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## Canton eyes added recycling effort

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Canton residents soon are expected to have a way to recycle unwanted clothing, household goods and small appliances by bagging it all up and placing it at the curb.

Officials say the plan would reduce the amount of trash going to the local landfill and generate \$20 per ton in revenue for Canton Township.

The township board could vote as early as September to approve a contract with Simple Recycling, which would pick up the items on the same day Canton trash hauler Rizzo Environmental Services collects garbage.

Township Trustee Pat Williams called it a "brilliant" business enterprise. It would cost taxpayers nothing and be separate from Canton's existing recycling program.

Scott Brady, a representative for Simple Recycling, said the company would send informational packets and green recycling bags and tags to Canton households before the program starts, possibly as early as this fall. Residents could request additional bags.

Simple Recycling, a for-profit company, would accept clothing, pots and pans, small appliances — most things that one person can carry to the

curb, Brady said. The effort isn't intended to take away goods donated to charities, he said.

"We're not competing with charities. We're competing with landfills," Brady said. "What we're after is that segment (of items) that is thrown away."

Brady said the company uses a 20-foot box truck to pick up items. The company's southeast Michigan operations

are based in Westland.

Simple Recycling already serves over 1 million residences in more than 60 communities in southeast Michigan and northeast Ohio. Westland, Wayne, Garden City, Milford, Farmington, South Lyon and Ypsilanti are among the Michigan towns where the program is in place.

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Olympic medalist Allison Schmitt will get a warm welcome home from Rio.

## Canton ready to welcome home its Olympic star: Allison Schmitt

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Olympic gold medalist Allison Schmitt will get a rousing welcome home as Canton celebrates her accomplishments in Rio de Janeiro during a rally in Heritage Park.

"It's an extremely huge

accomplishment to make it to the Olympics — and then to be able to medal takes a huge commitment and dedication," Canton Leisure Services Director Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz said. "It's rare that a community has an Olympic athlete, so we should be able to honor their hard work and commit-

ment as they represent the United States."

Schmitt's fans will have a chance to see her as she appears at the rally set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Heritage Park amphitheater. If inclement weather douses the celebration, it will be moved inside the nearby Summit on

the Park recreation center's gymnasium, but only the first 400 people would be admitted.

A community celebration in 2012 drew an estimated 2,500 to 3,000 fans to Heritage Park after Schmitt won

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## Assault at mosque in Canton leads to charges

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Canton police say an assault that allegedly occurred at a mosque on Canton's west side was not a hate crime.

"It is not a hate crime — nothing close to that," Public Safety Director Joshua Meier said. "It's an isolated incident. There are no racial issues involved in it."

A 65-year-old Hamtramck man who police believe attended the mosque is charged with assaulting a juvenile male on Aug. 10, Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said.



Rahman

The juvenile was not hospitalized, Traylor said. Police disclosed the assault Wednesday night but haven't revealed a possible motive. The incident occurred at the Masjid Bilal mosque on Ridge Road, north of Cherry Hill.

The defendant, Hobibur Rahman, turned himself over to police and was arraigned this week in 35th District Court on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and aggravated assault. If convicted, he could face up to four years in prison.

Police haven't said what kind of weapon was used. Magistrate Frank Wren released Rahman on a \$10,000 personal bond and ordered him back in court Aug. 26 for a probable cause hearing that could determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Police said no other charges are expected against anyone other than Rahman.

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## Schoolcraft chef cooks up a national honor

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Staff Writer

Competitors came from big cities and big markets like Las Vegas, from New York City and from Orlando, Fla.

But it was a man from tiny Posen, Mich., who walked away a winner.

Chris Misiak, who hails from Posen (population 234 in the 2010 census) and is now a Certified Executive Chef at

Schoolcraft College in Livonia, was named National Chef Educator of the Year during the American Culinary Federation national convention.

The ACF National Chef Educator of the Year Award, established in 1998, pays tribute to an active culinary educator whose knowledge, skills and expertise has enhanced the image of the professional chef, and who, by example, has provided guidance to students

seeking a career in the culinary profession.

Misiak is the first Michigan chef to win it.

"I was overwhelmed," Misiak said. "To be able to compete against New York, Las Vegas and Orlando ... was really special to me. I believe that as educators, we are not in the business of simply teaching; we are in the business of changing lives. It has been a very satisfying experience,

and I will continue to do my best to change lives."

In addition to his duties as the Culinary Arts department program coordinator, Misiak teaches storeroom operations and culinary chemistry and oversees the department's computer lab, as well as the teaching of software used to manage both front- and back-of-the-

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# Pagan announces Canton coffee hour

State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, has announced a coffee hour with constituents for 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22, at Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road.



Pagan

The regularly scheduled coffee hour for Aug. 27 has been canceled.

Pagan invites resi-

dents to join her to discuss their thoughts, ideas and concerns about what they want to see addressed in Lansing.

Residents unable to attend may contact Pagan at [KristyPagan@house.mi.gov](mailto:KristyPagan@house.mi.gov) or at her Lansing office by calling 517-373-2575. To sign up for email updates from Pagan, go to <http://pagan.house Dems.com>.

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ager Bob Belair said his department has surveyed several communities that already have it.

"We've heard nothing but good things about it," he said Tuesday, during a township board session.

Started in 2013, Simple Recycling also has launched programs in places such as Indianapolis, Dallas and Houston and has initiatives pending in Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis and New York, among other cities.

Canton Township has no involvement in running the program other than approving a four-year contract that could be terminated with 45 days notice.

"There is nothing for the township to manage or pay for," Brady said.

Canton would receive monthly reports on the amount of goods collected along with a check amounting to \$20 per ton. He didn't have an estimate of what Canton might receive.

He explained what Simple Recycling does with what it collects:

» In all, 10-20 percent typically is resold to partner thrift stores.

» The bulk of the rest is exported to poorer, developing countries.

» A smaller amount is ground up and recycled for purposes such as insulation.

» Less than 5 percent



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Canton households would receive recycling bags like this one shown in the Village of Milford by Clerk Debby Frazer.

ends up in a landfill.

Canton Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said Simple Recycling may find it has competition from people who sift through curbside garbage for anything they might want.

"The garbage-pickers are going to get there

first," she said.

Legally, Brady said, goods that are bagged or tagged for Simple Recycling cannot be taken.

He said the company will mount an educational campaign before the program begins.

Belair said he expects a smooth start-up if the

board approves it.

"We don't really see any snags going forward with that," Belair said.

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three gold medals, one silver and one bronze in the London Olympics.

In Rio, she was one of the U.S. Olympic swim captains and with the women's team brought home gold in the 4x200m freestyle relay and silver in the 4x100 freestyle relay. After one win, she embraced her parents, Gail and Ralph Schmitt

of Canton, in an emotional moment.

"They've seen it all," Schmitt said. "It's been a long journey the last four years. They've been there every step of the way. To see them, to be able to give them a hug, it was very emotional."

When she addressed her fans four years ago in Canton, she had said then that she hoped to repeat after she won medals in London.

The celebration Aug. 25 will be hosted by

WDIV-TV (Channel 4) news anchor and reporter Kimberly Gill and WJR-AM 760's Paul W. Smith. The rally will include a special presentation to Schmitt by Canton's top elected official, Supervisor Phil LaJoy.

Rally attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for outdoor seating. Commemorative miniature flags will be handed out.

Schmitt, a Canton High School graduate, competed in Rio in her

third Olympic Games that featured more than 10,500 world-class athletes from around the globe participating in more than 300 events. Her first medal was a bronze in the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Jeff Seidel of the Detroit Free Press contributed to this story.

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# Beyond Borders brings Latin street food to Plymouth

**Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

Bob Pniewski has gone beyond bowling with his new venture, Beyond Borders.

The Canton Township resident has spent a career in bowling, from working in and managing bowling alleys to directing tours for the National Senior Bowling Association. Now in his early 60s, he started working on the day he turned 16.

"There's nothing in a bowling alley that needs to be done that I haven't done," Pniewski said.

But this year, he's branched off with a new restaurant in Plymouth, Beyond Borders, that combines a passion for cooking with the satisfaction of "putting a smile on somebody's face" with good, healthy food.

Beyond Borders offers Latin street food — portable (read: eat with your hands) dishes drawn from the cuisines of Cen-

tral and South America. It's the kind of authentic food, Pniewski said, that can be found on food trucks in Miami and Los Angeles.

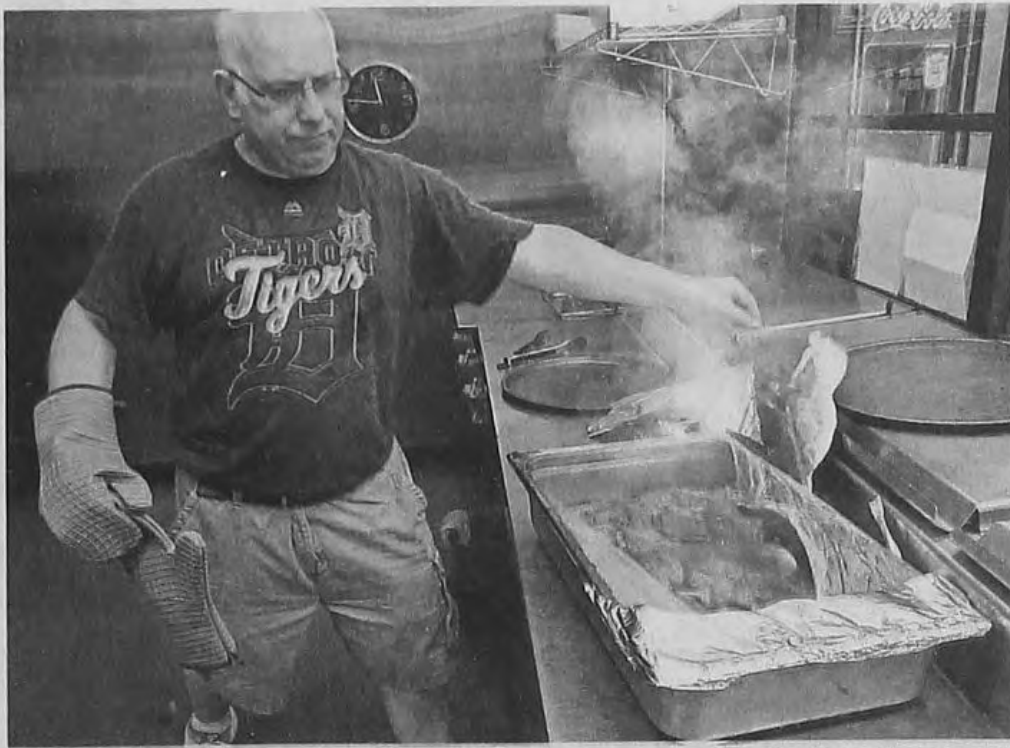
"There's a need here," Pniewski said recently when asked why he opened in Plymouth. "People are looking for healthy, fresh and tasty food."

Pniewski most recently ran the grill at a local bowling alley, where the menu was centered around fried bowling-alley food, and says he was able to take it up a level.

"Everybody was saying I didn't belong there, because my food was that good," he said.

## 'Nothing is processed'

Pniewski made the leap in April, opening Beyond Borders on South Main, in a spot formerly occupied by U.P. Pasties (which had moved to Forest Avenue downtown). He had considered



Steam escapes from a pan of slow-roasted chicken. Bob Pniewski will shred the chicken for use in Latin-American recipes.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

a food truck, but due to insurance costs, unpredictable fuel prices and the need for a base opera-

tions, "the brick and mortar has won out," he said. Beyond Borders has a manageable menu of

takeout dishes that pay homage to several Latin American countries: Mexico, Argentina, Peru,

Colombia and others. There are nachos, authentic tacos (no cheese or lettuce, just meat, slaw, cilantro chipotle cream sauce and pickled red onions), burritos, rice bowls and Cuban sandwiches, plus sides like guacamole and chips and salsa.

"Nothing is processed. Nothing is canned," Pniewski said.

Pniewski is mostly self-taught, aside from a few classes taught by chefs from the Schoolcraft College culinary program, and began cooking while growing up, because as the oldest he was expected to help cook dinner for the family, as both parents worked. He's learned by doing, he says, and by trial and error.

"You can make it as hot as you want, you can make it as mild as you want," Pniewski said. "I go for flavors. I'm out to make good food."

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house operations.

A Certified Executive Chef and Certified Culinary Educator, Misiak, a graduate of Schoolcraft College, has been at the school 31 years. He credits the success of the school's culinary program, which he has helped build, to the support from the school.

"It's just proof that me, starting at Schoolcraft, getting my education here, staying on staff ... It says a lot about Schoolcraft's commitment to the culinary program," Misiak said. "The program is renowned because of the college's commitment to this program and the people in it."

Certified Executive



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Chef Chris Misiak holds concord grapes from the culinary program garden.

Chef Shawn Loving, chair of Schoolcraft's culinary program, said Misiak's success is a testament to the college's "commitment to students," and the strength of the curriculum and

faculty. "We are very proud of how Chef Misiak represents Schoolcraft College and the quality of teaching he provides," said Loving, who is currently also serving as the per-

sonal chef to the U.S. men's basketball team at the Rio Olympics. "This type of award allows me to feel confident that our tradition and consistency remains relevant and important with the many changes in the culinary arts profession and hospitality field. We proudly continue to be one of the most prominent culinary schools in the country."

In his career, Misiak has cached the national champion Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Knowledge Bowl team and now serves on two National ACF committees including College Course Assessment and CCE Certification.

He parlayed that commitment to ACF, his 31 years of experience at Schoolcraft and the lesson plan he submitted into this national honor, the first for a Michigan

educator in the award's 19-year history.

He even built a curriculum of his own — the first-of-its-kind culinary chemistry class — from the ground up.

