to be a house on the side of the road. We want to make a difference."

Thursday afternoon, volunteers had numerous boxes of food ready to go when the church opened its doors. The project drew 18 families in its first week, but already had begun to expand by the second week.

The church picks up

"We don't just want to be a house on the side of the road. We want to make a difference."

REV. DAN SMITHERMAN
pastor, Abundant Life Church of God

supplies from Gleaners Community Food Bank, including frozen meat, vegetables, canned soup, pasta, bread and other goods. A church volunteer even makes small bags of candy for children.

"We try to make it a well-balanced diet," Paulette Smitherman said. "If it's a larger family, they get a larger box of food."

Private donors also complement food supplies from Gleaners.

Marlette Anquetil of Canton stopped by Abundant Life of God Church to pick up food Thursday for a Plymouth family of five who had no transportation. Anquetil was helping through an online project, Sharing Is Caring, started by a Redford woman.

"I'm a single mom myself. God only knows if I might ever need help," Anquetil said. "Never say never."

Referring to the family she was helping, she said she felt heartbroken after hearing what a 10-year-old child had said after eating canned food day after day. The child simply asked the mother, "Can we have some real food?"

Abundant Life Church of God had started a food pantry last year, but had to close down and get better organized before reviving it. Volunteers already had filled numerous boxes of food as recipients began to arrive Thursday.

The church also has some donated clothing that its visitors are en-



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Donated clothing is also available at the church.

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Carolyn West, with grandson Rashard by her side, said the new food pantry is "very helpful."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Paulette Smitherman coordinates the food pantry for Abundant Life Church of God.

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Volunteer DeShawn Will brings food to the front of the church for pickup.

couraged to take.

The church intends to complement – not compete with – other churches that have food pantries. One of the area's biggest is the longtime

Open Door Ministry, started by Canton's Connection Church on Lilley, south of Michigan Avenue.

Dan Smitherman said hunger is a problem that any church can help fight.

"It's not a competi-

tion," he said.



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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

BMW blocks intersection, driver arrested on DUI charge

A 43-year-old man was arrested on a drunken driving charge early Sunday after police found him sitting in a BMW in the intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Haggerty.

It was shortly after 1 a.m. when a patrolling officer found the man, northbound on Haggerty but blocking the intersection, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. The man admitted to drinking two beers, then said he had

three, then admitted to having four, but said he was still under his limit, the report said. Police said the man smelled of alcohol.

After field sobriety tests, a preliminary breath test registered a blood-alcohol content level of 0.109, police said. The man was arrested and taken to a medical facility in Canton Township, where blood was drawn for more precise testing.

Double fraud?

A township woman who told police her identity had been

stolen in April reported receiving a suspicious notice from a debt collection agency.

The notice was an attempt to collect \$190.37 she supposedly owed a cellular phone company, a police report said, even though, according to the woman, the company said she only owed \$112.48 and also said it had not yet turned over her bill to a collection agency.

The woman told police she had never had an account with that phone company, but that she previously was aware that an account with the company had been opened in her name.

Arrest

A 23-year-old man was arrested on two outstanding warrants and for driving with a suspended license after a July 14 fender-bender at Five Mile and Beck.

The collision was between a Nissan Altima and a Chevrolet Trailblazer, a police report said. The reported listed no injuries.

The driver with a suspended license also had no proof of insurance, police said.

Bike found

Two Mongoose brand mountain bicycles were found July 14 outside of a business on Halyard in the township.

An employee found the bikes just before 7 a.m. and told police they had been left there since the day before, a police report said.

The bikes were put into storage; police found no reports of those type of bicycles having been stolen.

- By Matt Jachman

State police to focus on commercial driver infractions

The Michigan State Police is taking part in a new campaign designed to decrease the number of commercial vehicle fatal crashes.

Speeding is the largest contributing factor in the accidents, followed by distraction or inattention and then impairment, which includes driving while fatigued or after consuming alcohol or drugs, according to research by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

In 2014, 27 people were killed in Michigan in commercial motor vehicle-involved crashes in Michigan.

"The hardship and suffering of even one family due to a preventable traffic crash is too much," said Capt. Michael Krumm, commander of the Michi-

gan State Police Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division.

Through July, the Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division of the Michigan State Police became the newest partner in the nationwide traffic safety initiative "Toward Zero Deaths," which seeks to significantly reduce traffic fatalities.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Witnesses say drunken man vandalized hotel laundry room

Canton police took a 28-year-old man into custody and cited him for disorderly conduct after witnesses say he broke into a laundry room of a Canton hotel and began vandalizing it, apparently while he was drunk.

Police say the incident occurred about 2:35 a.m. July 15 at the Fairfield Inn, northeast of the Ford-Haggerty intersection.

Police went to the inn amid reports the man had broken into the laundry room and was vandalizing it before he attempted to flee and then fell to the floor of the hotel lobby, where police found him, a report said.

The man accused officers of beating him and then mumbled statements that made no sense, the report said. He told police he had been staying at the inn, but couldn't say what room. He admitted he had been drinking, but refused a breath test.

The suspect was facing an appearance in 35th District Court for disorderly conduct.

Sister fight

Police took a 20-year-old Canton woman into custody for domestic violence after she was accused of fighting with her older sister and putting her in a choke hold at the West

Point mobile home community, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road, a report said.

The dispute erupted shortly before 7 p.m. July 14, when the suspect said she and her sister had argued after the suspect had her boyfriend over for a visit, the report said. The suspect's 7-month-old daughter also was in the home.

The older sister asked the suspect to leave and she agreed, but said she would be taking with her some food that their mother had bought for them before she departed for Atlanta. The older sister then took the food and locked it in her bedroom, prompting the suspect to get a butter knife and pry open the door.

The suspect also grabbed the older sister from behind in a choke hold, the report said.

Police took the suspect into custody and summoned an aunt who took temporary custody of the 7-month-old child. Police also learned the suspect had a warrant for her arrest out of Battle Creek for failing to appear in court there for an unrelated incident.

Boyfriend trouble

A 25-year-old Canton woman notified police amid allegations her boyfriend, 24, destroyed some of her property after they became embroiled in a dispute.

The incident happened

shortly before 4 p.m. Saturday.

The woman told police she left the home on Greenlawn, near Joy and I-275, during the dispute so that she could call police. While she was away, she said, the boyfriend damaged the front door of her residence, cracked her flat-screen television and damaged the rim of a tire on her car.

The investigation was continuing and police advised the woman on how to get a personal protection order.

Dog incident

A 55-year-old woman called police to report she had fallen in the street and injured herself after she was running away from a loose dog that ran toward her and another woman, as if to attack them, a report said.

The incident happened about 9:15 p.m. Friday in the 47000 block of Glastonbury, southeast of Cherry Hill and Beck.

The woman told police she and the other woman were walking along a sidewalk when a large brown dog - no further description - began running toward them. She said she moved toward the street to flee the dog, fell and injured her right wrist and knee.

The woman called 9-1-1 after she returned home. Police were trying to reach the dog owner.

- By Darrell Clem



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HORVATH

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cussion and eventual approval of a 2015-16 balanced district budget that included some \$5.3 million in reductions, including staff and programs. Horvath joined Trustee Michael Maloney in opposing the budget adoption in June.

"On behalf of P-CCS administration, we thank

Mr. Horvath for his years of service to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. We wish him well in his future endeavors," Superintendent Michael Meissen said.

The Board of Education has 30 days — as required by state rules — to fill the vacancy. Applications will be accepted and will be passed on to board members, who will choose an appointee, following interviews. Horvath and other board

members serve six-year terms. His term would have been up in 2018.

In his resignation letter, Horvath said he has spent the last three years — following his 2012 re-election — committed to improving operational processes, while increasing accountability in finance, facility optimization and transportation.

"I continue to be plagued by data being provided that is incomplete, incorrect and un-

suitable for making the oversight decisions necessary to be an effective board member," Horvath wrote. "While I am sure that many feel the need for detailed data is 'micro-management,' I remain convinced that we need this kind of accurate and precise data to make our school district successful."

Horvath also wrote that he would not likely get support from other board members to ensure

that the information he has previously requested from district officials would be available "for true data-driven decision making ..."

He also referred to data leading to decisions made on redistricting proposals, particularly for middle schools, as well as the district budget and even on the building of the new Liberty Middle School.

"I am an operations guy. We do everything

with data," Horvath said following his resignation.

Using as an example the recent reduction of 5.5 plant managers in the district — to help balance the 2015-16 budget — Horvath said board members were told district officials would now follow a shared services model. "But there is no model," he added.

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THEATER

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dan's *The Rivals*.

Tickets are on sale for the Canton performances, including season flex passes, at www.cantonvillagetheater.org. A flex pass will include one ticket to each production; show dates and times can be chosen at the time of purchase or at a later date. Ticket prices range from \$16 to \$40, depending on a patron's age. For more information, go to www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734-394-5300.

The Shakespeare Festival's arrival at the Village Theater is a culmination of Tobin working behind the scenes. She had previously planted the seeds of encouraging the Shakespearean company to consider Canton. It took a bit of time. But technicians and designers are now at the theater "re-teching the shows," said Alan Ball, an artistic associate with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival.

"There has been a lot of planning," Ball said. "We are fortunate to have our scenic designers."

Founded in 1995, the Michigan Shakespeare Festival has performed in Jackson for more than 20 years. Starting as an outdoor festival in Ella Sharp Park, the company moved indoors to its current home at the Potter Center on the campus of Jackson College in

2003, which has allowed for higher levels of technical and professional performances, as well as audience comfort.

That same year, MSF received designation as the Official Shakespeare Festival of Michigan by the state Legislature.

The festival opened its 2015 season at its home at the Potter Center in Jackson. The sets for the three Shakespeare shows on tap this season were designed with the Potter Center and the Village Theater in mind. In fact, Ball said the theaters are similar, which made planning a bit easier.

"Our resident scenic designer, Jeromy Hopgood, designed the sets for both theaters," he said. "Both theaters were designed by the same architect."

The company's resident lighting designer, Diane Fairchild, is rede-

signing this aspect of the productions to better fit Canton. "They have some moving instruments here we didn't have in the other place," Ball said.

Artistic director Janice L. Blixt and *The Rivals* director Robert Kaulzarich, who visited the Canton theater, had a good idea of what would be required to move the productions from Jackson to Canton. "The show will be 're-teched' with props, music and lights," Ball said. "This is the nature of live theater."

As for Canton, this is a first for the Michigan Shakespeare Festival, but it gives the company a chance to spread its impact to audiences that may not have taken the time to drive to Jackson to see the productions.

"We are good," Ball said. "This is such a good company. Almost all of us — some 16 actors — have

classical training."

He counts the Shakespeare company fortunate, not only in its ability to move the productions, but for those working to provide the productions. One such member is resident composer Kate Hopgood. "She is a composer of some note," Ball said. "She has composed all the music for the festival."

That includes each of the three productions coming to Canton, he added: "It is all original

music that she has composed, including a song for *Henry IV*."

Tobin is hoping Plymouth and Canton folks will head in droves to the Village Theater: "This is thrilling and will be such a great experience."

Not only will the festival be a chance to see professional actors in well-known classics, but it provides a unique experience at the Village Theater. "Even if you have never tried something like this before, this

is the place to try it," Tobin said.

While children certainly may come to the shows, Tobin said parents should be aware of the stories that will be brought to life. If a child is interested in literature and can sit for two or three hours, "it would be fine. But this really isn't children's theater."

"It is a great adult night out," she added.

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Old Village fans hit the streets

Old Village residents and visitors took to the streets and sidewalks on one of the hottest days of the summer Sunday for Bumpers, Bikes and Bands, the annual car and motorcycle show and free concert in Plymouth's oldest neighborhood.

The event brought out vintage motorcycles and cars, including a 1915 Ford Model T, a 1948 Chevrolet Fleetline and a 1969 Dodge Dart Swinger, with the original paint job and window sticker showing it was made in Hamtramck. There were also vendors, a food truck with a Cuban-inspired menu and live rock and blues by an ensemble made up of members of the Wiley Coyote Band and other local bands.

The main action was on Starkweather, between Farmer and the CSX Railroad tracks; parts of Liberty and Spring were also blocked to traffic and reserved for the festival.

Local businesses got in on the action: the Liberty Street Brewing Co. sold its brand of root beer, the Funky Monkey Boutique was open and the Red Twig Gallery's Cathy Doughty pushed an art cart through the crowd, offering small prints and sun shakers - decorative window-hangings that reflect the rays of the sun.

The festival was a fundraiser for the Old Village Association, a group of residents and business owners. The money is to be used for neighborhood beautification projects, such as light-pole banners and tree-planting.

-By Matt Jachman



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Matt Besey (from left), "the Rev." Mark Falconberry and saxophonist Joe LaBeau perform Sunday as part of the Wiley Coyote Band during Bumpers, Bikes and Bands in Old Village.



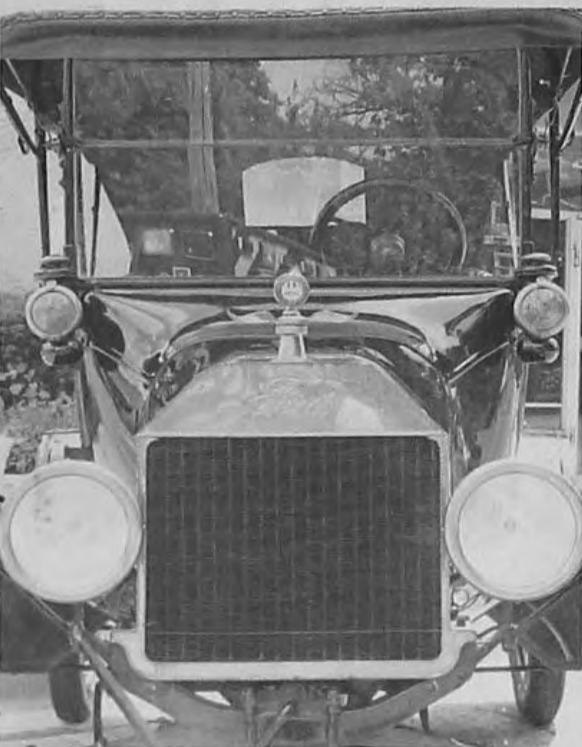
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Mark Dault (left) on drums and Tony Sebastian on congas jam with the Wiley Coyote Band during a version of Dave Mason's "Feelin' Alright?" Sunday at the Bumpers, Bikes and Bands festival in Old Village.



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Cathy Doughty hawked jewelry and "sun shakers" (window decorations that reflect and disperse sunlight) from the Red Twig Gallery's art cart Sunday during Bumpers, Bikes and Bands.



MATT JACHMAN

This 100-year-old Ford Model T, owned by John and Dorothy Grace of Westland, was probably the oldest vehicle on display Sunday during Bumpers, Bikes and Bands, the Old Village street festival.



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The steering wheel and instrument panel on Jeff Gysel's 1948 Chevrolet Fleetline Aero sedan.



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A 1969 Dodge Dart Swinger on display had its original paint job, in near-mint condition, and this logo, found on the rear fenders. The car also had its original dealer's window sticker, showing a retail price of \$3,078.



MATT JACHMAN

This restored 1948 Chevrolet Fleetline Aerosedan in coral and beige belongs to Jeff Gysel of Brighton.

BUY MICHIGAN NOW

Downtown Northville's Annual Festival Celebrating Michigan

Buy Michigan Now Fest boosts state, its products

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

In 2007, Michigan's economy was in rough shape. Livonia resident Lisa Diggs wanted to help.

