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## Trail expansion coming to Cherry Hill Village

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Canton, already lauded for its recreation trails, plans to expand its pedestrian pathways in Cherry Hill Village after receiving \$202,700 from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Local officials say the SEMCOG grant will allow Canton to build trails to connect places such as Independence Park, Preservation Park and the emerging Village Arts Factory — a former Henry Ford factory being converted into an arts hub with studios, veterans rehabilitation programs, art

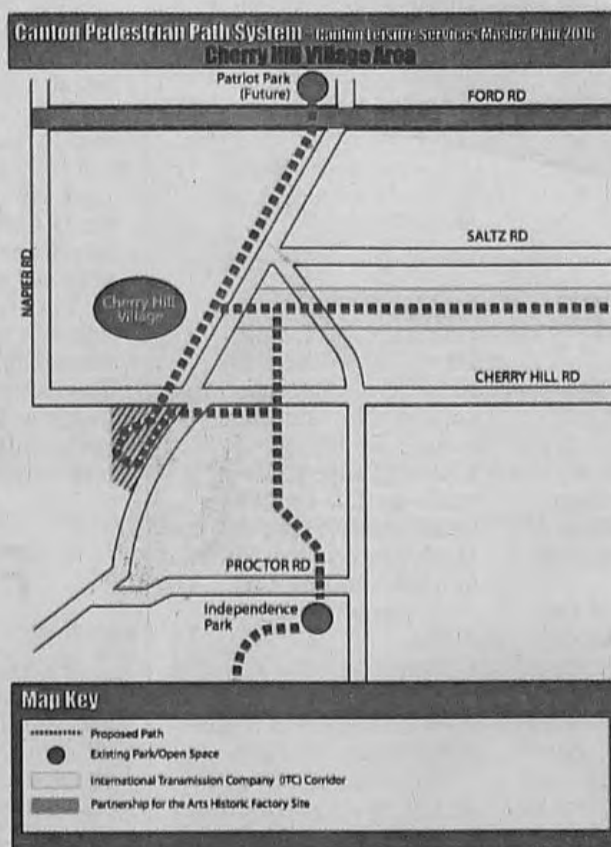
classes and possibly even a brewery. “Anytime we can enhance and provide those trail connections, it’s a great improvement and asset for the community,” Canton Leisure Services Director Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz said.

Canton’s grant is among \$6.2 million in so-called TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) funding for 15 projects in seven counties — intended to provide safer walking and bicycling paths, improve regional trail systems and boost pedestrian options. “These investments ... offer transportation choices, pro-

mote walking and biking and improve quality of life in southeast Michigan,” SEMCOG Executive Director Kathleen Lomako said in a press release. “These projects serve to better connect the region’s system of trails and bike paths.”

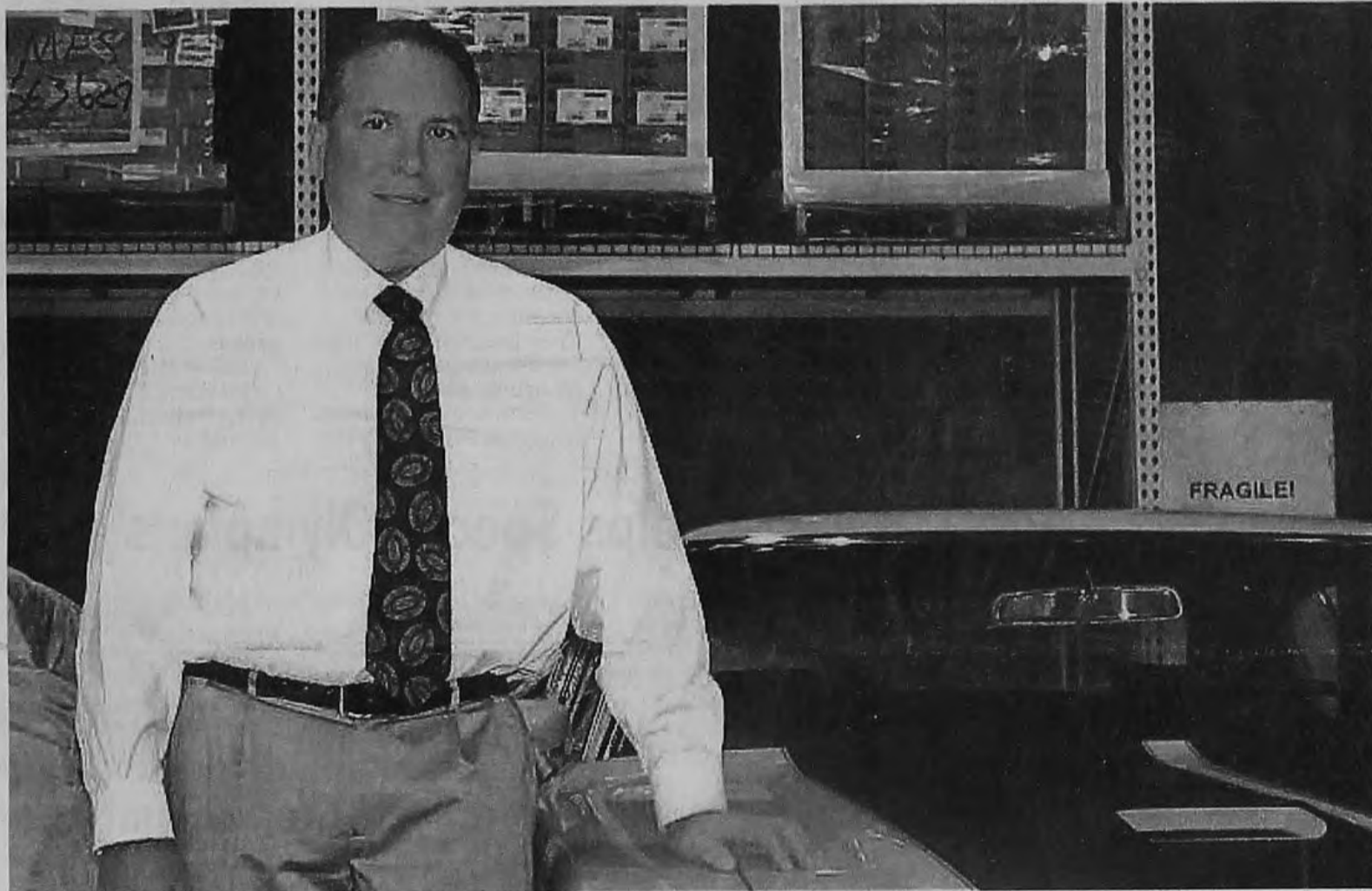
Canton residents have long placed recreation trails at the top of their wish list on community surveys conducted by outside consultants for Canton Leisure Services.

Jill Engel, executive director of the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, said the



CANTON TOWNSHIP  
The dotted red lines show how the latest grant will allow Canton to use trails to connect the Cherry Hill Village area.

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Tom Abrams, president of Reliable Carriers, Inc., with the 1970 Buick GSX he’s exhibiting Sunday at the Concours d’Elegance of America at The Inn at St. John’s. Reliable, based in Canton Township, specializes in shipping high-value vehicles around the country and is the preferred vehicle transport company for the Concours.

MATT JACHMAN

## Car transport firm has local roots

Reliable Carriers will get many vehicles to Councours

**Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

this year’s Concours d’Elegance of America a success. Abrams, who lives in Northville Township, is president of Reliable Carriers, Inc., a Canton Township-

based specialty transport firm that’s shipping show vehicles from around the country to the 38th annual Concours, scheduled for Sunday at The Inn at St. John’s in Plymouth Township.

Reliable has been the local Concours’ preferred trans-

port company since the show moved to St. John’s in 2011.

As a collector, Abrams is also exhibiting two of his own cars, a 1972 Gremlin and a 1970 Buick GSX, at this year’s Concours. The Grem-

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## Event aims to promote tolerant, safe community

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Calling diversity one of Canton’s strengths, a coalition of local groups has announced a two-pronged initiative to promote a safe community, show solidarity against hate crimes and give residents a chance to mingle.

It all happens 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Heritage Park’s north pavilion. It weaves together two national movements — Not In Our Town and National Night Out — that share common goals of building safe, inclusive communities and striking back against hate, bullying and violence.

“One of the strengths of Canton Township is the diversity of the people who live in it,” said Eva Davis, who co-chairs the Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition, one of the event sponsors. “This gives the residents of Canton an opportunity to meet the people who live in their community.”

Other sponsors include the Canton Public Safety Department, Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Public Library, where Davis serves as director.

Organizers say the proactive event will include a peace rally and candlelight unity vigil; musical entertainment; guest speakers; a display of Canton police cars, fire trucks

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## Plymouth-Canton teacher remembered with special education nonprofit

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Even in death, a former Plymouth-Canton educator is making a difference for special education students.

Karen Carpenter, who spent 18 of her 25 years in special education as a teacher and consultant with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools



Carpenter

district, died of pancreatic cancer in January, a mere four months after she was diagnosed. She was 61.

“It came as a great shock,” her husband, John Carpenter, said.

Her memory and dedication

live on in a nonprofit, Karen Cares, formed to raise money for post-high school scholarships for special education students.

“In this way,” said her daughter, Erin Dreps, “we hope to keep alive her generous spirit and continue supporting special education students as they pursue any form of post-high school education

or training.”

Karen Cares gets its first major fundraiser 3:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, July 31, at the Peacock Road Family Farm, 11854 Peacock Road, in Laingsburg, north of Lansing. Tickets cost \$25 and are available at [www.yeskarencares.org](http://www.yeskarencares.org) or at the door.

Admission includes food, live entertainment, silent and

live auctions and what John Carpenter described as “a roving magic show.”

Karen Carpenter started her career in the Monroe County Intermediate School District before she worked in Plymouth-Canton and then in the Jackson County Intermediate School District. Her hus-

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band said she mostly worked with middle school and high school students.

She grew up in Westland and later raised her family in Canton, eventually settling in Jackson. She always had a charitable disposition, so much that she and her husband turned their wedding into a fundraiser to help three nonprofits. Her family even did some minor fundraising for Karen Cares at her funeral.

Carpenter's time in Plymouth-Canton was spent as a special edu-

cation teacher at East Middle School and as a resource room teacher and teacher consultant at Salem High School.

"She cared so much about her students" and wanted to help provide scholarship money that often isn't available for special education students, her husband said.

Those who want to support Karen Cares but who can't attend the fundraiser may donate through [www.yeskarencares.com](http://www.yeskarencares.com). The money will be used to help students from the three districts where she worked.

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and a police dog; a fire safety house exhibit; a craft project by Home Depot; inflatables; and refreshments and prizes from Target.

One segment of the event, National Night Out, is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, better places to live. As many as 16,000 U.S. communities are expected to participate.

"This event is an evening where the community is encouraged to

come together and celebrate the community in which we live," said police Officer Patty

Esselink, community relations coordinator. "It is an opportunity to meet and interact with the police and fire personnel as well as meet the people who live around you."

Not In Our Town is a movement to stop hate, address bullying and

build safe, inclusive communities for all. Davis, who chairs the CRHCC with police Sgt. Dale Waltz, said the event will include tents where groups as diverse as The Beloved Community, Equality Michigan and the Michigan Sikh community can interact with residents.

Davis said it's a chance for Canton's diverse residents to get to know one another.

"It's a chance to get people to come together and learn from each other and break down barriers," she said.

CRHCC, which previously won a civil rights award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police, is made up of local law enforcement, local leaders and representatives of community groups, faith-based organizations, public schools and the community at large — all committed to raising awareness of hate crimes, bias incidents and bullying. CRHCC also supports victims when those incidents do occur.

For more on the national Not In Our Town movement, go to [www.niot.org](http://www.niot.org).

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# Man goes on supermarket rampage

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Local police officers are being praised for their professionalism in subduing a man who went on a brief rampage, including punching an elderly woman, Monday night at the Kroger store in Plymouth Township.

The 19-year-old from Canton Township, thought to be under the influence of mind-altering drugs, was taken by ambulance to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia for treatment, police said. No one was seriously hurt in the incident; possible criminal charges are pending.

The incident occurred about 9:30 p.m. Monday. According to Plymouth Township Chief Tom Tiderington, the man was reportedly running up and down the supermar-

ket aisles, sometimes falling as if he had passed out, then getting up and continuing to run.

The man reportedly pushed over shopping carts, jumped from vehicle to vehicle in the parking lot and punched an elderly woman who was in the checkout line, according to a memo from township Sgt. Todd Seipenko, the first officer on the scene, to Lt. Bob Antal.

Witness Chris Earns, who was shopping in Kroger, said he saw the man running the store aisles and heard him say something unintelligible before he went outside.

"There was quite a commotion out front, outside the store," said Earns, of Plymouth Township. As Earns was exiting with his purchases, he said, he saw officers restraining the

man near the entrance.

"Nobody was putting any undue force on the individual. They were simply applying pressure to hold him down to the ground," he said.

Seipenko's memo said it took three township officers, two Plymouth officers and an off-duty Wayne County sheriff's deputy to restrain the man, who was yelling, "The universe is going to end."

Earns said police appeared to be trying to calm the man. "They seemed as genuinely concerned about his safety as anyone else's safety," he said.

At the hospital, however, medical personnel could not control him and the doctor in charge ordered him to be sedated, the memo said. Police contacted the man's mother.

The woman who had been assaulted refused treatment; police followed her home and spoke with her husband.

Earns saw the assault victim at the scene and said she was not suffering from obvious injuries. "She was definitely shook up and crying and shaking," he said.

He said he was impressed with the calm way the police handled a volatile situation.

"They certainly performed in a very professional manner," he said.

"I am extremely thankful nobody was hurt last night," Seipenko wrote. "I knew it right away that this was going to get out of hand, but manpower and cool heads prevailed."

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# Fife and Drum Corps open house planned

Have you ever wondered what the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is all about? Now is your chance to find out, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, at the PFDC's open house. The open house — a chance to see the Corps in rehearsal — will take place in the bus loop behind Salem High School.

In its 45-year history, the PFDC has never before opened a rehearsal to the public. People of all ages will have an opportunity see the Corps in action Aug. 15. Members will be available to demonstrate their fifes, drums, guard equipment and uniforms and instructors will be on-hand to answer questions.

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps consists of students ages 12-18.



FILE PHOTO

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps makes an appearance at Comerica Park. The Corps will be having an open-house rehearsal Monday, Aug. 15.

It's a nonprofit group of young musicians and performers who parade, dressed in Colonial-era garb, while playing live the fife and drum music of two centuries ago. The Corps appears in many local parades and tours

each summer. Corps members are from Plymouth and surrounding communities. They prepare year-round for the annual performance season.

For more information about the Plymouth Fife

and Drum Corps, go to <http://pfdc.us/pfdbcblog/> or find it on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pfdc.us/](http://www.facebook.com/pfdc.us/).

Salem High School is at 46181 Joy Road, at McLumpha, Canton Township.

# Aug. 28 event helps Special Olympians

The second annual Special Olympics Michigan Presents Bikes & Cars for the Plymouth Canton Stars is 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at the

Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. The gates will open at 1 p.m. with goodie bags to the first 100 cars and/or

motorcycles. Entry fee is 15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Sign up online at <https://plymouthcantonestars.ticketsocket.com/>.

Proceeds will benefit more than 150 Plymouth-Canton special Olympians. For more information, call co-chair Bobbie Tallon at 734-788-5700.