"I did all the research, I did the labs and I basically wrote the book," Misiak said.

He's not the only successful chef at Schoolcraft; Misiak has worked with five certified master chefs (Leopold Schaefer, Dan Hugelier, Jeff Gabriel, Kevin Gawronski and Brian Beland)

and a certified master pastry chef (Joe Decker).

Misiak said that level of staff — "It's no different than any other restaurant," he said — creates pressure to perform "at such a high level" at Schoolcraft.

"That's what keeps me going," Misiak said. "Those guys ... keep this place vibrant."

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# Plymouth Christian welcomes new principal



Ryan Batson is the new principal at Plymouth Christian Academy.

**Maria Taylor**  
Correspondent

Students at Plymouth Christian Academy can look forward to a new principal as the 2016-2017 school year prepares to kick off next month.

Ryan Batson, the incoming elementary principal, officially started June 1. He replaces Caryn Huntsman, who served in that position for 21 years at PCA and moved on to become school superintendent.

Batson lives in Canton with his wife Sarah and their three young children, two of whom attend PCA.

He met Huntsman three years ago, during an initial interview when his family first joined the school. The two kept in contact, and recently, Huntsman asked him to consider an administrative position at the private K-12 Christian academy.

For Batson, it was a natural fit. "My kids go here, I go to church here, and I really value a Christian education," he said.

Batson joins the PCA administrative team with 10 years of experience in public education. "We are overjoyed that he has made the decision to join the PCA staff. He brings a wealth of experience, is a highly qualified master teacher, and is state-certified in professional development," Huntsman said.

Prior to this position, Batson worked as a classroom teacher at Dearborn Public Schools and a school administrator in Warren. He has a bachelor's in business administration from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in education from Wayne State University, with a focus on early childhood development.

Batson was introduced to

the PCA school community at a meet-and-greet at last year's sixth-grade graduation. His first day of school will be Sept. 6.

As principal, Batson plans to focus on incorporating 21st century skills into the school's curriculum, with a strong focus on literacy; for example, combining technology and collaboration, "so they can communicate overseas or across Canton, whichever is required" as their careers take shape.

Batson is excited for the opportunity to transition from the public schools to private Christian education. "I'm looking forward to the biblical worldview that we can teach the kids, and the kids can learn from us," he said.

In addition to his role as principal, Batson will also serve as the PCA's professional development coordinator.

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

### Local grad starts medical school

Kylie Miller, a 2010 Canton High School graduate, began in the third class of the Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, Class of 2020, this month. Her goal is to specialize in obstetrics and gynecology.

Miller holds a bachelor of science degree in cell molecular biology with a minor in women studies, from the University of Michigan in 2014. While at the university, she was a member of the ballroom dance team and competed for four years. She also served as a resident assistant and resident coordinator.

She was awarded a four-year U.S. Navy scholarship to fully cover all medical school costs, including a monthly living stipend through the Health Professions Scholarship Program. The U.S. Navy awards only 192 HPSP scholarships annually.



Miller

Played lacrosse and volleyball for Canton High School.

Miller is an inactive reserve officer in the United States Navy (ensigns in the United States Navy Reserve) until she completes her four-year medical degree. After she graduates from medical school, she will be placed in active duty and promoted to lieutenant. She will complete a four-year Navy residency program and then a four-year Navy tour to fulfill her scholarship requirements.

"Kylie told her mom and I — after we asked why she thought of going into the Navy — and she said 'Grandpa Miller flew in the Navy in World War II and I can't think of any higher purpose than helping those that help protect us everyday. Oh, and I love being on and near the water!'" said her father, Kevin Miller.

### Canton students participate

Thirty-two Saginaw Valley State University students demonstrated a practical approach to mechanical engineering design during the SVSU Summer 2016 Engineering Show-

case recently.

The showcase featured students who engineered products in collaboration with companies such as Duperon Corp., Duro-Last, Euclid Industries and Means Industries.

Mechanical engineering majors collaborate with outside agencies as part of a senior project required before graduation.

Bernabe Salinas of Canton, was among the students featured in the showcase. Salinas is a mechanical engineering major. Salinas is working on a project for a local entrepreneur named Jay Allen.

The project involves building a pump-action handle that controls the speed and brakes on wheelchairs.

Anthony Brown of Canton, is also featured.

Brown is a mechanical engineering major. Brown is working on a project for Duro-Last Roofing in Saginaw.

The project involves designing technology that helps contractors fasten large-scale roofing material to clients' roofs.

## Fox Hills announces scholarship recipients

Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth has announced its five recipients of the 2016 Dul Foundation Scholarship Awards.

The scholarships are part of Dul Foundation's mission to use its resources to improve the lives of people through education and other charitable endeavors. The scholarships are awarded to employees and family members of Fox Hills and their other family-owned manufacturing business, Clips & Clamps Industries.

"Since the Foundation's resources come from the ongoing operations of our family businesses, it makes sense that the beneficiaries of the foundation should be the employees and families of those companies," said Kathleen Dul Aznavorian, president of Dul Foundation.

This year's Dul Foundation Scholarship Award recipients include:

» Rachael Alholinna of

Westland. Alholinna is a John Glenn High School graduate. She is currently attending Schoolcraft College, studying Cosmetology Management; Small Business for Entrepreneurs.

» Garret Goyette of Livonia. Goyette graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School, and is currently attending Schoolcraft College, studying Mechanical Engineering.

» Emily Seymour of Plymouth; Seymour is a Salem High School graduate who is currently attending Grand Valley State University, studying Advertising/PR.

» Zoe Maki of South Lyon. Maki graduated from South Lyon East High School and is currently studying Elementary Education at Schoolcraft College.

» Kallie Krueger of South Lyon. Krueger graduated from South Lyon High School. She is currently studying Nutrition/Dentistry at Wayne State University.

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# Plymouth Rotary welcomes Finnish student

The Rotary Club of Plymouth is hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship Student from Finland.

Olivia Paasi is from the town of Kotka, Finland, and is being hosted in the United States by the Rotary Club of Plymouth. She will attend Salem High School as a senior and will be in the country for one year.

Paasi was welcomed at Detroit Metropolitan Airport on Thursday, Aug. 11, by members of the Plymouth Rotary and her new host family.

Paasi wants to learn and experience new cultures and she will participate in a number of Rotary Club Activities and school activities. Each Rotary Youth Exchange Student is "adopted" by a local Rotary Club and stays with local host families.

The Rotary Club arranges host families, provides a monthly stipend to the student and plans activities with Rotarians and other exchange students within Rotary District 6400, which covers southeast Michigan and Windsor-Essex in Canada.



From left, host mom Lynn Zeleck, Plymouth Rotary Youth Exchange Officer Mike Muma, former Outbound Exchange Student Eryn Zeleck, Exchange Student Olivia Paasi, Rotary Club members Tim and Penny Joy.

The Rotary Outbound Scholarship Exchange Program provides students ages 16-18 the opportunity of a lifetime. It's a chance to spend 11 months in another country learning the language and culture. Student administrative costs are approximately \$3,000 plus the cost of a round-trip airfare. Expenses for

housing, school and monthly activities are covered by the local Rotary Club.

Students will also receive a monthly stipend from the Rotary Club for expenses while on exchange. Rotary Youth Exchange outbound students need to be above average students who are eager for

the chance to try new things and meet new people.

Applications and information for students thinking about going on exchange in August of 2017 can find out more information by going to [www.csrye.org](http://www.csrye.org) or by contacting a local Rotary Club.

# Friendship walk benefits special-needs centers

**Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

Bassie Shemtov and her husband, Levi, knew they wanted to get involved in some sort of outreach that would help people.

Once they decided the people they were going to help included special-needs kids, they established the Friendship Circle, a nonprofit organization that provides assistance and support to 3,000 individuals with special needs and their families by providing recreational, social, educational and vocational programming.

The work started at the Farber Center in West Bloomfield, and focused on kids under 18 years old. Then the couple wondered what happens to the kids once they turn 18? To make sure those kids had a helping hand as they moved into adulthood, the Shemtovs opened the

Soul Center, also under the Friendship Circle umbrella, in April.

All of those facilities will benefit when the Friendship Center sponsors the 11th annual Walk 4 Friendship Sunday, Sept. 4. The event will start at the Friendship Circle's Meer Family Friendship Center, 6892 W. Maple in West Bloomfield.

"We want this to be a community-wide event where everyone is welcome," Bassie Shemtov said. "The energy at the walk is amazing. It's a very powerful way to get the community together."

Friendship Circle also provides support to individuals and families struggling with isolation, addiction and other family-related crises. It creates friendship in the lives of individuals with special needs and those facing isolation while providing an opportunity to become a contributing member of the communi-

ty. Through its programming, Shemtov said, Friendship Circle aims to promote an inclusive community that values all individuals regardless of the challenges they face.

"That's who Friendship Circle is," she said. "The bottom line of who we are is we believe every single person is all the same on the inside."

The Shemtovs are giving special-needs adults the chance to prove that with the new Soul Center. The center, located at 5586 Drake in West Bloomfield, draws people from all over the Oakland and Wayne county areas.

The Soul Center includes the Soul Cafe, an eclectic restaurant in which some 40 percent of the staff has special needs of varying degrees. The idea, Shemtov said, is to allow those staffers the chance to succeed.

"It's a safe environment where we allow them to fall occasionally, and help them succeed," Shemtov said. "We expect them to do a good job."

The Soul Center also has centers where artists can draw and painters can paint. There's a weaving room and an art gallery. In short, it's a place, Shemtov said, where special needs adults can create.

Akiva Pollack, a 21-year-old, self-described nerd, was working on a poster about, predictably, nerds.

"I like everything about coming here, really," Pollack said. "It's really friendly, really open. The staff is super friendly, and everyone is really patient. I've learned that I can do things I never thought I could do."

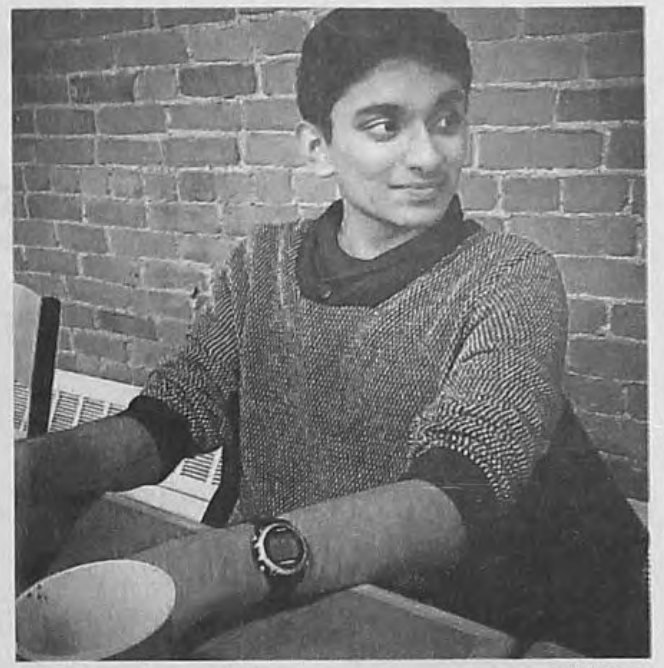
Barry Roth of Huntington Woods is a volunteer at the Soul Center. He said working at the

center gives him a chance to give back.

"The center is amazing," Roth said. "They're helping people, and I love being a part of that. It makes for a stronger community in a very real way."

The Sept. 4 Walk 4 Friendship is the Friendship Circle's largest fundraiser. Shemtov said she hopes the walk will draw some 5,000 walkers and raise more than \$600,000.

Register for the walk at [www.friendshipcircle.org](http://www.friendshipcircle.org), or call 248-788-7878.



Canton native Shashank Keshav Rao, a University of Michigan sophomore, was honored for his essay.

# Student's social media essay wins national contest

A young Canton man who wrote an essay about how social media tools serve the greater public good was chosen from among more than 300 peers for a scholarship.

Shashank Keshav Rao, a University of Michigan sophomore, has become the sixth winner of the Spokeo Connections Scholarship for his essay, called "brilliant" in a Spokeo blog.

"The winning scholar's essay provided an insightful look at the incredible impact that social media platforms have on people by raising awareness, prompting important discussions and forming communities," the blog said.

His essay was chosen for a fall scholarship.

Rao is double-majoring in English and creative writing with a minor in Japanese stud-

ies. Rao told Spokeo that his loves to read and write, take bike rides and long nature walks. The blog said he is the grammar editor for a campus literary magazine called "RC Review."

Spokeo reported that Rao hopes to become a novelist, teach English abroad and get involved with organizations related to social justice and politics.

Applicants for the scholarship had to be either a recently graduated high school senior enrolling as a freshmen at a four-year or two-year college or university for fall 2016 or currently enrolled full-time basis at an accredited university.


Applicants also must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher and be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident.



Abigail Rebenftock and Aislinn Wendrow working on a rug in the Soul Center's fiber studio.




Self-proclaimed nerd Akiva Pollack works on a poster at the Soul Center in West Bloomfield.



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# Freeing outdoor dogs from 'the chain' takes heart, hope, persistence

**Sharon Dargay**  
Staff Writer

Rusting metal, broken window glass, used paper plates and other debris anchor the corner of a backyard in southwest Detroit.

A few feet away, Lesa Whitley and Wendy Leach are busy creating shade. The women are members of C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc., an organization that helps outdoor, tethered dogs and their owners with free pet food, straw, doghouses, spay and neuter costs, vaccinations and fencing, with an ultimate goal of freeing dogs from their chains. On this sweltering Friday afternoon, the mission is seemingly simple, stretching a tarp from fence to fence over a doghouse.

The women improvise the structure, working quickly in the relentless sun, while their team leader, Dawn Lamsa, picks up a rake and begins to corral the surrounding garbage into a heap.