"People recognize we all have a role in revitalizing the economy," said Diggs, who launched Buy Michigan Now that year. "Buying from Michigan-based businesses is one way we can contribute."

Buy Michigan Now is a statewide initiative to inform, educate and encourage organizations and consumers to boost Michigan's economy by buying products and services made in Michigan and from Michigan-based companies.

The seventh annual Buy Michigan Now Festival will be July 31 through Aug. 2 in downtown Northville. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Friday, July 31, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2.

Northville offers great access to Detroit, Ann Arbor and Lansing, explained organizer Diggs. "It's an incredibly cute town," she said, adding it also boasts many independent merchants of the variety Buy Michigan Now seeks to promote.

"We hear nothing but positive feedback in terms of what it does for those businesses," Diggs said. "They do very well, I'm happy to say."

Admission and parking to the Buy Michigan Now Festival are free. Main and

Center streets are closed in the middle of downtown to make it easy to shop and dine, while enjoying live entertainment from some of Michigan's top performers.

Diggs noted a part of Wing Street will also be closed this year, the seventh annual festival, indicating how the event has grown. "I think

people are actively seeking out Michigan-based products and companies," she said. "I think our campaign and our website has had a lot to do with making that happen."

Detroit's been known for auto manufacturing for years, and some companies like Jiffy are household names, but Diggs finds festival visitors often learn about others. "They see something they didn't know was made here. I think people always discover something," she said.

There will be some 150-plus vendors this year at the festival in downtown Northville. "It all just depends on what people are looking for," she said. You can learn about roof repairs at the festival, buy patio furniture or seek out smaller items.

"We've got some from Traverse City," Diggs said of vendors, who will represent 70-plus different Michigan communities, "which is really cool."

When she started the campaign in 2007, "I was looking for personally how I could make a difference. I decided to educate other people. It's one of the easiest things we can do, where our dollars are going."

If every Michigan household added \$10 a week to Michigan products, it would pump \$38 million a week into our state's economy, she said, providing jobs and spin-off benefits for many.

The Buy Michigan Now Festival will feature in the town square a selection of Michigan beers



Lisa Diggs takes a look at some Michigan-produced art at a local business. Diggs is in charge of the Buy Michigan Now Festival that will be held July 31 through Aug. 2 in downtown Northville.

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and wines, under sponsorship of the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Beer and Wine Garden hours are 4-10 p.m. Friday, 1-10 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Buy Michigan Now campaign can be reached at P.O. Box 511135, Livonia, MI 48151, email Fest@BuyMichiganNow.com. Its website is www.buymichigannowfest.com.

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Buy Michigan Now Festival hosting fundraising activities

A meeting in late-September 2014 between Buy Michigan Now and Michigan Positivity Project founder Lisa Diggs and Michigan native and *Days of Our Lives* star Shawn Christian started with a vision and is now becoming a reality.

In conjunction with the Seventh Annual Buy Michigan Now Festival in downtown Northville July 31 to Aug. 2, Christian and his *Days of Our Lives* co-star Arianne Zucker will co-host three fundraisers during the Buy Michigan Now Festival. Proceeds will benefit Arrow-Heart Adventure Camps in Detroit, which help at-risk children, and The Michigan Positivity Project. Tickets for all weekend events are now on sale.

"I feel so privileged to work with these incredible organizations. Buy Michigan Now, The Michigan Positivity project, and the Outdoor Adventure Center's generosity, kindness and confidence in Arrow-Heart Adventure Camps helps us toward our mission to build a healthy and enriching community for teens in Detroit," said Zucker, co-founder of Arrow-Heart Adventure Camps.

Through the Michigan Positivity Project, Christian and Zucker were introduced to Detroit's new Outdoor Adventure Center and Belle Isle, and as a result, they have worked with Lisa Diggs and a dedicated team that believes in their mission to help bring their amazing mentoring program to children in Detroit. Arrow-Heart is committed to enriching the lives of young teens through challenging outdoor adventures and mentorship. They inspire kids to want to make better choices and to build character, confidence, credibility and critical thinking skills. Each child is also required to do service to their community, as a component of the program.

"As soon as I met Shawn and heard him speak so passionately about how the Arrow-Heart program helped kids get exposure to the great outdoors while building character and leadership skills, I knew we needed to bring that program to Michigan and Detroit's new Outdoor Adventure Center provides the perfect home for the program," said Diggs.

"I'm grateful for the inspirational forces of family and friends in Michigan who have given me the tools to experience the adventurous life I have now as an actor and producer. I want to pay the adventure forward. I'm so proud of the team we've assembled to empower the Detroit youth through Arrow-Heart Adventure Camps," said Shawn Christian.

Support
Metro-Detroiters can offer their support via the following fundraising events scheduled.

• **Shindig at the Shop** (7-10 p.m. Friday, July 31): Buy Michigan Now and Arrow-Heart Camps have partnered with Northville's Tipping Point Theatre for this one-of-a-kind creative evening. Mix, mingle and explore Northville's new Village Workshop, a multi-level hub of creativity and innovation while enjoying local foods and beverages, live entertainment, and watching creative projects come to life. Every ticket comes with a free souvenir made on site at the Village Workshop. Parking is available in lots around the venue. The Village Workshop is located at 455 E. Cady Street. Tickets for Shindig at the Shops are \$35 in advance and \$40 at door.

• **Special movie screening of *Spanners* and Q&A with Shawn Christian** (3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1): A unique opportunity for sci-fi movie fans to catch a private screening of the film at the Emagine Theatre Novi. Tickets (\$12) are available for purchase online.

• **Toast of Michigan Wine & Beer Tasting** (6-7 p.m. (V.I.P.) and 7-10 p.m. (general admission) Saturday, Aug. 1): Sample the many wine and beer offerings at the event space located inside Northville Square (133 W. Main Street). Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door and include light hors d'oeuvres, eight tasting tickets, dessert bar, live entertainment, and a silent auction.

• **Brunch with a Heart** (10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Aug. 2): Guests can enjoy brunch with Christian and Zucker in a more intimate setting at the Garage Grill & Fuel Bar (202 W. Main Street). This unique 1940s era building was converted from a body shop to a cool restaurant with spectacular food. Brunch will be served buffet-style in a private room. Tickets are \$45 advance. There will be no day-of-event purchases available.

A VIP weekend pass is also available for purchase for \$200 and includes admission to all three weekend events (Shindig, Toast and Breakfast). The weekend pass also includes access to the VIP reception on Saturday which will include drinks and light hors d'oeuvres and a gift bag.

Individual tickets and VIP Weekend Pass tickets can be purchased in advance at www.arrow-heart.com/events/. For more information on the Buy Michigan Now Festival, visit www.buymichigannowfest.com.

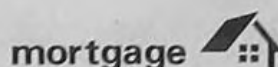
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2:00PM-2:45PM Magician Chris Clark

Chris will return with a second show featuring magic, puppets, and lots of laughs.

3:00PM-4:30PM Jason Milan

Songwriter and instrumentalist Jason Milan began picking and strumming when he was eleven years old. Roughly two and a half decades after first picking up an acoustic guitar, he has blossomed into a truly gifted performer and technical virtuoso. His original instrumental compositions are experimental, spellbinding and spine tingling. Fans of guitar greats like Django Reinhardt, Al Di Meola and Pat Metheny will surely appreciate the worldly jazz undertones that resonate while he navigates effortlessly over the frets.

5:00PM-6:30PM The Rebound Band (Beer and Wine Garden Opens at 5PM)

Styled in the classic roots-rock format of two interweaving lead guitars, with an acoustic guitar, bass and drum rhythm section, The Rebound Band breathes new life into the greatest hits of the 60's through the 90's. They pay tribute to artists like Bob Seger, Pearl Jam, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Tom Petty and more. You may even find yourself singing along to these hits that everybody knows and loves.

7:00PM-9:00PM Twistin' Tarantulas

The Northville Friday Night Concert Series in Town Square will be a party, under the musical guidance of long-time Detroit area favorites, Twistin' Tarantulas. This band journeys across the American musical landscape, playing mostly their own material. They play a hybrid of Jump-Blues and Rockabilly for a truly unique and entertaining sound.

10:00PM Michigan Beer & Wine Garden Closes

SATURDAY AUGUST 1ST

10:00AM-12:45PM Donna Holman

Musician, Donna Holman, writes and sings original songs and also performs a variety of classic hits from Norah Jones to James Taylor to Etta James. She has been nominated for several music awards, and has shared the stage with Kid Rock, Rascal Flatts and Travis Tritt. For this performance she'll be joined on stage by Bill Adams and Cody Scanlan.

1:00PM-2:30PM Darwin Mamassian and James Humphries (Beer and Wine Garden opens at 1PM)

Ease into your weekend with some folk, blues, and light rock courtesy of talented singer/songwriter, Darwin Mamassian, who will be joined on stage by James Humphries on harmonica. The pair will treat you to some of your favorite tunes as well as some original music.

3:00PM-4:15PM 3RD Degree Byrnes

These guys specialize in rocking blues with a blend of 60's/70's rock and old school country. With Michigan natives Nick Byrnes on drums, brother, Kevin Byrnes on bass, and long-time friend, Chris Virzi providing vocals and keyboards, Town Square will be buzzing.

4:45PM-6:45PM Holstein Highway

Expect tons of energy and excitement from this Farmington-based Americana/Roots band that performs original music mixed with intriguing twists on classic songs. Holstein Highway sounds like Jackson Browne meets Marc Cohn at a Traveling Wilburys reunion.

7:30PM-9:30PM Mainstreet Soul

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10:00PM Michigan Beer & Wine Garden Closes

SUNDAY AUGUST 3RD

11:30AM-12:30PM Gerry Bee and the Bluescasters (Beer and Wine Garden opens at Noon)

The forecast includes some serious Blues on Sunday, when Gerry Bee and friends hit Town Square. These guys are the some of the best guitarists in Metro Detroit! They'll get your day off to a smooth start.

1:00PM-2:30PM Rare Standard

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3:00PM-5:00PM David Gerald Band

Popular BMNFest favorites, the David Gerald Band will close the party out. This rockin' blues band performs all across the USA, though they are based in Westland. Their show includes a wide variety of great blues covers as well as songs from their debut CD.

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Motivating a staff takes communication, caring

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Management consultant Tom Borg knows a thing or two about motivating employees.

"We can only create the right environment where that individual motivates themselves," said Borg, a Canton resident, who formed his Tom Borg Consulting, LLC in 1982. He told Westland Rotarians at a July 16 lunch that creating clear, ongoing communication is the basis of motivating staffers.

"You'll find you have a more in-depth conversation with the other person," he said of avoiding "multi-tasking" when meeting with a staffer.

Borg, whose clients include AT&T, Wayne State University and Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, told of an unmotivated

Ford Motor Co. staffer. His supervisor wanted to fire him, but Borg urged the supervisor to sit down for a cup of coffee with him, an offer that at first raised suspicion.

"He told me he had an autistic son at home," Borg said of that surprised supervisor, who also learned his staffer took pride in his bowling prowess. Later, the recalcitrant worker showed up early – and even asked what additional work he could do to help.

Borg urges managers to keep up with continuing education and read trade publications. He told of going to a Detroit Tigers game with his wife in 1987. A ballpark regular announced to Borg's section, "We're going to do the wave."

The first try was half-hearted, but the man kept working. "Hey, that was a pretty good try,"



Consultant Tom Borg (center), a Canton resident, visits with Westland Rotarians Richard Strausbaugh (left) and Paul Motz.

he told some teens. The Tiger Stadium visitor was eventually able to get the entire crowd to do the wave.

"The entire stadium bursts into applause because they just did the wave together," Borg

said. He met the wave organizer that day, who told Borg, "I'm just crazy enough to do what it takes to get these results."

The stadium crowd motivator added he finds the Tigers play better

when their fans are all behind them.

Borg also shared a story of magician Harry Houdini, who visited a Mexican jail to try to escape. Houdini picked the lock for a long time.

"The only thing that broke out was sweat on his forehead," Borg told the Rotarians. Houdini eventually passed out and pushed the jail door open. It was never locked.

In addition to clear, ongoing communication, Borg urges employers to:

» Have weekly meetings.

» Don't finish the other person's sentences.

» Stop multi-tasking, instead focus on the other person.

» Stop using the words "but" or "however," instead substitute the word "and."

He told the audience

to mull failure of four questions your employees have for you:

» Do you like me?
» Do you care about me?

» Can I trust you?
» Do you know what you are doing?

Don't play favorites, Borg added.

"That is a real motivation killer," he said. "Not a good way to run your organization."

Westland Rotary President Paul Motz, a Westland resident and director of Westland Youth Assistance, thanked Borg for speaking.

"Sometimes we just need that extra step for motivation," Motz said.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Ribbon-cuttings

The Canton chamber will host a couple of ribbon-cuttings in the next few weeks:

» Hearthland Health Care Center of Canton, open house 5-7:30 p.m. and ribbon-cutting at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 30, at the facility, 7025 N. Lilley Road.

» Showroom of Elegance will celebrate its 15th anniversary and unveil a refreshing and buildout of the store for a Pandora line. Stop by at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 6018 Canton Center Road.

After-hours mixer

The next Canton Chamber of Commerce mixer is 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at Hamp-

ton Inn & Suites, 1950 N. Haggerty Road. No charge for chamber members; non-members \$10. Contact the chamber for more information at 734-453-4040.

Just opened

TITLE Boxing Club in Canton has opened and offers trainer-led boxing and kickboxing classes.

"We chose Canton because it is a great community and we are excited to be a part of it," said Alice Kim, owner of TITLE Boxing.

TITLE Boxing Club Canton is located at 5848 N. Sheldon Road. For more information, go to www.canton-sheldon.titleboxingclub.com.

Apps open for political leadership program

Applications for the Michigan Political Leadership Program at Michigan State University are now available for individuals who are interested in enhancing their leadership and political skills in order to better serve communities, constituencies or causes. The program is administered and supported by MSU's Institute for Public Policy and Social Research in the College of Social Science.

Annually, a diverse group of 24 individuals are awarded the opportunity to participate in a hands-on curriculum that incorporates personal leadership development, public policy

process and analysis, governance and campaigning.

Graduates take with them the knowledge and skills needed to make sound public policy decisions and to be effective leaders of the future. Practical skills training are emphasized. Fellows participate in team and coalition-building activities to foster communication and the exchange of ideas.

The MPLP faculty is composed of elected officials, political activists, MSU faculty, media and business professionals from across Michigan. MPLP fellows are required to attend one weekend session per

month from February through November, generally beginning with dinner at 6 p.m. Friday and meeting through 4 p.m. Saturday.

Considerable financial resources and time are donated to support each fellowship, which is valued at \$12,000. The fellowship covers the participants' lodging, meals and program costs, however, accepted Fellows are asked to pay an administrative fee of \$1,000 to participate in this program. Travel and some parking expenses are the responsibility of the participant.

To apply for a MPLP Fellowship, right click and download an applica-

tion from the website at http://ippsr.msu.edu/MPLP/mplp_app.pdf. Mail the completed application, along with supporting documentation, to Program Administrator, Linda Cleary, Michigan State University, Michigan Political Leadership Program, 509 E. Circle Drive, Room 321, East Lansing, MI 48824-1111.

Applications must be received no later than Friday, Sept. 11, for consideration. Should you have any questions regarding the application process or the MPLP Program contact Linda Cleary, program administrator, at clearyl@msu.edu or 517-353-0891.

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Buy Michigan Now event boosts state, its products

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

In 2007, Michigan's economy was in rough shape. Livonia resident Lisa Diggs wanted to help.