# Salvation Army partners with motorcycles for annual ride

A partnership between motorcyclists and the Salvation Army might sound odd, but it's not. The Ride for the Red Shield-Plymouth/Downriver is set for Saturday, Aug. 13, starting 10 a.m. at the Plymouth Corps, 9451 S. Main.

"It's a nice, leisurely ride going from our building here Downriver," said Plymouth Corps volunteer/special events coordinator Sandy Koll-

inger, who's a rider herself. A partnership with the Christian Motorcycle Association helps boost the event.

"So it's not your typical rough and tough stereotype. We do have riders who are Christian and express their faith," Kollinger said.

Registration can be done the morning of the event or during office hours at the Plymouth Corps on Main, which

can be reached at 734-453-5464, with Kollinger at ext. 24.

This is the second year of the event, which this year will enjoy a full escort of the Wayne County Sheriff Motorcycle Unit to the Downriver/Wyandotte Salvation Army followed by lunch, details of which are being worked on. Participants will leave for Downriver at 11 a.m.

Price is \$25 for a rider,

\$15 for a passenger, which includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Last year, there were 22 bikes, Kollinger said, with about 20 already signed up this year as of July 26.

"We do it for a couple reasons, one of which is for outreach to help us reach another demographic," she said. It also is a fundraiser for Salvation Army programs and services.

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trail work will help the partnership's Village Arts Factory project as it moves ahead.

"We are thrilled," she said. "It will connect all

the historic buildings in the Cherry Hill district. We are definitely excited."

Engel said the project also will make it safer for residents to walk among the Cherry Hill Village sites rather than walking along roads on Canton's west side.

Canton already has the 5.5-mile Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, which stretches east from the Heritage Park area to the I-275 Metro Trail. The Lower Rouge trail also has an offshoot to Flodin and Griffin neighborhood parks.

Long term, Canton

officials hope to secure the money needed to connect the Lower Rouge trail system to Cherry Hill Village, providing a seamless recreation path across the community.

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### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for Fresh Made School Pizza for 5 Middle Schools and 13 Elementary Schools Specifications of the Request for Proposal (RFP) are available on at [PCCSK12.com](http://PCCSK12.com), under departments and business office or by contacting Kristen Hennessey, Director of Procurement, and Plymouth Canton Community Schools at [kristen.hennessey@pccsk12.com](mailto:kristen.hennessey@pccsk12.com). Proposals will be accepted as specified in the Request for Proposals at PCCS - E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Bids shall be labeled: Bid document enclosed- "Fresh Made Pizza". The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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### NOTICE CANTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Notice is hereby given that Canton Leisure Services is seeking public comment on the Canton Leisure Services Five Year 2017-2021 Master Plan. The required 30-day public comment period will begin on July 28, 2016 and will end on August 28, 2016.

Canton Residents are asked to submit comments in writing via email to [leisure@canton-mi.org](mailto:leisure@canton-mi.org) or via mail to Canton Leisure Services at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. A follow-up public hearing will take place at the Canton Board of Trustees meeting on September 27, 2016.

Beginning July 28, 2016, copies of the draft Canton Leisure Services Five Year Master Plan may be found at the Canton Leisure Services Administrative Offices (1150 S. Canton Center Road), Summit on the Park (46000 Summit Parkway), and the Canton Public Library (1200 S. Canton Center Road) during normal business hours. The draft may also be found online at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org). For additional information, please call 734/394-5360.

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# Chain-reaction builders set world record

**Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

A team of builders worked for 10 days setting up the Incredible Science Machine, a string of more than 250,000 dominoes, at Westland Shopping Center.

And it took about 20 minutes for it to all come tumbling down.

When it did, all 18 builders were jumping for joy, having just set a world record for a circle field and an American record for total toppled dominoes.

The records came as hundreds of people circled an area of Westland Shopping Center and watched in alternating hushed silences and whoops of appreciation.

And when it was over — and everything had gone pretty much as planned — chain reaction expert Steve Price of Canton, who organized the build, jumped the highest.

"It's so great," said Price, a recent graduate of Michigan State University who earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. "There were no breaks, it was really amazing and we got a world record."

This year's theme focused on world cultures and incorporated all seven continents. It included designs of Chinese scrolls representing Asia, soccer balls for South America and a tribute to Route 66 for the United States, among other segments.

The builders came from across the United States, Canada, Austria and Germany. They all met on YouTube, where all of them have channels dedicated to chain reaction-building. There are two Canadians, two from Germany and an Austrian.

"We met because we

*"It was really amazing and we got a world record."*

**STEVE PRICE**  
Canton resident and organizer

watch each other's (YouTube) videos," Price said. "We've all become good friends. Last year was the first time we got to work together on a project."

The youngest builder is Brady Dolan, a 12-year-old middle school student from Ann Arbor. He said he started working with dominoes when he was perhaps 6 and started really developing an affinity for them about a year later.

When he started posting videos of his work with dominoes to his YouTube channel, Brady said, he "started getting noticed more."

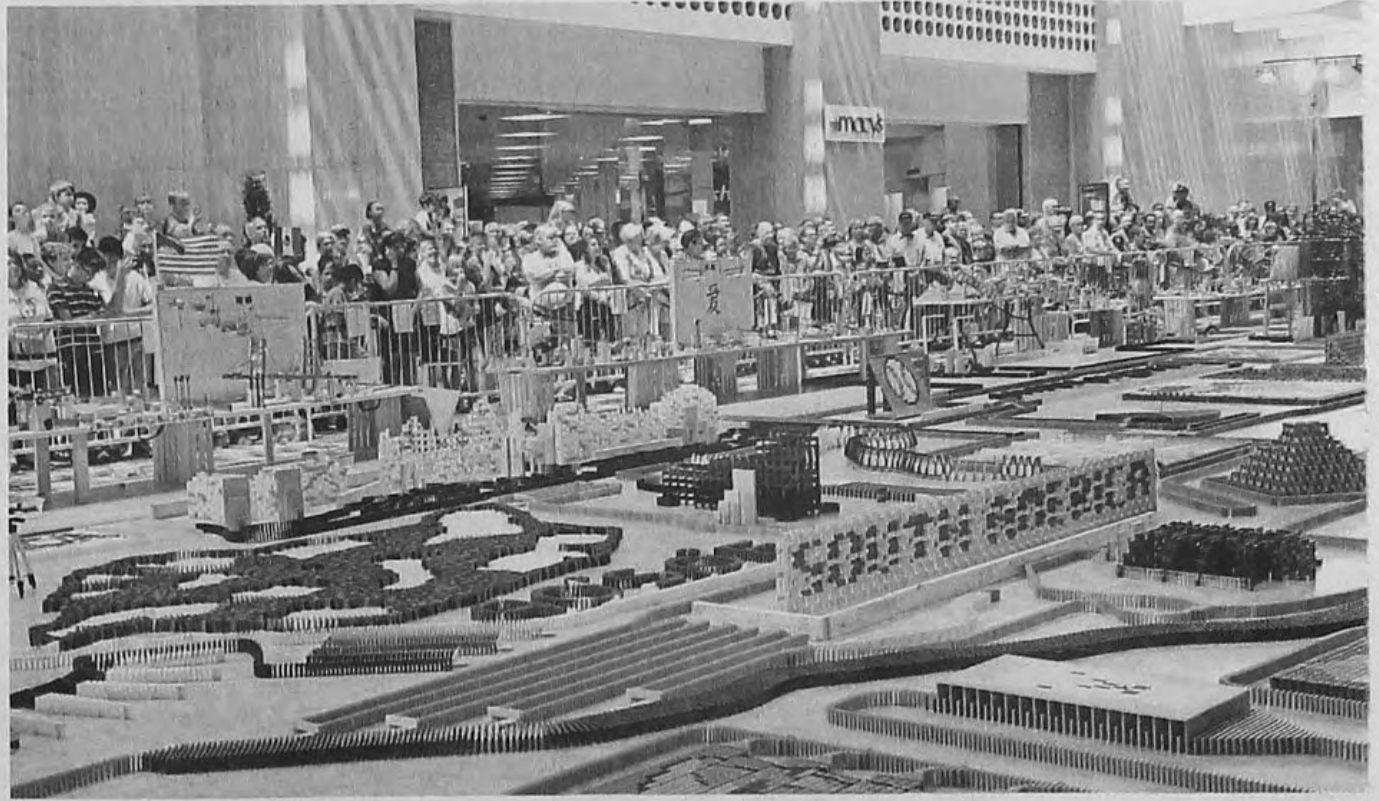
"I just like creating things," he said before the fall, of which he said, "It's going to be amazing."

The event was sponsored for the second year in a row by Zeal Credit Union. Lisa Fawcett, the credit union's director of marketing, said the event fits in with what Zeal believes.

"(Zeal) is all about hard-working Americans," Fawcett said. "Passion is one of our key values. When we came across this group of builders, it fit what we're all about. We were eager to get behind it."

The builders ran a pool guessing how long the process would take. It ranged from 16:23 to 19:46, the guess from Dolan, which appeared to come closest. The official time wasn't available, but one media member timed it right at 20 minutes.

The fact the new venue — it was at the Michigan Science Center last



TOM BEAUDOIN

More than 2,000 people gathered Saturday at Westland Shopping Center to witness a world record for the largest domino circle field and record for the longest chain reaction in the United States.



TOM BEAUDOIN

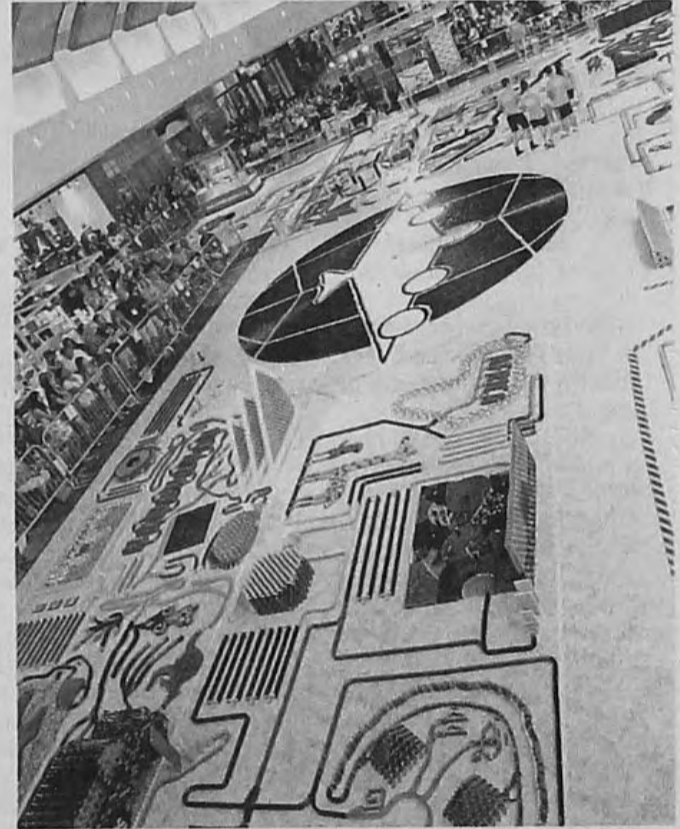
The beginning of the domino chain reaction was started by the turn of the globe. It took more than 19 minutes to go through the entire field.

year — brought out hundreds of spectators was exciting for Price and the other builders. Those who couldn't be there will be able to see a video on YouTube.

"It's amazing to see you can plan something like this," Price, 22, said. "You have that amazing

video you can show off to people afterward. It's something not a whole lot of people know about. It's great to do a big event and introduce this to people. It's pure excitement."

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TOM BEAUDOIN

The entire east end of Westland Shopping Center was part of the backdrop for the Guinness world record as more than 250,000 dominoes fell Saturday afternoon.

## CARS

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lin, in the Concours' pro-stock class, and the Buick, in the muscle-car class, will be among the nearly 400 rare, antique, collectible and otherwise noteworthy motorcycles, cars and trucks at the Concours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday on the St. John's golf course.

Abrams' job combines the stewardship of a family business, which has its roots in a moving and storage company started by his grandfather, with his passion for collectibles. Abrams is mechanically inclined, he said, and enjoyed tinkering with old cars since he got his first, a 1948 Chevrolet five-window pickup.

"We don't have time to work on them now," he said. "It was fun back then. We enjoyed it."

The warehouse at Reliable was filled with collectibles Monday, from rare sports cars to

1970s muscle cars to tiny European models from makers like Vespa and Fiat. Some are in storage, some have recently arrived for Sunday's Concours and some are bound for other destinations.

### 'Constant car show'

"I'm pretty fortunate, because I've always liked cars and it's a constant car show around here," Abrams said.

Abrams showed off the '70 Buick GSX that he'll display this weekend. At the time, he said, Buick was known for its more staid family cars.

"But this was the answer when everybody was building muscle cars," he added.

The GSX has a 455-cubic-inch V8 engine and is painted in Saturn Yellow, one of two original color options, the other being Apollo White. The muscle-car category in which the GSX is being shown is subtitled "Hot Cars in Hot Colors."

He's never before exhibited the car him-



MATT JACHMAN

The warehouse at Reliable Carriers, Inc., in Canton Township is full of collectible vehicles, some of which are heading to Sunday's Concours d'Elegance of America in Plymouth Township.

self, but it has made the Buick show circuit, Abrams said. "This car has won every kind of award you can do for a Buick," he said.

Abrams has exhibited other cars at the local Concours several times, both at St. John's and at its former location at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills. He likes the event at St. John's, he said, because of the high degree of community involvement and the small-town feel that the proximity of Northville

and Plymouth lend to it. Reliable was started by Abrams' parents, Donald and Doris, in the 1980s as a spinoff of Abrams Moving and Storage, which was founded by Donald Abrams' father Frank and continues in the moving business.

The majority of Reliable's work is in transporting specialty vehicles, such as show cars,

test cars and high-end cars bound for sale, for manufacturers, but when the recession of a few years ago cut into that business, Reliable moved more into the classic car market, doing transports for auctions and classic car shows around the country. The OEM-related business, Abrams said, has since picked back up.

Reliable, based in

### IF YOU'RE GOING

The 38th annual Concours d'Elegance of America is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, just east of Sheldon. Tickets are \$40 per person in advance and \$45 at the gate.

There is no parking for the general public on the St. John's grounds; public parking is at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile, and shuttle service to St. John's and back to the parking site is provided.

For more information, go to the Concours d'Elegance of America website at [www.concoursusa.org](http://www.concoursusa.org).

Canton for 25 years, has about 600 employees, more than 400 trucks on the road and facilities in New Jersey, Florida, California and Arizona.

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## CANTON CRIME WATCH

Underwear-clad teen  
disrupts traffic, blames  
LSD

A Canton teen dressed only in his underwear was darting into traffic and yelling at motorists and pedestrians — behavior police say he blamed on taking LSD and smoking marijuana.

The 18-year-old man also fell onto a roadside grassy area, curled into a fetal position and, as police approached, yelled “reality” and “I love you” and obscenities, a police report said.

The bizarre situation unfolded shortly before 9 p.m. July 21 at Warren and Beck roads, where witnesses initially notified police of a naked man causing a ruckus.

Police arrived and saw the teen wearing green underwear, alternately screaming and then calming down, the report said. He ran into traffic, stopped vehicles and yelled at drivers, police said.

Police talked to the man and summoned Canton paramed-

ics, who took him to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, but not before he received a citation for disorderly conduct.