"This will make it a little cleaner for him," Lamsa tells the dog's owner. He holds the white and tan, blind pit bull by a chain at the side of the yard, allowing the women to work unhampered.

"You leave lots of water for him because it's super hot out," Lamsa advises. "Do you bring him inside? Do you need a crate or anything for him, to bring him inside the house?"

"Oh yeah. We do it in the winter when it's real cold," the man replies, adding that his dog — which knows only life outside on a chain — has on occasion "messed up" the basement when brought indoors.

"When we get one in we'll give you a nice, big crate," Lamsa promises. "Then he can go in that inside."

The volunteers heap straw in and around the doghouse, then fetch treats and a bowl of food, while the owner refreshes his dog's water. They snap a few photos and take notes to inform other C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc. teams that return regularly to check on the animal's welfare.

Before they leave, Whitley squats and stretches her arm in a friendly gesture. "I don't think he's aggressive, but he is blind and he gets scared," she says, petting him as he gnaws playfully on her hand, soaking up her attention. "Good boy. Such a good boy. It's okay. It's okay."

## BBQ FUNDRAISER

**What:** Raises funds for C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc., Good Juju Rescue in Plymouth, and Dog Aide, based in Fenton

**When:** 1-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27

**Where:** Paint Creek Cider Mill, 4480 Orion Road, in Oakland Township

**Details:** Choice of pulled pork, smoked chicken or veggie wraps, along with baked beans, coleslaw or doughnut. Music by Jillian Linklater and Just Lookin' for Places to Play. Includes kids' activities, bounce house, raffles, silent auction. Dogs welcome

**Tickets:** \$20 for adults; \$10 for children, 10 and under. Visit [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) and search Paint Creek Cider Mill BBQ Fundraiser

Living blind, on a chain 24/7, outdoors, sheltered only by a tarp and a doghouse, with straw for comfort, is not ideal. But C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc., volunteers keep in mind the mantra "Don't let perfect get in the way of better."

## Red to green

The half-hour stop is one of several listed on the team's itinerary that includes a few first-time assessments and welfare re-checks. Initial visits are based on owner requests or calls from neighbors. Volunteers also notice needy dogs in backyards and residents sometimes approach C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc.'s truck. It's easy to spot and piled high with supplies.

Convincing owners to bring their dogs indoors can take months of education and trust-building. Dog owners who are eager to keep water bowls full, their dogs well-fed, inoculated and who permit their pets to be spayed or neutered, earn a "green" or "good" rating and are more likely to receive help with backyard fencing or kennels. A "red" rating may indicate abuse or neglect and sometimes merits a call to cruelty investigators or a request to surrender the dog. Volunteers work with owners on their dog care skills and look for improvement in the pet's health and environment. A "yellow" rating is average.

"It's sad, but while you are there you are doing a good thing for these dogs," says Leach, a Wyandotte resident who works for a manufacturing company in Detroit. "There are owners you can really talk to and they seem to get it. They'll get the dog off



Goldie says hello. A new pooper-scooper hangs on the kennel built by C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc., a few months ago.

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Dawn Lamsa spends a little time with Goldie before heading to the next stop.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

the chain and into the house.

"If they just don't get it, they get very regular visits to see what has changed and what we can do to help. A lot is they don't care. These dogs are a security system, not a pet they care about, and that is frustrating to those of us who love dogs."

Whitley, a Trenton resident who works for a financial services firm in Canton, became a C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc. volunteer two years ago. Her most rewarding experience is taking a dog and owner from a red rating to green.

"That is what makes your heart melt," Whitley says. "They take the dog in at night. I don't know if it's because they are being held accountable or if their attitude changes ... their dog becomes a part of their family."



C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc.'s truck is piled with straw, a dog house, treats, food, water and other supplies as volunteers head out for their first stop.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lamsa says family and cultural attitudes, an inability to pay for fencing, apathy about dog training and the desire for protection compel owners to keep dogs chained in their backyards.

The Sterling Heights woman calls herself a "crazy cat lady," who initially was "petrified" of dogs before joining C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc.

"When I see them chained I can't sit here. I have to do something," she says.

## Annual fundraiser

In addition to volunteering, Lamsa is coordinating a third annual barbecue fundraiser for C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc., and two other animal welfare

groups, from 1-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Paint Creek Cider Mill, 4480 Orion Road, in Oakland Township.

Proceeds will help C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc., pay for supplies and vetting. Gina Freemon, founder and president, figures her organization spends approximately \$250 per dog at each initial assessment. The cost includes a doghouse, straw, flea and tick preventative, food, and treats. The nonprofit organization also assists with spay and neuter, vaccinations, deworming and heartworm preventative.

C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc., targets southwest Detroit neighborhoods, one neighborhood on the city's east side, and

downriver communities. Freemon says her group has helped more than 1,600 outdoor dogs over the past five years, working with owners in baby steps.

"We try to take the homes we currently have and make them better," she says, adding that at least half of them improve significantly.

"The chained dog is the most miserable dog of all in existence. It's horrendous. They live in horrible conditions in dilapidated houses with no interaction. They are more likely to bite because they are not socialized. It's just the worst form of animal abuse ... the worst form of neglect."

Freemon, a registered nurse from Brownstown Township, saw her first chained dog five years ago while coming home from work on a snowy January evening.

There was no answer when she knocked on the homeowner's door, intending to offer her help. Freemon returned with straw, food and help from the dog owner's neighbors. The dog remains involved with C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc., but has been freed from the chain.

Goldie and Duke were tethered outdoors in their southwest Detroit neighborhood until volunteers built a kennel for them a few months ago. They are the highlight of Lamsa's route. She tells green-rated owner Gloria Correa she'll look into getting a play pool and indoor crates.

"I had them inside yesterday. It was so hot," Correa explains. They stay indoors in cold weather, too.

Correa is grateful for the help, especially the kennels.

"I like to see them run around," she says. "It's a lot easier for me and a lot safer for them."

For more about C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc., visit [chained2011.org](http://chained2011.org).

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You are hereby notified that there will be a hearing in the matter of, James Burton vs. Allied Waste, et al, Case No.: 14-NW-CV01873, as a result of the wrongful death of John Porter Burton, born on October 6, 1938, formerly of Seneca, Missouri, on August 26, 2016 at 11:15 a.m. at Newton County Courthouse, 101 S. Wood, Neosho, MO 64850, pursuant to Mo. Rev. Stat. § 537.095. All persons who are members of the class entitled to sue or join in this action are entitled to be present and to present evidence. Contact Katrina Richards of The Hershewe Law Firm, PC, 417-782-3790, for more information.

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## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

1. Z 16-16 199 Hamilton Non-Use Variance Requested Front Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: Ty Sasena
2. Z 16-17 898 S. Main Use Variance Requested To Allow a Used Car Dealer License Zoned: B-1, Local Business Applicant: Jeffrey Bejma

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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# Sewer line blockage caused ramp flooding

Problem was isolated incident and repaired

**David Veselenak**  
Staff Writer

Flooding over an exit ramp off Interstate 275 in Livonia was caused by an error near the sewer drain some in recent years, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Diane Cross, a spokeswoman for MDOT, said the ramp on southbound I-275 to Six Mile in Livonia became flooded after the torrential rains fell earlier in the week and the sewer didn't accept the runoff. That caused the exit ramp to overflow with water and make it impassable.

"Somehow, the sewer pipe was drilled into by some other conduit," she said. "Until we had the flood, we didn't know the sewer drain was blocked."

The National Weather Service in White Lake Township said Livonia reported receiving 1.6 inches of rain over a 12-



The ramp to Six Mile from southbound I-275 Wednesday morning. It was closed after flooding overtook the ramp for about 24 hours. The ramp reopened Wednesday.

hour time span Monday and Tuesday.

Cross said it wasn't a problem known to MDOT until the rainstorm, and was not sure when the blockage had taken place originally or what agency had done it. Cross said the issue may have stemmed from a utility company doing work in the area, but did not know what agency may have been responsible. It was not a result of the construction currently taking place along I-275, Cross said.

She said it should not be an issue again after

crews made the repair. "That was an isolated incident," Cross said.

She said the ramp was closed Tuesday and reopened during the day Wednesday after crews repaired the sewer line, allowing for drainage to take place and the freeway to dry up. The foot path along the freeway saw some water still running off into the runoff ditches along the exit ramp Wednesday morning.

The ramp flooding appeared to be the biggest issue in Livonia to

happen related to the recent weather. Brian Wilson, assistant superintendent of public works for the City of Livonia, said city crews were out taking care of a few downed trees and tree branches in city right-of-ways.

Those were only to only weather-related issues the city saw, he said.

"They may have been weakened before then," he said. "A dozen of those incidents ... occurred overnight."

## No effect on construction

Despite the large amount of rain in the area, Cross said construction hasn't seen much in the way of delays on the \$75 million project between Five Mile and the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange.

Northbound lanes remain closed, as they have been since early July. Cross said the entire project is roughly 72 percent complete, with the deadline for the freeway to reopen taking place sometime in mid-September.

Wixom-based Toebe Construction, the contractor doing the I-275 work, continues to move forward with the work, Cross said, and hopes to potentially reopen the freeway earlier. That would earn the company an incentive bonus depending on what day it wraps up. Beginning Sept. 2, the contractor can earn a \$150,000/day bonus once the freeway reopens.

Cross said it's possible

the freeway could be reopened by Labor Day, but said that would only be if conditions line up properly.

"That would be all the stars lining up," she said.

The contractor has until mid-September to get the freeway reopened. Penalties are assessed to the contractor to the tune of \$150,000 per day if not reopened by the deadline day Sept. 15.

Other ramps still remained closed, including M-5 eastbound toward the I-696 ramp in Novi. MDOT says those ramps will remain closed until mid-September. Cross said it was not a guarantee that the ramps would reopen at the same time northbound I-275 reopens, and that the contractor still has until mid-September to finish work to reopen all portions of the affected freeways.

"I'm still saying mid-September, hopefully sooner," she said.

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## City, PARC offer Buddy Up Fitness Challenge

Z Spot Fitness, in conjunction with the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex and the city of Plymouth, announces that they are bringing the insanely popular Buddy Up Fitness Challenge to Plymouth in October.

The Buddy Up Fitness Challenge is a life-changing and innovative community health program that has helped hundreds of individuals in Wayne, Westland, and other nearby areas over the past four years. The smash hit TV show "Biggest Loser"

finalist, Buddy Shuh, leads the program and uses his life experiences to help individuals make reasonable, sustainable, and meaningful changes toward achieving a healthy lifestyle.

Participants are divided up into teams, led by volunteer "Team Captains," who will mentor, inspire, and support their teammates to success throughout the program. Research has consistently shown that support from others, i.e. "buddying up" can make the

difference between success and failure with any fitness plan. Community support is the key component to the program.

Participants will meet every Saturday morning 9-10 a.m., Oct. 1-Nov. 19, in the Main Gym at PARC, 650 Church Street, in downtown Plymouth.

The cost to participants is \$50 and includes: five workouts led by professional trainers; eight weekly meetings providing information about fitness and nutrition along with healthy

food samples led by Buddy Shuh; Aa fun "warehouse" boot camp style workout; a before and after physical assessment; support provided by your teammates, and led by your incredible captain; a t-shirt; a binder compiling your program information and special offers provided by local business; discount on fitness classes from the Z Spot during the program.

For questions, contact Gail Grieger at 734-474-6792.

## Pobur gets regional chamber endorsement

Colleen Pobur, a member of the Plymouth City Commission and Democratic candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives in the



Pobur

20th District, has received the endorsement of the Detroit Regional Chamber

I'm elected as the next state representative for Canton, Northville and Plymouth, I look forward to working with the Detroit Regional Chamber and other groups to create an economy that works for everyone."

After graduating from the University of Michigan, Pobur worked for a computer company selling hardware and software and then for Ameritech.

"Michigan's continued comeback requires leaders on both sides of the aisle who will come to Lansing to get things done," said Brad Williams, vice president of government relations for the Detroit Regional Chamber. "Colleen Pobur has the right experience, the right temperament and the right vision to make sure Michigan's prosperity continues and grows."

of Commerce. Pobur shares the organization's goal of helping businesses create good paying jobs throughout the region.

"Michigan's economy is improving, but too many people are still struggling to find a job that will allow them to support their family. The way the state is investing our money is not working. I think we can do better," Pobur said. "If

## Farmers Market pairs with Ann Arbor orchestra

The Canton Farmers Market is partnering with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra (A2SO) to present a "Taste of Music," featuring a small ensemble performance, as well as an instrument petting zoo.

Area residents are encouraged to visit the Canton Farmers Market 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21, to experience the program.

"Taste of Music" is an Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra program funded by the Community Foundation of Southeast

Michigan that moves music out of the concert hall and into the community at area farmers markets in Washtenaw, Wayne, Oakland, and Livingston counties.

A special A2SO ensemble performance will be held at 11 a.m. Throughout the market day, an A2SO instrument petting zoo will also be held. Please note that instrument petting zoos may stop during performances and will resume shortly thereafter.

Children of all ages and children at heart will

have the opportunity to try out real violins, cellos, trumpets and clarinets. Child-sized instruments, along with trained "zookeepers" ensure that even the smallest child will have a successful first instrumental experience.

The A2SO will also offer complementary concert tickets for the 2016-17 concert season to market customers who use food assistance programs. For additional information about the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra's "Taste of

Music," please call 734-994-4801 or visit [www.a2so.com](http://www.a2so.com).

The Canton Farmers Market is currently held every Sunday, now through Oct. 16, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road.

For additional information go to [www.canton-mi.org/496](http://www.canton-mi.org/496), pick up a brochure at the market or contact market Coordinator Amanda Campana at [cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org](mailto:cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org).