"People recognize we all have a role in revitalizing the economy," said Diggs, who launched Buy Michigan Now that year. "Buying from Michigan-based businesses is one way we can contribute."

Buy Michigan Now is a statewide initiative to inform, educate and encourage organizations and consumers to boost the state's economy by buying products and services made in Michigan and from Michigan-based companies.

The seventh annual Buy Michigan Now Festival will be July 31 through Aug. 2 in downtown Northville. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Friday, July 31, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2.

Northville offers great access to Detroit, Ann Arbor and Lansing, Diggs noted. "It's an incredibly cute town," she said, adding it also boasts many independent merchants of the variety Buy Michigan Now seeks to promote. "We hear nothing but positive feedback in terms of what it does for those businesses. They do very well, I'm happy to say."

Admission and parking to Buy Michigan Now are free. Main and Center streets are closed in the middle of downtown to make it easy to shop and dine, all while enjoying live entertainment from some of Michigan's top performers.

Diggs noted a part of Wing Street will also be closed this year, indicat-



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Lisa Diggs takes a look at some Michigan-produced art at a local business. Diggs is in charge of the Buy Michigan Now Festival that will be held July 31 through Aug. 2 in downtown Northville.

ing how the event has grown. "I think people are actively seeking out Michigan-based products and companies," she said. "I think our campaign and our website has had a lot to do with making that happen."

Detroit has been known for auto manufacturing for years and some companies like Jiffy are household names, but Diggs finds festival visitors often learn about others.

There will be some 150-plus vendors this year. "It all just depends on what people are looking for," she said.

"We've got some from Traverse City," Diggs said of vendors, who will represent 70-plus different Michigan communities, "which is really cool."

When she started the campaign in 2007, "I was looking for personally how I could make a difference. I decided to

educate other people. It's one of the easiest things we can do, where our dollars are going."

If every Michigan household added \$10 a week to state products, it would pump \$38 million a week into our state's economy, she said, providing jobs and spin-off benefits for many.

Buy Michigan Now will feature a selection of Michigan beers and wines, under sponsorship of the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Beer and Wine Garden hours are 4-10 p.m. Friday, 1-10 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Buy Michigan Now campaign can be reached at P.O. Box 511135, Livonia, MI 48151, email Fest@BuyMichiganNow.com. Its website is www.buymichigannowfest.com.

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OUR VIEW

Protect yourself, loved ones from summer heat

It's been pretty warm recently. Temperatures hit the high 80s, low 90s with plenty of humidity last weekend.

Don't be surprised. Right now is the tail end of the hottest weather for the year in Michigan, according to 30-year averages calculated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Heat brings life, but it can also cause catastrophe if you aren't careful. The National Disaster Medical System says that on average, heat-related illnesses cause more than 600 deaths every year and from 2001 to 2010 more than 28,000 people were hospitalized for heat-related illnesses.

You can help keep yourself, your family and others around you out of the emergency department by watching for signs of heat stress.

People suffering from heat-related illnesses may experience heavy sweating; weakness; cold, pale, and clammy skin; fast, weak pulse; and nausea or vomiting. Early signs include muscle cramps, heat rash and fainting or near-fainting spells. If you believe someone is suffering from a heat-related illness, he or she needs to move to a cooler location and lie down; apply cool, wet cloths to the body; and have the person sip non-alcoholic fluids. They should remain in the cool location until recovered.

Signs that someone might be suffering from the most severe heat-related illness, heat stroke, include a body temperature above 103 degrees Fahrenheit; hot, red, dry or moist skin; rapid and strong pulse; and "altered mental status" that can range from confusion and agitation to possible unconsciousness.

If you see someone exhibiting these extreme signs, call 9-1-1 immediately; help the person move to a cooler environment; reduce the person's body temperature with cool cloths soaked

A fan provides a wind chill effect, making the air feel a few degrees colder than it actually is.



in ice water especially to head, neck, armpits and upper legs near the groin area where combined 70 percent of body heat can be lost, or even a cool bath if you can stay with them to avoid drowning; and do not give them fluids.

Children are especially vulnerable to heat illnesses, and can't always tell us what is wrong. When it's hot outside, consider any change in a child's behavior as heat stress. Additionally, infants and children should never be left in a parked car, even if the windows are down.

To help prevent heat-related illness, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and AlertID offer these suggestions:

» **Stay hydrated:** The rate at which the human body can absorb fluids is less than the rate it loses during extreme temperatures. Drinking beverages that contain sugar, caffeine or alcohol will only further dehydrate the human body. Drink water regularly, even before you are thirsty, as thirst indicates dehydration.

» **Keep cool:** If you don't have AC at home, keep rooms as ventilated as possible. Consider going to a public pool, shopping mall or other air conditioned building. Even a few hours in air conditioning can help you stay cool before you go back in the heat. Wear cool, loose, lightweight clothing to stay as cool as possible.

» **Limit outdoor activities:** Try to limit outdoor activity to early morning or evening hours and avoid strenuous activity during the hottest hours of the day.

» **Avoid harmful UVs:** If it's not possible to stay out of the sun, avoid harmful rays by wearing wide-brimmed hats, sunglasses, and use a sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher.

» **Never leave someone or a pet in a closed vehicle:** The temperature inside a closed vehicle can exceed 140 degrees within 30 minutes. Despite this clear and present danger, injuries and deaths among children, seniors and pets occur every year.

» **Check on elderly loved ones and those with special needs:** Extreme heat without AC can be especially dangerous for elderly and those with health issues, who are more affected by the heat. As people crank up air conditioning in the peak time of summer, electrical grids can become overwhelmed, causing power outages. In power outages, people who rely on electricity-dependent medical devices, like oxygen concentrators and electric wheelchairs, may need assistance so check on your neighbors as the temperatures soar.

» **Pets:** If pets need to stay outside, give them plenty of shade and water. Consider a small pool for the animal to stay cool.

Heat-related illnesses are dangerous, but they are also preventable. Take some time to learn more about ways to beat the heat so that you, your family, and your community can have a safer, healthier summer.

LETTERS

Feeling obligated

I normally won't comment on topics where I don't have a dog in the fight. But I feel obligated to after watching a news story about protestors on the steps of the South Carolina state house.

The KKK fools were shouting and waving the Confederate flag. A counter group was shouting and waving the green, black and red flag of the Republic of New Africa.

For those who don't know, the RNA was formed in 1968 by black radicals. They demanded the federal government turn over five southern states to them. They would then form a new country. The manifest to run the new RNA sounded like it could have been written by the Taliban of today. Their leaders were linked to violence and murder. Sure seems like the RNA and the KKK have more in common than they think.

I have always viewed the Confederate flag with disdain and people who display it as hillbillies and rednecks.

When I see that green, red and black rag being waved, I think of a Detroit police officer murdered by those separatists in 1969.

The two groups of protestors should have joined hands, marched down Main Street carrying a banner that said "Idiots Parade."

James Huddleston
Canton

Ice cream, not roads

The behavior of our state GOP-controlled House would be hilarious if their incompetent behavior was not so serious. After a two-week vacation, our state House representatives returned for duty only this past Tuesday, July 14, when they confronted the state Senate road repair bill. The GOP House leadership met for three hours behind closed doors and in secret deliberations.

After these deep and complex deliberations, they met briefly Wednesday, July 15 and declared July the ice cream month. They promptly adjourned and will be out of town all of last and this week.

As already mentioned, this may be comical behavior except the state GOP-controlled House expresses cowardice and avoidance of a permanent solution to our crumbling roads and bridges. July is the official ice cream month by legislative decree, but no solution for repair of our roads.

The construction season is already half over and we are faced with the winter of poor and worsening roads. If not incompetence, cowardice and indifference, just what is the reason for this inexcusable behavior by our elected representatives?

What will happen when they return? Who knows. There better be a permanent fix to our crumbling infrastructure or they may be on vacation permanently.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

KISS road plan

Remember the saying: Keep It Simple Stupid? As our legislators in Lansing "work" on a solution to fix our roads, we can only hope that they remember how

Jim Brenner
Redford

Hunger at home



DeShawn Will carts food to Marlette Anquetil, who volunteered to drive the items to a recipient in Plymouth who currently is without transportation.

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complicated Proposal 1 was. Keeping it simple should be the best approach. We can also hope that it is remembered that everybody will benefit from better roads, in varying degrees, not just those who may own a car and buy gasoline.

The Mackinac Center has stated that an increase of sales tax and use taxes from 6 percent to 7 percent would generate \$1.427 billion extra income. Unfortunately the Michigan Constitution requires that any change to the sales tax law requires a public vote. The attempt to do that with the last complicated proposal failed and cost the taxpayers millions of dollars.

Our Legislature has the authority to pass a tax bill that could increase revenue earmarked for road repair. This process has been implemented many times in the past, as an "excise" tax on: cigarettes, gasoline, diesel fuel, beer, wine, airline tickets, tires, etc., all applied in addition to an existing sales tax.

Income taxes, value added taxes, sales taxes and transfer taxes are examples of other "excise" taxes, but are typically not called excise taxes.

To avoid another complicated plan the Michigan House should take a simple approach that does not disrupt or cut any current programs. Authorize a 1-percent excise tax to those transactions that are now at 6 percent and earmark the additional 1 percent for road repairs. However, in my view the 1 percent add-on should expire in four years and be subject to a renewal allowing for an evaluation and review by the Legislature. All proposals thus far have not included a period for review or an end date.

Joe Neussendorfer
Livonia

The Voiceless Generation

Years ago, there was a political saying describing citizens who were not actively engaged in civic discourse, and who supposedly represented the basic will of the people. They were called the "Silent Majority." All sorts of political motivations were attributed to this mass of unknowns. Many crucial public policy decisions were made in their name.

Today, on the 239th Birthday of America, we are experiencing another era, newer generations who, for the most part, are not truly engaged citizens. Never have young people had so many technological marvels to communicate their views to elected officials, but it seems they are not taking advantage of them. Could it be that they do not have adequate background information provided to them in their schooling to do so? As a result, there appears to be a growing "Voiceless Generation" amongst the young. Why are there so many "voiceless" young people when it comes to civic engagement?

One big reason, I believe, is that our schools are simply not getting the job done. Our young people are not being taught "rootedness" about their community and the nation. It appears that they are not even being taught the basics as to how a municipal government works. To help remedy this situation, parents may want to take the time to educate their children about Livonia's proud history.

During the summer break they can take their youngsters on a visit to Livonia's historic Greenmead, tour the old Wilson Barn, or take a trip to historic Nankin Mills and other venues to learn about our area's historical roots. They could also educate their children about the workings of municipal government by taking their kids to a meeting of the Livonia City Council and explain its workings. They can also take their children along to voting precincts on election day to see how their parents prepare the ballot and use the voting machine. These kinds of experiences will help them get more engaged in later years.

GUEST COLUMN

Keeping Michigan families safe online

Today's technology is evolving at a rapid pace. Social media, mobile devices, the "cloud" and e-commerce have radically changed the ways information is used, stored and protected.

In a day and age when even young children can be found through a simple online search, families should be proactive in thinking about keeping themselves and their personal information safe.

Our organizations, AT&T and the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning, have seen the best and worst of cyber security practices. We want to help all Michigan families stay protected online, whether they're studying, working or just surfing the web.

As with any activity, common sense is the key to good cyber security. Our grandparents' reminders - "better safe than sorry" and "if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is" - hold true in the digital world.

With that in mind, here are some important online safety tips:

» **Click carefully.** Be wary of pop-up windows and stick to websites you trust. You're careful to avoid scams in your daily



Jim Murray



Mark Smith

life, so just apply these same judgment skills online and you'll be way ahead of the game.

» **Use firewalls, passwords and security software.** It seems obvious, but many families don't take precautions to protect their home systems and data from hackers. Use multiple passwords and make sure your information is safe from prying eyes, malware and other threats.

» **Monitor your kids.** Be sure to keep track of the websites children visit. Their searches, activities and eagerness to click on pop-up windows can lead to some unexpected consequences, not just for your system, but for them. Your vigilance can help ensure their safety from online predators and cyber bullying, plus provide an additional layer of practical security for your home computer system.

» **Be smart about managing your privacy.** If you don't want

your neighbors to see you doing it, don't do it online. People forget, but computers never do! This is an especially important lesson to consider when you're using social media. "Oversharing" can be tempting - especially for young people - but it's not usually a good choice. Parents should work with their children to help them understand that discretion is an important part of safety.

» **Shut it down sometimes.** It's not just good for your family to power down, it's also good for your computer system. Critical updates, virus protections and other fixes are often applied when you reboot, so be sure to disconnect frequently.

You've got a big job, keeping your family safe in today's digital world. For AT&T and MACUL, our partnership looks to help consumers - parents and their children - stay safe online. By using your head, taking advantage of available resources and being a smart consumer, you'll be sure to get the job done right.

Jim Murray is president of AT&T Michigan, and Mark Smith is executive director of the Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning.

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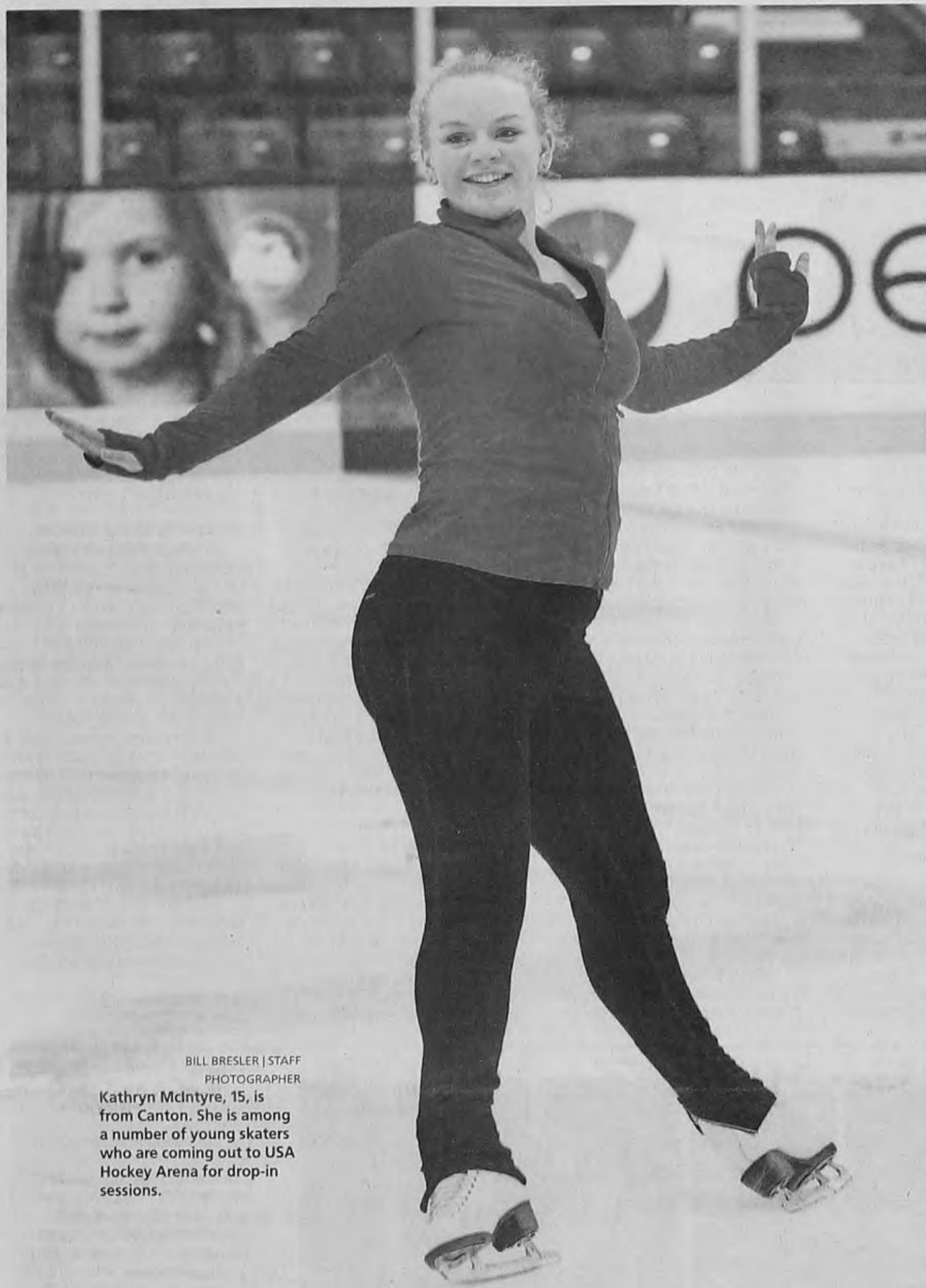
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FIGURE SKATING

STAYING SHARP



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Kathryn McIntyre, 15, is from Canton. She is among a number of young skaters who are coming out to USA Hockey Arena for drop-in sessions.