## Identity theft?

A 72-year-old woman who gave her bank account information and Social Security number to a supposed computer company became worried and notified police.

She told police July 21 the problem began when she couldn't access anything on her computer. She said the passwords to her bank accounts no longer worked.

She contacted a company for support and was advised to pay \$385 for software that supposedly would be installed to fix her computer. She mailed the company a check for the service and later received a call saying she had an anti-virus program on her computer that was impeding repairs.

The company offered to give the woman a \$250 refund if she would provide her bank account information and Social Security number — which she

did, a police report said.

The woman told police she hadn't yet noticed any illegal activity on her accounts, but she became worried and contacted authorities. She was given information pertaining to identity theft.

## Odd delivery

A Canton man answering his doorbell at 2 a.m. July 20 was surprised to find a gold watch, an Accutime Vivani, on his porch — with no one in sight.

The incident happened in the 200 block of Blossom Drive, near Cherry Hill and Sheldon, a police report said.

The man told police he opened his door and saw that a watch had been left on his porch. Police searched the area, but didn't locate anyone who may have left the watch. Police took the watch and placed it in their property room at the police station.

## Fireworks citation

A 21-year-old Canton woman was ticketed for illegally shooting off fireworks after

police caught her in the act about 9:30 p.m. Saturday, a report said.

Police patrolling northbound on Lilley, near Cherry Hill, saw the fireworks being set off in a residential neighborhood and went to investigate. They encountered the suspect, who admitted she and friends were shooting off fireworks to celebrate her brother's graduation.

The celebration came with a ticket and a possible fine of up to \$500.

Canton only allows fireworks on national holidays, the day before and the day after — times required by state laws.

## Jail cell injury

A man whose shoulder became dislocated in a Canton jail cell was taken by paramedics to Beaumont Hospital-Wayne, where doctors reset his shoulder and put his arm in a sling.

Then it was back to jail for the 32-year-old Romulus man.

The incident happened about 7:40 p.m. July 10, when

the man complained from his jail cell that he had dislocated his shoulder when he rolled over and placed pressure on it. He told police the mishap occurs two or three times a year.

Police reviewed a video surveillance camera that confirmed the man's story.

## Motorcycle crash

A motorcyclist told police he crashed when a driver in a Ford Explorer turned into his lane on Summit Parkway, west of Canton Center, near Pheasant Run Golf Course, a report said.

But a woman driving the Explorer blamed the accident on the motorcyclist, saying he struck her vehicle while trying to pass her.

No one was seriously injured.

Police received word of the crash about 9 a.m. July 19. A police report indicated officers couldn't determine which driver was at fault.

— By Darrell Clem

## MSP forensics lieutenant honored for leadership

Joanne Maliszewski

Staff Writer

Even when you've worked in your field for 18 years, there's still something new to learn.

1st Lt. Beth Clark is commander of the Michigan State Police Northville Forensic Science Laboratory. Earlier this year, she was among 24 students who graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

“It was stressful, hard,” she said, “but really worth it.”

Clark joined the Michigan State Police in 1998, graduating as a member of the 116th Trooper Recruit School. She started her career as a trooper in Adrian, then moved on to homeland security with the Michigan Intelligence Opera-

tions Center. She served a stint in the governor's security detail and got into forensic science in 2004, working in Grand Rapids, Lansing and now Northville, where she heads the lab.

Much of Clark's work involves investigating evidence from crime scenes. “You've seen, ‘Was this bullet fired from this gun?’ on crime shows; that's basically what I do,” she said.

The 10-week session Clark took through Northwestern is geared toward law enforcement professionals who've demonstrated potential for leadership and promotion. Most of Clark's classmates were officers, like herself: one chief, about two-thirds lieutenants and the other third sergeants, she estimated.

“It's a very prestigious pro-

gram,” said Inspector Scott Marier, interim director of the Michigan State Police forensic science division.

Clark's course started at the end of February and ran through June. Northwestern University is in Illinois, but this session was held off-site at the Troy Police Department training center — a convenient location for Clark, who lives in West Bloomfield.

Clark's course work focused on decisions a police officer would have to make as a manager. Staffing, for example, was presented in the context of how many people to deploy to a traffic incident. Other topics included strategies to cover the business side of police work, like writing job descriptions, selecting new recruits, giving effective performance appraisals and talking to the

media.

Clark received her diploma June 17, graduating as vice president of her class.

But she was in for a shock when her name was announced again — this time, as the winner of the Franklin M. Kreml Leadership Award.

The award, established by the center's founder, recognizes high ethical and professional values and dedication to public service. Winners are selected by a vote of their fellow classmates at the end of the course and their names are added to a huge plaque at Northwestern University's campus in Illinois.

“It's a big deal, because the folks who go there are all leaders in their respective departments,” Marier said. “It's a great honor to be selected by her peers as a leader.”



1st Lt. Beth Clark with Col. Lawrence Schloegl of the Michigan National Guard and David Bradford, executive director for Northwestern University Center for Public Safety.

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Sister Divyad gives an American flag to Sister Maristella before the patriotic concert begins.

# Felician nuns voice their love of God, country at sing-along

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Sister Jane Mary McNamara added a little red, white and blue to her habit recently.

The Felician nun wore a medical scrub shirt printed with American flags and fireworks to a sing-along at the religious community's mother house in Livonia.

"I'm the youngest one in the house. I'm the most active, into all the occasions and everything like that," said McNamara, 57, who topped off her patriotic costume with novelty flag-themed eyeglasses.

"You can tell this is an older community. We used to have a lot more younger sisters. We have, like, three or four around my age, the rest are in their 70s, 80s, 90s and 100. Being in this house, I try to keep spirits up."

McNamara, known for her youthful, sunny outlook, didn't have to work hard to keep spirits high July 12, as 50 of her colleagues came together to sing, wave American flags and have a little fun with the help of the St. Priscilla choir and bell choir.

Pat Knorp, choir director at the Livonia church, arranged the program to honor the military and to entertain the nuns. Although July is vacation time for some members of the religious community, sick and wheelchair-bound sisters who live in the Felician Order's care center typically stay home. The show drew a mix of care center and mother house residents.

"My bell choir and choir go every Christmas to perform for them, but July is a free month and they don't have much to do," Knorp said. "Some don't get a chance to get out. We thought we'd do this for them and they seemed so excited."

## Popular songs

She selected patriotic tunes, spiritual songs and American standards for a sing-along with the choir and invited Mitchell Hardy and McKenzie Shaw, both Clarenceville High School graduates, to sing solos from "Fiddler on the Roof." Military veterans from St. Priscilla were on hand, including Ed Tabor, a retired U.S. Marine, who played spoons during the upbeat concert, and Bob Dickson, a U.S. Navy veteran and a cancer patient, who served in Korea. Mary Morrison, a Northville resident and a St. Priscilla bell ringer who spent 25 years in the military, wore her U.S. Air Force uniform.

"When we play some of these songs, I get teary-eyed. I'm proud to be an American," Morrison said.

Phil Abele, volunteer emcee, kept the program moving with historical tidbits and some gentle joking. When Sister Nunciata Kazul asked for the name of a Boy Scout who



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The St. Priscilla Church choir of Livonia leads a sing-along of patriotic music.

was at the show, Abele, in an ominous tone, ordered Alex Brinker of Troop 1382: "Come over here. The nuns want to talk to you," eliciting laughter from the crowd.

"We always have a good time. We love music," said Sister Anita Taddonio, a Livonia Bentley High School graduate who has served at the Vatican and as Madonna University campus minister. She took photos of the performers and the audience throughout the sing-along for a future slide show at the care center.

It was touching for me. It's emotional. I love our country so much," Taddonio said.

"I wish they'd do a CD of this whole program and it would go on sale before the next Fourth of July," Kazul added. "It would sell like crazy."

Check out the Felician sisters on Facebook or go to feliciansistersna.org. For more about St. Priscilla choir and bell choir, go to saintpriscilla.org.

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Sister Jane Mary McNamara dressed in patriotic colors for the sing-along.

## Generational conflict at work can be overcome

Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Sharon Miller, involved for decades on challenges of the workplace, sees changes in the millennials, born between 1981 and 1997.

"How do we fit employees of different ages into the workplace and make everyone happy and productive?" she asked an attentive audience July 22 at Plymouth Noon Rotary.

She noted millennials don't want to have bosses and seek regular feedback, coaching and mentoring.

"It doesn't have to be formal because that measures the past," she said of millennials. Miller works out of Midland and lives with her husband in Cadillac.

She described as well: Gen X, born 1965-80; the baby boomers of 1946-64, her own age group; the 1945-29 silent generation; and the 1900-28 greatest generation.

Miller was raised to think hard work would pay off in business. "That's not really true. That was my belief system," she told Rotarians and guests. Baby boomers, at least 20 years ago, were "pretty inept" at work/life balance, she said.

"They've been through a lot more than we have in our lives," she said of the greatest generation, which lived through the Great Depression and world wars. She asked her audience about working with millennials.

"We're been taken

over, which is good, because somebody has to pay in the Social Security system," Miller said, noting millennials are now the largest workforce group.



Miller

"They want to learn more, they want to contribute. They come in the workplace with a lot of confidence."

Millennials will leave an employer if not getting that, "having constant turmoil in our workplace," she said. That means higher training costs.

Rotarians asked her about worldwide issues. Miller has visited China and said it's no coincidence there law has changed, allowing two children to be born. "The standards of living are changing, too, in China," she said of its emerging middle class and wealthy.

Miller's also studied Russia and work she does with some small businesses who operate there. She was careful to differentiate between the Russian people and Russian government.

"Families are important to the people in Russia who are working," she said, noting frustrations business people have in working with the Russian government to do business.

Miller, a former chair of the National Small Business Association, recommends for employers of millennials a strong web presence;

career advancement opportunities; and showcasing your corporate culture.

"There's still things they can learn and adapt from the next generations before them," she said.

Miller said, "You have to be a part of the community" in employing millennials. "Millennials want to give, they want to work. Many of them are unaware of the opportunities that are out there."

Millennial volunteers will ask things like where money comes from and goes, "things volunteers often don't ask," she added.

She said of millennials, whose average job stay is two years, "While they're with you, they are loyal. They want job growth."

Miller came from the medical field and started her work in 1973, when she was mom to two small kids. She later had a home health agency for 20 years and then worked in helping people secure proper care for their aging parents. She began to do coaching a few years ago.

"Many employees didn't get along because of the generations and the differences in generations," she said. "You listen more than you talk, first of all. You listen to your gut."

She summed up with "Hire slow, fire fast" as advice and noted boomers and other generations vary in skill level and personality.

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## Yazaki volunteer group donates \$44K to charity

Canton-based Yazaki North America, Inc., employees have been working for the last five months to volunteer their time to help the community — and that has led to donations to charity.

To recognize the employees' hard work, the Yazaki Associate Volunteerism Council donated \$44,000 during an office-wide ceremony June 23 at the company's Canton campus.

The money was raised by funds from casual jean Fridays, bake sales and merchandise sales, among other events.

This year's organizations are involved in everything from making the world greener to bringing relief to people who are in need of basic necessities. Donations have been made to the following:

- » Alternatives For Girls (<https://alternativesforgirls.org/>).
- » The Association for Youth Empowerment (<http://ayedetroit.org/>).
- » Fleece and Thank You (<http://fleeceandthankyou.org/>).
- » Gleaners Community Food Bank (<http://www.gcfb.org/>).
- » The Greening of Detroit (<http://www.greeningofdetroit.com/>).
- » Make-A-Wish (<http://wish.org/>).
- » The National Neighborhood Properties Community Development Corporation (NNPCDC).
- » The NOAH Project (<http://noahprojectdetroit.org/>).
- » The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) (<https://www.nami.org/>).
- » Sikhcess (<http://www.sikhcess.org/>).
- » The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (<http://www.svdpsa.org/>).
- » Special Olympics Michigan (<http://www.somi.org/>).

The submission that won the first place prize of \$8,000 was the NOAH (Networking, Organizing, and Advocating for the Homeless) Project — led by YNCA financial business planner Bill Drab-



Holding a symbolic check to The NOAH Project are Bill Drabbing, a Yazaki financial business planner, and Victoria Barnes, purchasing specialist.

ing — to empower the low income and homeless in Detroit.

The NOAH Project, which operates a community center in downtown Detroit, offers lunch four days a week, one-on-one social services, physical health counseling, empowerment-based programming and emergency needs to help strengthen family support systems locally.

Presiding as guest speaker of the Yazaki ceremony was Nigel Thompson, Yazaki North America president and CEO. He said he was

impressed by the diversity of the projects and volunteers.

"In the process of building up our community, we build up each other and leave a lasting impression on the world around us," Nigel said. "The AVC Charity Challenge highlighted the many needs in our communities. You, the volunteers, took time out of your busy schedules to come together and really make a lasting impression by helping others and the environment. And for that, I thank you."

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## Now's the time to revisit those financial resolutions

It's hard to believe that we're at the end of July. Before you'll know it, fall will be upon us. I question how many of us can even remember new year's resolutions that we made at the beginning of the year. I think the great majority of us have forgotten about them as the reality of our daily lives take hold.

Probably one of those resolutions dealt with your finances. One of the more popular resolutions is to get your financial house in order. Now is a great time to do some of those things with regard to your personal finances that will make a difference. The first thing everyone should look at is a Roth IRA conversion.

Everyone that has a traditional IRA ought to look for the opportunity to convert that traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. I recognize the downside of this transaction in the fact that you are accelerating when you would pay taxes, but that can be more than offset by the advantage of having money grow tax-free versus tax-deferred and having money that is not subject to required minimum distributions.

Everyone is eligible to



Rick Bloom  
MONEY MATTERS

convert an existing IRA into a Roth IRA. The one caveat is for those who are subject to required minimum distributions. If you are over age 70½, you're not eligible to convert the required distribution. You can convert anything above and beyond, but not the required minimum distribution.

Remember that if you convert and then later decide you made a mistake, there is a relatively straightforward process where you can reverse the transaction. If you decide to convert, it is not set in stone.

It is also a great time of year to make new contributions to your IRA whether it is a traditional or a Roth. Most people wait until the end of the year to make their contribution — why? The sooner you make your investment, the sooner the money grows either tax-free or tax-deferred. Now is the time to make those contributions.

This year, 401(k) contributions have increased

to \$18,000; for those over age 50, you can contribute \$24,000. This would be a good time to not only review your 401(k) investments, but to also look at your year-to-date contributions to make sure you are putting away the maximum possible. At the same time, it makes sense to re-look at whether you should contribute into a Roth 401(k) or a traditional 401(k).

Like most resolutions, by the first week of January, they are long forgotten. There's still plenty of time this year to make some moves that will put more money in your pocket — after all, it looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else. Try to spend some time on your personal finances, whether it is reviewing your investments or insurance coverages or even do a budget — it will be time well-spent and the result will be more money in your pocket, exactly where it belongs.

Good luck!