## Civitans double tent size for annual Taste Fest

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club's annual Taste Fest tent has been doubled in size.

"Weather is a major factor in this decision. We have experienced torrential rain, stifling heat, and high winds. In the past and in spite of the weather predictions, all the restaurants have shown up and people

have come to experience the great food and music," according to the Civitans. "But for everybody's comfort, we can now all fit under the tent

This year, the Civitans has new participants. They are b.d.'s Mongolian Grill, Beyond Borders - Latin Street Food, C.A.Y.A. Smokehouse Grill, Olga's Kitchen,

41725 Ford Road Canton, Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza and Wok Asian Bistro of Northville.

The Civitans will have its core of participants: Grand Traverse Pie Company, Bahama Breeze, Rocky's of Northville, Cupcake Station, Happy's Pizza & Ribs, My Rusty Bucket, La Bistecca Italian Grille and our host,

Station 885.

Tickets will be \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids aged 5-10, and under 5 are free. There will also be a live band and a cash bar. The date is Friday, Sept. 9, 6-8 p.m. Station 885 will hosting a party afterward.



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# Red Shield promotes Salvation Army

**Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

A little rain, or even more than a little, couldn't dampen enthusiasm at The Ride for the Red Shield - Plymouth/Downriver of The Salvation Army on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Sandy Kollinger, Volunteer and Special Events coordinator, said in an email: "Despite the rain we had a great day. We had six volunteers from the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club that assisted with registration and breakfast in the morning. The Wayne County Sheriff Motorcycle Unit had seven officers that assisted with our ride, and did a fantas-

tic job helping get through intersections. "It rained up until it was time to depart the parking lot and held off until we were done with lunch. There were 17 motorcycles (not counting escort) and 23 riders/passengers come out and join us for the ride."

Kollinger, a rider herself, noted the ride started at The Salvation Army on Main Street in Plymouth and made the 23-mile trek to The Salvation Army Downriver/Wyandotte office for a quick stop and then went another 10 miles to Bagger Dave's in Woodhaven for lunch.

This was the second year of The Ride for the Red Shield - Plymouth/

Downriver. "It's a nice, leisurely ride going from our building here Downriver," Kollinger had said. 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 had said.

Sponsors for this year's ride include Thunder Valley Powersports of Plymouth, Kroger Plymouth on Ann Arbor Road and Bagger Dave's. Both Dunkin Donuts and Einstein Bros. Bagels on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth helped with items for breakfast.



Riders in the storm? A little rain didn't bother these folks at The Salvation Army charity, fellowship and fun event.

# ER nurse rescues twin teens from drowning

The perfect summer Up North getaway — camping at a remote site in the Upper Peninsula on Lake Michigan with five of your best buddies, most of whom work with you. That's how this story starts for Matthew Whitcomb, R.N., of Westland, an emergency nurse at Beaumont Hospital, Farmington Hills.

As Whitcomb tried to teach his Golden Lab to sit in his kayak while on the beach, he and his friends took notice of a man swimming toward them from the open water on Lake Michigan. The man yelled something like, "Hey, would you let me rent your kayak for \$20 because I have to rescue my sons out there."

Whitcomb jumped into his kayak while the man jumped into the only other kayak Whitcomb's group brought camping. Whitcomb quickly took the lead because the other man had just spent the past 40 minutes swimming to shore.



Matthew Whitcomb of Westland, an R.N. at Beaumont Hospital, Farmington Hills, with the teens he rescued from drowning in Lake Michigan.

All alone in open water, Whitcomb paddled on, feeling disoriented until he heard what sounded like someone yelling. He had to stop paddling in order to figure out from what direction he heard the voice. Then, he started paddling as hard as he could in that direction until he saw what looked like a head bobbing in the chop-

py water. The boys were disoriented and swimming further away from shore. Their muscles were cramping from the hour that they'd been treading water after the family's inflated inner tube blew away from them.

There was no room in the kayak for passengers, so he told the first boy to grab and hold onto

the kayak's front handle. Then, with difficulty, Whitcomb paddled over to the boy's twin brother and had him grab hold of the watercraft's back handle.

With a physically exhausted teenager dangling from each end of the kayak, Whitcomb paddled them safely to shore within about 20 minutes.

"I guess I was in the right place at the right time," said Whitcomb, who began working at Beaumont Hospital, Farmington Hills six years ago.

All during this time, Whitcomb's friends stood on the beach with no way to help except to call 9-1-1. The emergency dispatcher in that area between the towns of Gould City and Naubinway alerted the U.S. Coast Guard.

"All I could think is that the rescuers would need to be rescued along with the boys," said Michelle Kearns, R.N., who works with Whitcomb in the Emergency & Trauma Center at Beaumont, Farmington Hills.

Paramedics checked the boys' vital signs. Aside from being exhausted, they were fine. Their dad was so wiped out by the ordeal, that after thanking Whitcomb profusely, he returned to his campsite for a 20-hour nap.

Later that day, Whit-

comb bumped into the twins at the campground. They came over to his campsite and hung out with his group for about an hour. As a token of their deep gratitude, the boys presented Whitcomb with a buck knife that their grandfather had given to them when they were just 9 years old.

Whitcomb told the boys that he appreciated their knife very much and may actually use it for its intended purpose when he goes deer hunting.

In all the excitement, formal introductions were never made. The family will never know the name of the man who rescued their kids from certain death and Whitcomb will never know the names of the kids he saved.

"It was a good ending, though," Whitcomb said. "What an awesome day even if I couldn't get my dog to sit still in the kayak."

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# Wine & Dine event helps fund cancer research

In 2009, Bloomfield Township resident Sidney Moss was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, an incurable blood cancer. As he recalls, it was a scary time when the 67-year-old realized that he might not be around to see his grandchildren grow. However, under the treatment of Dr. Jeffrey Margolis and with a stem cell transplant, Moss' cancer is currently in remission.

The Sixth annual Wine & Dine in the D, an evening of gourmet food, fine wine and jazz music, will take over the entire fourth floor of the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel on Wednesday night, Sept. 21. The event benefits Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF), which is committed to accelerating the development of treatments for multiple myeloma.

The idea for Wine & Dine in the D came from Moss who credits MMRF for providing him, and other patients, with a quality of life that wasn't attainable prior to the Foundation's formation.

"Two decades ago, before the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) existed, people who got the disease were only expected to live a couple of years. That has all changed. There are numerous new drugs currently on the market that came from research funded by MMRF and they contin-



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Wine & Dine in the D will take place Wednesday night, Sept. 21, at the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel.

ually look to fund more," Moss said.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a roundtable presentation sponsored by Amgen and including Margolis, president of Michigan Healthcare Professionals, P.C. and professor at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. Others involved in the discussion include Dr. Jeffrey Zonder, professor of medicine and oncology at Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and Wayne State University

School of Medicine; Dr. Craig Emmitt Cole, assistant professor, hematology & oncology, University of Michigan; Dr. Ajai Chari, associate professor, medicine, hematology and medical oncology, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York; Dr. Michael Lill, director, Stem Cell and Bone Marrow Transplant Program, Cedars-Sinai Hospital, Los Angeles; and Dr. Joan Levy, Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation vice president of research.

The "wining and dining" begins at 6:30 and includes specialties from some of Metro Detroit's top restaurants including - but not limited to - Central Kitchen & Bar, Michael Simon's Roast, Giovanni's Ristorante Vertical Detroit and Vicente's Cuban Cuisine in Detroit; Forest in Birmingham; Cork Wine Pub in Pleasant Ridge; Café Cortina and Wicked Table in Farmington Hills; Eskimo Jacks Artisan Cookies & Ice Cream in Southfield; Maria's Res-

taurant, Sparky Noodle Bakery and Prime 29 Steakhouse in West Bloomfield; Beverly Hills Grill in Beverly Hills; Ocean Prime, Tre Monti Ristorante and The Melting Pot in Troy; Cantoro Italian Markets & Trattoria and Mitchell's Fish Market in Livonia; Steve & Rocky's and Big Tommy's Parthenon in Novi; Mezza Mediterranean Grille in Orchard Lake; The Silver Spoon in Rochester and Pei Wei with locations across the Metro Detroit area.

In addition, guests will sample selections from top Michigan and California wineries including Bel Lago Vineyards & Winery, Bower's Harbor Vineyards, Burgdorf's Winery, Hall Wines, Leelanau Wine Cellars, Mackinaw Trail Winery, Mari Vineyards, and The Wine Group. Craft beer from Frankenmuth Brewery, Granite City and Short's Brewery will also be available as well as mixed libations from Grand Traverse Distillery.

Famed Detroit jazz artists Ursula Walker and the Buddy Budson Quintet will provide the entertainment, while attendees enjoy the food, libations and a raffle drawing.

A Patron-only After-Glow Reception in the Crystal Ballroom caps off the evening with desserts and an assortment of very rare fine wines. "These are wines from the cellar of a very experienced collector," stated Moss, adding that the After-Glow reception is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to try some of these rare wines.

Tickets for Wine & Dine in the D are \$175 each, or \$275 for a Patron ticket, which allows the purchaser to attend the After-Glow Reception as well. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit: <http://wineanddineinthed.org/> or contact Michele MacWilliams at 248-625-0070.

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### LIONS CLUB CORN ROAST

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27

**Location:** Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon Road, Canton

**Details:** The club, in conjunction with the church, is fundraising raises money for the blind and hearing-impaired. The club also provides eye glasses, academic scholarships and low vision aids at the Canton and Belleville libraries. The menu will include all-you-can-eat roasted corn, hot dogs, baked beans, watermelon, ice cream, cotton candy, snow cones and a beverage.

**Cost:** Donations

**Contact:** Lion Bill Van Winkle at 734-254-9404 or email [govbill1@outlook.com](mailto:govbill1@outlook.com).

### JAZZ AT THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30

**Location:** Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Guests will be entertained by the Bill Meyer Group, who will be backing DJ Holliday, who sings Billie Holiday favorites and original compositions. Come and hear about the DJ's amazing life story. Bill Meyer on keys, Gaylynn McKinney on drums, and Ralphe Armstrong on bass. Styled after their regular Thursday night gig at Bert's Marketplace, Bill invites musicians to jam with the group. DJ will have her newly released CD available, "Before I Go."

**Cost:** \$10 donation at the door. Includes hors d'oeuvres

**Contact:** Call 734-453-1780, visit [www.plymouthannarbor-elks325.com](http://www.plymouthannarbor-elks325.com) or email [jazzat-theelks@gmail.com](mailto:jazzat-theelks@gmail.com).

### 'SOUTH PACIFIC' COMES TO CANTON

**Time/Date:** Sept. 16-18; 23-25, Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday performances at 2 p.m.

**Location:** The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** Spotlight Players presents the classic musical "South Pacific" with song favorites including: "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair," "Some Enchanted Evening" and "There Is Nothin' Like A Dame." This story involves love and loss, camaraderie, and overcoming prejudice.

**Cost:** Tickets are \$16-\$18 each. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or visiting [www.canton-mi.org/290/Village-Theater](http://www.canton-mi.org/290/Village-Theater). Tickets are also available for purchase at The Village Theater Box office one hour prior to show time.

**Contact:** For more information, please see <http://spotlightplayersmi.org/>

### VFW FUNDRAISERS

**Time/Date:** Various

**Location:** VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth

**Details:** A number of events will be held to raise money for the post

**Contact:** 734-265-7908

### WORSHIP IN THE PARK

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

**Location:** Cherry Hill Village

Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hills roads, across from the Village Theater

**Details:** St. Michael Lutheran hosts worship services in a casual atmosphere. Professionally managed child care will be provided. Immediately following Worship in the Park on Aug. 7, a free picnic happens from 12:30-2 p.m. on the grounds of the Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse. Hot dogs, cookies, chips and water will be provided, while you enjoy some musical entertainment from one of our praise bands.

**Contact:** Church office at 734-459-3333 or go to [www.connectingwithGod.org](http://www.connectingwithGod.org).

### RAINFOREST ADVENTURE EXHIBIT AT CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

**Times/days/dates:** Exhibit open during museum hours through Sept. 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

**Details:** Cranbrook Institute of Science has opened a new exhibit called Rainforest Adventure, an interactive maze where museum visitors descend through the four layers of the rainforest, and even see live rainforest animals on display. The traveling exhibit is free with museum admission. For more information on hours and pricing, go to <http://science.cranbrook.edu/visit/tickets-pricing>, call 248-644-5210 or go to [christchurchcranbrook.org](http://christchurchcranbrook.org)

### SENIOR GAMES

**Time/Date:** Aug. 23-25

**Location:** Various places in Canton

**Details:** Area seniors are invited to enter the inaugural Canton Senior Games for variety of fun and challenging activities for men and women age 55 and older. This year's events include sports tournaments (golf, pickleball, tennis, billiards); cards/Wii games (euchre, pinochle, Wii bowling); and field games (bean bag toss, bocce ball, Frisbee toss, softball throw, basketball shot, soccer kick, football toss)

**Contact:** Registration is now available at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or in person at the Canton Club 55+ at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway. All participants must register by Wednesday, Aug. 10

### LITTLE LEAGUE BINGO

**Time/Date:** 6-9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 9

**Location:** The Gathering Place, downtown Plymouth

**Details:** Plymouth-Canton Little League will BINGO! at Plymouth Fall Festival this year. Grand Slam Bingos at 6:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m., and 8:45 p.m. Players must be 18 years of age and have valid ID. Children under 18 years of age must be with an adult at all times. They are not allowed to play Bingo, but they may sit with an adult while the adult plays. Games will be called continuously starting at 6 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m. Bingo sheets will be sold at the beginning of each round.

**Cost:** Single and double games:

\$1 for one sheet or \$2 for three sheets; Grand slam games - \$5 for one sheet or \$10 for three sheets. Grand slam games will one line followed by coverall. Cash only.