Drop-in sessions offer cool fun during hot summer for dedicated figure skaters

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Figure skaters such as Canton's Kathryn McIntyre barely cut their baby teeth before cutting symmetrical grooves in sheets of white ice.

McIntyre, now 15, was just 4 years old when she laced on skates for the first time. More than 10 years later, there's no place she'd rather be on summer mornings

than drop-in figure skating sessions at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth Township.

"It started at 6:50 (a.m.) and I've been here since like 8 o'clock," McIntyre said with a smile during Monday's session. "I like skating in the morning, though, because I have my whole afternoon to do other stuff. I'm a morning person anyway."

The 12-week summer program, guided by USA Hockey Arena figure skating director Jen DeJohn, provides ample opportunity for skaters of all ages — even those who didn't take up the sport until their teens or 20s — to sharpen up their moves and literally get an edge on those taking things a little easier during their summer vacation.

DeJohn estimated that as many as 24 skaters — including hockey

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USA HOCKEY ARENA

IT FIGURES

Hockey players get a leg up on essential skills

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The notion of hockey players working in the corners conjures up images of nasty puck battles.

That's not always the case, as demonstrated Monday at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth Township, where 15-year-old hockey player Brock Morganroth listened to his power skating coach along the boards during a drop-in figure skating session.

The coach, Nicole Reitz, patiently helped the Milford teen with just about every skill a hockey player must have to succeed — balance, body alignment, stride, the ability to stop on a dime.

A little while later during the session, Livonia's Joey Dean, 10, who plays for the Livonia Knights, received the same kind of coaching attention from Jen DeJohn.

"I think Jen (DeJohn) helps to improve his edges and his stride, gaining speed and balance," said Joey's mom, Jennifer Dean.

"They do a lot of work with technique, which helps. I think you can see it in his hockey game."

During one drill, Joey pushed off one skate while lifting the other blade off the ice. He repeated the exercise to the opposite end of the rink and back again.

"It's nose over knees over toes," said DeJohn, who regularly works with hockey players even though her title is director of figure skating at the arena.

DeJohn said the hockey-figure skating connection doesn't surprise as many people as it used to.

"I think the smart ones know where to come; word gets around," DeJohn said. "Because we grew up doing figures and we have quality edges and we know how to teach quality edges, we can transfer that to hockey stride, crossovers, sharp turns, quick starts."

"They do a lot of work with technique. ... I think you can see it in his game."

JENNIFER DEAN,
Joey's mom

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Skating coach Jacque Lupinacci-Mooney is a former hockey player for Livonia Ladywood.

PREP FOOTBALL

Falcons 'will be fine' despite loss of top talent

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Farmington High School's football team will adapt and move forward in the 2015 season, according to coach John Bechtel, despite losing one of its best players.

The Falcons' arsenal of talent took a hit when star wide receiver Dez Fitzpatrick

moved to Waterford and transferred to Mott High School.

The senior-to-be is one of the top-rated players at his position in the Midwest and maybe the country. Fitzpatrick committed to the University of Louisville at the end of last season.

Bechtel said he knew the move was a possibility after talking with Fitzpatrick's fa-



Bechtel

return phone calls from the *Observer*.

"It's just like every season,"

ther earlier this year.

The 6-foot-2, 192-pound Fitzpatrick, who also started at cornerback on defense for the Falcons, did not

Bechtel said. "You take the players you have and you do your best. Would we like to have him? Yes. If he's not there, we don't worry about it or dwell on it."

"We coach the next kid. We've got a lot of good players. We've got a lot of kids who can fill in, and I'm sure they're going to be great."

"I can't wait to start work-

ing with them when two-a-days start and we see what we have. We're excited."

Fitzpatrick caught 32 passes for 511 yards and scored a total of 11 touchdowns last season, helping the 7-3 Falcons win the OAA Blue Division championship.

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players working on stride, balance and crossovers — populate the ice at any one time during the sessions. They come from a number of communities, including Livonia, Farmington, Novi, South Lyon and Milford, among others.

Something unique

Because the Olympic-sized ice where the sessions normally take place was out of commission Monday, they skated on the arena's smaller sheet (where the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers formerly played).

"Figure skating's alive and well here," DeJohn said. "We're very happy to be here and we have a growing program."

The arena on Beck Road brings them in from just around the corner, too. Plymouth's Mikaela Hazergian worked on her jumps, spins and twirls.

So did Canton High School sophomore-to-be McIntyre, who playfully blamed her grandmother (Jackie, a Plymouth Figure Skating Club board member) for always bringing her to USA Hockey Arena and "paying for it, so I have her to thank for all of this."

McIntyre would walk to the arena if she had to, though.

"I love it. I love how it's different than other sports," McIntyre said. "It's very physical and a lot of people don't think it is."

"They think you're just out there on the ice, spinning and whatever. But it's very physical. You have to jump, you have to breathe really hard. It's really different than anything else."

It's exciting

Northville's Erica Hofner, 10, also was 4 years old when she took her first skating lessons at then-Compuware Arena. She was out there on the ice Monday not far from where McIntyre and Hazergian were getting after it.

Meanwhile, Erica's mom, Michaelann Hofner, couldn't hold back her enthusiasm for the rebranded program and that it is continuing without



Susan Carlisle offers encouragement to 10-year-old daughter Leta. They are from Canton.

missing a beat despite the recent sale of Compuware to USA Hockey.

"It's exciting and it's exciting that it's right in our community, that we don't have to travel so far for a high-quality program," Michaelann Hofner said. "Everybody knows Arctic Edge (in Canton) has great skaters and Olympic skaters, but that's far. And we've got a high-quality program with really well-trained coaches right here."

"My daughter's been competing since age 7, through Compuware and now USA Hockey Arena. We intend to stay here and stay with the program."

Youth is served

One of the younger skaters Monday was 7-year-old Northville resident Maya Labonte, accompanied by her mom, Meg Labonte.

"I really like it, because you get to learn new things and it's

really fun to learn new things," Maya said. "And I make a lot of friends on the ice."

"I like all the jumps and spins and how hard they are, it's just really fun to do all the spins, because I like the part where you get kind of dizzy."

Maya then let loose a trademark chuckle, obviously at her favorite place to be on a July morning. She loves to skate and have a great time doing it.

Plus, she's pretty good — helped along by instruction from skating coach Brandee Amick.

"Yeah, I did three competitions so far and for all of them I got first place," Maya said. "First one was at Compuware, where I skate now, the second one was at Westland and the third one was Ann Arbor."

That kind of success rate doesn't surprise Amick, a Canton resident.

"Maya is probably one of the hardest-working students I've had," Amick said. "She is

here every day skating and she probably stays, like, two to three hours. She'd stay the entire time if she could. She loves it; she wants to skate every single day."

Weighing in with a perfectly reasonable explanation for that was Maya, a little girl with a high-pitched voice who strings sentences together as well as some kids a decade older.

"You know what's the best about skating during the summer?" Maya asked. "Sometimes in summer it gets super-duper, *duper* hot. And I like to go on the ice 'cuz it's really cold."

Never too late

The joy of figure skating is something that came later in life to Northville's Kim Hayes, one of Monday's participants. Now 51, she was already 20 when she gave the sport a try.

"I got hooked right away," Hayes said. "I started in a Learn to Skate program and I



USA Hockey Arena figure skating director Jen DeJohn likes how summer business at the arena is going.

loved it, so I got a coach and started taking private lessons.

"Then I started in synchronized skating, which is team skating. I'm still on an adult team and we're going to be training here."

Hayes was working with her coach, Sheral Voelker, on "novice" moves.

"That's working with your edges and footwork," Hayes said. "That's a lot of deep edges, footwork. It's some of the stuff that they're also showing the hockey players."

"There are twizzles, rocker counters, inside 3-turns, loops and they're pretty difficult, but I love it. I've been skating for like 30 years and I'll keep going as long as I can."

Keeping the passion

Such enthusiasm amid a challenging day on the ice is music to the ears of arena skating coach Jacque Lupinacci-Mooney of Canton.

Lupinacci-Mooney, 33, brings a unique perspective to the rink, because she also was a varsity player on Livonia Ladywood's hockey team.

"Everything comes down to where your body is positioned and your edge work," Lupinacci-Mooney said. "But then also just developing you as an athlete to be happy to be on the ice and want to skate, even without a coach telling you to skate. To keep your heart in it."

Judging by the beaming faces worn by skaters at USA Hockey Arena, that shouldn't be a problem anytime soon.

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"We know the breakdown and we know how to coach, step by step, skating technique."

Also on the arena's skating staff is someone who played high school hockey at Livonia Ladywood, Jacque Lupinacci-Mooney.

"Most people are starting to see that there's an art to skating," the 33-year-old Canton resident said. "And there's an art to skating that's the primary emphasis in figure skating. And with hockey, sometimes you're distracted by working on skills in terms of puck skills."

"But if you cannot skate, then you're going to struggle in hockey."

Lupinacci-Mooney nodded when asked about how her unique ice experience helps her get the most out of students — whether their skates have toe picks or not.

"It makes me, one, extremely marketable," she said. "But two, more than anything, it makes me understand every skater's background, which we all know is going to be unique to each skater."

"I can understand a figure skating perspective and understand a hockey perspective, also, and help promote the growth of any athlete here."



Joey Dean, 10, of Livonia works on power skating with Jen DeJohn at USA Hockey Arena.

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school Fitzpatrick has attended. He began his prep career at Harrison and transferred to Farmington before his sophomore year.

The Falcons, who will be back in the OAA White this year with crosstown rivals Harrison and North Farmington, have at least two other NCAA Division I recruits on their roster.

Senior full-back and line-backer David Reese has committed to Michigan, senior running back/wide receiver/kick returner Jakkar Jackson to Central Michigan.

Senior tailback Kyle Brunson, whose brother, Curtis, plays at Ohio University, hasn't decided on a school yet but is being recruited by D-I schools, too.

"I think we have a whole bunch of scholarship kids," Bechtel said, citing receivers Zeb Noble, Andre Sarfoh and Justin Collins, tackle Andrew McLeod and linebacker Philip Norris.

"A couple other kids could well be, too. We've got a lot of really good players. We're highly optimistic. We'll be just fine."



Dez Fitzpatrick

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MU WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Franklin, Canton alums among five recruited to play for Crusaders

Madonna University softball coach Jerry Abraham has added five new student-athletes for the 2016 season, including a pair of Observerland recruits.

The Crusaders received letters of intent from Becky Giacobbi of Livonia (Franklin), Halee Warren of Canton (Canton), Kerstyn Comarzan of Wyandotte (Gibraltar Carlson), Haley Izvorski of West Branch (Ogemaw Heights) and Jordan Thayer of Clinton Township (Chippewa Valley).

"I think we have added five quality players and, more importantly, five quality peo-

ple to our program," Abraham said.

A three-time all-Kensington Lakes Activities Association selection, Giacobbi earned three all-district selections and was named her team's top offensive player twice. She hit .505 with 56 hits, including 11 doubles, as a junior in 2014.

"Becky is a talented, all-around athlete," Abraham said. "She has excellent base-running speed, a strong glove and the ability to play multiple outfield positions along with being a threat to steal."

"She has the skill set to contribute right away in her



Abraham

collegiate career. She's definitely a player we're excited to add to our 2015 recruiting class."

Warren played for former Madonna skipper Al White the last two seasons at Canton. She earned all-KLAA and all-district honors as a senior. Warren hit five home runs and was second in batting average for the Chiefs.

"Halee is a talented offensive and defensive standout," Abraham said. "She has the

ability to hit the ball to all fields, is a power-hitting threat and seems to play best in pressure situations. She is a quality student-athlete from Canton High School, one of the state's best softball programs."

Comarzan earned letters in basketball, softball and volleyball for the Marauders. A three-time all-Downriver selection on the diamond, she can play either shortstop or third base.

"Kerstyn has good range defensively and a powerful throwing arm," Abraham said. "Offensively, she can attack

with power and spray the ball to all fields."

Izvorski lettered in basketball, softball and volleyball. As a catcher, she was a two-time all-Big North Conference selection on the diamond.

Thayer was a four-year varsity softball and basketball player for the Big Reds. She also has extensive experience in travel softball.

The 2015 Crusaders (37-14-1) won the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular-season title, qualifying for the NAIA national tournament.

2015 ALL-AREA SOFTBALL TEAM

All-Observer team loaded with college-bound talent

FIRST TEAM

Alex Sobczak, catcher, Mercy: Sobczak played every position on the field during a stellar four-year varsity career and was named Miss Softball Position Player this year. She began her senior season at third base and moved to catcher for the second half.

Sobczak, who will play for the University of Michigan, batted .440 with seven doubles, five triples, six home runs and 33 RBIs. As the leadoff batter, she drew 39 walks — about half of which were intentional.

She also scored 58 runs and made the Division 1 all-state first team. Her slugging and on-base percentages were .857 and .625, respectively.

"Alex was a tremendous leader," coach Alec Lesko said. "She was someone who gave confidence to every other player on the team. She did whatever we asked of her."

"Being in the leadoff spot may have hurt some of her numbers as far as home runs and RBI. But, because they walked her so many times, we led off with base runners, and that helped give us an advantage."

Abby Krzywiecki, first base, Mercy: The junior standout makes her third straight appearance on the all-area team after batting .574 with six doubles, two triples and 13 home runs the past season.

Krzywiecki, who committed to South Alabama, is a Division 1 all-state player. She also drove in 57 runs and scored 23. Her slugging percentage was 1.030.

Krzywiecki had a 10-1 pitching record with a 2.98 earned run average. She had 73 strikeouts as opposed to 21 walks.

"Batting in the three spot, Abby was a very solid power hitter," Lesko said. "She continued to drive in runs, helping us to win games."

"She was very, very good in the circle as a pitcher. She was able to help us offensively and defensively. We're looking forward to her leadership next year."

Andrea Elmore, pitcher, Mercy: Elmore emerged as a top-notch varsity pitcher the past season and assumed the role of being the team's ace. The junior right-hander compiled a 16-3 record and had a 1.57 ERA.

She posted 153 strikeouts and issued just 27 walks by comparison. Elmore threw five shutouts and

pitched two perfect games. She is a Division 1 all-state honorable mention.

"Andrea really came into her own this season," Lesko said, adding Elmore has an outstanding work ethic. "She continued to gain

confidence in herself, and it helped her to become a much better pitcher. "We're looking forward to her leading us in pitching again next year."