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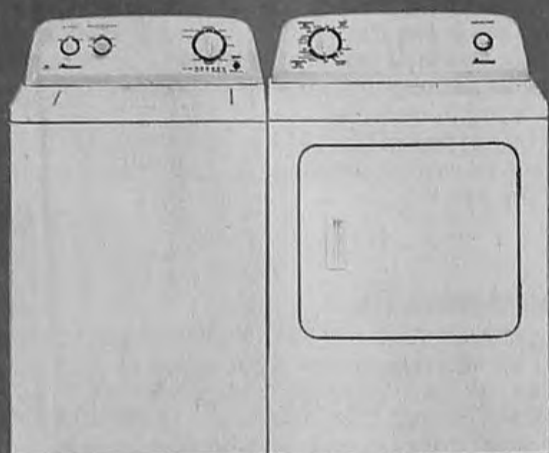


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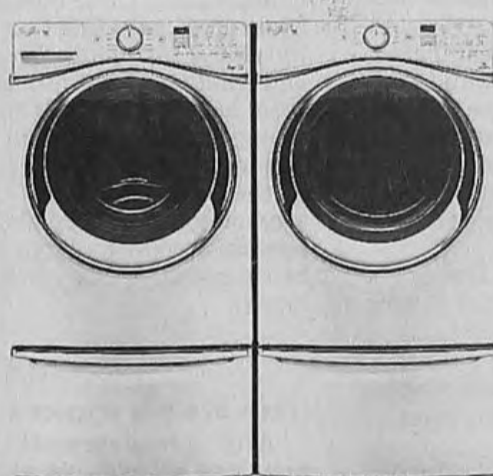
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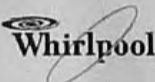


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### Our votes for Edwards

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Ron has also been instrumental over the years in ensuring we have great parks and recreational areas. In recent years Plymouth Township has been rated the 37th and 28th greatest places to live in the country.

We are not willing to take a chance on someone with no known track record when this continues to be a great, stable community.

Joe and Sarah Gatzek  
Plymouth Township

### 'Unconscionable' hit piece

This week Plymouth Township registered voters received a mail hit piece on me, accusing "PLYMOUTH TWP'S RESIDENT MILLIONAIRE" of hand-picking candidates in the upcoming election and deceiving the public about my motives regarding the PARC project.

Obviously meant to scare seniors, it's headlined with "NOTICE: PROPERTY TAX INCREASE" and listed "Township Retirees Against PARC" as the sender. As best I can determine, that group doesn't exist, but we can speculate on where this piece originated. I had absolutely nothing to do with who is running in the election and my intentions to re-purpose Central Middle School into a community center are well-known. Challenge the PARC concept if you must, but attacking private citizens who devote their time and resources for the benefit of the community is unconscionable.

Don Soenen  
Plymouth Township

### Don't be deceived by lies

I've been watching the dialogue regarding PARC and would like to clarify several of the misrepresentations made by Supervisor Price.

First, PARC has not asked either the township or the city to support any level of taxation to date. PARC has only requested that officials from all stakeholder groups (including the township) sit down and discuss how PARC might fit into the overall community plans for arts and recreation. Since no one from the township (except Trustee Doroshewitz) has been willing to even participate in this discussion, how could they have "researched" anything? Second, PARC is not a

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"partnership." It is a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity. A single, local philanthropist purchased the facility and property for use by the greater Plymouth community. Third, the group of talented individuals who currently comprise the PARC board (or have served previously) represent accomplished business leaders from a variety of disciplines who have selflessly donated their time, talents and resources to preserve a historic building, as well as the adjacent green spaces/fields used by thousands of individuals each month, most of whom are youth from the greater Plymouth community!

Without one iota of public money, PARC has become a viable center for theater, music, art, fitness, swimming, football, soccer, basketball, pottery and providing support to families dealing with autism. In addition, PARC has hosted several community service programs, including two food packing efforts for those less fortunate. What PARC ultimately becomes and whether or not it requests public funding to get from here to there are issues that deserve the thoughtful consideration of our community leaders and input from the voters. Please, do not be deceived by the collection of half-truths and outright lies that are being propagated about PARC. Do your own research. Stop by and tour the facility. Talk to a PARC board member. They will be happy to share what they know!

Tammy Doroshewitz  
Plymouth Township

### Here are my choices

After attending most Plymouth Township board meetings for over two years, I have become very familiar with the people on the board. Many residents have asked me who I would recommend they vote for in the Aug. 2 primary. They are familiar with Kurt Heise, Jerry Vorva and Mark Clinton as strong candidates for change. They are not, however, familiar with the people running for trustee positions. I can say with certainty that I know which candidates have the citizens of the township as their top priority. I have witnessed the voting pattern of the current board members and I see that what is desperately needed on this board are independent thinkers with the common good as their goal and not special interests or private objectives.

I strongly recommend the following as highly qualified and community-oriented individuals: Chuck Curmi, Jack Dempsey, Bob Doroshewitz, Gary Heitman and Don Schnettler (a write-in). You can vote for four of the above five candidates. They will serve the community wisely and unselfishly.

### Change is due

During this hot political season, I am somewhat surprised at the number of Plymouth Township residents with whom I interact who are unaware of the local issues or even the fact that there is an important and contentious race under way to determine the leadership of our community.

Upon reflection, however, it became evident to me that the low taxes, low crime, stable housing, good schools and great quality of life that Plymouth Township residents have enjoyed for many years can create a certain level of indifference about the governance required to make those things a reality. It is time to elect officials who have the drive, courage and qualifications to ensure that Plymouth Township is positioned for long-term stability by putting community before personal ambition and political positioning while respecting the electorate who placed them in office.

Paving a path for the future success of Plymouth Township will require partnering more closely with neighboring communities, ensuring that the entirety of the community has equal access to the protection of our first responders, encouraging, not stifling, citizens to voice their opinions to their elected officials and reining in excessive spending. The clear choice for township supervisor is Kurt Heise.

I have known Kurt since we studied political science together at the University of Michigan 30 years ago. Kurt is a man of principle and fine character who understands the importance, dedication and seriousness of public service.

I will be writing in Kurt Heise for Plymouth Township supervisor Aug. 2 because he is the best candidate for the job.

Greg Wiland  
Plymouth Township

### Price hard-working

As supervisor, Shannon Price has worked to bring new jobs into Plymouth Township and keep our taxes low. In the last year, Price has welcomed over 3,000 new jobs and over \$225 million of new investment to our community. Please vote for Shannon Price on Aug. 2.

Kevin Coughlin  
Plymouth Township

### A vote for Vorva

I'm not one to publicly voice my opinion on political matters. I tend to follow bar rules and keep to myself. The only reason I've made an exception to this is to cheer on an exceptional man.

I've known Jerry Vorva for years. I'm proud to say he's accepted me like one of his family and has helped me through a lot of hard times as a mentor since both my parents passed.

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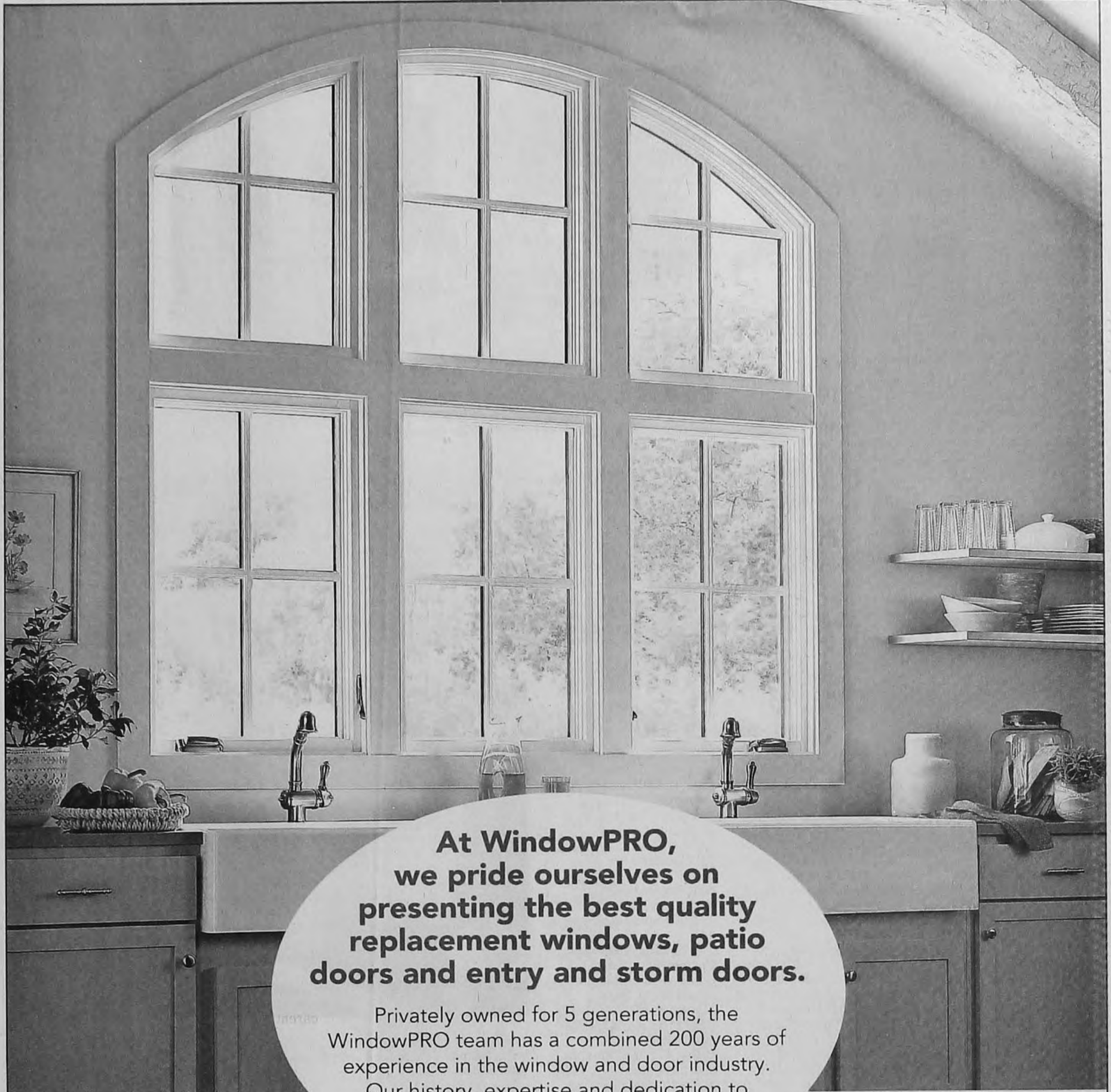
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For more information, go to the events page of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce website at <http://www.plymouthmich.org/>.

**Events for seniors**

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host a euchre tournament beginning 1 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 19, at the Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft, in Plymouth Township.

The \$10 entry fee per player includes lunch and helps pay for prizes for first-, second- and third-place finishers. Euchre players from neighboring communities are welcome to join Plymouth-area seniors.

For more information, call 734-354-3222. The PCCA also hosts bunco games at 1 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Friendship Station. The cost is \$3 per player and beginners are welcome.

**Online voter guide**

Plymouth Township voters can prepare for the Tuesday, Aug. 2, primary by visiting the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County's online voter guide, VOTE411.org. VOTE411.org helps vot-



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# Businesses team to help Gleaners feed children

Continuing through Friday, July 29, more than 40 southeast Michigan businesses and organizations will help feed hungry children this summer as they participate in the 22nd annual Hunger Free Summer Food Fight to benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

This year's annual food and fund drive has businesses (5,000-plus employees) competing to raise the most meals over a two-week period. Gleaners' annual Food Fight has raised more than one million meals for hungry children and families.

More than 300,000 children in southeast Michigan depend on school-provided free or reduced-fee meals and are at risk of missing important meals during

the summer. According to the 2016 Kids Count Michigan study, child poverty has gone up in 80 of 83 Michigan counties since 2006, including in all five counties Gleaners serves. A 2015 Journal of Adolescent Health review found that children who participated in school breakfast or lunch programs showed significant improvement in grades and standardized test scores as well as having fewer school absences.

Participating companies are grouped by number of employees and compete against others in their "weight category." The 2016 Hunger Free Summer Food Fight Categories include: Under 40 Employees, 40-plus Employees, 90-plus Employees, 175-plus Employees, 500-plus Employees and

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For more information on the 2016 Hunger Free Summer Food Fight, go to [http://www.gcfb.org/event\\_2016hfs\\_food\\_fight](http://www.gcfb.org/event_2016hfs_food_fight).

To help increase the "weight" of a favorite company, go to [www.gcfb.org/foodfight](http://www.gcfb.org/foodfight). All donations are welcome (supporting a specific organization isn't necessary).

Participating this year are:

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# Ford moving into new Livonia location

David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Add one more Ford Motor Co. operation coming to Livonia later this fall.

The Dearborn-based automaker has agreed to lease 100 percent of a building at 28301 Schoolcraft in the Livonia Corporate Center. The lease means Ford will occupy all of the 754,744-square-foot building sometime later this fall, according to a news release from Farmington Hills-based Newmark Grubb Knight Frank.

The building was recently occupied by Technicolor, which notified its landlord it planned to vacate the facility. Ford is expected to move into the building sometime in September.

There was no immediate word from Ford what the facility would be used for or if it would bring any new jobs to the city.



DAVID VESELENAK

Ford is expected to lease some space in the Livonia Corporate Center beginning this fall.

The facility is owned by Canton-based Ashley Capital, which owns other property in Livonia. Such property includes the former spring and bumper plant at 13000

Eckles near I-96 and I-275. That property was the subject of a development agreement last summer between the company and the city, with an original goal of an additional 1,000 jobs at the site.

Two more buildings are expected to be constructed at the Livonia Corporate Center near the leased facility, adding about 900,000 square feet of additional space.

"Dan (Labes) of NGKF is a skilled professional that has served our team well. He used his resources and knowledge to efficiently secure a quality tenant for us and minimize any vacancy time with Technicolor leaving," Kevin Hegg, vice president of leasing for Ashley Capital, said in the news release. "We look forward to welcoming Ford Motor Co. to the building."

Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Dan West said seeing Ford increase its pres-

ence in Livonia will do nothing but help continue to grow an area that has seen explosive growth over the last few years.

"Ford Motor Co. is already Livonia's leading employer and now they are adding to their investments to our community by making a significant commitment to utilize another facility on Schoolcraft Road. It appears the Ford commitment will lead to additional spin-off investments from other companies," he said. "The employees of this new facility will have quick access to all the retail and restaurant developments that have taken place in the Middlebelt-Schoolcraft area over the last three years. This highlights the benefits of our city's central location and the importance of our region as a logistics hub."

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## 79-year-young cyclist is a Make-A-Wish ironman

Peterson closing in on 30 years of riding with 'David's Heroes'

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

If Al Peterson's knees could talk, they'd probably try to persuade the 79-year-old Livonia resident to take a year (or several) off from the Make-A-

Wish Michigan's Wish-A-Mile Bicycle Tour, which is set to unfold for the 29th straight summer Thursday through Sunday of this week.

Although the 300-mile trek takes more of a toll on Peterson's still-fit frame than it did during the early stages of his 27-consecutive-years of experience, there's no way his joints could convince the spirited biker's heart and soul to sit this one out.

A member of a group of riders called "David's Heroes," Peterson is primed to join approximately 1,200 cyclists for an exhausting and exhilarating event that is expected to raise \$2.2 million, which will go toward granting wishes for Michigan children who are battling daunting illnesses.

The cyclists, who collect



Livonia resident Al Peterson is pictured with his daughter Stefanie Douglas at the conclusion of last year's Make-A-Wish bike ride.

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## ALS claims life of LPS coach and star athlete

Kelly Graham excelled as hurdler at Glenn, IU

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

Kelly Graham's career as both a stellar athlete and coach cast a wide net spanning over five decades.