**Contact:** Volunteers needed. Contact [plycanlittleleague@gmail.com](mailto:plycanlittleleague@gmail.com).

### CANTON CHAMBER GOLF

**Time/Date:** Sept. 15

**Location:** Pheasant Run Golf Club, Canton

**Details:** The Canton Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing is open to the public and various packages are available for purchase. All golf packages include beverages on the course, steak dinner and prizes. Individual golf is \$150 or the dinner alone is \$35. Sponsorships are available.

**Contact:** 734-453-4040 or go to [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com).

### SENIOR GOLF

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23

**Location:** Pheasant Run Golf Club, Canton

**Details:** Area seniors ages 55 and over are encouraged to hit the links for 18 holes in this four-person golf scramble that includes a continental breakfast, lunch and cart for \$49 for Canton residents and \$54 for non-residents. Come as a foursome, twosome or a single player. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m., with a shotgun start scheduled for 9 a.m. Lunch at the clubhouse is planned at 1:30 p.m. Prizes for several on-course contests will be awarded, including men's and women's closest to the pin. Additional door prizes will also be available. First place will be decided by a blind draw.

**Contact:** Registration is underway. Seniors are encouraged to reserve a spot by calling 734-394-5485 or register in person through Wednesday, Aug. 17, at Canton Club 55+, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

### FASHION SETTERS EXHIBIT

**Time/Date:** Museum hours, through Nov. 6

**Location:** Plymouth Historical Museum

**Details:** The First Ladies Fashion Setters exhibit features more than a dozen dresses of the first ladies throughout history. Other memorabilia highlighting elections, the presidents and the first ladies will also be displayed.

### SEEKING COMPASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS

**Time/Date:** Until September

**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5820 N Lilley Road, Canton

**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient care and companionship, office support, group activities and more. Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentiality, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving

the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer. Interested volunteers must complete the online application process prior to training. Early registration is encouraged, as several steps are to be completed prior to the start of the training sessions. Next new

volunteer orientation is Sept. 13 in the hospice office.

**Contact:** Jeanne Edwards, volunteer coordinator, at 888-983-9050.

### CANCER SUPPORT

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

**Details:** Connecting with others who know what it is to have lung cancer can help during this

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

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# Amateur memorable for local golfers

Canton's Josh Heinze leads area players with a two-round total of 146

Marty Budner  
Staff Writer

Nine Michigan players teed off in the prestigious U.S. Amateur tournament Monday at Oakland Hills Country Club.

Only one of them, Nick Carlson from Hamilton and a sophomore at the University of Michigan, advanced to match play. The Amateur experience was over by Tuesday evening after 36 holes of stroke play for the remaining eight Michigan participants.

While the tournament was short lived for Novi's Ben Smith, Canton's Josh Heinze and Birmingham's David Hall, the memories they made will

remain forever.

Heinze led those area players with a two-round total of 146, including a 74 on the South Course and 72 on the North Course. The six-over par showing left him tied for 144th place overall among the starting field of 312 players.

"It was amazing. It was an incredible experience," said Heinze, who golfed four years at Plymouth High School. "I didn't play the greatest, which kind of stunk. But, just to play the U.S. Amateur in Michigan and playing at Oakland Hills was an amazing experience.

"I wasn't as sharp as I needed to be to qualify for match play and make some noise there, but I guess all things considered I played all right," he said.

"I was disappointed to miss out on match play."

Heinze's total score included five birdies and 20 pars. The 22-year-old linker said his fondest memory will be rolling in a birdie putt on the South Course's signature 16th waterside green in his opening round.

"That's the scenic hole where everyone likes to take pictures at," said Heinze, who has been working an internship in Lansing this summer which did not allow for much practice time. "I hit a nice little nine iron down to the middle right portion of the green and rolled in a putt which kind of got me



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Michigan State University's Josh Heinze, a Canton resident, carded a 146 (74-72) in two rounds of stroke play at the U.S. Amateur.

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## PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW - PART 1



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Julian Thornton, shown carrying the football during a recent scrimmage, is one of Canton's top offensive threats.

# ON A MISSION

Chiefs look to take final step toward Division 1 title

Evan Paputa  
Correspondent

Every August, Canton head coach Tim Baechler has to fill oodles of roles left open due to graduation.

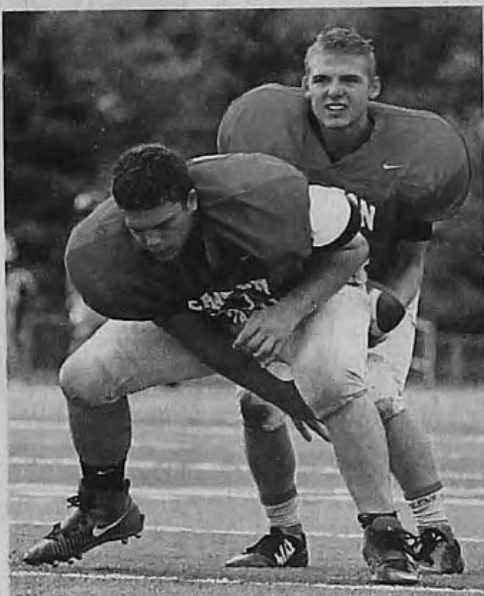
This year, however, Baechler has very few holes to fill with 13 starters returning from the Chiefs' best season since 2006.

"I think what's exciting is that we have a lot of guys back with experience," Baechler said. "They're smart, tough, competitive guys. Those guys win most of the time."

"I love that intelligence coming back, I love that we have a lot of experience from last year, they played a lot of football games. We are ahead of schedule mentally compared to last year."

That collage of experience comes from Canton's run to the Division 1 state semifinals in which it lost to Cass Tech by a touchdown. The Chiefs finished with a 10-3 record and won both district and regional championships for only the third time in school history.

"I think they had so much fun on that run last year that 'who wouldn't want to repeat that?' I'm sure that's been motivation. It was close enough that they got a taste of it," Baechler said.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Canton quarterback Jake O'Donnell and center Max Mulvaney practice snaps.

### Road graters

Although quarterback Jake O'Donnell counts as a returning starter, he will not be entering preseason practice as number one.

He took over as the starter for Joel Foster in the seventh game of last season, but Foster has a chance to redeem himself, according to Baechler.

"There's a little bit of a quarterback competition with him (O'Donnell) and Joel Foster, it's open," Baechler said.

"They're getting equal reps and will again in the scrimmage. Joel started the first six games and we decided to make the switch. He's a great kid, works his butt off; he can run and throw. He's a senior and deserves another chance."

Whoever wins the quarterback battle will have an experienced offensive line to protect them.

That offensive line, which includes two tight ends, returns four starters from a fruitful offensive campaign from a year ago in which they averaged 37 points per game.

O'Donnell gave credit to the offensive line for leading the charge of Canton's yearly offensive success. Without the offensive line, Canton's staple running game wouldn't be as effective as they have been in recent years.

"It all starts with our line," O'Donnell said. "They block hard all day long, but never get any credit."

Seniors David Gunnis, Jake Warner, Michael Maes, and tight end Brennon Pelland are the returners that are set to anchor the line this year.

Baechler noted that seniors Tyler Santoro and Max Mulvaney will add depth to the offensive line. Juniors Lou Baechler, Chase Meredith, and Noah Brown will compliment Pelland at tight end.

"We're happy with a 3- or 4-yard gain; we're never bored with a 3- or 4-yard gain; we love it and we celebrate it. We celebrate first downs and not fumbling the ball," Baechler said.

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# Rocks hope good early vibe has legs

Salem banking on improved camaraderie as season unfolds

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Salem Rocks varsity football coach Kurt Britnell has a formula that he is hopeful will bear fruit during the 2016 season.

Take a high school football team to a college campus in Ada, Ohio, for a few days, incorporate togetherness and fun into the two-a-days, and return home to Plymouth-Canton-Educational Park ready to hit the sled running.

"Sunday we do our conditioning test, have some leadership activities," said Britnell, whose team opens at 6:30 p.m. Friday against Belleville on the junior varsity field at the Park. "Monday it's the same we'd do here, we're in helmets two days, multiple practices throughout the day, Wednesday shoulder pads."

"Same thing we'd do here, except we're staying on campus (at Ohio Northern) and using their facilities. We eat together, walk to the field together."

Whether or not the team-bonding trip pays dividends remains to be seen; Britnell has taken his teams to preseason camps before and only in 2012 did the team contend for a state playoff berth (the Rocks went 5-4 that season). Last year, Salem finished 3-6.

"That's always the hope of it," Britnell said. "In the past it hasn't really carried over as much as we'd like to, but this group seems close like the 2012 team so hopefully we'll get some similar results."

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MICHAEL VASILNEK

Powering his way through the line is Salem junior lineman Alex Howie (right), who is expected to be a key contributor on both sides of the ball.

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FOOTBALL PREVIEW

# Seasoned Shamrocks eye more success under Mach

CC opens season Aug. 27 at 'Battle of the Big House'

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

All signs point to another stellar football season for Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Heading into a tough season opener Saturday, Aug. 27 against Sterling Heights Stevenson in the Battle of the Big House at University of Michigan Stadium, the Shamrocks should again be formidable after finishing 9-3 a year ago before losing to eventual MHSAA Division 1 champion Romeo in the regional final.

Coach Tom Mach, entering his 41st season, likes what he sees so far from his 2016 class of the Shamrocks.

"We're really happy with their attitude," said Mach, who is 357-93 overall with 10 state titles and six runner-up finishes. "It looks like a team that likes each other and looks like a team that's come together, and looks like a team with some brotherhood. So we all had a good feeling coming out of the last couple of weeks."

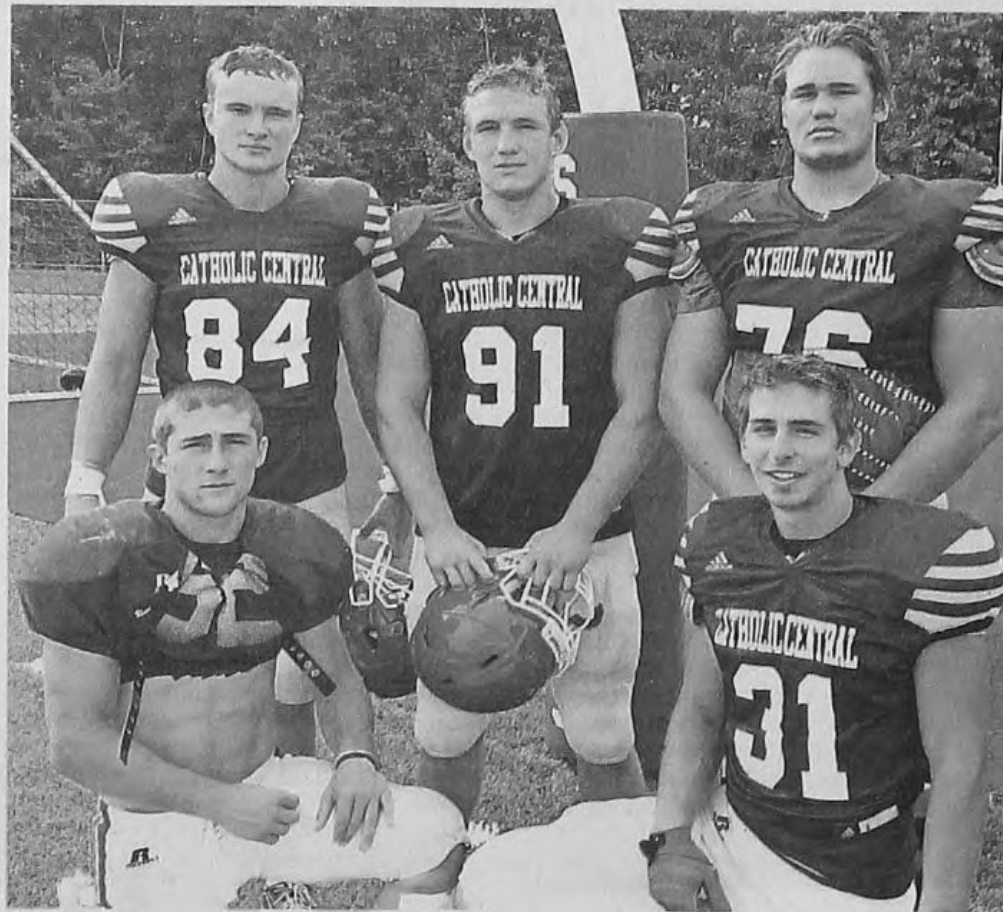
Despite a steamy first week of practice, Mach was pleased with the effort.

"And I was very happy with the kids the way they came back this year," said Mach, fourth among all MHSAA coaches in wins. "They had worked really hard in the offseason and they worked really hard in the summer. Got themselves in great shape. As hot as it's been this year we didn't really see any effect of the heat on us. I mean, everybody was hot, but they kind of pushed through that. We started early and left early as much as we could to keep them out of the hard part of the heat during the day."

Last season, Austin Brown seized the starting quarterback job in his third week as a freshman and appears to be seasoned veteran heading into his second season.

"It's hard for a young guy to recognize all the defenses and to be able to know which man to go to," Mach said of the 6-foot-1, 180-pound sophomore. "You got to follow your one-two-three reads. Actually in high school and college I think mostly they go one-two and that's it. But he's the kind of guy that if he doesn't have that, he can make things happen. He's got a good sense for when to take off with the ball and cause you a lot of trouble trying to control him. He's a pretty exciting quarterback and he showed a lot of poise last year and I'm sure he's going to do the same this year."