Alexa Flores, first base, Ladywood: The senior transfer from White Lake Lakeland, who signed with Davenport University, hit .445 en route to all-League, all-district and all-Region accolades.

"She's got one of the nicest left-handed swings you'll ever see," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said. "She hits to all fields and has outstanding power."

Erika Selakowski, second base, Ladywood: The junior hit .400 with six homers while earning all-district, all-region and all-league recognition.

"Erika is very powerful," Combs said. "She works extremely hard and was our defensive player of the year."

Brittney Miller, third base, Plymouth: A dependable senior standout for the regional champion Wildcats, Miller provided a powerful bat as well as strong-armed defense at the hot corner.

The four-year varsity player batted .537 with 11 doubles, four homers and 42 RBIs to spark the Plymouth team to division, conference, association, Division 1 district and regional championships.

In the field, she started every game

(mostly at third, although she did help out at catcher) and tallied a .975 fielding average.

Miller was named to the all-KLAA, all-district, all-region and all-state teams.

"Brittney is a true leader for the Plymouth program," coach Lauren Delapaz said. "She leads by example and inspires her team to succeed with her actions and words."

"Brittney has hit for the Wildcats all year with several key hits, like her home run in the district championship game against Salem."

Miller will play Division 1 college softball at Oakland University.

Mikayela Marciniak, pitcher, Plymouth: When her team needed an offensive jolt, senior Marciniak usually came through — such as drilling a home run off the right field scoreboard during a D1 district game on her home field.

Marciniak, another four-year standout, also was a key contributor at second base or in the circle — she augmented freshman Jenny Bressler to give the Wildcats an excellent pitching staff.

She delivered in all facets of her game, hitting .498 with 16 doubles, five homers and 35 RBIs. Her pitching stats were just as impressive: 15-3 record, 1.53 earned-run average and 146 strikeouts in just under 115 innings.

For her efforts, Marciniak was named to the all-KLAA, all-district, all-region and all-state teams.

"Mik is a team player," Delapaz said. "The coaching staff asked her to play several positions, and she stepped up and succeeded at every one."

Marciniak will join Miller on the Oakland University softball team next season.

Kaylen Glenfield, shortstop, Garden City: Glenfield posted one of the most impressive stats lines in the state this season, hitting .578 with seven home runs, 55 runs scored and 56 RBI. She hit the ball hard almost every time she stepped in the batter's box, delivering 14 doubles and 14 triples. Along with posting an amazing 1.156 slugging percentage, she stole 12 bases. She has verbally committed to play collegiate softball for Western Michigan University.

"Kaylen had a 'monster' year for us at the plate, driving in over 60 runs and having a slugging percentage of over 1.000," head coach Barry Patterson said. "Over the past couple of seasons nobody has worked harder or put more time into developing their game. Kaylen has developed into one of the premier shortstops in the state and has earned all the accolades she has received. I'm very excited to see her take the leadership role in next year's team."

Morgan Overaitis, shortstop, Salem: There were a number of incredible freshman players in *Observerland*, and Overaitis was at the top of the list.

Already verbally committed to play at the University of Michigan, Overaitis batted .520 with plenty of power — 14 doubles and seven homers — while driving in 52 runs.

She also was a steady presence at shortstop and chipped in at pitcher when needed.

Overaitis was named Salem's MVP and earned selection to the all-KLAA team. She also was named to the all-district, all-region and all-state squads.

"Morgan is an outstanding player," coach Bonnie Southerland said. "She is quick, smart and does what it takes to help her team win games. She's our Cabrera, a threat no matter if she's on offense or defense."

"I can't wait for these next three seasons. It's going to be amazing."

Elizabeth Yager, outfield, Canton: Fast and sure-handed in center-field, Yager proved to be an all-around catalyst for the Chiefs despite miss-

ing 12 games to a knee injury.

Yager, who as leadoff batter often jump-started rallies for head coach Al White, batted .542 with 12 extra-base hits, 14 RBIs and 30 stolen bases.

"She has the green light to run on any pitch," White said. "She is only going to get better."

The junior, who carries a 4.0 grade-point average, has already committed to play softball at University of Detroit-Mercy.

Victoria Lupher, catcher, Churchill: The senior enjoyed a spectacular season as she registered a team-high .446 batting average while scoring 32 runs and knocking in 27.

An outstanding, strong-armed catcher, she also clouted four home runs with four triples and 11 doubles. Last but not least, she swiped eight bases.

"Victoria was a three-year varsity player, and she led us this season on nearly every offensive category," said head coach Steve Gentilia. "While she was a great player in the field, she was an even better student earning a full academic scholarship to Oakland University."

Becky Giacobbi, outfield, Franklin: Headed to Madonna University to play collegiate softball, Giacobbi recorded a team-high .477 batting average, .525 on-base percentage and scored 38 runs. She added six doubles and two triples while playing the entire season without committing an error. A four-year varsity player, she is a rare three-year captain and all-district and all-KLAA honoree.

"Becky will be remembered as one of Franklin's best softball players," said head coach Linda Jimenez. "She is right up there with Brittany and Brianna Taylor in the Franklin softball record book. Like the Taylor twins, Becky has outstanding character. She was selected by her teammates to receive the 'Patriot' award, which is based on character and leadership. At Honor Night she also received the Franklin 'Key' award for the Class of 2015 based on character and academic achievement. She will be truly missed but not forgotten."

Alex Cherney, pitcher/first base, N. Farmington: The junior all-star has been a three-year starter and is a two-time all-area selection. She was the glue that held a young team together.

Cherney posted a 1.95 ERA and had a strikeout-to-walk ratio of nearly 5-to-1 with 236 strikeouts and 55 walks in 162 innings. Her record was 14-16; the team was 16-21.

At the plate, Cherney batted .317 with 33 hits, which included six doubles and three home runs. She had 22 RBIs.

"With the changes in our team, going from a very experienced to a very inexperienced team, I thought Lex led the team as well as any player could have," coach Dave Brubaker said.

"Not only with her pitching and hitting but also her off-the-field leadership, which was key. She held it together real well and was the leader I knew she was. That's why I made her a captain."

"When the youngsters didn't make a play, it didn't get to her. She would bear down and work even harder. That was a big thing for her to overcome that and give us the pitching performance we needed."

Danielle Petras, catcher, Farmington: The sophomore backstop and two-year starter batted an impressive .467 with 50 hits and 30 RBI. She had nine doubles, two triples and three home runs. Petras also excelled defensively and is an all-region player.

"Danielle had a great season on both sides of the ball, displaying tremendous leadership defensively with a very young defense in front of her," coach Stefa-

nie Volpe said. "She led the team in all the offensive categories you want one of your best hitters to lead."

"She's extremely coachable, which makes her fun to have around. With Danielle on the team, we look forward to the potential we have to grow as a program in the future."

Sophia VanAcker, outfield, Mercy: The sophomore left fielder made a major contribution to Mercy's successful season, batting .547 with four doubles, three triples and 30 RBI.

In addition to some outstanding defensive plays, VanAcker also scored 33 runs, had 11 stolen bases and earned a Division 1 all-state honorable mention. She had slugging and on-base percentages of .653 and .581, respectively.

"Sophia is a gamer," Lesko said. "She really improved as a defensive player. She batted in a tough spot between Alex and Abby. She handled that perfectly."

"It put a lot of pressure on her when they would pitch around Alex and throw at her to avoid Abby. In doing so, Sophia came up with many big hits throughout the year."

Rachel Zerona, outfield, Plymouth: Championship teams always boast about strength up the middle, and that was the case with the Wildcats, especially with Zerona patrolling center field.

Zerona keyed the offense out of the leadoff spot, batting .410 with 43 hits and 10 RBIs. Eight of her hits were of the bunt variety.

In the outfield, the junior flagged down numerous would-be hits and finished with a .957 fielding percentage. She also helped cut down base runners with a strong arm.

"Rachel is our spark plug," Delapaz said. "She is high energy and enthusiastic. She has a passion for the game of softball and it shows in every at bat."

"We are excited to see her improve and make a difference her senior year."

Zerona, who has committed to play college softball at Oakland University, was named to the all-KLAA and all-district teams.

Kara Hutchison, catcher, Salem: The Rocks had a winning season and Hutchison's all-around play had plenty to do with that.

Hutchison's third season as Salem catcher was her best, throwing out base runners trying to steal, plus blocking and framing pitches to help get her team out of jams.

The junior batted a robust .472 with 17 doubles (to lead the team) while knocking in 38 runs. She was named Salem's offensive MVP.

Her strong performance was duly noted as she was named to the all-KLAA, all-district and all-region teams.

"She reads the batters well and works with all the pitchers," Southerland said. "She's a real heads-up ballplayer. ... Kara is finally getting her due this year."

Hutchison has verbally committed to continue her softball career at Davenport University.

Kassidy Lipinski, shortstop, Stevenson: A senior who started at shortstop for three consecutive years at Stevenson, Lipinski hit .385 from the leadoff spot and she led the team in fielding chances and at-bats. Lipinski will continue her stellar softball career later this year as she has accepted an opportunity to play for Schoolcraft College's inaugural team.

Christina Meyer, outfield, Ladywood: The senior center fielder hit .350 with 26 stolen bases, while making all-Catholic, all-district and all-region honors.

Meyer is headed

to the University of Michigan next year to play field hockey.

"She's the hardest working girl I've ever had as a fielder," Combs said. "In four years she sprinted on-and-off the field. She was a tremendous worker."

CO-COACHES OF YEAR

Alec Lesko, Mercy: In his first season as head coach, Lesko led the Marlins (27-4) to their most successful season in nearly a decade.

Mercy won its first regional championship since 2007 and advanced to the semifinal round of the Division 1 state tournament for the first time since 2003.

During the regular season, the Marlins were ranked as high as No. 2 in the state and defeated No. 1 Portage Central in the Mattawan tournament.

Lesko, who coached the Trenton varsity for 17 years, was an assistant coach last year and replaced his daughter, Sara McGavin, as head coach. McGavin remained on the staff as an assistant with Nancy Malinowski and Jerry Ashe.

Mercy defeated Northville and Waterford Kettering to win the regional at Novi and routed Clarkston in a quarterfinal game.

The season ended with a 5-2 loss to Caledonia. Mercy's other three losses were to Catholic League and D1 state champion Warren Regina.

The Marlins lose four seniors and will return 11 varsity players, including six starters, for the 2016 campaign.

"I believed in this team right from the start," Lesko said. "We had some tremendous seniors (Alex Sobczak, Jordan Johnson, Anna Kiafoulis and Molly Murphy). The leadership on and off the field and in the classroom was outstanding."

"I think our group going forward got a little taste of this (tournament success), and I think the work ethic is going to continue to get higher. We're going to fight to get back here."

Lauren Delapaz, Plymouth: It would be difficult to find any coach in the history of Plymouth High School who had a better rookie season than Delapaz.

A standout player at the prep and college level, Delapaz moved over to the Wildcats after serving as an assistant softball coach at Canton. Plymouth went on to post a 30-5 record, going undefeated in KLAA play, capturing division, conference, association, district and regional titles.

The Wildcats won a regional championship for the first time in school history and made the Elite Eight before being ousted by Mattawan at the University of Michigan in a Division 1 quarterfinal.

The future looks bright, too, with the 2015 junior varsity going 19-7.

Led by standout senior leaders who bought in to the new regime, Plymouth players never let up from start to finish.

They brought it on the field while also displaying the kind of positive attitude and enthusiasm Delapaz displays from the third-base coaches box.

"During tryouts, my coaching staff and I knew we had a very special group of student-athletes," Delapaz said. "Coaching the girls came very easy, as they all had great work ethic and true passion to be successful."

Delapaz added that experience from her own softball career was something she was able to draw from this season.

"One thing I wanted to instill in our student athletes was hard work and attention to detail," she continued. "Being that I have had the opportunity to play at the elite level, I knew that hard work pays off. We worked very hard at practice everyday and I give a lot of credit to all the players on my team, who came ready to work daily."

"I could not have asked for a more hard-working, dedicated group of student-athletes to work with my first year. They jumped on board with my coaching style and welcomed me to their team."

Delapaz thanked her staff (assistant coaches Dan Bressler, Pam Cameron, Amanda Burnard, Allison Raylean and Michael Evans) and players for the *Observer* co-coach of the year honor.

"I am very fortunate to receive this honor after my first year coaching," Delapaz emphasized. "I could not have done it without the amazing support of my assistant coaches as well as the outstanding student-athletes."



Alex Sobczak



Mikayela Marciniak



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PDL SOCCER

Bucks win another regular season championship

Team to host PDL Central Conference tourney at Ultimate Soccer Arenas

The Michigan Bucks completed their 20th Premier Development League regular season in style Saturday night at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac, where they defeated the Dayton Dutch Lions 2-0, to claim their record 12th Great Lakes Division title.

The Bucks (11-1-2, 35 points) also claimed their record fourth PDL regular season championship (2000, 2008, 2012) and will host this weekend's Central Conference Championship tournament, also at Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

With everything on the line, the Bucks came out flying Saturday. The league's most prolific offense (46 goals) was on display early when David Goldsmith (Butler) scored in

the ninth minute after finishing an outstanding play from Russell Cicerone (Buffalo).

The Bucks continued to dominate in the Lions end for the entire first half, but had a hard time breaking down the stingy Dayton defense.

Lions goalkeeper Tyler Blackmer was under siege all night long, while Bucks goalkeeper Drew Shepherd (Western Michigan) made just one save the entire evening.

Blackmer was bombarded with 16 first-half Bucks shots on goal, but did a great job keeping the visitors in the match.

In the 34th minute, defender David Caban played a long ball over the top to a streaking Goldsmith, who corralled it at the top of the 18-yard box. He made no mistake and scored his team-leading 10th goal of the season, which put him in the top three in goals scored and points in the PDL.



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The Michigan Bucks, shown from action at the recent Canton Cup, will host this weekend's Central Conference Championship tournament at Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

The Bucks took the 2-0 lead into halftime and the defense did the work for the second half.

Shepherd recorded the eighth win and sixth shutout of his rookie season.

Hall of Fame

The highlight of the evening was the halftime celebration, when Bucks CEO Dan Duggan inducted the class of 2015 into the Michigan Bucks Hall of Fame.

Joining the club were Columbus Crew goalkeeper Steve Clark, Bucks coaching director Gary Parsons and former Bucks players Joe Malachino and Kenny Uzoigwe. Honoring this year's class were Hall of Fame members Paul Snape, Tino Scicluna (2003), Jim Duggan, Steve Burns (2007), Dan Fitzgerald and Tim Richey (2011).

Duggan enjoyed the win and the reunion that brought back players from all 20 previous Bucks seasons.

"What a fantastic evening all the way around," Duggan said. "The 2015 Bucks put on a great show and finished the season in style. There was a whole lot of pressure on the

team tonight to win for several reasons. With all that was at stake in the league and the playoffs, that was enough pressure. But to play before all these great former players and Hall of Famers added a bit to the evening."

Final four

The Central Conference final four begins Friday with two semifinal games. The Des Moines Menace will play the winner of Tuesday's Great Lakes play-in game between FC London and K-W United in the first game (5:30 p.m.), while the Bucks face the Thunder Bay Chill in the second match (7:30 p.m.).

The winners will play at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, with the winner advancing to the PDL final four (venue to be determined). Tickets to each night are \$10 adults and \$7 youth (16 and under) at the door. Admission is free for children ages 5 and under.

Grand champions!