But her six-month battle with Lou Gehrig's disease, also known as ALS, cut short her life too soon at age 52 on Tuesday in Traverse City.

"What I'm really going to remember is all the things that she did for our team," said Amanda Hawkins, who played on Graham's final Stevenson volleyball team that reached the Class A quarterfinals in

2013. "She was basically like another parent to us. She was always making us laugh. Even if she noticed if anyone was down she would always pull you into her office and talk to you. She wasn't just a coach, she was more a family member as well."

Graham, who taught physical education for 27 years, started with the Livonia Public Schools in 1988 before leaving the district in 2015 under the terms of a tenure separation agreement.

Graham is survived by her father Vincent and mother Jane, along with brother Tony, sister-in-law Sandy Graham, nephew Mason Graham and step-nephew Josh Arnold.

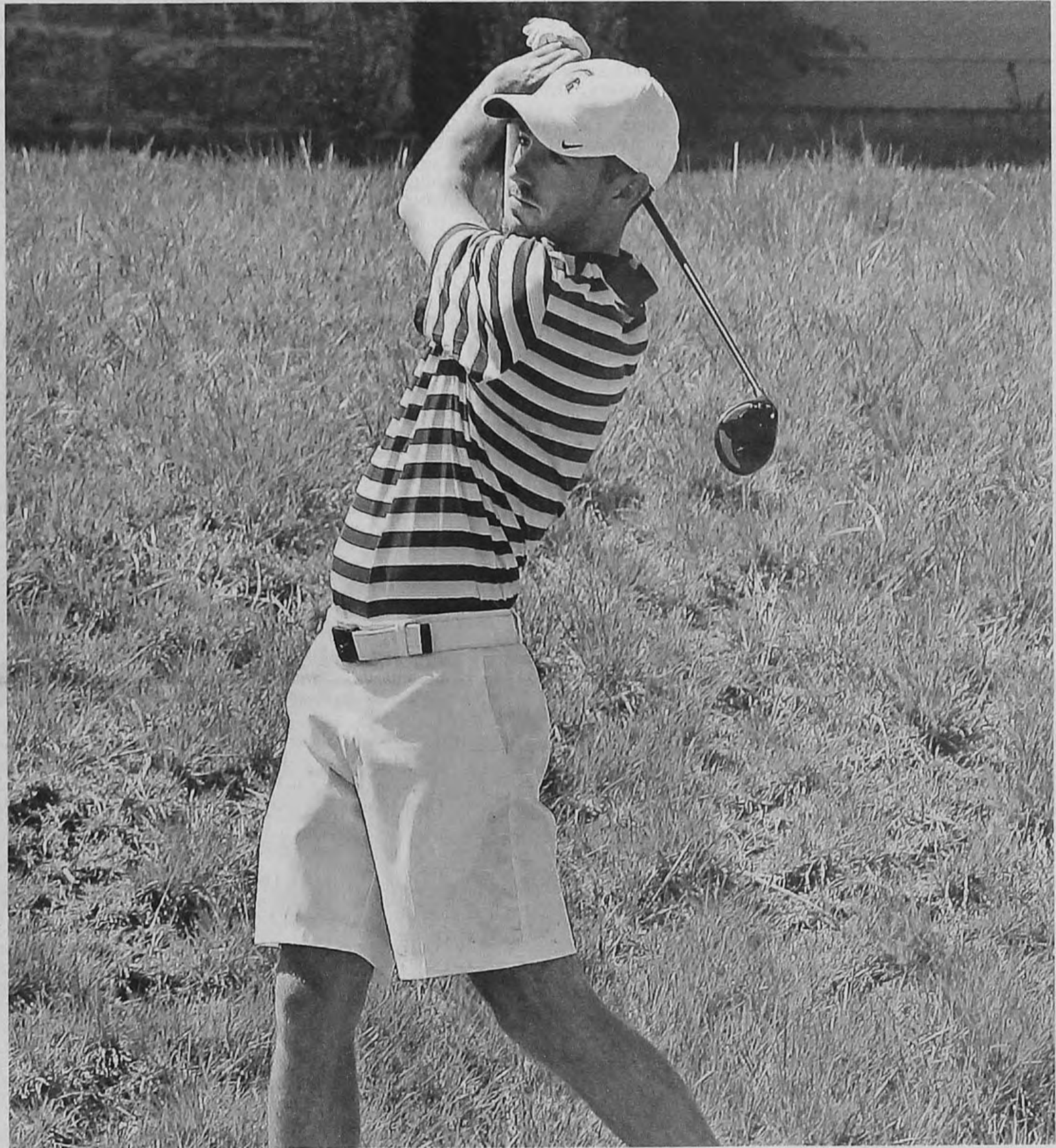
"I know she loved all the girls she coached," Tony Graham said. "That was her passion, volleyball and track. She loved it."

No memorial service is scheduled, but a celebration of Graham's life will be held beginning at 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11 at Livonia's Rotary Park.

"She always had team dinners and that we always had so much fun with her," Hawkins, who will be a junior this fall on the Madonna University women's volleyball team. "She helped you on and off the court, which is really cool about her being a coach. Even after you'd graduate she would keep in

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COLLEGE GOLF



Josh Heinze made a memorable first impression on Michigan State's golf team this past spring.

## GOING FOR THE GREEN!

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

Former Wildcat Heinze realizes dream of playing for Michigan State's golf team

Josh Heinze has mastered a number of roles during the first 22 years of his life, including academic superstar, fabulous golfer and devoted son and brother.

One role Heinze has proven he has zero interest in is that of a settler.

During the summer of 2014, when Heinze transferred

from Eastern Michigan University to Michigan State University for academic reasons (EMU did not offer the major he decided to pursue), no one would have blamed the former Plymouth High School golf sensation if he had shelved his solid collegiate

golf career.

After all, the Spartans recruited nationally and had not shown a lot of interest in Heinze coming out of high school.

But instead of playing it safe and pulling a 3-iron out of his real-life decisions bag,

Heinze went for the driver — and he has split the fairway ever since.

Following one season (2014-15) playing for MSU's club team — with whom he won the national collegiate club golf individual championship — he read the most amazing text that may ever pop up on his smart phone.

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JUNIOR GOLF

# Lack's hole-in-one highlights Cattails tourney

Northville resident's 73 earns CC student first-place trophy

**M.B. Dillon**  
Correspondent

The summer sun was hot at the Kensington Cattails Junior Open in South Lyon, but Northville's Andrew Lack was hotter, firing a one-over-par 73 and shooting his first ace on the 160-yard 13th hole Friday, July 22.

"Right when I hit it, I didn't think it was that great, but it was going straight to the pin with a little draw," Lack said. "I didn't see it going in because there is a hill in front of the flag. When I went up there and saw it in the hole, it was the best feeling ever in my golf career. I didn't freak out, but I was smiling a lot."

"On the back nine, I was still hitting really good shots," said Lack, who shot 37 on the front nine. "I actually followed my hole-in-one with a bogey; I was thinking about the hole-in-one. Then I ended up parring every hole after that," added Lack, 16, who will be a junior in September.

Cattails Golf Course is well-named. Wetlands and creeks dominate the front nine. The back nine cuts through hardwood forest, and more wetlands. Fellow Catholic Central Shamrock Kyle Sabo of Novi captured second place, scoring



Ashrith Mummadi (right) holds his 12-14 championship trophy. Mike Maser (left) was runner-up in the division.

76. An incoming sophomore, Sabo shot a one-over-par 37 on the front nine. "My putter stopped working a little bit on the back," he said. "There were a lot of tricky holes, a lot of doglegs, and a lot of crazy slopes, plus the heat."

In the girls' 15-18-year-old division, Livonia's Kristen

Szabelski of Livonia dominated with strong putting — carding 19 putts on the front nine and 15 on the back — to take the win with an 85. It was a shot in the arm for the incoming Stevenson senior.

"I had a rough week last week, so I needed this to boost my confidence," said Szabelski, who scored 44 on the front side.



Andrew Lack holds the ball that he knocked in the cup for a hole-in-one during this week's tournament at Cattails Golf Course.

Szabelski improved as the day progressed. "On the back nine, I started off bogey, bogey, and then got a string of pars and then a birdie" for a 41.

Waterford's Katie Boyd was runner-up with an 86. "I hit a lot of shots into the heather, but still made a lot of pars. I did that about four times," said Boyd, who will compete for Saginaw Valley in the fall. "I only hit my driver twice, because the course is so short and has so many doglegs. I thought, 'I'll play small ball and see

what happens."

In the boys' 12-14-year-old age division, Northville's Ashrith Mummadi, 12, won with a 95. He was all smiles. "It feels good; I'm really excited and pretty proud of myself. I made a 10-foot putt for par on a par three," he said. "I had two pars today and only lost three balls, which is a record for me. The cattails and heather are kind of hard to avoid."

"There's a lot of competition on the Kensington Tour, and the courses are not really easy, or really hard. I've made a lot of friends and I've played with a lot of good kids. There's good competition," Mummadi said.

Mike Maser of South Lyon and Catholic Central was runner up with 97. "I hit some amazing 3-woods. I hit my 3-wood further and straighter than my driver," he said. "I holed a very long putt on the sixth hole for par."

Damo Watson, 7, of Westland, won the nine-hole division with a 50. The highlight came on the fifth hole. "I sank a 30-foot putt for a double-bogey," he said. "I also had a 160-yard drive out there on number six, and I had a 115-yard iron on hole number four."

Garret Cashen, 10, of New Hudson shot 68 to win runner-up honors. "On number six and seven that are par threes, I hit pretty good shots," Cashen said. "I got them up on the green for par or bogey. It was very hot, but not as hot as a volcano."

JUNIOR GOLF

# Szabelski makes noise at Whispering Willows

Northville's Lack conquers boys field

**M.B. Dillon**  
Correspondent

Top finishers Kristen Szabelski of Livonia and Lydia Cranmer of Farmington Hills shot the games of their lives at the Kensington Whispering Willows Junior Open on Tuesday. Not only did the junior golfers break 80 for the first time, both shattered their previous personal bests by five strokes.

Szabelski won with a three-over-par 75. "It was amazing; I could cry right now," Szabelski said. "I had a really great day today. I birdied 18 and chipped it in. I thought it was long gone, because my chip was like a line drive." The Livonia Stevenson product birdied the eighth hole, too. "That was pretty cool. I didn't hit a single hazard or a single bunker today," added Szabelski, who carded 38 on the first nine and 37 on the second.

Cranmer, who competes for Ladywood High School, said, "I shot 35 on the front nine, which is one under (par), so that was very exciting. I had some bogeys, and three or four birdies on the front, so I was able to even it out," said Cranmer, who fired a 76. Cranmer shot her previous best, 81, at Twin Lakes two weeks ago.

"The second nine didn't go as well, but I almost landed right on the green on number eight with my 3-wood," Cranmer added. "I hit it very straight; it was very cool. My putting also was good. I had some very long putts; one was over 20 feet."

Andrew Lack of Northville, who's trimmed 10 strokes off his average score since summer began, captured his fifth Kensington Tour victory with a 74. Ann Arbor's Shaunak Bhagat finished second with a 75.

"I started off not doing so well; I had two bogeys to start and I was hooking the ball," said Lack, who shot a one-over-par 36 on the first nine. "After that, I fixed it. I started putting the ball well and making some birdies. I had four bogeys on the back nine, but bounced back with a birdie," added Lack. "I was hitting my drives pretty good today. The greens are pretty fast and rolling. I two-putted all the holes."

Bhagat tied his personal best with a 75. "Putting was the highlight of my game today," said the Skyline High School incoming freshman. "On the first four holes, I was three



Livonia resident Kendall Payne knocked this drive down the center of the fairway Tuesday afternoon.



Livonia's Sofia Cueva, who plays for Franklin's golf team, kept her head down on this drive Tuesday afternoon.

of Clarkston carded a personal best 81 for runner-up honors.

Kumar said, "I birdied the first hole. I had a bad drive, but I punched it out and on the third shot, I hit it within four feet of the pin and made that putt. On a par-5, I hit the green in two and three-putted."

Aughe said, "My drives were pretty good all day. I usually struggle with that. On a par-5 on the front nine, I was on in two, and three-putted." Aughe nailed the par-3s. "On all of them, I hit the green and two-putted" for par," he said. "I like the Kensington Tour. It's good competition. You get to meet people and play some really nice courses. They're the right length, and not too hard."

Damo Watson of Westland finished atop the 9-hole leader board with a 48, while Vincent Levesque of Detroit won runner-up honors, shooting 54.

"I made a 20-footer to save par on hole number 12, and on the first hole, I had a chip that was two feet from the pin," said Watson. "Whispering Willows is challenging, and it's pretty. There are hills on the course, and it has water."

## HEINZE

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coach (Casey Lubahn) sent me a text that said, 'Congratulations on winning a national championship ... now how would you like to help us win one,'" Heinze said.

"That really meant a lot to me because when I transferred to State from Eastern, State's golf team obviously had a full roster, so everybody thought I would give up golf and just focus on school. When I told my parents (Mike and Dee) about my opportunity to play for Michigan State's men's team, they were incredibly happy, and a little bit in disbelief."

Powered by a remarkably reliable driver — "I don't hit it real far off the tee; usually about 275, 280 (yards), but I usually find the fairway," he said — the left-handed swinging Heinze wasn't fazed by his meteoric ascension to the Big 10 stage.

Technically a junior at MSU, Heinze's 18-hole average of 73.22 was second-lowest on the team. In 10 events played in both the fall of 2015 and the spring of 2016, Heinze recorded three top-five finishes (including a first-place finish at the 16-team Robert Kepler Intercollegiate tournament) one top-10 effort and four top-20 performances.

"As far as my mental focus goes, I'll hit a shot, then try to get my mind off of golf as I'm walking up to my next shot," he said, when asked for the recipe of his success. "At the Big Ten Championships this spring, they had grandstands set up at most of the holes, so there were more people watching than I'd ever experienced."

"It was a little nerve-racking at first, but once I got used to the pressure, I played better. I actually like pressure."

One of the non-competitive highlights of Heinze's spring came in March when he embraced the opportunity to play a round at fabled Pebble Beach.

"Standing on the 18th tee and looking out at the ocean was an incredible feeling," he said.

Heinze's boyhood home in Canton is situated in a golfer's paradise — just a chip shot from the 19th fairway at Pheasant Run Golf Course.

In addition to working at the course for close to five years, Heinze played it regularly, which is reflected by his personal-best 18-hole score of 63 at the finely-manicured track.

He was one of the early architects of Plymouth's now-powerhouse boys golf program, earning the Wildcats' MVP award three of his four prep seasons.

A standout student both at Plymouth and in college, Heinze was presented with the Scholar Athlete of the Year Award following his senior year.

Earlier this month, Heinze qualified for the 116th United States Amateur Championship, which will be held Aug. 15-21 at Oakland Hills.

"It's been an amazing year," he said. "Hopefully, I can keep improving, get better and maybe, someday, turn pro."

A civil engineering major, Heinze has his sights set on pursuing a master's degree in architecture and ultimately building structures as solid as his golf game.