Senior Nicholas Capatina is the top



BRAD EMONS

Among the top returnees for Catholic Central's football team include (top row, from left) Jack Morris, Jackson Ross, Blake Beuter; (bottom row, from left) Nicholas Capatina and Matt Harding.

returning running back after gaining 700 yards (6.5 per carry) to go along with nine touchdowns.

"What we do in our offense is that we do a lot of different things," Mach said. "He (Capatina) is the tailback, and our tailback is important, but we also have an emphasis on the fullback. We give the ball to all three backs. He's going to get his share for sure. He did a great job for us last year and we're expecting the same this year. But we also believe that you can't be dependent on just one back."

Also penciled in to play in the backfield is senior Tyler Morland, along with fullbacks Matt Young and Cameron Ryan, a pair of juniors.

Meanwhile, both Jackson Ross and Jack Morris return at the tight end position, while Chris Jakubik and Matt Harding, a pair of seniors, will also be Brown's top targets in the passing game.

The offensive line will be anchored by senior Blake Beuter (6-4, 265) and William Butler (6-1, 235).

"We've got some experience coming back on offense and I think that helps us a great deal," Mach said. "I'm looking

forward to what is going to happen because they've done it for a year in actual competition. You can't replace that and that's a great thing."

Defensively, first-team All-Area picks Ross (48 tackles, 3.5 sacks), Beuter (43 tackles, 2.5 sacks) and Morris all return along with a strong linebacking corps that includes junior Isaac Darkangelo, Morland, Ryan and Young.

The secondary, however, has to be rebuilt with the departure of first-team All-Area defensive backs Alex Bock (Ferris State) and Tyler Laurentius (Hillsdale College).

"Our guys are tough-minded," Mach said. "They're ready to go, the guys vying for the positions. We do have enough guys that we can take a good look at everybody, move them in-and-out. In our philosophy we get everybody ready to go two ways, so if something happens we always have a guy that's going to be ready to back up and be able to play."

The Shamrocks not only play Sterling Heights Stevenson in the opener, but they also have a non-league dates against two quality Ohio opponents in Toledo Whitmer (Sept. 2 away) and

**FAST FACTS**

**School:** Novi Detroit Catholic Central.  
**League affiliation:** Catholic League (Central Division).

**Last year's record:** 9-3 (3-1 Central).

**Titles won last year:** Division 1 district and Central Division co-champion.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Tom Kowalkoski (first-team All-Area), Alex Bock (first-team All-Area), Tyler Laurentius (first-team All-Area), Mike Edwards, Nick Bazany, Tarek Dalou, Philip Schmitz.

**Leading returnees:** Blake Beuter, Sr. OL-DL (6-4, 265; first-team All-Area); Jackson Ross, Sr. TE-DE (6-3, 245; first-team All-Area); Nick Capatina, Sr. RB (5-7, 157); Jack Morris, Sr. DE-TE (6-3, 220); Matt Harding, Sr. DB-WR (6-1, 185); Cameron Ryan, Jr. FB (6-0, 220); Austin Brown, Soph. QB (6-0, 180); Matt Young, Jr. FB-LEG (6-0, 225); Tyler Morland, Sr. RB-LB (5-11, 200); Isaac Darkangelo, Jr. LB (5-11, 200) William Butler, Sr. OL (6-1, 235).

**Promising newcomers:** Chris Jakubik, Sr. Safety-WR, P (6-1, 190).

**Mach says:** "Strength-wise I think our offensive line we're hoping to be improved from last year. And our offensive backs, many are back and have a year under their belts. I think we'll be a little stronger on offense to begin the season probably than defense. We lost four guys in the secondary and they were all good. We're going to have to do a lot with that going into our first game. Some guys have had some experience, so we hope that pays off early."

**2016 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts unless noted):** Aug. 27, 1 p.m. vs. Sterling Heights Stevenson at U-M Stadium; Sept. 2, at Toledo Whitmer; Sept. 9, vs. Toronto St. Michael; Sept. 16, vs. Cleveland St. Ignatius; Sept. 24, vs. Birmingham Brother Rice at Berkley's Anderson Field; Sept. 30, vs. Brantford Pauline Collegiate; Oct. 7, at Orchard St. Mary; Oct. 16, 1 p.m. vs. Warren DeLaSalle; Oct. 22, at Catholic League Prep Bowl (Ford Field).

Cleveland St. Ignatius (Sept. 16 at home).

CC also has to endure the normal Central Division meat grinder that features state powers Warren De La Salle, Orchard St. Mary Prep and Birmingham Brother Rice.

"We feel good about the fact that our attitude is great and we're ready to go," Mach said. "They want it and you can't get any better than that."

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## CHIEFS

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Gunnis saw his offensive line group jell last season. With four guys returning, he expects the group to continue to grow this season.

"It's just our work ethic and effort. We make all the holes by getting low pad level and hitting hard," Gunnis said.

Running backs will reap the rewards from the rugged offensive line. Senior Markus Sanders leads the bunch and is returning from a 2,000 yard-plus junior season.

Augmenting him in the backfield will be senior Julian Thornton, junior Colin Troup, and sophomore Steven Walker. Senior Reid McDonnell will be in the mix as well once he returns from injury.

"They're strong kids, they can block. They'll go get that four yards when you need it," Baechler said of his running

back stable.

**On same page**

In Canton's traditional, yet uncommon, 3-4 defense, the four linebackers are in charge of making sure everyone is on the same page and communicating with the coaches on the sideline. Inside linebacker Lou Baechler was the lead communicator a year ago as a sophomore and is prepared to improve upon that role as a junior.

"I have to bring my class of juniors up to varsity speed and build team chemistry with the seniors," Lou Baechler said.

Seniors Jared Golles and Drew Osika and juniors Meredith and Brown will join Baechler at linebacker. McDonnell will be in the mix as well once he returns.

With the majority of high school teams running a variation of the spread offense, the secondary is an important part of any defense. For the Chiefs especially, spread teams are a very common opponent; all four playoff

opponents from a year ago ran a version of the spread.

Returning cornerbacks Thornton, Troup and Eddie Lang look to improve upon their performance last year in which they were always in the right position to make plays. Walker and Jacob Donnelly are other names to watch in the secondary.

"What's hard is everybody's spread is a little bit different and you have to defend everybody differently. Everybody causes their own set of problems for us. What we have to do is tackle in the open field and eliminate the long pass play," Baechler said.

On the defensive line, Canton lost Tommy Evely to graduation who Baechler said was a "huge" loss.

Warner and Gabe Teichman return after playing 13 games as juniors. Newcomers Cam Goode, Patrick Lenczewski and Nick Mark will add depth to the defensive line.

Senior Ben Tubaro will handle the kicking duties, Donnelly will do the punting, and Daniel Lanava will be the

long snapper.

**First test**

Canton will open the season Aug. 26 against Dearborn Fordson at the annual Prep Kickoff Classic held at Wayne State University's Adams Field. The Chiefs defeated Fordson in the opener at the PKC last season.

"That was fun last year, a great stage at Wayne State and Fordson's a great opponent. They have a lot of team speed and are going to be better," Baechler said.

There will be no time for the Chiefs to rest on their laurels early in the year. They open with six straight games against playoff teams from a year ago: Walled Lake Western, Hartland, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth and Livonia Churchill in addition to Fordson.

"It definitely has our attention headed into week one and two. We don't have a problem keeping the kids' attention because they know they better pay attention and get this stuff right," Baechler said.

## ROCKS

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**Buying in**

Britnell emphasized that this year's squad could benefit from a "wide open" race in the KLAA Central Division. He also likes the "mental makeup of our team" and is confident the Rocks will score plenty of points while curbing last season's penchant for taking ill-timed penalties or turning the football over.

"Last year we were explosive, but there were times we seemed to shoot ourselves in the foot with discipline and playing behind the chains, always trying to catch up," he noted. "Turnovers killed us more than what defenses did to us."

"So I think composure-wise ... the buy-in, the discipline is there more than it has been the last couple years."

A different mix of players augmented by experience could steer the Rocks toward the top of the division if all goes well.

**QB battle**

The Rocks have a healthy battle for the top quarterback position between juniors Ryan Young and Trevor Genaw, with the former healthy again after missing most of 2015 with an injured hip.

"He's had a strong summer, strong off-season and strong camp," Britnell said. "He definitely adds some athleticism to the position, he can throw it, he's smart. Obviously growing up in a house with a coach (Dan Young), that sort of gives you that mentality. We're hoping and we'll see how it goes. But we



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Salem players work on offensive snaps during practice as the Rocks prepare for Friday's season opener against Belleville.

think he's ready."

But he also has confidence that Genaw could lead the offense if necessary. He split last year between the JV and varsity. Also in the mix is senior Mason Phillips.

"I think Ryan has the makeup more of a true quarterback, like that's his position," Britnell said. "Trevor is just all athlete, one of those kids if we asked him to play tight end, center or receiver he'd play it. He's just a football player."

**Fast fleet**

Salem's offense will feature junior running backs Andrew Davis, Jason

Arnold, Parker Selby, Cody Tapp and Wayne Campbell.

"Andrew Davis is going to be our starter," Britnell said. "He went down to Texas for Junior Olympics and made the All-National Junior Olympics team on one of the relay teams. So he can fly."

Seniors VerShawn Patrick and Taj Traylor add depth to the backfield, along with junior Sean McCormack.

The quarterbacks and tailbacks will benefit from having a big, strong offensive line anchored by junior tackles Alex Howie (6-4, 295), Sean Pilon (6-3, 280) senior guards Vince VanDerRoest (6-1, 270), Terrence Sherrer (5-10, 185)

and senior center David Mason III (5-9, 280).

"He's as wide as he is tall," said Britnell, smiling, about Mason. "But he's strong, he's a 1,095-pound kid in the weight room."

Also expected to help out on the line will be junior Nick Prevo (5-6, 190) and junior Lavonta Dillard (6-1, 245).

**Consistency sought**

Salem's receiving corps will be led by senior tight end Trevor Nowaske and wide-outs Genaw and Phillips (if they aren't at quarterback).

Others who could see action at receiver or tight end include juniors Issa Nasser and Kyle Ditton.

"We're still waiting for a couple of them to grab hold of that position and be consistent," Britnell said.

On defense, Salem will employ most of the offensive linemen for double duty (along with seniors Davon Gunn and Jack Ngwe).

The linebacking crew will be manned by two-time all-conference selection Nowaske, along with Selby, Ditton, McCormack, and seniors Arnold and Scott Gregor (who also play defensive back). "They seem pretty solid."

Starting at cornerback will be Davis and Phillips, with Tapp and Genaw slotted for the safety spots.

Britnell is enthusiastic about the season, although he emphasized he is keeping more of an even keel on things.

"So far in the contact practices the tackling's been solid," he noted. "Expectations are high, as they should be. Hopefully, we can reach some of those goals."

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2016 ALL-OBSERVER BASEBALL TEAM

# Power-packed players dominate on the diamond

**Ryan Prohaska, Liv. Franklin:** The senior first baseman was a beast at the plate this past spring, as he cranked out a team-high eight home runs while eclipsing the .400 mark in batting average. Prohaska's outstanding campaign earned him a spot on the Michigan High School Coaches Association's Division 1 "Dream Team,"

**Brian Martin, John Glenn:** Only a sophomore, Martin has already drawn the attention of several Division 1 collegiate baseball programs with his advanced diamond skills. A force at the plate, on the mound and at third base, Martin hit .413 with 45 hits, nine doubles, three triples and four home runs. The 10th-grader knocked in 41 runs and had a formidable slugging percentage of .633.

He earned every post-season honor imaginable, including first-team all-state.

Pitching-wise, the hard-throwing right-hander was 5-5 with a 1.88 earned run average. He struck out 51 batters in 63 innings.

"Brian is an outstanding young man who carries a 4.0 grade-point average," said John Glenn coach Lawrence Scheffer. "Brian was our number one pitcher this season. He pitched in every big game for us and did a great job in the big games."

"He's only a sophomore and is three-pitch pitcher with a nasty slider. Brian has great mound presence and is a leader on and off the field. He needs to continue to work hard to get better as a pitcher."

"Brian was our leader. He had a lot of clutch hits late in the games. He was the kid that everybody turned to. Brian has the potential to be an outstanding baseball player when it's all said and done. He is the hardest-working young man I've ever been around."

**Chris Tanderys, Liv. Stevenson:** Only a junior, Tanderys sparked throughout the 2016 season, earning Division 1 second-team All-State recognition. The left-handed-hitting shortstop raked his way to a .463 average with 28 RBI and four home runs. He was an all-district and all-KLAA honoree as well.

"Chris Tanderys put together a hitting plan in the off-season and he stuck to it, hitting .463 for the season," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said. "He also hit for power, with four home runs and numerous extra base hits!"

**Alex Manasa, Farmington:** A repeat member of the all-area first team, Manasa was instrumental in the Falcons winning the OAA White Division championship and finishing with a 28-11 record.

As the leadoff batter, Manasa had 54 hits in 138 at-bats for a .391 average with just seven strikeouts. His hits included nine doubles, four triples and five home runs.

Despite being at the top of the order, Manasa still drove in 28 runs. He also had 19 walks and used his speed to steal 20 bases and score 56 runs.

The 6-foot-4 Manasa, who also excelled on the basketball team, can cover a lot of territory and is a solid defensive player in center field.

"Obviously, he's very skilled and a great talent," coach Pete Finn said. "He played with the confidence you have to have to play baseball at a high level, and that's why he'll be successful going forward."

"He got really enthusiastic about his team. I thought that was a great way for a leader to be. He made it enjoyable for everybody to play the game, easy for everybody to come to the field every day."

**Noah Spencer, Canton:** Whether performing on the mound or at shortstop, consistently marked the senior co-captain's efforts.

Spencer went 5-2 and gave up 0.98 runs per contest, fanning 40 batters in 36 innings while setting a Canton record with nine saves. His pitching was crucial to the Chiefs winning the KLAA South Division and going 28-12 for the year.