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For the first time in its five-year history, Plymouth-Canton Pompon earned Grand Champs honors at the Mid-American Pompon Camp held June 27 at Davenport University. The team, comprised of girls in grades 6-8 from the Plymouth-Canton area, received firsts in speed learning, kick line and original routine. Team members, listed alphabetically are: Julia Battaglia, Lydia Brandt, Lacey Courtney, Cameron Craggs, Cassidy Davis, Alli Glud, Maria Hall, Allison Hawkins, Olivia Henry, Cordy Householder, Kokoa Kaneko, Hannah Kulp, Rachel Pierson, Rachel Provenzano, Erin Sugiura, Brooke Tyszkiewicz and Janae Washington. The team is coached by Kristen Beyer, Arianna Bologna, Joslyn Covault and Chelsea Schroeder.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Plymouth YMCA

» YMCA Girls Volleyball Camp registration is open for ages 8-12. The YMCA will host a second session the week of July 27. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at Risen Christ Lutheran Church. All players receive a free T-shirt along with learning and improving upon volleyball skills using drills and games.

» YMCA Sports Sampler registration is open for ages 3-5. It is an intro to the various sports and breaks down the basics of every sport every offered through the Plymouth YMCA. Sport Sampler session runs from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at Risen Christ Lutheran Church the week of Aug. 3.

» YMCA Indoor Soccer Camp registration is open for ages 6-12. The Plymouth YMCA is hosting one week of camp this summer, the week of Aug. 10.

For more info, contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904.

Lakers tryouts

The Livonia Lakers 14U travel baseball team will hold tryouts from 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 27 at Livonia Franklin High School. For more information, email coach Aaron Rumberger at ccrumberger@yahoo.com.

Salem wrestling

The Salem wrestling team will have an open skills camp for high school wrestlers and incoming freshmen from 6-8 p.m. July 27-30 in the Salem wrestling room. Call 734-812-9588 to register.

Churchill hockey

The Livonia Churchill hockey camp will be held from 8-9:20 p.m. Aug. 3-7 and Aug. 10-14 at Eddie Edgar Arena. The cost is \$175. For more information, contact head coach Jason Reynolds at JayRey48152@gmail.com.



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Caution's called for around a home swimming pool, especially with young children, the American Red Cross says.

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» Keep children under active supervision at all times. Stay in arm's reach of young kids. Designate a responsible person to watch the water when people are in the pool — never allow anyone to swim alone. Have young or inexperienced swimmers wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket.

» Ensure everyone in the home knows how to swim well by enrolling them in

age-appropriate water orientation and learn-to-swim courses from the Red Cross or another organization like the YMCA.

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» Establish and enforce rules and safe behaviors, such as "no diving," "stay away from drain covers," "swim with a buddy" and "walk, please."

» Ensure everyone in the home knows how to respond to aquatic emergencies by having appropriate safety equipment and taking water safety, first aid and CPR courses from the Red Cross.

The American Red Cross and National Swimming Pool Foundation® have partnered to create an online Home Pool Essentials course that describes steps home pool owners can take to prevent tragedy and keep a well-maintained pool or hot tub. The course is available at www.HomePoolEssentials.org.

Be in the know when borrowing

Q: I have heard that there is a Michigan Borrower's Bill of Rights. Can you give me any information?

A: The Michigan Compiled Laws gives you various rights which are ten in number. These include the right to shop for the best loan for you and compare the charges of different mortgage brokers and lenders. Also, the right to be informed about the total cost of your loan, including interest-free points and other fees.

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Robert Meisner

Q: My wife is French-speaking and we are thinking about moving to either Quebec or Montreal for the summer months. Can you tell me what the market conditions are of condominiums in both cities?

A: In Montreal, if you want to buy a single cubicle in a unique condo that was established for the '67 Expo across the river, it is \$600,000 per cubicle which may well be approximately enough for one family. If you want to live near Mount Royal, the homes range from \$500,000 to \$6 million. However, there are number of new condos being built downtown which are competitively priced. In Quebec City, you will find that you can purchase a church and convert it to a condo or something else for \$3 million or by a new condo from \$165,000 to \$1.5 million, again in the downtown area. In both cities, commercial and residential condo development is rampant and you are best advised to consult with a local Realtor who obviously speaks French.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 2-6, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

16031 Buckingham Ave \$201,000
31098 Rivers Edge Ct \$318,000
15771 W 14 Mile Rd \$85,000

BIRMINGHAM

2598 Manchester Rd \$340,000
165 N Adams Rd \$215,000
1610 S Bates St \$525,000
1288 Villa Rd \$318,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

600 W Brown St # 402 \$230,000
4045 W Maple Rd # C203 \$85,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

445 Fox Hills Dr N \$111,000
154 Hamilton Rd \$735,000

4700 Lahser Rd \$2,675,000
740 Oakleigh Dr \$144,000
838 Palms Rd \$1,230,000
1104 Park Place Ct \$640,000
4384 Sunningdale Dr \$455,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

5694 Carroll Lake Rd \$30,000
5481 Ford Rd \$220,000
6137 Nadeau St \$252,000
2327 Palmetto \$251,000

FARMINGTON

3696 Sandbar Dr \$530,000
5785 Strawberry Cir \$485,000
32314 Loomis Dr \$140,000
22815 Power Rd \$158,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

27845 Berrywood Ln \$70,000
34477 Chantilly Ct \$280,000
25674 Chapelweigh Dr \$179,000
37416 Chesterfield Ct \$240,000
29131 Creek Bend Dr \$230,000
28955 Glenarden St \$169,000

29205 Glencastle Ct \$205,000
28666 Green Castle Rd \$153,000
30250 Kimberly Ct \$40,000
26071 Pillsbury St \$225,000
28553 Wildwood Trl \$280,000

FRANKLIN

30455 S Greenbriar Rd \$660,000
1479 Blue Heron Dr \$142,000
780 Scott Dr \$250,000
836 Troon \$415,000
1517 W Highland Rd \$50,000

HIGHLAND

27071 Eldorado Pl \$115,000
18861 Sunbright Ave \$236,000
1221 Old Plank Rd \$210,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

20775 Cambridge Dr \$185,000
24213 Chelsea Ct \$125,000
45115 Galway Dr \$285,000
55601 Lorals Way \$515,000

20851 W Glen Haven Cir \$133,000
23849 Argyle St \$545,000
24380 Venice Dr \$355,000
24299 Weathervane Ct \$165,000

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23546 Bristlecone Ct \$480,000
1078 Cantor Ln \$328,000
598 Covington St \$153,000
61800 Richfield St \$164,000
964 Stratford Dr \$225,000

SOUTH LYON

16950 New Hampshire Dr \$115,000
26440 Senator Blvd \$230,000
29191 Sharidale St \$145,000
26745 W Carnegie Park \$75,000

SOUTHFIELD

9156 Satellite Dr \$121,000
8197 Sequoia Ln \$185,000

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8197 Sequoia Ln \$185,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 23-27, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

44171 Brandywyne Rd \$194,000
44215 Candlewood Dr \$217,000
7332 Chichester Rd \$210,000
49803 Courtyard Ln \$23,000
44273 Craftsbury Ct \$210,000
7553 Embassy Dr \$215,000
39990 Finley Dr \$268,000
50821 Geddes Rd \$192,000
47166 Glenhurst Dr \$331,000
41474 Hanford Rd \$208,000
264 Harvard St \$190,000
42150 Hystone St \$180,000
4050 Kimberly Dr \$195,000
42715 Lilley Pointe Dr \$92,000
43563 Lotus Dr \$225,000
6355 N Lilley Rd \$172,000
41028 Northwind Dr \$80,000
42419 Old Bridge Rd \$230,000
7255 Peachtree Ct \$284,000
45166 Quaker Hill Dr \$230,000
208 Robyn Ct \$202,000

6549 S Lambeth Ct \$228,000
45890 S Stonewood Rd \$290,000
239 W Canford Park \$380,000
1443 Willard Dr \$182,000
2596 Woodcreek Ct \$280,000
43790 Yorktown St \$190,000

GARDEN CITY

28815 Block St \$22,000
29529 Dover St \$133,000
6157 Harrison St \$82,000
29444 Marquette St \$92,000
32644 Pardo St \$35,000

LIVONIA

15116 Arcola St \$113,000
35284 Banbury Ct \$272,000
17940 Fairway St \$250,000
18587 Flamingo Blvd \$165,000
31517 Gable St \$165,000
17819 Golfview St \$246,000
15193 Haller St \$191,000
19351 Hillcrest St \$167,000
11304 Ingram St \$120,000
37526 Jamison St \$158,000
28707 Lyndon St \$146,000
36535 Marler St \$175,000
17311 Mayfield St \$199,000
28972 Minton St \$155,000
31789 Norfolk St \$190,000
27871 Pembroke St \$128,000

33593 Pondview Cir \$74,000
14574 Riverside St \$247,000
38587 Tuscany Ct \$183,000
27406 Vargo St \$100,000
14465 Westbrook St \$210,000
31041 Westfield St \$148,000
15321 Williams St \$157,000

NORTHVILLE

17090 Abby Cir \$355,000
17369 Briar Ridge Ln \$851,000
17140 Cameron Dr \$326,000
19548 Mann Ct \$140,000
39736 Muirfield Ln \$300,000
522 Rouge St \$805,000
45849 Tournament Dr \$810,000
16427 White Haven Dr \$332,000
16722 White Haven Dr \$311,000

PLYMOUTH

11157 Chestnut Dr \$204,000
12440 Howland Park Dr \$425,000
352 Joy St \$200,000
10274 N Canton Center Rd \$315,000
44740 Oregon Trl \$170,000
49467 Pointe Xing \$135,000
46028 Rockledge Dr \$300,000
1338 S Harvey St \$160,000
1070 York St \$225,000

REDFORD

14334 Brook Dr \$183,000
9045 Fenton \$73,000
18650 Glenmore \$42,000
26283 Southwestern Hwy \$63,000
18847 Sumner \$50,000
9112 Virgil \$116,000
26345 W 7 Mile Rd \$17,000
26670 Wadsworth \$64,000
26032 Westfield \$70,000

WAYNE

36836 Thinbark St \$110,000
3424 Williams St \$110,000
31461 Alcona Ct \$12,000
34114 Avondale St \$95,000
35603 Canyon Dr \$115,000
38548 Chestnut Ln \$118,000
8039 Coventry St \$23,000
213 Farmington Rd \$117,000
31476 Glen St \$83,000
1750 Leslie St \$80,000
355 Marigold Cir \$94,000
37445 Marquette St \$69,000
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Livonia - Fri. 7:24 Noon - 6pm. Sat 7:25 10am-4pm
31330 Hathaway. Household Garage/tools, Baskets, Some furniture & Collectibles, linen, & lots of Misc. CASH ONLY. No Early Birds Please

LIVONIA-July 23-26. 9-5p
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Livonia: Multi-Family 38372
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Plymouth - Moving Sale -
July 24-26th 9am-4pm 729 Forest, furniture, household items, decor, garden/lawn tools, & much more.

Plymouth: Subdivision
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REDFORD: GARAGE SALE!
Lots of good stuff! July 23-26th, 9-5pm, 17701 Denby, S. of 7 Mile, just E. of Inkster.

South Lyon: Garage Sale -
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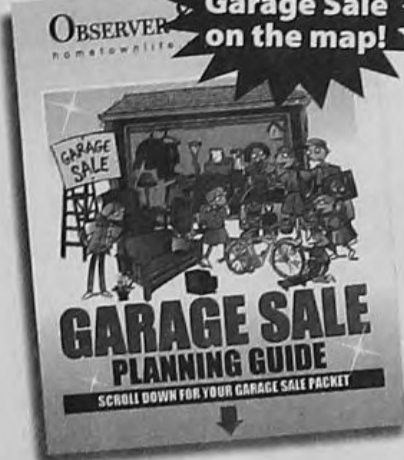
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- Six-pointers
- In a frenzy
- Corduroy ridges
- Debt memo
- Ordinary
- Beeping device
- Codgers' queries
- Dragon's breath
- Skilled force
- Gratis (2 wds.)
- Fiesta cheers
- Singer — Ballard
- Refrain syllables
- HS math
- Gambling stakes
- Mir successor
- Pothole filler

- Not e'en once
- Pesky hopper
- Had a bite
- With caustic humor
- Pickling herb
- Bad hair —
- Dispense with
- Like Spock
- Travel stopover
- Greenish-blue
- Breezy refusal
- Put out a runner
- Factor
- Pita sandwich

DOWN

- Floor pad
- "Patterns" poet — Lowell
- Balloon-breaking sound
- Downhill racers
- Historians' periods

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Level: Advanced

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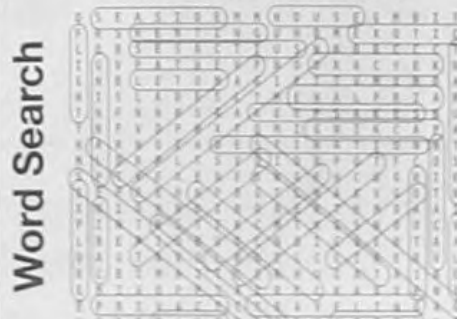
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- ACTIVITIES
- ADVENTURE
- AIRPLANE
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- FLIGHT
- HOTEL
- HOUSE
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JULY

COMMONGROUND

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. July 24
Location: Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: This girl's night out "with focus" draws women from throughout the metro area and includes worship, inspirational teaching, appetizers, giveaways, coffee bar, and book launch for a women's devotional, *Brave Girl Boots*. The group will collect \$5 coffee gift cards from Tim Hortons, Starbucks, McDonald's and other restaurants, to give to parents of elementary school students on the first day of school
Contact: 734-397-1777

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Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 25
Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, Redford
Details: Free Christian music festival and arts and crafts fair includes 10 musical acts in 10 hours, crafters and vendors will be on site 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 3 p.m. gift drawings
Contact: 313-937-2424

LECTURE SERIES

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 28
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Howard N. Lupovitch, director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University, wraps up a series on the Jewish presence on television with the topic *Beyond the Yiddish Mama*. Free for Beth Ahm members. Cost is \$15 per lecture for non-members. Advance registration requested, but walk-ins accepted
Contact: Alison Blau at 248-851-6880 or email ablau@cbaum.org

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Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, through Aug. 23
Location: Grounds of the Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, Canton
Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church holds worship services in a casual, outdoor setting. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton
Contact: 734-459-3333

SOCCER CAMP

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. July 27-30
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: For boys and girls 5-12 of any skill level. Cost is \$25 per student and includes water bottle, instruction, snacks and a soccer ball to take home. Register at christoursavior.org
Contact: 734-522-6830

AUGUST

DEMENTIA SERIES

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26
Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Fourth session on dementia in a series of educational meetings sponsored by the Northwest Wayne Vicariate, focuses on ending the social stigma and isolation of someone with dementia and empowering the person who still is there
Contact: Sue Massey at 734-455-5910; smassey@sincanton.org

FREE STUFF

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Clothes, home and yard goods, pictures, jewelry, toys and more. Take what you need. No charge
Contact: 734-421-1760

MOTORCYCLE RIDE

Time/Date: Building tours at 9:30 a.m., ride departs at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 22
Location: The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, 9451 Main, Plymouth
Details: Ride for the Red Shield is a motorcycle ride to benefit the Salvation Army of Plymouth and Downriver. The group will depart from Plymouth and ride to the Downriver Corps in Wyandotte. Cost is \$20 per rider by July 31, \$25 after, and \$15 per passenger. Includes a T-shirt
Contact: Sandy Kollinger at 734-453-5464, Ext. 24

SOCCER CAMP

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Aug. 3-7
Location: Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Soccer Camp for boys and girls, 5 and up, any skill level. Nonrefundable fee is \$25 per student. Includes water bottle, instruction, snacks, and a T-shirt. Register at www.crossroadsnow.org.
Contact: info@crossroadsnow.org or pastor Steve at 248-890-5718

STUDY SERIES

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, beginning Aug. 2
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The Fault Lines series, an eight-week study, will focus on life's periods of upheaval and how they can either make you better or worse, depending on how you respond. The series looks at how "God forms you best where life's breaks go deep"
Contact: pastor Roger at 313-682-7491

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 3-7
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Theme is Market Place — Jerusalem AD; for kids age 4-grade five. Register at vbs.connectingwithGod.org
Contact: 734-459-3333

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: No documentation needed
Contact: info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsm.com

MOMS

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

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 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

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

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support
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 activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10 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. Thomas a' Becket Church
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-

6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

ADAT Shalom Synagogue

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-851-5100

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CROCKER, JACQUELINE (nee BRAZEAU and formerly RITCHIE)

Friday July 17, 2015. Age 88 following a long and brave battle. Predeceased by loving husbands, Jack Ritchie and Earl Crocker; beloved son, Douglas Ritchie; sister, Vivian Durham; and dear friend, Harold Burton. Survived by and beloved mother of Gale Anne (Ralph) Gartner and Michelle Jeannine (Ryan) Robinson; grandchildren Stephanie (Jeff), Sarah (Bryan), Ryan Jr, Kylee, Kelly (Steve), and Eric (Nicole); and great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Austin, Gabriella, Mathew, and Alex; sister, Connie (Bob) Wilder; and many nieces and nephews. Memorial Mass Wednesday, July 22 at 10 a.m. Sanctuary at Bellbrook, 875 W. Avon Rd., Rochester Hills, MI. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to American Cancer Society or Salesian Missionaries. Please sign the online guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com.