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## Gators tie for 1st



The 16U Garden City Gators Fastpitch Team won Monday night against the strong Livonia Wild Black Team to place in a season-ending tie for first place in the Gold Division of the Western Wayne County Fastpitch League, along with the powerful Recon Fastpitch Team from the down river area. Garden City came back with strong pitching & hitting to make a comeback late in the game, winning with an 8-5 victory. From the left to right (bottom row) April Rudolph, Becca Barnes; (middle row) Kamryn Dunham, Sarah Cervenak, Julia Chapman, Kennedy Christl; (top row) Olivia Ture, Amanda Kesson, Amy Portner, Alicia Ascencio, Danielle Hoskins, Aubrey Boston, Courtney Ture

# Blazing speed, enduring fitness the mark of this team

## FIRST TEAM

**Jannik Schmitt, shot put, Salem:** A string of first-place throws down the stretch made Schmitt's senior season one to remember. He closed it out with a toss of 54 feet, 4.50 inches at the Division 1 state meet in Hudsonville, good for second overall.



Schmitt, also a state qualifier in the discus, earned first-place finishes at the conference and regional meets, with respective throws of 55-1 and 53-7.5. His

highwater mark was 59-7, at a May 3 dual meet against Salem. That set Salem and Plymouth-Canton Educational Park records.

Among other season highlights were championships at the Observerland Invitational (54-9) and MITCA D1 team championships (52-8).

"Jannik was driven this season," coach Dale Maskill said. "Part of his success this year was due to his off-season training. He participated in indoor meets and started weight training."

"He is the example of what can happen when a very talented athlete is also the team's hardest worker. Jannik is a team leader and lead the throwing group to a very successful season."

Led by Schmitt, who will throw at Eastern Michigan University, the Rocks won the conference and regional titles.

**Demarco McKinney, discus, Churchill:** McKinney, who was also an outstanding football player at Churchill, enjoyed a spectacular throwing season for the Chargers. He unleashed a season-best toss of 49 feet, 4 inches in the shot put at the Kensington Conference meet, which earned him second place. With consistent

efforts of 150-plus feet in the discus, McKinney was the Livonia City Meet, the Observerland Invitational and the Kensington Conference

champion. "Demarco was a four-year letterman in track and field; he was a tremendous leader for us always leading by example," said Churchill coach Rick Austin. "He is an outstanding character guy. He was an all-city performer in shot and disc this season."

**Cameron Grace, high jump, Salem:** The junior was stellar all season for the Rocks, victorious both at the Kensington Conference and D1 regional with respective jumps of 6-5 and his season best 6-6.25 — which established a new school mark.

Grace then competed at the D1 state meet in Hudsonville, placing 12th with a mark of 6-3.

At the P-CEP Bolger-Mangan City Meet, he won with a jump of 6-2.

"Cameron is one of our jump specialists who competes in the high jump and long jump," Maskill said. "He scored

some important points in the jumps this season that helped our team win the big meets. Cameron is dedicated to the high jump and works hard to perfect his jumping."

"He is a good leader in the jumps; he helps out his teammates with their jumping."

Grace nearly qualified for states in the long jump, finishing 11th at regionals (19-feet even).

**Malik Lowery, long jump, Stevenson:** Lowery capped a golden season with a 13th-place showing at the Division 1 state meet where he leaped 20 feet, 10.75 inches. He saved his season-best effort for the D1 regional at North Farmington, where he won the long jump by sailing 21 feet, 6 inches. Lowery also took home gold in two dual meets, the Livonia City Championship and the Observerland Invitational.

Lowery also earned points for the Spartans in the high jump. He was also an important contributor to the Spar-

tans' football team as a kick returner and tail back.



Livonia Churchill's 3,200-meter relay team of Joshua Momeyer, Frank LaFave, Dash Dobar and Brendan Meakin enjoyed a splendid season.

**Andrew Koenigsnecht, pole vault, Canton:** All season long, Koenigsnecht raised the bar and cleared it in his event, winning all dual meets as well as the Observerland Invitational, Livonia Field Event Meet, Larry Steeb Meet of Champions, Kensington Conference meet and D1 regionals.

He consistently hit or surpassed the 14-foot mark, too, with his season's best jump of 14 feet, 7.25 inches at the Steeb

meet on May 31. At the D1 state meet, he turned in a mark of 13-feet even, to earn 14th place to cap off a season where he earned Canton co-MVP honors.

"Andrew is a superb vault technician and very hard worker," coach Jess Shough said. "He was selected as one of the Team Captains for the 2017 Track & Field Season and we look forward to even greater accomplishments next season."

**Denzel Tinsley, 110 hurdles, Garden City:** Tinsley cleared 39-inch-high hurdles at a blazing rate of speed this past spring for the Cougars while at the same time earning an opportunity to run track (and play football) for Adrian College.

Tinsley's personal-best time of 14.56 seconds came in the finals of the D1 regional meet at Canton, earning him a berth in the state meet. He won all but two races during the regular season, taking gold in the Observerland Invitational, Warrior Invitational and WWAC Championships.

On April 7, Tinsley PR'ed in the 100-meter dash with a stellar time of 11.64 seconds.

**Jemal Vaunado, 300 hurdles, Canton:** The junior had a standout season for the Chiefs, earning co-MVP honors and reaching the state finals — where he earned all-state honors (third overall) with a new school record of 39.32 seconds.

His performance in Hudsonville was the icing on the cake, however.

Vaunado excelled earlier in the season with first-place showings at the Kensington Conference and D1 regional, with respective times of 40.11 and

39.79.

Vaunado also was as versatile as they come, taking third in the 110 hurdles at regionals and anchoring Canton's 1,600-meter relay team with Dirk Thornhill, Caleb Moraw and Brennon Pelland, finishing 16th overall (3:27.30).

"Jemal is a very dedicated, hard-working, intelligent track athlete," said Shough, noting that Vaunado also is an academic all-stater with a GPA of 3.88. "We expect even greater success in the 2017 Track Season."

**Andrew Davis, 100 dash, Salem:** The sophomore displayed time and time again why he is considered one of the area's best sprinters. He capped off his strong season

with an all-state performance June 4 in Hudsonville, where he finished eighth (11.24).

Davis also won the Observerland Invitational May 7 with a season's best time of 10.99 (new school record) and pre-vailed at the Bolger-Mangan city meet (11.12).

Other top performances included fourth overall at the conference meet (11.23) and fifth at regionals (11.17).

A valuable and versatile athlete, Davis also qualified for states as part of the Rocks' 400-meter relay team with Freddie McGee, Jacob Miller and VerShawn Patrick (15th, 43.25). Earlier this season, that quartet set a new school record with a time of 42.91.

"This year as a sophomore he broke three school records and was an All-State sprinter," Maskill said. "Andrew is a great athlete and a hard worker. He can run and score in all the sprint events and relays, including the 400."

"There is another record Andrew has his sites on for next season, his brother's. Sean Davis currently holds Salem record for the 200-meter dash."

**Donnie James, 200 dash, N. Farmington:** James emerged as a top-flight sprinter late in the season, finishing sixth in the Division 1 state meet and earning all-state status with a time of 22.38.

He also qualified for state in the 100. At the North Farmington regional, he was third in the 100 and fourth in the 200.

James was the OAA Blue runner-up in both events. He was second in the 100 and third in the 200 at the Oakland County meet. James was a key member of the North sprint relay teams, too.

**Noah Zalapi, 200 dash, N. Farmington:** Zalapi was a multi-year standout for the Raiders and a state qualifier in both sprint races. He is the city champion in the 100, 400 and 200.

He just missed being all-state in the 200, finishing ninth in the prelims at 22.67. At the regional, he was third in the 200 and sixth

in the 100, running fast enough to be an additional qualifier.

Zalapi is the OAA Blue champion in the 100 and runner-up in the 200. He placed third and fourth, respectively, at the county meet. Zalapi anchored the sprint relay teams, too.

**Montel Hood, 400 run, Wayne:** Hood went unbeaten in 2016 in the 400-meter dash in the state of Michigan. He won the Division 1 state championship in the event with a time of 47.30 seconds. Ironically, the speedster's first loss of the season came in the Midwest Meet of Champions when he finished second with a 46.29

clocking.

Other accolades included a third-place showing at the New Balance Nationals (46.6).

"During the dual-meet season, Montel helped our team finish one of the best seasons in school history," said Wayne coach Jamal Johnson. "One of the things that makes Montel stick out is if you come out to practice, there is no doubt why he is the best in Michigan history. He is the hardest worker on the track and will challenge anyone who will try to work harder. He's also extremely coachable and will do anything the team asks of him."

**Dash Dobar, 800 run, Churchill:** Living up to his name, Dobar was instrumental in the Chargers' KLAASouth Division title. He was the Division 1, Region 4 800-meter run

champion as well as a member of the Chargers' 3,200-meter relay championship contingent. Dobar anchored Churchill's all-state 3,200-meter relay team and placed ninth in the 800 at the D1 state meet.

Dobar will enter his senior season at Churchill as the school's 800 record-holder after covering the two laps in 1:55.3.

"Dash is one of the finest track-and-field athletes to come out of our program and we've had some good ones," raved Austin. "He has the range to step up to the 1,600 and down to the 400. He was a key factor in the success of our all-state 3,200 relay team and 1,600 relay team."

"Dash is our new 800 school-record holder, which he broke at the D1 state championship meet. A three-sport athlete, Dash competes on the Churchill cross country team in the fall and swim team in the winter. Dash has an outstanding attitude and is very competitive. He hails from an outstanding Livonia family!"

**Chaz Jeffress, 1,600 run, Salem:** One of the greatest runners ever in Salem history, both in track and cross country, Jeffress closed out his career in all-state fashion.

He finished fifth in the mile run at the D1 state meet in Hudsonville, with a time of 4:14.33 — which set new school and Park records, an indication of how hard he competed to the end of the season.

Jeffress also was champion at the Observerland Invitational and Kensington Conference meets (respective times of 4:28.25, 4:24.91) and placed second at the D1 regional with a mark of 4:22.75.

The Eastern Michigan-bound athlete finished 13th in the 800 run at the state meet (1:56.70).

Meanwhile, on May 6 at the Golden Triangle Invitational, Jeffress set new Salem benchmarks in the 3,200 run with a time of 9:08.54.

"Chaz is a quiet, respectful young man who is a great kid and a great runner," Maskill said. "On the track he is an aggressive runner who is not afraid to take the lead in any race and at any point in the race. He is exciting to coach and in any race Chaz could do something great."

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**Discus:** 1. Demarco McKinney, sr., Churchill; 2. DeAngelo Meredith, sr., Salem; 3. Christian Pearson, sr., Salem.

**High jump:** 1. Cameron Grace, jr., Salem; 2. Aaron Simmon, soph., Stevenson; 3. (tie) Cameron Kight, soph., Plymouth; Robert Allen, soph., N. Farmington.

**Long jump:** 1. Malik Lowery, sr., Stevenson; 2. Ben Williams, fr., Harrison; 3. Steve Walker, fr., Canton.

**Pole vault:** 1. Andrew Koenigsnecht, jr., Canton; 2. Kameron Stancer, sr., Churchill; 3. Logan Delonis, jr., Stevenson.

**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Denzel Tinsley, sr., Garden City; 2. Evan Marini, jr., Stevenson; 3. Eesosa Arhebamen, soph., Salem.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Jemal Vaunado, jr., Canton; 2. William Hill, sr., Garden City; 3. Dakota Travis-Gilmore, sr., Churchill.

**100 dash:** 1. Andrew Davis, soph., Salem; 2. David Graham, soph., John Glenn; 3. Darren Davis, sr., Canton.

**200 dash:** 1. (tie) Donnie James, soph., N. Farmington; Noah Zalapi, sr., N. Farmington; 2. Johnathan Parker, jr., John Glenn; 3. Jamal Allen, jr., Churchill.

**400 run:** 1. Montel Hood, sr., Wayne Memorial; 2. Carrington Smith, sr., Churchill; 3. Errol Franklin, sr., Thurston.

**800 run:** 1. Dash Dobar, jr., Churchill; 2. Brendan Meakin, sr., Churchill; 3. Gino Persicone, sr., Salem.

**1,600 run:** 1. Chaz Jeffress, sr., Salem; 2. James Weekley, sr., Harrison; 3. Andrew Bambach, sr., Stevenson.

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**3,200 run:** One of the preeminent distance runners in Livonia city history, Floyd placed 19th in the 3,200-meter run at the Division 1 state meet with a sterling time of 9 minutes, 29.73 seconds, which was just .06 off the school record.

He also cemented his legacy with a second-place finish in the 3,200 at the D1 regional at Canton and a third in the 1,600 on the same afternoon. Floyd

was Livonia city champion in the 3,200 for the second straight year and was the top 1,600 competitor on the Patriots' roster (4:28).

"Tony is a true student-athlete who has achieved in the classroom as well as on the track," said Franklin coach Pat Koelzer. "He will be competing for Madonna University in cross country and track, and should be very successful. The longer the race, the better he gets."

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Michigan Ram Tristen Jorah locks in on a pitch during a game earlier this summer.

## SUMMER COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

## Rams Johnstown-bound after split

Squad to compete in All-American tourney

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

A lot was at stake during Saturday's Livonia Collegiate Baseball League doubleheader featuring the Michigan Rams and the Bulls — most notably how long each team's postseason bus ride would be.

Needing a sweep to secure first place in the LCBL standings and the accompanying ticket to the NABF World Series in Toledo that came with it, the Rams split with the Bulls, winning the opener 4-3 before dropping the nightcap, 1-0.

As a result, the Rams will be heading to Johnstown, Pa., on Aug. 1 for the All-American Amateur Baseball Association's national tournament — a pretty nice consolation prize.

Both games were intense from the get-go. The Rams stayed alive in the opener when they tallied three runs in the top of the seventh inning to pull

out a thrilling 4-3 triumph.

Westland John Glenn alum Brendan Wetmore earned the win with one inning of one-hit, zero-run relief. Wetmore struck out two and didn't walk a batter.

Starting pitcher Jack Ferguson was sharp, yielding just two unearned runs while striking out six over the first six frames.

Mike Morelli suffered the loss for the Bulls after yielding the eventual winning run in the seventh on a wild pitch.

James Hall scored the game-winner for the Rams, who were bolstered by a two-hit, one-RBI effort from Tyler Lowe. Tristen Jorah also provided an RBI single for the victors.

J.P. DeBoyer went 2-for-3 with a double, RBI and two runs scored for the Bulls.

Joe Papp and Dugan Darnell also roped a couple hits a piece for the Bulls.

In the winner-takes-first nightcap, Papp scored the only run on an error in the fifth inning in a splendid pitchers' duel that featured Bull starter

Justin Thompson (complete-game three-hitter) and Layne Gusler, who scattered five hits and three walks while fanning six. Gusler did not yield an earned run.

Hall, Craig Wilson and Patrick Downing each contributed a hit for the Rams while Jack Hranec went 2-for-3 for the Bulls.

The Bulls finished 27-9 while the Rams' final mark was 25-10-1.

On Friday, the Rams dropped a bizarre 6-4 decision to the Sting in a game played in a dome at Oakland University.

The game was called after five innings due to glare that came from center field and obstructed the view of the batters, catchers and home-plate umpire.

Anthony DiPonio was the Rams' main man, going 2-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Lowe added a two-run single.

Steve Vanitvelt collected three hits for the winners.