The all-conference and all-district selection augmented that with a .325 batting average, and was named the Chiefs' MVP.

"Noah had an outstanding senior season setting the school record for saves," coach Mark Blomshield said. "He also pitched big in big games as a starter when he wasn't playing shortstop."

**Pete Carravallah, Plymouth:** The Wildcat missed Carravallah's presence in the lineup

and center field for a month after he sprained an ankle, but he returned to spark the team to a strong finish and district championship.

The senior team captain batted .495 to set a new Plymouth record, and was named team MVP.

Carravallah nabbed all-conference and all-district accolades for the second consecutive season.

"Pete was instrumental at the top of our lineup providing a spark," coach Jason Crain said. "Pete battled some adversity this season, after badly spraining his ankle ... (but) he came back and didn't miss a beat."

"Pete was an example of class and sportsmanship on and off the field."

**Alex Nicholson, Salem:** The senior outfielder was one of the Rocks' top all-around performers all season.

Nicholson compiled five home runs and 10 doubles among 49 hits, good for a .412 average.

The sure-handed center-fielder also was named to the all-KLAA and all-district teams and earned team MVP honors for his efforts.

"Alex is a very hard worker who works to improve everyday," coach John Wright said. "I really enjoyed coaching him the last two years."

**David Vinsky, Harrison:** Vinsky was a four-year starter in center field for the Hawks and will continue his playing career at Northwood University.

A two-time all-area selection, Vinsky set the school record for single-season hits last year with 61. He batted .481 as a senior with 50 hits, which included 12 doubles, two triples and four home runs.

Vinsky also had 31 RBIs and struck out just eight times in 104 at-bats. He walked 24 times, stole 20 bases and scored 31 runs. His slugging percentage was .740.

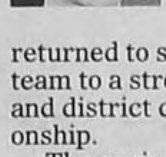
"David has broken every career extra-base and hit record in Harrison history," coach Dominic Carino said.

"David brings to the field a passion to excel every day. He is known as being a legitimate hitter and does a great job of supporting that claim."

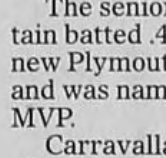
"Everyone who knows David is excited for his



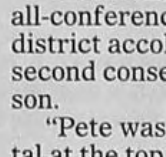
next career move, and many of us believe he will have an impact right away."



**Evan Claggett, Plymouth:** Uber-athletic behind home plate, senior catcher Claggett won Plymouth's defensive MVP award while sporting an impressive .361 batting average (and .410 on-base percentage).



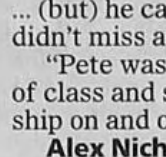
Claggett, who earned all-KLAA and all-district accolades, also ably guided a young pitching staff, helping them get accustomed to varsity baseball.



"Evan is a two-year varsity starter who anchored our defense as our catcher," Crain said. "He is a true workhorse and would catch every game if we let him."



"It was an honor to have Evan in our program."



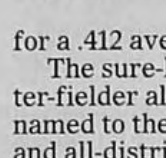
**Kyle Wolter, Plymouth:** The four-year varsity Wildcat got it done in all facets of the game again in 2016, tallying a 3-1 win, 1.91 ERA and one save on the mound and batting .330 at the plate.



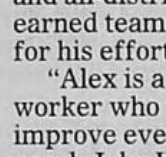
In addition, Wolter was a defensive standout at shortstop and provided intangibles such as leadership.



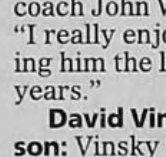
"Kyle won our Wildcat Award which recognizes the player with significant contributions in sportsmanship, leadership, academics and on the field," Crain said.



"Kyle developed as one of the best leaders this program has seen."



The senior, who will play college baseball at Lawrence Technological University, was an all-conference and all-district pick. For his career, he set the school record for being part of 74 varsity victories.



**Mitch Zelenak, Canton:** The division winning Chiefs had a big season and senior co-captain Zelenak's stand-out pitching was one of the major reasons.



Zelenak went 7-2, and registered a 1.67 earned run average in 54 innings, transitioning without a beat from closer to starter.



He was rewarded for his efforts with his selection to the all-conference and all-district teams as well as receiving Canton's "Most Valuable Pitcher" award.



"Mitch did an outstanding job on the mound for the Chiefs, not allowed an earned run in

his first 24 innings this season," Blomshield said. "Mitch's ability to drop down and give hitters a different look from a sidearm slot was an invaluable asset for the team this season."

**Dan Carty, Farmington:** Carty was a four-year varsity player for the Falcons and a key member of their 2016 league championship team.

In addition to being the starting shortstop, Carty took a regular turn in the pitching rotation. He threw a complete game in the title-clinching win over Harrison, allowing three hits and striking out seven.

He was solid at the plate, batting .383 with 46 hits in 120 official at-bats and just eight strikeouts.

Carty also knocked in 29 runs. He was good at getting on base and moving around, drawing 24 walks, stealing 10 bases and scoring 39 runs.

"Dan has a tremendous attitude and work ethic," Finn said. "He set a great example every day. He was always willing to do what was best for the team, which is the mark of a good captain."

"I'd say, 'Dan, how do you feel about playing some second base instead of shortstop?' He said: 'I'll do whatever is good for the team, coach.' I thought it was in his best interest to get a few looks at second because I thought that's where most schools might play him."

**Jared Char, Harrison:** Char was another four-year starter for the Hawks and a versatile player. He moved from shortstop to catcher for his senior season and filled a defensive need.

As the leadoff batter, Char hit .407 with 44 hits and had only four strikeouts in 108 at-bats. He also walked 22 times, stole a team-high 35 bases and scored 33 runs.

Char, who will attend the University of Michigan, is among the career leaders in on-base percentage, hits, stolen bases, runs scored and ratio of strikeouts to at-bats.

"It was a pleasure to witness Jared's realization for his love of baseball again," Carino said. "Going into the season, he was all but set on hanging up the cleats, but his success on the field and the atmosphere we're working to create in the program helped to rekindle that passion."

"Jared is a leader on defense as he can play

any position in the outfield and infield. He has an athleticism that is rarely seen behind the plate, which makes him an exceptional catcher."

**Vinnie Bakerian, Garden City:** Bakerian was a catalyst in the Cougars' ultra-successful season, which included a Division 1 district championship. Bound for Adrian College, the senior captain hit over .400 with an on-base percentage that exceeded .500. A No. 3 hitter and exceptional defensive player, Bakerian was a rare three-sport athlete at GC, where he also excelled on the basketball and soccer teams.

**Mark Pettersson, Liv. Stevenson:** Pettersson thrived this past spring, earning all-district and all-KLAA honors. The rangy corner infielder terrorized pitchers to the tune of a .390 batting average and nine doubles.

"Mark Pettersson worked extremely hard in the off-season to improve and it showed in his improved hitting and fielding," said Berryman.

- 2016 ALL-OBSERVER BASEBALL TEAM**  
 Ryan Prohaska, sr., Franklin  
 Brian Martin, soph., John Glenn  
 Chris Tanderys, jr., Stevenson  
 Alex Manasa, sr., Farmington  
 Noah Spencer, sr., Canton  
 Pete Carravallah, sr., Plymouth  
 Alex Nicholson, sr., Salem  
 David Vinsky, sr., Harrison  
 Evan Claggett, sr., Plymouth  
 Kyle Wolter, sr., Plymouth  
 Mitch Zelenak, sr., Canton  
 Dan Carty, sr., Farmington  
 Jared Char, sr., Harrison  
 Vinnie Bakerian, sr., Garden City  
 Mark Pettersson, jr., Stevenson
- SECOND TEAM**  
 Griffin Shiminski, sr., Salem  
 Josh Slater, sr., Ply. Christian  
 Mitch Kubiak, sr., Clarenceville  
 Artie Bentley, jr., Farmington  
 Jordan Williams, sr., Luth. Westland  
 Kolby Dewhurst, jr., Franklin  
 Tyler Kelly, sr., Garden City  
 Justin Mattson, jr., Canton  
 Frank Carlin, sr., Stevenson  
 Jacob MacBrien, jr., Plymouth  
 Jimmy Doig, sr., N. Farmington  
 Stephen Satterfield, jr., Farmington  
 Jake Giacobbi, jr., Franklin
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 Canton: Mike Flaishans, Nick Sprosek, Lou Baechler, Jake O'Donnell;  
 Plymouth: Regan Fleisher, Evan Good, Josh Janovsky, Mike Matovina, Brenden Latorato, Chase Every;  
 Salem: Sean McCormack, Matt Brooks, Jake Seipenko; Ply. Christian: Matt Cusumano, AJ Greuber, Phillip Morby, Nick Andros; Farmington: Jordan Hoke, Collin Finn, Elliott Edsall; Harrison: Tommy Williams, Brian Janigian; N. Farmington: Alex Darden, Josh Goldberg, Will Buraconak; Clarenceville: Bobby Jaber, Nick Bisaro, Kameron MacIver; Franklin: Joe Chinavare, Adrian Reed, Kolby Dewhurst, Jon Monte; Stevenson: Gordon Ferguson, Danny Morris, Brandon Posky; Luth. Westland: Brent Croft, Drake Snyder; John Glenn: Kyle Richards, Jordan Fuchs, River Turek, Aaron Pych, Andrew Wickner, Stephen Hegenauer; Wayne Memorial: Devin Puckett; Redford Union: Tommie Lewis, Jackson Allison, Nick Laidler, Jacob Gagnon; Redford Thurston: Donald Permy, Chalfantae Phillips, Austin Benoit.

## Lakes Intercity champions



The 18-year-under South Farmington Gamecocks won the Lakes Intercity League baseball championship, defeating Lakes Olari of Commerce in the final game July 28 at Oakland University, 9-5. It's the first championship for a South Farmington team in more than 10 years in the open-house league. Any player can join and enjoy the experience of travel ball. South Farmington also sponsors 16U and 19U teams. The Gamecocks competed in a 16-game season against 12 other Intercity teams. The team members are (kneeling, left to right) Dalton Korczyk, Jacob Brewer, Joshua Lewis, Sebastian Abate, Collin Dziadzio, Joey Donovan, Mark DeMartini, (standing, left to right) coach Jake Korczyk, Avery Nadon, Langston Beamer, Paul Husak, Lawrence Beamer, Gage Brent and manager Thom Brent. Not pictured are Benjamin Goshorn, Cortez Reinhardt, Jordan Wutka and Patrick Abraham.

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BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW

# Ready to get their kicks

Canton eyes another big year; Plymouth's fired up to challenge

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Canton Chiefs varsity boys soccer players Matt Rockafellow and Mohamad Miri bounced around the practice field, with smiles on their faces and T-shirts on their backs adorned with the proclamation they were part of the 2014 Division 1 State Champions.

"I believe it does (help motivate teammates)," fourth-year head coach Mark Zemanski said, about the statement-making tees. "The success we've had the last couple years helps these guys realize if they work hard they have an opportunity to be there."

Last season was no slouch, either, as the Chiefs went 21-6-3 and made it to the D1 finals before bowing out 2-0 to unbeaten Forest Hills Central.

"They know how close they were and they would like another opportunity to do that," Zemanski said.

Led by senior co-captains Rockafellow (defense) and Miri (forward), the Chiefs will field a squad with 12 players who were part of the 2015 postseason run. But the coach added that Rockafellow and Miri are his top two players.

"Matt reads the game very well," Zemanski said. "He's very quick and he's a very determined player with good skills."

Miri brings speed, physicality and a scorer's touch. But he won't need to carry the offensive load, thanks to the presence of talents such as seniors Luke Kurilli, junior Jordan Forney and senior Matt Eastman.

"And we have (senior) Aidan Hurley as a forward coming off the bench," Zemanski added. "He's a very exciting, dynamic player."

Zemanski said the makeup of the 2016 Chiefs will be noticeable.

"We have a pretty big squad, we have a lot more size, both physically and in numbers," he explained. "Our team last year was average size, we're probably above average (now). We have a big, fast, strong forward line this year. Last year we were small, quick and fast."

"They'll be very hard to get knocked off the ball and we'll be better in the air than last year."

The midfield will be led by senior co-captain Ryen O'Meara, who was instrumental to last season's success.

Augmenting O'Meara will be seniors Caleb Moraw, Joey Chung, ju-

nior twins Jake and Brett McGue, juniors Avery Olson, Nick Avram and senior Alex Spratte (who also plays forward and comes over from the Michigan Wolves Academy Team).

"Caleb is fast as lightning, he's a track man," Zemanski said. "He made an 80-yard run in our regional game to get the assist from the back."

Canton's back line will be a tough one to crack, with Rockafellow and Eastman (who can play all over the pitch) ready from the opening whistle. "He (Eastman) also got to start half the games last year, he has a lot of experience coming back."

Also in the mix will be senior Cameron Waller, junior Ethan Schiffour, senior Ryan Page and junior Tyler Avram.

Goalies include senior Steven Page, juniors David McGrath and David Sadanowicz.

Rounding out the roster are senior midfielder/forward Collin O'Keefe, junior defender Jake Green, senior defender Matt Tenglin and junior defender Luke Lyold.

Following Saturday's annual Gary Balconi Invitational, the Chiefs open KLAAs action 7 p.m. Wednesday at home against Northville.

### Plymouth preview

Veteran Plymouth soccer coach Jeff Neschich plans on giving defending division champion Canton all it can handle as the Wildcats look to improve upon last season's 14-6-1 record (7-3-0 in the division).

Plymouth opened up with Saturday's Balconi Invite and will host Novi 7 p.m. Tuesday.

"I am very excited to get the season started," Neschich said. "The 2016 team has good chemistry and a strong desire to succeed."