HALL, CAP

Age 100, died on July 17, 2015 at Sunrise Senior Living in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Cap and his wife of 63 years, Carolyn Vosburg Hall, were active partners in raising their family and in community involvements. Father of Randall (Lori), Claudia Stroud (Douglas) and Garrett (Joan). Proud grandfather of Hattie, Bradley, Ross, Jackson and Sandy. As a teenager, Cap played the cornet in the 60-member Veterans of Foreign Wars band that traveled to Washington to play for President Hoover. He lettered in fencing at Ohio State University, taught engineering at Rice University and earned his master's degree in science and engineering at the University of Michigan. He spent 44 years with the Ethyl Corporation Research Labs in Detroit and traveled the world as their corporate air conservation expert, often accompanied by Carolyn. Cap's secret to a long life was simply "keep moving." It was advice he took to heart over the years. Cap met Carolyn at Adams Castle where he lived with 13 other bachelor engineers. He and artist Carolyn made many wonderful friends in the arts community and were founding members of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. From 1971 - 1974, Cap was president of the BBAC. Carolyn and Cap divided time between homes in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and Sarasota, Florida. Cap's quick wit and generosity of spirit will long be remembered. A celebration of Cap's life will take place at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, Michigan from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, July 26. Memorial donations may be made to the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center at bbarcenter.org. Leave a tribute at simplefunerals.net.

STERNIK, MICHAEL

Age 89, July 18, 2015. Of Farmington Hills, www.mccabefuneralhome.com

In Memoriam



BRIAN HINZMAN
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 We love and miss you very much and we are thinking about you every day.
 Love, Your Family



DINGELDEY, GEORGE L.

George was born in Canton on June 27, 1939. He was the fourth of nine children from a longtime Canton family. On Monday, July 20, 2015, George ended his battle with complications from Alzheimers, but passed peacefully with family and the caring staff of St. Mary's Mercy hospital in Livonia. Those of us who were close to George knew he was a joker with an incredible sense of humor. He deeply loved spending time with his family and friends. He was proud and passionate about his 32 years of employment at Delta Airlines. He enjoyed spending time at his vacation home in Florida, loved travel, tractors and his gardens. He was preceded in death by: his parents Philip and Bea Dingeldey who were long time Canton farmers; his deceased wife of 39 years, Bonnie Shade, and two brothers, Bud and Jim. He is survived by: his siblings, Jake, Bill, Richard, Billy, Karen, and Diane; his beloved and kind partner Judy Wilkin; children, Michelle, Debbie and Scott (Nicole). He was a proud Grandpa to Nick, Tyler, Zach, Hannah, Hailee, Kamrey, Nolen and Isabelle. Funeral Services will take place Thursday, July 23, 2015 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. He will be laid to rest at Sheldon Cemetery in Canton next to his beloved wife. Donations in his honor can be made to the Canton Historical Society.

JAHN, LILLIAN ANNA (FREDRICK)

96 of Waverly, Iowa, formerly of Strawberry Point, died on Monday evening, July 13, 2015, at the Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community in Waverly. Funeral services will be held on Monday, July 27, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly, with Pastor Joyce Sandberg officiating. Burial following the lunch in the Cass Township Cemetery, Strawberry Point. Public visitation will be held on Sunday, July 26th from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly. Memorials may be directed to Emanuel Lutheran Church Strawberry Point or Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community Chaplaincy Fund. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family. 319-352-1187.



CERTO, DOMINICK

July 19, 2015 Age 92 Loving husband of the late Lydia. Loving companion of Betty Venable. Cherished father of Sandra (Russ) Popp, Dona (the late Bob) Mazziotti and Dominick (Peggy) Certo. Proud grandfather of Joey Popp, Katie Popp-Jilek, Sarah Popp, Marisa Mazziotti, Gabriella Certo, Gina Mazziotti and Nicky Certo and great-grandfather of Lilianna Jilek. Memorial Gathering Friday July 31 from 3-8 p.m. with Rosary Service 7 p.m. and on Saturday, August 1, 10 a.m. - 12 noon at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd. in Livonia. Memorial Mass Saturday August 1 at 12:30 pm at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Rd in Plymouth.

REBENTISCH, ARLENE CARLTON

A resident of the Wayne/Westland area since the early 1940s passed away at the age of 91, on July 15, 2015 at the Westland Convalescent Centre. She is survived by daughters Jane Verdrager of New Hampshire and Janice Purcell of Tennessee, as well as three brothers. She was predeceased by two sisters and six of her brothers, her first husband, Dick Carlton, her second husband, Hugo Rebentisch, as well as Josephine Carlton Carney, her youngest daughter, who passed away June 25, 2015. Arrangements handled by Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Westland. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfh.com

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Michigan Shakespeare Festival heads to Canton

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By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Rick Eva will work both sides of the stage at the Michigan Shakespeare Festival in Canton.

Eva, a seven-year veteran of the Jackson-based festival, will act in two productions — *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Henry IV*. As an assistant technical director for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, the Canton man also will lend a hand back stage while the company prepares for its three-week run in his hometown.

"That's the life of a theater artist. I'm an actor in the festival, so when I have calls for that I have to be there as an actor, but I can come in and help be a technician for the third show," he said, referring to Richard Brinsley Sheridan's *The Rivals*. "I'm only in two shows. I'm not in *The Rivals*."

The company wrapped up its two-week run in Jackson on Sunday, and will reopen with *The Rivals*, at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, at the Village Theater. Other performances of *The Rivals* are 2 p.m. Aug. 1 and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 6, 8 and 14. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* runs 7:30 p.m. July 30-31, and Aug. 15-16, and 2 p.m. Aug. 8-9 and 12. *Henry IV* performances are 7:30 p.m. Aug. 1, 7, and 13 and 2 p.m. Aug. 2, 5, and 15.

Tickets range from \$36-\$40 for adults, \$33-\$37 for seniors and are \$16 for youth. There's also a pass for two and three shows that runs \$96-\$108 for adults and seniors. The theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Professional theater

The Michigan Shakespeare Festival is a nonprofit professional theater company that initially performed outdoors in Jackson's Ella Sharp Park, before finding a home at the Baughman Theatre at



Rick Eva of Canton will perform in Michigan Shakespeare Festival's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Henry IV."



Eric Eilersen is among the actors from southeastern Michigan acting in this season's Michigan Shakespeare Festival.

Jackson College. Artistic Director Janice Blixt added a high school tour five years ago and expanded the festival, now in its 21st season, to Canton this year.

Eva couldn't be happier the festival is on his home turf.

"I'm ecstatic. I've been pushing Jan to do this for a few years. I keep telling her we've got this great theater in Canton and it would be great to do stuff there. I think this is going to be great for Canton."

"It's professional theater. It's Shakespeare. I can't recall that (community theater) groups do a lot of Shakespeare out here and if the quality is on the level we're bringing," he said. "We're bringing award-winning directors and designers who work all over the place. I think it's something special. I want people in Canton to come and see it. I know a lot of people go to Stratford, but this is literally in our back yard now. I wouldn't do this seven years if

I didn't think it's phenomenal."

Eva portrays Egeus in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and Bardolph in *Henry IV*. Egeus is an "angry guy" character in a light-hearted play and Bardolph is "funny and fun" in a drama. He also takes on a third character in the second half of *Henry IV*.

Tough competition

The cast includes actors from around Michigan and from out of state, as well as the metro Detroit area.

Eric Eilersen of Rochester Hills plays Flute in *Midsummer*, and Peto in *Henry IV*. He joined the high school tour in 2013 after graduating from Michigan State University. This is his second summer with the company's regular season.

"I'm incredibly lucky. They audition in Chicago, Jackson and Detroit. The festival garners a crazy reputation being the official Shakespeare festival of the state. The work they do attracts a lot of people. At the audition, you have to bring your best because a lot of people are coming."

Eilersen likes the idea that actors "live and breathe" the plays for a few weeks while in rehearsal for the new season. Cast members not only rehearse together, but "hang out" when they're not on stage.

He's also thrilled about the festival's expansion to Canton.

"I hope it brings a much bigger audience of people who have heard about it for years but didn't want to drive to Jackson," he said.

Eva said his family and a handful of friends have watched him perform in one of the festival plays in Jackson every year. This season, he has higher expectations.

"We're in Canton. I'm hoping they'll see everything this year."

For ticket information, visit michiganshakespearefestival.com. Or villagetheater.org.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

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. and include Mr. Seley & the Troublemakers, July 29; Taylor Taylor, Aug. 5; The Verve Pipe, Aug. 12; Detroit Children's Choir, Aug. 19; Candy Band, Aug. 26

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

ORCHARD LAKE FINE ART

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 25, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 26

Location: 6900 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Details: Works for sale by 140 artists; \$5 admission, free for children 12 and under

Contact: hotworks.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through July 30

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road,

Canton

Details: "Healing Art," includes works by photographers Michelle Malloch and Amy Lockard and fiber work combined with painting by Kelly Darke

Accepting entries: Deadline to enter the 23rd annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition is Aug. 24. The exhibition will run Oct. 2-31. Interested artists can visit CantonVillageTheater.org or call 734-394-5300, Ext. 8

Contact: 734-394-5300

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY SHOP

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Chris Barnes; tickets are \$25 for dinner and show and \$12 for show only on Thursday; \$29 for dinner and show and \$16 for show only Friday-Saturday

Contact: joeyscomedysshop.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 23-24 and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25

Location: Corner of Fourth and Troy Street, downtown Royal Oak

Details: Dave Dyer; tickets are \$10 Thursday and \$18 Friday-Saturday

Contact: comedycastle.com



SUBMITTED

See four movies in the "Mission: Impossible" series free at Imagine Novi. The screenings celebrate the release of "Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation" on July 31.

FILM IMAGINE NOVI

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 27-30

Location: 44425 12 Mile, Novi

Details: "Mission: Impossible" Monday; "Mission: Impossible II," Tuesday; "Mission: Impossible III," Wednesday; and "Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol," Thursday. Admission is free

Contact: 248-468-2990

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 26

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Pitch Perfect 2*, \$3

Coming up: *Tomorrowland*, 7 p.m. Friday, July 31, and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 1-2

Summer Cinema: *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, July 23; *The Sound of Music*, July 30; *Back to the Future*, Aug. 6; *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*, Aug. 13; *The Goonies*, Aug. 20; *The Muppets Take Manhattan*, Aug. 27

Contact: 734-453-0870;

www.penntheatre.com

POPCORN TUESDAY

Time/Date: Tuesday through Aug. 25

Location: MJR Digital Cinemas, including Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Any size popcorn is free; includes one refill

Contact: mjrtheatres.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. July 24 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 25

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

Details: *The Shawshank Redemption*, \$5

Coming up: *Mildred Pierce*, 8 p.m. Aug. 7 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 8

Contact: 313-898-1481

SUMMER DRIVE-IN

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

Location: USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth

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

Contact: 734-927-3284

FUNDRAISER

PNA CENTENNIAL DANCERS

Time/Date: Polski Festival runs noon to 6 p.m. and dancers perform at 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, July 26

Location: Buddy's Pizzeria, 33605 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Polski Festival will include performances by the PNA Centennial Dancers, the debut of the restaurant's Hamtramck Pizza, and a Polish-themed menu. A portion of proceeds will benefit the dance company

Contact: 734-261-3550

GET OUT

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HISTORY KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through July 26

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: "Rocks, Paper, Memory: Wendy Artin's Watercolor Paintings of Ancient Sculptures" features paintings of ancient Greek and Roman sculptures along with objects from the Kelsey's collection

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17. Free museum admission for active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day

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

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC

BLUES@THE ELKS

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

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

Details: Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780

CANTON COLOR TOUR

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, through Aug. 21

Location: A different parking lot each week along Ford Road in Canton

Details: The Brothers Groove, July 24; Gerard Gibbs "R.Y.Z.," July 31; Yancy, Aug. 7. All perform at the Super Bowl, located between Canton Center and Sheldon. Charles & Gwen Scales perform Aug. 14 at JCPenney, located between Morton Taylor and Sheldon. Urban Jazz Coalition, Aug. 21, will be at Kroger, at Ford Road and Canton Center.

Contact: shopcanton.org

CANTON CONCERTS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, through Aug. 13



George Benson performs July 28 in Plymouth.

Location: Heritage Park, adjacent to the Canton Public Library on the campus of Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

Details: The Phoenix Theory, July 23; Allen as Tim and the Dance Hall Rockers, July 30; Greg Jaqua with an Elvis Presley Tribute, Aug. 6; and The Dan Rafferty Band, Aug. 13

Contact: cantonfun.org

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, through Aug. 11

Location: Handy Park, 26650 Capitol at Hemingway, Redford Township

Details: Concerts at Handy Park include Stardusters Big Band, July 28; Terry Bar & No Left Turn, Aug. 4; Persuasion, Aug. 11

Contact: 313-387-2650

JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

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

Details: The George Benson Quartet performs July 28. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

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

JAZZ IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Sunday, July-August

Location: Band shell at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: Three different jazz acts perform each week at this free concert. Held most summer Sundays.

Contact: jazzinthepark.org

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Aug. 29

Location: Grand Circus Park in



Paul's Players cast of "Fiddler on the Roof" rehearses in Livonia. The show opens July 30.



PNA Centennial Dancers will dance July 26 at Buddy's Pizza in Livonia.

Detroit in August

Details: Motown, Mamma Mia and More! will celebrate the music of the 1960s-'70s by such artists as The Supremes, Stevie Wonder, The Rolling Stones and The Temptations. Local vocalists Kathryn Calzone, Lauren Norris and Taylor Wallis will join the Michigan Philharmonic on the Mamma Mia finale. Concerts are free.