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## Storm surge



The 14U Division 2 2016 Jeannine M Dufault Softball Tournament Champions were Livonia Storm Black, who went 5-1 in the tournament; they merced the Michigan Renegades 18-4 in the semifinals and beat Brighton in the championship 10-0 in five innings. The team finished third in the Western Wayne Summer League with a 7-5-1 record. Pictured are (top row) Coach Randy Gronau, Marina Johnson, Lily Grantham, Allison Gronau, Kourtney Klatt, Emily Haines, Head Coach Kevin Hannigan, (bottom row) Mackenzie Schick, Justina Szalkowski, Abby Weber, Riley Hannigan, Emma DelCotto, Maddie Zajias, Tabitha Unofrak

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

## JV volleyball coach

Livonia Franklin's athletic department is searching for a junior varsity volleyball coach for the upcoming season.

Candidates can email a letter of interest to Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye at rhammye@livoniapublicschools.org.

## 13U Patriots tryouts

The 13U Livonia Patriots will be holding tryouts for the 2017 season on Sunday, July 31, and Monday, Aug. 1, from 6-8:30 p.m. on the Livonia Franklin High School baseball field.

Players need to attend only one of the two tryout dates.

For more information, contact head coach Dave Zahra at 734-740-0014 or dzahra@twmi.rr.com.

## Identical golf aces

Barbara Rice of Farmington Hills and Cindy Marchioni of Novi recorded holes-in-one on the same day on the same hole at Farmington Hills Golf Club.

Both aced the 81-yard No. 5 hole on July 7. Marchioni used a pitching wedge; Rice's choice of club was a 9-iron.

It was the first hole-in-one for both. Rice shot 53 for the nine-hole round, Marchioni 47.

Rice, 69, has been playing golf for 60 years and Marchioni, 60, for 20 years.

Lori Woods and Sandy Whitner witnessed the Rice ace. Marchioni's feat was witnessed by Darnel Krause, Jeff Hotchkiss and Ethan Amolsch.

## More holes-in-one

» Richard Drealan of New Boston used an 8-iron to ace the 130-yard eighth hole July 12 at Farmington Hills Golf Club.

It was the second ace for the 69-year-old Drealan, who has been a golfer for 20 years. His feat was witnessed by Al Tomle and Dale Liddle.

» Wesley Westhoff of Northville recorded a hole-in-one July 11 at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth.

Westhoff, 27, used a 9-iron to hit a Bridgestone golf ball and ace the 139-yard third hole on the Golden Course.

## LJAL registration news

The Livonia Junior Athletic League is accepting registrations for the upcoming fall baseball and softball seasons.

The baseball program will consist of 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U age divisions.

All games will be played as double-headers on Saturdays or Sundays beginning Aug. 20 (no games played on Labor Day Weekend). The season will run for seven weeks.

The softball program will consist of 10U, 12U and 14U age divisions. All games will be doubleheaders played on Saturdays or Sundays beginning Sept. 9. The season will run for six weeks.

In the fall leagues, players will play in the age group that they will play in next spring.

For more information or to register, visit [www.LJAL.com](http://www.LJAL.com).

## Wildcards softball

The 14-and-under South Farmington Wildcards softball team has tryouts planned for early August at Shiawassee Park, 32340 Shiawassee Road, Farmington.

The tryouts will be 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 13 and 14.

Players should arrive 30 minutes beforehand to register. The team website is [www.south-farmington-wildcards.com](http://www.south-farmington-wildcards.com).

The Wildcards plan to start 10U and 12U teams, too. Anyone interested in coaching or helping should email [sfbiwildcards@gmail.com](mailto:sfbiwildcards@gmail.com).

## Impact softball

The NFWB Impact will have tryouts for its travel softball teams in early August.

Tryouts for the 10U, 12U and 14U levels will be 12:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, and 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at Drake Park Sports Park.

Players should arrive a half hour early to register. Drake Park is located on Drake Road just south of Maple Road in West Bloomfield.

The 16U tryouts will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday Aug. 9, at Drake Sports Park. Questions can be emailed to [nfwbimpact123@gmail.com](mailto:nfwbimpact123@gmail.com).

## Clarenceville sale

The Clarenceville High School varsity cheer program's first Mom 2 Mom Sale is set for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the high school.

The event is an opportunity to sell used infant and children's clothing, toys and equipment, as well as arts and crafts.

The proceeds will benefit the varsity cheer program. Sellers will keep 100 percent of their sales, however.

The cost of an 8-foot table is \$45 if registered by July 22. If you bring your own table, the fee is \$35 by that date. There is a limit of two adults per table.

For more information, contact Alexa Bean at 313-415-5041 or [clarencevillecheer@gmail.com](mailto:clarencevillecheer@gmail.com).

## Marlins need coach

Mercy High School is searching for a girls varsity ice hockey coach. Previous coaching experience is preferred.

Applicants should email a letter of intent and resume to Nancy Malinowski, athletic director, at [nmalinowski@mhsmi.org](mailto:nmalinowski@mhsmi.org).

The Marlins are the defending Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 champions. Mercy is a member of the Catholic High School League, too.

## CYCLIST

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donations prior to the ride, will navigate picturesque back roads from Traverse City to Brooklyn, where they will cap their inspiring journey at the famed Michigan International Speedway.

The bikers will travel approximately 100 miles each day, with overnight stops in Big Rapids and DeWitt.

"My muscles are more numb than sore when I get to the finish line," revealed Peterson, smiling. "It takes a day or two for the soreness to really set in, but it's all worth it, helping these kids."

"At my age, I don't need to prove I can go out and do the entire 300 miles. I ride as long as I can, then I get into the SAG vehicle that takes me to the next check point. The ride is so organized now. They even have massage therapists at the check points to help with the muscle aches."

Peterson still vividly recalls the ride's foundation-building years when a small group of his co-workers at the

General Motors Hydromatic plant in Ypsilanti rode bikes from Canton to the Mackinac Bridge — initially as a challenge to themselves, before it evolved into an annual fundraiser for Make-A-Wish.

"I know the first year they did it — I wasn't involved — a co-worker of mine named Derek told his friends he was going to ride to the Mackinac Bridge to try to lose weight," Peterson recounted. "He challenged some of his co-workers and he managed to get three other guys to join him."

"Those guys didn't really put any planning into it, and they ended up sleeping along the side of the road at night, but they made it to the bridge."

"The next year, they decided to turn it into a fundraiser. When they got to the bridge, they called Make-A-Wish and said, 'We have seven thousand dollars. Do you want it?'"

Not long after Peterson became a fixture in the event he joined a group of riders who dubbed themselves "David's Heroes" — whose namesake is a courageous young man whose wish was modest in nature.

"Twenty-five years ago or

so, there was a young boy — I believe he was 11 — named David Doty," Peterson remembered. "He was very ill and his wish was to be a cowboy. Make-A-Wish actually flew him out west to Arizona and set up a rodeo for him. They got him a Stetson hat, cowboy boots, a cap gun for his holster — the whole works."

"Sadly, David passed away a short time later, but his family will always have that trip — probably the happiest time of his short life — to remember for always."

Each Make-A-Wish ride participant wears a wristband with a stricken child's name on it.

"When you get to the finish, a lot of times the child will be there so you can meet him," Peterson said. "It's hard not to get emotional."

Retired now, Peterson said sets aside time every week in the months leading up to the ride to train along Hines Drive.

"The only reason I ride my bike now is to train for this," he said. "After the ride, I hang the bike up until the following spring."

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## GRAHAM

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contact with everyone. She really established a personal connection. She had a loving and funny personality and she laughed at everything. She just always had a smile on her face, which was contagious."

At Westland John Glenn High, Graham was an accomplished three-sport athlete who excelled in track, volleyball and basketball.

As a senior in 1982, she was

an All-American high school hurdler who captured MHSA Class A titles in the 100- and 200-meter low hurdles with times of 13.7 and 28.4, respectively. As a junior in 1981, Graham captured first in the 110-yard low hurdles (13.7) at the Class A meet.

Graham went on to compete in track at Indiana University where she earned two Big Ten Conference titles as the 1983 outdoor champion in the 100-meter hurdles (14.33) and the 1984 indoor crown in the 60-yard hurdles (8.0).

In volleyball, Graham be-

gan her coaching career at Churchill serving five years as an assistant under Mike Hughes as the Chargers captured the Class A state championship in 1991.

She moved over to become the head coach at Stevenson compiling a 571-320-96 record in 20 seasons. In her final three seasons she captured three Class A district and two regional titles.

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

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

### JULY CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. Saturday, July 30

**Location:** Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Road, Highland

**Details:** The Paradise Band, Elvis Lives and The Soulmen perform in an outdoor concert. \$15 advance tickets; \$20 at the door  
**Contact:** 248-887-5364; holyspiritconcert.ezevent.com

### FILM

**Time/Date:** 6:45 p.m. Friday, July 29

**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills

**Details:** See the movie, "Field of Dreams" and have a dinner of ballpark food

**Contact:** 248-553-3380

### MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 23

**Location:** Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, Redford

**Details:** Free Christian music festival with Wise 4 Salvation, 11 a.m.; REIGN, noon; Reggie Williams, 1 p.m.; Redemption Road, 2 p.m.; Krymsyn Grayce, 3 p.m.; Second Day Story, 4 p.m.; The Well House Band, 5 p.m.; and Veracity, 6 p.m. Crafters and vendors will be on site from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gift drawings will be held at 3 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket

**Contact:** 313-937-2424; hosanna-tabor.org

### OLYMPICS

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. July 25-28

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

**Details:** A mini-Olympics camp aimed at boys and girls, ages 5-12, will include volleyball, relays, field hockey and water games. \$15 per student includes instruction, equipment and snacks

**Contact:** christoursavior.org; 734-522-6830

### WORSHIP IN THE PARK

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Sunday, through Aug. 21

**Location:** Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse grounds, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, Canton

**Details:** St. Michael Lutheran Church holds outdoor services with childcare provided

**Contact:** 734-459-3333, connectingwithGod.org

### AUGUST

#### GRIEFSHARE

**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21-Nov. 6

**Location:** New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City

**Details:** Grief support group provides help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. Cost is \$20 and includes workbook.

**Contact:** 248-766-5977

#### PICNIC

**Time/Date:** 12:30-2 p.m. Aug. 7, immediately following Worship in the Park

**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, at Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse grounds, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, Canton

**Details:** Hot dogs, cookies, chips and water will be provided and a praise band will perform

**Contact:** 734-459-3333

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 1-5

**Location:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

**Details:** "Surf Shack - Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love," is the theme for the program, which is for youngsters in preschool through sixth grade. Preschoolers must be potty trained. Includes songs, crafts, games, science, Bible stories, snacks and more. Cost is \$10 per child with a \$25 maximum per family

**Contact:** Judy Cook at 248-442-8822; judy@emmanuel-livonia.org

#### YOUTH SOCCER

**Time/Date:** 1:30-3 p.m. Aug. 15-19

**Location:** Crossroads Church/Trinity Church Grounds, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Soccer camp for boys and girls ages 5 and up, any skill level. \$25 per student; non-refundable. Includes water bottle, instruction, snacks. Register at www.crossroad-snow.org

**Contact:** info@crossroad-snow.org or Pastor Steve at 248-890-5718

### ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

#### Congregation Beth Ahm

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

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

**Details:** "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required

**Contact:** Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyelen879@att.net

#### Our Lady of Loretto

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

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** 313-534-9000

#### St. Michael the Archangel Parish

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

**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible

**Contact:** 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livonia-st-michael.org

#### 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

#### ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday

**Location:** 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township

**Details:** An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386

**Contact:** facebook.com/stinno-cenredford

#### EXERCISE

**Time/Date:** 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 313-408-3364

#### FAMILY MEAL

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

**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Free meal

**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

#### HEALING SERVICE

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

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

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

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

#### MOMS

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m.

second Tuesday, September-May

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

#### Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

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

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

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

#### PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

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

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

**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service. 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

#### RECYCLING RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

**Location:** 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

**Details:** Recycle your cell-phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month.

**Contact:** Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

#### SINGLES

##### Detroit World Outreach

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

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

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

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

##### Steve's Family Restaurant

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

**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 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

#### SUPPORT

##### Apostolic Christian Church

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

**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

##### Connection Church

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

**Location:** 3855 Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

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

##### Detroit World Outreach

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

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

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

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

##### Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

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

**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

**Contact:** 248-433-1011

##### Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations with questions at 734-981-2519

##### Fireside Church of God

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

**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

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

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

##### St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 734-421-8451

##### St. Thomas a' Becket Church

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

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

**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

##### Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

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

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

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

#### THRIFT STORE

##### St. James Presbyterian

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

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

##### Way of Life Christian Church

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

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

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

**Contact:** 734-637-7618

#### TOUR

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

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

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

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

#### WORSHIP

##### Adat Shalom Synagogue

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

**Location:** 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

**Contact:** 248-851-5100

##### Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

**Contact:** 734-522-6830

##### Congregation Bet Chaverim

**Time/Date:** Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month

**Location:** At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

**Details:** Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore

**Contact:** www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

##### Devon Aire Community Church of the Nazarene

**Time/Date:** 10:45 a.m. coffee, 11 a.m. Sunday service

**Location:** 9435 Henry Ruff Road at W. Chicago Road, Livonia

**Details:** Service with the Rev. JoAnn Bastien, Sunday school and child care



East side Detroit residents will get improved housing options via Southwest Housing Solutions thanks to a corporate gift.

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## Affordable housing development on Detroit's east side gets corporate boost

The Community Development Trust (CDT) — a New York-based real estate investment trust that provides capital for the preservation and creation of affordable housing — announced July 25 its donation to Detroit-area nonprofit Southwest Housing Solutions of a \$1.2 million first mortgage loan on Daystar Estates, a 48-unit single-family-home development on the city's east side.

CDT's donation represents the largest-ever combined contribution of homes to Southwest Housing Solutions in its 44-year history, said Tim Thorland, the organization's executive director. By donating the \$1.2 million loan to Southwest Housing Solutions, CDT's move effectively gives control of the Daystar Estates properties to Southwest to begin the neighborhood's redevelopment.

"As a nonprofit that is dedicated to finding creative and innovative ways to preserve and rehabilitate affordable housing, we are very grateful to CDT for their philanthropy and commitment to Detroit's exciting resurgence," Thorland said.

"CDT could have easily sold the property to another investor," Thorland said. "Their donation of the Daystar Estates neighborhood provides us with the opportunity to ensure the preservation of these units as quality, safe and affordable rental properties. We also plan to work with the families who move into these

homes and establish a conversion-to-ownership plan that will be completed over the next four years."

The 48 single-family Daystar Estates homes were built during 2004-05 and are located in an area bordered roughly by Mack Avenue and Connor, Dickerson and Charlevoix streets, just east of the shuttered Chrysler Assembly plant, Thorland said. The property was developed using Low Income Housing Tax Credits, the federal housing program that makes rent affordable to lower-income tenants.

While parts of the northern east side neighborhood surrounding Daystar Estates are challenged by vacancy, flight and divestment, Thorland noted that some neighborhoods on the lower east side along the East Jefferson corridor are benefiting from an ongoing redevelopment effort. Jefferson East Inc., which promotes neighborhood redevelopment, reports that \$1 billion has been invested in five neighborhoods from Alter Road to downtown along East Jefferson since 2009, including \$540 million that went to improvements to the giant FCA US plant. Within the past year, seven new businesses have opened in the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood along the corridor.

The original borrower defaulted on the Daystar Estates mortgage loan in 2015. As the first mortgage holder, CDT evaluated its possible alterna-

tives related to the investment and concluded that it did not want to put the 48 properties through an extensive and lengthy foreclosure process, according to Joan Berkowitz, the firm's senior vice president of asset management.