Contact: 734-451-2112; michiganphil.org

MUSIC FROM THE HEART

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, through Aug. 27

Location: Livonia Civic Center grounds, Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: The Millionaires, July 23; Steve King and the Dittilies, July 30; Motor City Soul, Aug. 6; Billy Mack & the Juke Joint Johnnies, Aug. 13; Cosmic Groove Band, Aug. 20; Thomas & Kentucky Strait, Aug. 27

Contact: cilivonia.mi.us

MUSIC IN THE AIR

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Friday through Sept. 4

Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: Global Village, July 24; Mainstreet Soul, July 31; The Dan Rafferty Band, Aug. 7; Phoenix Theory, Aug. 14; The Randy Brock Band, Aug. 21; Magic Bus, Aug. 28; Steve King & The Dittilies, Sept. 4

Contact: plymouthmich.org



Kari Holmes & The Modern Day Drifters perform July 30 at Stars in the Park in Farmington Hills.

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Open Stage, Aug. 4 and 18; Hayley Reardon, July 24; Martyn Joseph, Aug. 14. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. registration, 7 p.m. start, Aug. 19-20

Location: Farmington Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Auditions for "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," are Aug. 19 for youth, ages 12-16, and Aug. 20 for ages 16 and over. Participants will sing a short excerpt from one of the songs from the play. They'll learn a short dance combination and will audition the dance moves in a small group. They'll also read a monologue from the show

Contact: farmingtonplayers.org

PAUL'S PLAYERS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. July 30-31 and Aug. 1

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Tickets for "Fiddler on the Roof" are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors

Contact: 248-347-4134

PENNY SEATS THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 30-31, Aug. 1, 6-8 and 13-15

Location: The West Park band shell, 215 Chapin, Ann Arbor

Details: Tickets are \$7 and \$10 for "Urinetown, the Musical."

Contact: pennyseats.org

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EDUCATION

Canton foundation continues scholarship tradition

By Brad Smith



The Canton Community Foundation (CCF) announced today that it has awarded \$100,000 in scholarships to 100 students from 15 different schools in the area. The CCF has a long history of supporting education in the community, and this year's awards are a testament to its ongoing commitment.

The CCF's scholarship program is one of its most well-known initiatives. It provides financial assistance to students who are pursuing higher education in various fields. The awards are based on academic achievement and financial need.

This year's recipients include students from Canton, Farmington Hills, Livonia, and other surrounding communities. The CCF is proud to support these students as they pursue their educational goals.

Auction Party
Join us for our annual auction party on Friday, August 14th, at the Grand Hotel. The event will feature a variety of items for sale, including art, furniture, and more. Proceeds from the auction will go to support the CCF's scholarship program.

ON CAMPUS
The CCF is proud to support education in the community. This year, we awarded \$100,000 in scholarships to 100 students from 15 different schools in the area.

Winter Open House
Join us for our Winter Open House on Saturday, January 17th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grand Hotel. The event will feature a variety of items for sale, including art, furniture, and more.

FREE DINNER
Immediately following the auction party, we will have a free dinner for all attendees. The dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel and will feature a variety of delicious dishes.

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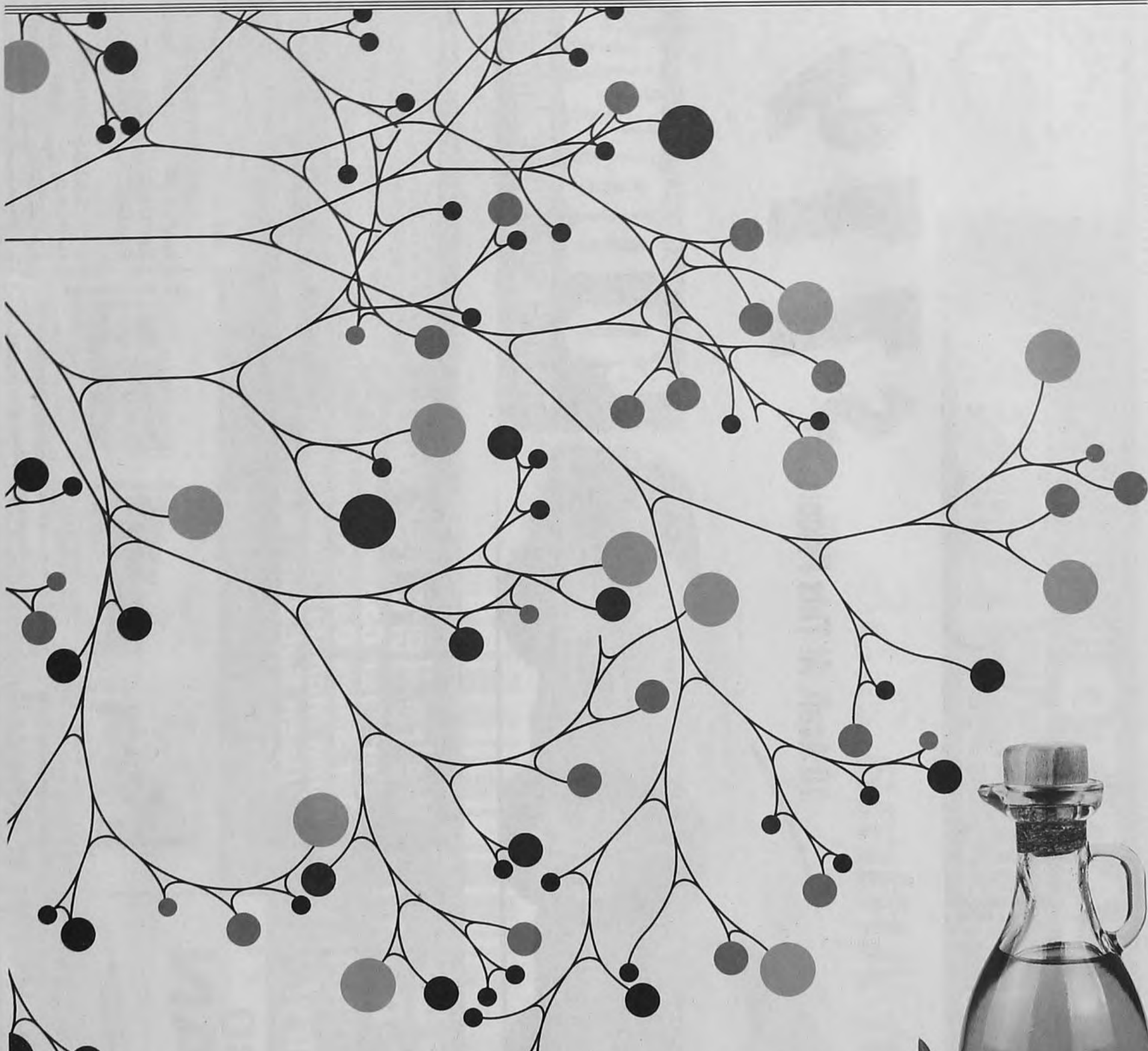
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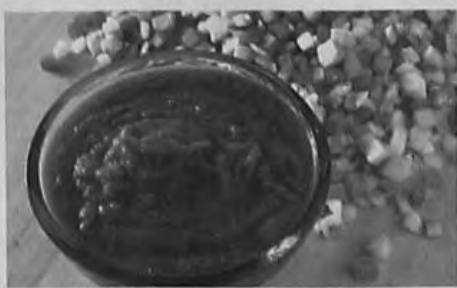
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Not only can you replace other oils in recipes with olive oil (or extra virgin olive oil for added flavor), in many recipes you can also replace butter with olive oil to reduce saturated fat, cholesterol and calories.

These recipes help you get the most out of your veggies, and enjoy a decadent dessert too. Learn more at www.aboutoliveoil.org.

Courtesy of Family Features



HIDDEN VEGETABLE TOMATO SAUCE

½ cup extra virgin olive oil
2 cups peeled and small diced eggplant
1 cup small diced onion
1 cup small diced carrot
1 cup small diced celery
2-3 garlic cloves, chopped
3 quarts canned crushed tomatoes
2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
2 tablespoons fresh basil cut in long, thin strips
1-2 dry bay leaves
Salt and pepper to taste

In large (5-quart or bigger) thick-bottomed pot, heat extra virgin olive oil over medium heat. Add eggplant, onion, carrot, celery and garlic, and saute gently (not browning vegetables or garlic) until vegetables start to become tender. Add tomatoes, herbs and bay leaves. Simmer, uncovered, for about one hour, then season to taste with salt and pepper. Puree until all vegetables are hidden in tomato sauce. Chill and reserve to make quick pizzas. Freeze unused sauce in smaller portions for future use.



GRILLED FLATBREAD PIZZA WITH HIDDEN VEGETABLE SAUCE

Serves: 1

1 large slice peasant bread cut ¼-½-inch thick, or any type artisan/ crusty bread
Extra virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
Hidden Vegetable Tomato Sauce, recipe follows
Mozzarella, grated
Parmesan Reggiano, grated

Heat oven to 350°F and heat gas grill or grill pan to medium high. Brush bread generously with extra virgin olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Grill bread crisp on each side and transfer to baking sheet lined with baking paper. Top each slice with tomato sauce. Cover with grated mozzarella and sprinkle with grated Parmesan Reggiano. Bake until cheese is melted, about 10-15 minutes. Cut into wedges and serve.

SIMPLE SUBSTITUTIONS

- » 1 teaspoon butter = ¾ teaspoon olive oil
- » 1 tablespoon butter = 2 ¼ teaspoons olive oil
- » ¼ cup butter = 3 tablespoons olive oil
- » ½ cup butter = ¼ cup olive oil
- » ¾ cup butter = ¼ cup + 2 tablespoons olive oil
- » 1 cup butter = ¾ cup olive oil



GETTY IMAGES



OLIVE OIL POACHED TUNA WITH CRISP ROMAINE SALAD

Serves: 4

2 romaine hearts, cleaned and leaves separated
4 hard-boiled eggs, cut into quarters
25 Haricot Vert/French green beans, blanched
4 Olive Oil Poached Tuna portions, recipe follows
4 yellow potatoes, peeled
Salt and pepper to taste
20 Kalamata olives, pitted
12 grape or cherry tomatoes, washed
8 lemon quarters

Prepare romaine, eggs and green beans, and chill the day before. Poach tuna and let cool to room temperature. Boil potatoes until tender and drain. Season potatoes with salt and pepper while still hot. Let potatoes cool to room temperature, cover with plastic and reserve. Arrange romaine, eggs, green beans, olives, tomatoes and potatoes on four dinner plates. Break and flake tuna on top and drizzle with olive oil from poaching. Squeeze one lemon wedge on each plate and season with fresh pepper and salt. Serve with another lemon wedge.

OLIVE OIL POACHED TUNA

4 tuna portions (5 ounces each)
2 cups extra virgin olive oil
Kosher salt to taste
Black pepper, freshly ground to taste
3 garlic cloves, minced
1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary
4 tablespoons parsley cut in long, thin strips
2 lemons, zested and juiced

Drizzle tuna with extra virgin olive oil. Season tuna generously with salt, pepper, garlic, rosemary, parsley and lemon zest. Place tuna in 12-inch pot and cover with extra virgin olive oil and juice of lemons. Heat over moderate heat until tuna poaches to medium rare, approximately seven-10 minutes depending on thickness of tuna. Remove from heat; allow tuna to continue to poach and cool to room temperature.



OLIVE OIL ICE CREAM WITH GRILLED PINEAPPLE

Serves: 6

¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
½ teaspoon kosher salt
3 tablespoons honey
2 teaspoons Sriracha chili sauce
1 golden pineapple
Olive Oil Ice Cream, recipe follows
Mint sprigs
Sliced strawberries

Combine extra virgin olive oil, salt, honey and Sriracha. Set aside. Cut top and bottom off pineapple and remove outer skin. Turn pineapple on side and cut even slices about ½-inch thick leaving the core in. Place cleaned pineapple slices in large resealable bag, pour marinade over them, and gently rotate bag to distribute. Marinate overnight or at least four hours. Heat charcoal or gas grill for direct grilling. Use sharp round cutter to remove core before grilling, if preferred. (This is optional; you can eat the core and it is easier to grill with it intact.) Brush grill grates and wipe with rag soaked with olive oil. Grill pineapple on each side about three minutes. Transfer grilled pineapple to plate and top with scoop of Olive Oil Ice Cream. Garnish with sliced strawberries and mint.

OLIVE OIL ICE CREAM

12 ounces heavy cream
1 vanilla bean, split and scraped
2 pinches ground cinnamon
½ ounce milk
½ cup egg yolks
½-¾ cup honey
¾ cup extra virgin olive oil, delicate/fruity flavor profile

In pot, scald cream, vanilla, cinnamon and milk. In bowl, whip yolks and honey. Temper whipped mixture with scalded cream mixture. Pour tempered mixture back into pot and cook until it coats the back of a spoon. Don't boil. Strain mixture and cool. Stir in olive oil. Cool and freeze in ice cream machine.

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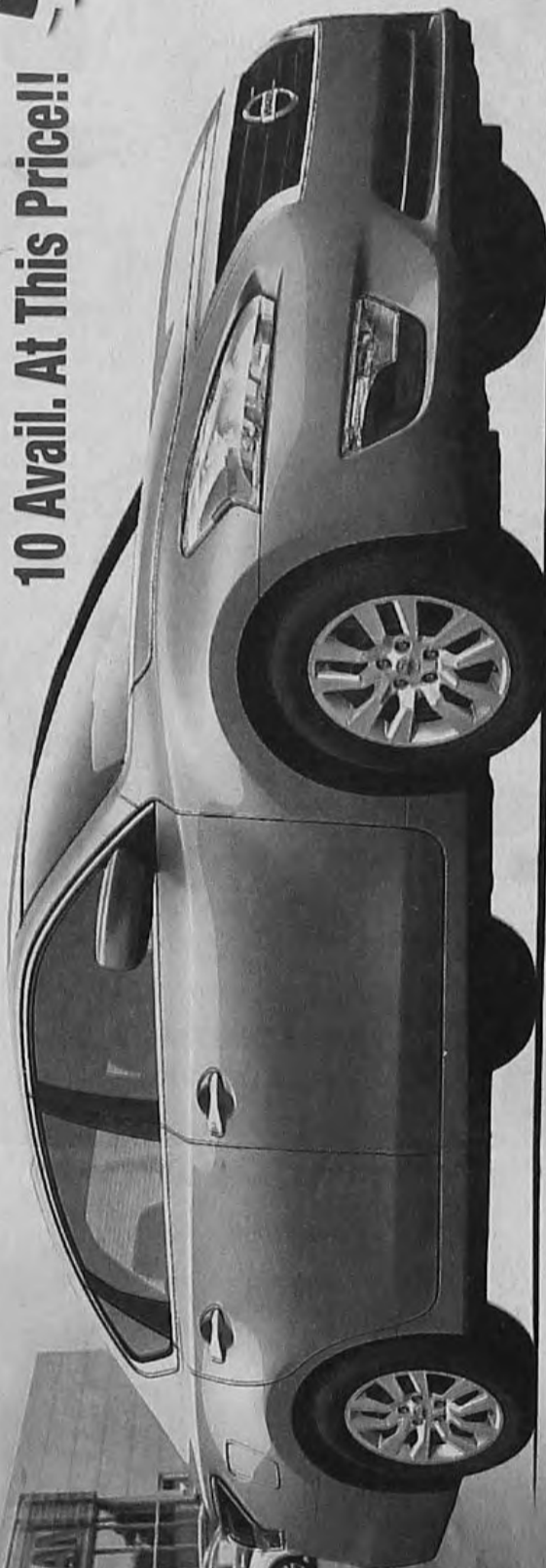
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