"Bearing in mind our affordable housing mission objectives, we determined that a better solution for the community, the property and the neighborhood's residents would be found if the mortgage loan was donated to a Detroit-area mission-oriented nonprofit," Berkowitz said. "While investigating our options, we were delighted to find an established, well-regarded nonprofit with a proven track record of success working with real estate-owned affordable housing," she said.

East-side Detroit civic leaders lauded CDT's move and said the transaction will serve as a catalyst to the community's revival. In Chandler Park, for example, which is adjacent to Daystar Estates, officials recently unveiled a new high school-regulation, synthetic turf football/soccer/lacrosse field, United States Tennis Association-sponsored tennis courts with Michigan's only under-10 "tot" courts, a new comfort station, and refurbished baseball diamonds, picnic tables and new tree plantings.

Donna Givens Williams, president/CEO of Eastside Community Network (ECN), a place-based community devel-

opment organization that has worked in the Daystar Estates' neighborhood for more than 30 years, said: "ECN is pleased to endorse CDT's donation that gives control of these properties to Southwest Housing Solutions, and further, to support the rehabilitation of nearly 50 affordable homeownership options in our community."

Jacqueline Bejma, executive director of LAND Inc., a local not-for-profit commercial real estate development organization, added: "Rehabilitation of these housing units is a much-needed step in the right direction for the future of the east side."

Southwest Housing Solutions staff will prepare cost estimates this summer on the improvements necessary to make the Daystar Estates properties habitable, Thorland said.

Working with local, regional and national partners, CDT makes long-term equity investments and originates and acquires long-term mortgages. In its 17 years, CDT has invested over \$1.3 billion in debt and equity capital to properties in 44 states and regions — helping to preserve and create over 40,000 units of affordable housing.

Southwest Housing Solutions, a division of Southwest Solutions, was formed in 1979 and is a leader in the planning, development, and management of affordable housing and commercial property in Southwest Detroit.

## Reasonable accommodations for disabled required by law

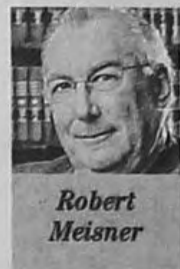
**Q: We are a landlord and are thinking about charging an extra fee or requiring an additional deposit for tenants or residents who have disabilities in order to put in certain grab bars on the steps to grant a reasonable accommodation. It isn't an awful lot of money and I am wondering if it is OK.**

**A:** The answer is pretty clearly "no" based upon the joint statement of HUD and the Department of Justice's publication "Reasonable Accommodations Under the Federal Fair Housing Act." In short, housing providers may not require persons with disabilities to pay extra fees or deposits as a condition of receiving a reasonable accommodation. Therefore, you are best advised not to charge any additional fees or require any additional deposit for any reasonable accommodation that is granted.

**Q: Our co-op charges pet owners to have "DNA tested and registered" for any animal living in our community. Do you think that is OK?**

**A:** I think it will probably pass muster as the theory is that any poop left behind can be tested and the offending owner that did not pick up after the pet could be fined or otherwise be subject to legal penalties. The amount charged is presumably just to reimburse the association for the actual costs of testing and registering the DNA in a data base and is not a deposit of any kind with respect to the keeping of the dog which would probably be prohibited.

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Robert Meisner

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Benefit Estate Sale

Hall & Hunter Realtors will hold its 13th annual Estate Sale of Antiques, Collectibles and Treasures to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hall & Hunter Realtors, 442 S. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham. All year long Hall & Hunter Realtors collect antiques, gently used furniture and collectibles. Since Hall & Hunter started this tradition 11 years ago, the firm has donated \$250,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. Sponsored by: Changing Places Moving Company, Devon Title Agency, Stefek's Auctioneers & Appraisers, Bank of Birmingham. For more information, contact [HallandHunter.com](http://HallandHunter.com) or call 248-644-3500.

### Investors

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

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-Eleven, near Trenton Road.

For more information, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

### Short sales

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

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-9 p.m. each Thursday at 127 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Call the office at 248-782-7130 or email [june.quantum@gmail.com](mailto:june.quantum@gmail.com).

## State tax credits support low-income housing

Residents in Metro Detroit are getting a boost in local affordable housing stock with help from \$3.89 million in Low-Income Housing Tax Credits from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

"The LIHTC Program is a public-private partnership that allows developers to renovate and construct quality, affordable housing," MSHDA Executive Director Kevin Elsenheimer said. "This program is essential to meeting the housing needs of families, seniors and special needs populations with low or fixed incomes."

The tax credits are going to five different developers to create four new apartment buildings and rehabilitate one structure that will provide 287 homes for low- and moderate-income families and individuals.

Prentis II Apartments in Oak Park was built in 1978. It will be renovated to improve resident safety and energy efficiency. Units will receive new kitchens and bathrooms, carpeting, closet doors, upgrades to existing balconies and upgraded in-unit HVAC systems.

"The generous tax credit to Prentis II Apartments will enhance their commitment to providing safe and affordable housing and residential care to their residents," said Sen. Vincent Gregory, D-Lathrup Village. "I extend my gratitude for MSHDA's continued support of our communities through their partnership and investment activities."

The projects that earned LIHTC awards in Wayne and Oakland Counties are:

» 124 Alfred, Detroit  
Developer: 124 Alfred Development LLC

LIHTC units: 54  
LIHTC award: \$918,804

» Gratiot Central Commons, Detroit  
Developer: MHT Housing, Inc.

Total units: 45  
LIHTC units: 36  
LIHTC award: \$740,000

» Prentis II, Oak Park  
Developer: Jewish Senior Life of Metro Detroit

Total units: 99  
LIHTC units: 99  
LIHTC award: \$676,410

Unity Park Rentals IV, Pontiac  
Developer: Community Housing Network, Inc.

Total units: 12  
LIHTC units: 12

LIHTC award: \$306,661  
» Woodbridge Estates Phase IX, Detroit

Developer: Scripps Park Associates, LLC

Total units: 77  
LIHTC units: 61  
LIHTC award: \$1,255,000

The federal government provides the tax credits which are administered by MSHDA based on housing needs at the local level. With this round of funding, an estimated 819 units of affordable rental housing will be built or rehabilitated for low- and moderate-income individuals and families across the state.

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The LIHTC program is the most successful affordable housing production program in U.S. history and spurs community investment. In 2015, the 10-year value of LIHTC in Michigan was calculated to create more than \$1.3 billion of investment statewide.

Federal law requires LIHTC be allocated according to a Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP). The process for receiving an award includes an application and competitive scoring.

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents and to engage in community economic development activities to revitalize urban and rural communities.

MSHDA's loans and operating expenses are financed through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds as well as notes to private investors, not from state tax revenues. Proceeds are loaned at below-market interest rates to developers of rental housing, and help fund mortgages and home improvement loans. MSHDA also administers several federal housing programs. For more information, visit [www.michigan.gov/mshda](http://www.michigan.gov/mshda).

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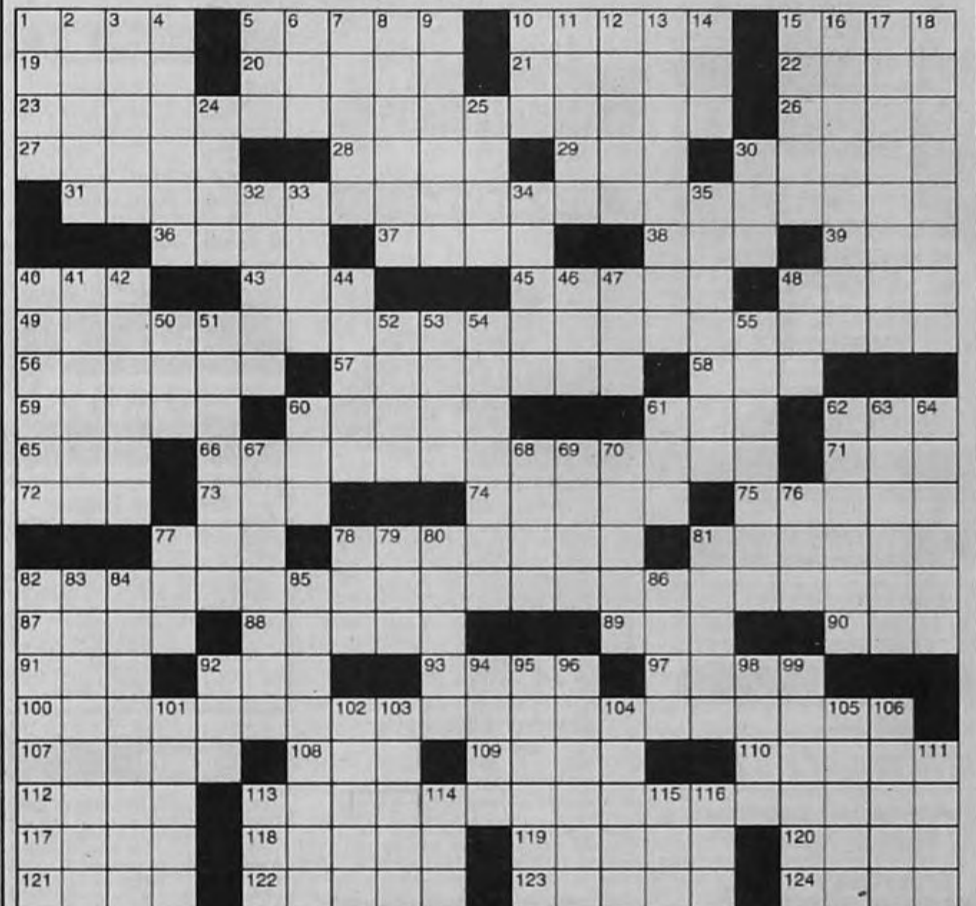
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Flag supporter
  - 5 Coen of film
  - 10 Proposition
  - 15 Melville mariner
  - 19 One-spot cards
  - 20 Bucks
  - 21 "Odyssey" enchantress
  - 22 Woman of rank
  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 26 ... — it just me?"
  - 27 Painful spots
  - 28 Literary Leon
  - 29 Subj. for U.S. immigrants
  - 30 Horseshoe-shaped iron bar
  - 31 Riddle, part 2
  - 36 Bit of legend
  - 37 Transmit
  - 38 Showy scarf
  - 39 Italian "God"
  - 40 Cry loudly
  - 43 Singer Smith
  - 45 Less bold
  - 48 "Misled" singer
  - 49 Riddle, part 3
  - 56 Marketing news mag
  - 57 Big name in electric razors
  - 58 Oman export
  - 59 "Blue" singer
  - 60 Director Elia
  - 61 Hidden mike
  - 62 Drop off
  - 65 Unit of corn
  - 66 Riddle, part 4
  - 71 — Lingus
  - 72 "Dr." of rap
  - 73 Writer Fleming
  - 74 Spud state
  - 75 Plane path
  - 77 Boom maker
  - 78 Obtain
  - 81 Hotel room
  - 82 Riddle, part 5
  - 87 Fed a line
  - 88 Old-time actress
  - 89 Blue yonder
  - 90 Links org.
  - 91 Sulfur with
  - 121-Across
  - 92 "Sure"
  - 93 Archibald of old basketball
  - 97 Regal Norse name
  - 100 End of the riddle
  - 107 Jordanian capital
  - 108 A, in Acapulco
  - 109 Electric, water or gas:
  - 110 Merger with Mobil in 1999
  - 112 Country singer — Keilh
  - 113 Riddle's answer
  - 117 Author — Stanley Gardner
  - 118 "Later!"
  - 119 "Star Trek" officer
  - 120 British conservative
  - 121 Forecaster
  - 122 "Bleeding Love" singer
  - Lewis
  - 123 Volga native
  - 124 Farm females
- DOWN**
- 1 Rabbit's feet
  - 2 Ellen who was the first Latina in space
  - 3 Get wind (of)
  - 4 Honor
  - 5 Type widths
  - 6 Little squirt
  - 7 Just so-so
  - 8 1999-2004 Oldsmobiles
  - 9 Aboriginal
  - 10 Autumn mo.
  - 11 — mignon
  - 12 Insolent
  - 13 "Green" product sticker
  - 14 Ump's cousin
  - 15 Baked brick
  - 16 Last Anglo-Saxon king of England
  - 17 Umpteen
  - 18 Oscar category for "Let It Go"
  - 24 Early Bill Cosby series
  - 25 "The end — sight"
  - 30 Stage legend
  - 32 "No worries"
  - 33 Burn black
  - 34 Detroit flop
  - 35 Detached, as a coupon
  - 40 Went flat
  - 41 "Mercy me!"
  - 42 "Watch out!"
  - 44 Talking birds
  - 46 Ad —
  - 47 Wall St. intro
  - 48 Singer Lana — Rey
  - 50 D.C. bigwig
  - 51 Common bowling game
  - 52 Seep out
  - 53 Sardonic
  - 54 Intel chip brand
  - 55 Result of excessive teasing?
  - 60 Guy doll
  - 61 Playbill info
  - 62 Lessen
  - 63 Fit in
  - 64 Star of old comics
  - 67 Scary snake
  - 68 Actress Falco
  - 69 Fix, as socks
  - 70 Sharpens
  - 76 Bridal vow
  - 77 Senator Cruz
  - 78 Internet inits.
  - 79 D halved
  - 80 Actor Aidan
  - 81 Country's Crystal
  - 82 Protective film sheets
  - 83 Mount
  - 84 Look like
  - 85 Deter
  - 86 Hershey's toffee bar
  - 92 Urge
  - 94 "Son of —"
  - 95 "Shame!"
  - 96 "Happy Endings" actress
  - 98 New — (Enya, e.g.)
  - 99 Obsess (on)
  - 101 Bill settler
  - 102 "That Night —" (old film)
  - 103 1800s veep
  - 104 Scoff at
  - 105 U-shaped river bend
  - 106 Black, in Lille
  - 111 Bill blockers
  - 113 — Mart
  - 114 Simile center
  - 115 Italian monk
  - 116 Bern's river



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4				6	7				5
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		2							
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3	5	7	1	6	2	8	4	9
2	6	8	9	3	4	7	5	1
4	1	9	5	8	7	6	2	3
9	2	6	1	7	8	5	3	4
1	7	4	6	3	4	9	2	8
4	4	8	3	4	2	5	9	1
7	8	9	6	4	2	3	5	1
8	7	5	3	1	2	4	6	9
2	6	3	9	5	4	1	7	8
5	3	2	7	9	8	1	6	4

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ACES MOOLA CIRCE DAME  
WHAT IS THE TITLE OF ORIS  
SORES URIS ESLEUBOLT  
ANEPIC MOVIE THAT TELLS  
MYTH SEND BOA DIO  
SOB SAM SHIER DION  
THE STORY OF PEOPLE BEING  
ADWEEK NORELCO OIL  
LEANN KAZAN BUG EBB  
EAR PRESENTED WITH AER  
DRE IAN IDAHO AISLE  
TNT ACQUIRE GIDEON  
ARREST DOCUMENTS AROUND  
CUED LITTL SKY PGA  
ESS YES NATE OLAF  
THE PERSIAN GULF REGION  
AMMAN UNA UTIL EXXON  
TOBY WARRANTS OF ARABIA  
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SEER LEONA TATAR EWES

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AMBLE  
ANDALUSIAN  
ARABIAN  
BALD  
BARN  
BARREL  
BASCOLE  
BELGIAN  
BIT  
BLISTERING  
BLOODSTOCK  
BREEDING  
BRINDLE  
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