Leading the squad will be senior captains Adam Saunders, Van Nguyen and Anthony Iacopelli.

Nguyen will spearhead the defense along with senior goalkeeper JD Visnaw, with seniors Matt Weiner and Erli Metko at outside back.

"Anthony and Adam will control the center in the midfield," Neschich noted.

Up front, the Wildcats' attack will be spearheaded by seniors Ryan Dickerson and Keaton Hegarty.

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During this 2015 contest, Plymouth's Adam Saunders (No. 6) tries to get a step on Canton's Joey Chung (No. 14) and Matt Rockafellow (No. 12). All are being counted on by their respective teams as key players for the upcoming season.

## New Salem coach to preach patience

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

There's a new coach and a new vision for Salem's varsity boys soccer team, with Kyle Karns taking the reigns.

Karns, who coached junior varsity boys and junior varsity girls soccer teams at Plymouth High School over the past four years, takes over from veteran Scott Duhl (who is in charge of the Michigan Wolves Academy Program Under-16 team).

"I am looking forward to having an opportunity to be a part of a historically successful soccer program," Karns said. "For us this season, it will be important to build possession and be patient for our chances."

"The team has a lot of veteran leadership from front to back, so we will rely on that when it comes to our decision making."

He inherits a very successful team; the Rocks went 17-5-1 overall last season and finished second in the ultra-tough KLAAs Central Division with a mark of 8-2-0 (trailing Kensington Conference champion Northville).

Helping during the transition period will be captains Mikey Schwartz and Jake Wymer, who are slated for midfield and defense, respectively.

At forward, senior returnee Jamie Crosby "will look to finish his school career with a strong season," Karns said. "With his field vision and timing, Crosby has the awareness up top to be very productive." Another key Salem attacker will be

junior newcomer Jason Warras, who Karns described as bringing "a great combination of speed and ball control and will create plenty of scoring chances for us."

In the midfield, the Rocks will be paced by Schwartz, junior returnee Christian Freitag and sophomore newbie Josh Stevens.



Karns.

"Mikey's veteran leadership and his ability to add to the attack makes him a key piece of our offense," he said. "Freitag will contribute to the attack with his ability to challenge defenders and (make) great play-making decisions."

Stevens is quick, sees the action ahead of him well and "has the ability to distribute the ball quickly."

Salem's back line will feature senior returnees Jake Wymer, Adam Graunke and Shane Rusinek with sophomore Jeremy Pascarella an impressive newcomer.

"Pascarella not only defends well but can add to the attack with his speed and his ability to create offense as an extra attacker," Karns noted.

Senior Andrew Kozan is penciled in as the starting goalkeeper.

Salem opens the KLAAs season Aug. 29 at Brighton, following participating in Saturday's annual Gary Balconi Invitational.

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COURTESY GINA HILDITCH

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity dance team excelled at the recent UDA Elite Dance Camp at Oakland University. Top row (from left) are Hannah Udell, Olivia Antal, Jenna Dae Hill and Anna Colaianne. Middle row (from left) are Sydney Bramlett, Mia Hagemann, Alexis Good, Alexandria Cox, Madison Meloche, Natalie Meloche and Madison Hubbard. Bottom row (from left) are Julia Kelm, Abby Van Hauen, Alyssa Wioncek, Claire Binguin, Marisa Petrarca, Kaye Hubbard and Christina Gonzalez. Not pictured are Madison Tenant and Sarah MacIntyre.



COURTESY GINA HILDITCH

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's JV dance team excelled at the recent UDA Elite Dance Camp at Oakland University. From left are Emily Harrison, Olivia Mulhern, Lily Carney, Sierra Hilditch, Isabella Talan, Sarah Mei, captain Natalie Messer and Chole Cox. Not pictured is Kimaya Rafai.

# P-CEP dancers in winning stride at UDA Elite Camp

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

They know the routine, and they know it pretty well.

In fact, Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's dance team is off on the right foot, literally, as it gears up for a championship push in 2016-17.

At the UDA Elite Dance Camp July 25-28 at Oakland University, the PCEP dance squad — including varsity and JV performers — made enough of an impression to be invited to nationals in Orlando, Florida.

"Each year the coaches ask the teams

to push themselves to be better," coach Brittany Lyons said. "As coaches, we are amazed at how far they've already pushed themselves at camp to improve."

"This shows dedication and a work ethic that says they are ready for the big leagues. We are privileged to coach such an incredible group of young women, and can't wait to see how far they will go this season."

The varsity and JV teams each collected the Superior Trophy, Home Routine Trophy and Spirit Stick. P-CEP dancers attend Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools.

Earning All-American honors from

varsity were Natalie Meloche, Jenna Hill, Kaye Hubbard, Marissa Petrarca and Mia Hageman; JV All-Americans include Emily Harrison, Natalie Messer and Sierra Hilditch.

Meanwhile, Hilditch received the Pin it Forward Award, presented to one dancer that staff members thought went above and beyond the call of duty, "gave 110 percent all the time and worked hard."

The dancer is then responsible for passing it on to another dancer at camp doing the same thing.

"We are planning on attending nationals for the first time this year and that

has been a longtime goal of the team," coach Maria Lloyd said. "When we talked about their goals for the current season, the main goal for the girls was to be a cohesive team."

"As a coach, that told me that they were finally ready to take the next step to competing at the national level."

Lloyd added that people can check out the team's Facebook page to find out how the group is progressing as it prepares for the national dance team championships.

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## GOLF

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going for the round. That was kind of a cool hole to get a birdie on."

### Cheers from all over

Heinze, who will be a senior at Michigan State University this fall, said meeting golfers from around the world and hearing cheers from Spartan fans are other great memories he will cherish.

"It seemed like every time I went up

to the locker room or went to get lunch, or whatever, you ran into people from Spain, Scotland, just all over the place, and all over the U.S. too," he said. "And to walk all over the grounds and see all the different colleges represented. It was really cool just to talk to different people and hear their stories and welcome them to Michigan."

"It was by far the best tournament I've ever played in," he said. "I was wearing my Michigan State stuff and I'd hear 'Go Green' like 50 to 100 times every round and that was pretty cool to hear all that support, just kind of supporting Michigan State and Michigan in

general. It was an awesome experience."

Like Heinze, Smith qualified for the Amateur last month at Michigan State University's Forest Akers golf course. The 16-year-old senior to be at Catholic Central completed his two rounds with a 147, including a 74 on the South Course and 73 on the North Course.

Smith's two rounds included four birdies and 22 pars. He tied for 161st overall.

"It was awesome. Just going out there and being able to play along side the best amateurs in the country was a very cool experience," said Smith.

"And, having my friends and family out there supporting me was pretty awesome."

"The whole goal at first was to just qualify (for the U.S. Amateur) and that would be a pretty good accomplishment, which is what happened. I got there and expectations kept getting higher, but unfortunately it stopped at stroke play."

"As much as I wanted to qualify for match play, I think going on that South Course and shooting four over wasn't bad," said Smith.

# Unity churches plan day of prayer

**Sharon Dargay**  
Staff Writer

The Rev. Florence Ernzen is looking forward to a "magical" evening of prayer on Sept. 8.

She and other members of Friends of Unity - Plymouth will observe Unity's 23rd Annual World Day of Prayer with music, meditation and the theme "Discover the Power Within - Unleash Your Divine Potential."

"We're very fond of the music we use at Friends of Unity because we use the music by the

emPower Music artists. It's a group of fabulous professional singer-songwriters. They write music that is uniting and healing, and it bridges some of the barriers people feel and experience," Ernzen said. Four singers from the congregation and an accompanist will perform the emPower songs.

"We'll have a wonderful meditation opportunity for people to write out prayer requests. We'll send those on to Silent Unity, which will pray for those requests the next 30 days."

The prayer service will start at 7 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC), 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

Unity of Livonia also will celebrate World Day of Prayer with a service at 6 p.m., at the church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia. The Rev. Eileen Patra will deliver a message based on the theme, and prayer chaplains will conduct the service. Chaplains also will be available at 5 p.m. for one-on-one personal prayer.

## Global observance

World Day of Prayer is a 24-hour prayer event held the second Thursday in September by Unity churches and Silent Unity, an international 24/7 prayer ministry. Several events at Unity Village in Missouri will be live streamed including the opening keynote address by the Rev. Sylvia Sunter, at 7 p.m., Sept. 7; a Daily Word service with Michelle Robin at 8:30 a.m. and Silent Unity prayer service at 11 a.m., both on Sept. 8; and the closing

ceremony with a musical performance by Daniel Nahmod at 7 p.m., Sept. 8. Visit unity.org and click on World Day of Prayer. Visitors to the page also can light a virtual candle.

Ernzen said her local service may include music videos in addition to live music and prayer.

"It's a multi-sensory approach with music, video, meditation and quiet time to write out prayer requests. Every one is welcome. You might like to have place to pray for world peace or peace in your heart."

Visitors to Unity of Livonia will have an opportunity to walk the church's outdoor labyrinth by candlelight after the prayer service.

Prayer request forms will be available at the church and names for prayer also may be submitted online at world-dayofprayer.org.

Patra said the annual event extends an opportunity to "come together in celebration of our oneness with God, each other, and the world."

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

### AUGUST CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Aug. 25-26  
**Location:** Trinity Episcopal Church, 26880 La Mueira, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Trinity and Friends choir presents "Let's Go To The Movies." Tickets are \$12

**Contact:** trinityinthetwoods.org

### 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

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 28

**Location:** Open Arms Church, 33015 W. Seven Mile, Livonia

**Details:** The Beatenbos, Gospel Music Hall of Famers, will minister

**Contact:** 734-471-5282

### T-SHIRT COLLECTION

**Time/Date:** Through Sept. 15

**Location:** Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** The church is collecting T-shirts in bright colors for adults and youngsters in Zimbabwe. Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, a Farmington Hills-based charity, will send the donations to Africa next month. A donation box is accessible 24/7 and is stationed at the church's front door

**Contact:** kenwoodchurch.org

### 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

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY GALA

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

**Location:** St. Nicholas Event Center, 760 Wattles, Troy

**Details:** Gala celebrates Bloomfield Hills-based Manresa Jesuit Retreat House's 90th anniversary. The Rev. Leo Cachat will celebrate Mass. Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent auction and dancing will follow. Marie Osborne of WJR 760 AM radio will emcee. Tickets are \$100 and \$20

**Contact:** 248-644-4933; manresa.sj.org

### BIBLE STUDY

**Time/Date:** Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m., Thursday, from Sept. 8-May 11

**Location:** Berkley Community Church 2855 Wiltshire, Berkley

**Details:** This 30-week, in-depth, inter-denominational study of Romans is for women. Children's program also is available for youngsters through kindergarten. Register at 248-885-5718

**Contact:** birminghamberkley.cbsclass.org

### GRIEFSHARE

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 19

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

**Details:** Grief support group will meet for 13 sessions. Each week participants will watch a video seminar featuring experts on grief and recovery subjects, and will spend time in discussion. Workbooks will be available for personal study of the grieving process. Register at christoursavior.org

**Contact:** Linda Hollman at 734-522-6830 or Mike McGrath at 248-505-8894

### RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 17

**Location:** The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Southfield

**Details:** Specialty boutique, house wares / household, electronics, toys, books, home décor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults, furniture, sporting goods and more. Grand opening with 20 percent mark up is Sept. 14. Bag sale is Sept. 17

**Contact:** 248-477-1410

### 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@aatt.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.livoniaist-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/stinnocentredford

### 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, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

**Contact:** 313-563-0162

### PRAYER

**St. Edith Church**

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

**Location:** Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

**Contact:** Parish office at 734-464-1223

**St. Michael Lutheran Church**

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

**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

Recycling

### RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

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

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

### SINGLES

**Detroit World Outreach**

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

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

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

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

**Steve's Family Restaurant**

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

**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 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

## Passages

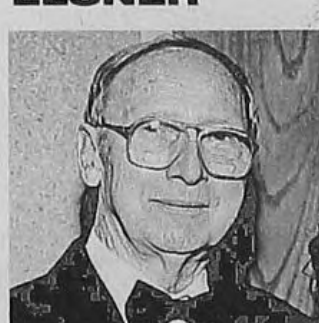
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### ELSNER



**EDWARD PAUL** passed away on July 26, 2016 in Livonia, Michigan, age 97. Born October 22, 1918 to John and Mary (Overmeier) Elsner in Ewen, MI, the youngest of 15 children. Moving to Detroit during WWII, he met Myrtle Lee Crow. They were married June 24, 1944 in Detroit and recently celebrated their 72nd Anniversary. She died July 4, 2016. He had been a resident of Livonia for over 50 years. He owned Elsner & Sons, Inc. Carpenter Contractors, retiring in 1987. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks. Coming to Detroit from the U.P., his love of outdoors, fishing and hunting lasted his entire life. Survivors: three children, Barbara Mieras, Robert (Marcia) Elsner, and Gene Elsner; seven grandchildren: Jack (Maya) Donnelly, Colleen (Mark) Maire, Matthew (Jennifer) Mieras, Michael Elsner and (Bethany) Allen, Elizabeth (Kurosh) Nahavandi, Brian Elsner, Kevin Elsner; five great-grandchildren; Casey Donnelly, Virginia and Edward Mieras, Aria and Cyrus Nahavandi; step-granddaughter, Dawn Mieras and her son Jaxson Symes. Preceded in death by his wife, parents, brothers: John, Frank, Alex, Michael, James, Joseph, Fred, and George Elsner; sisters: Mae Kausie, Josephine Elsner, Agnes Lorenzo, Evelyn Smith, Catherine Murphy and Marjorie Moll. Memorial Gathering was held July 30, 2016 for both Ed and Myrtle at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home Plymouth, MI.

### LUNDY



**LOIS** passed away peacefully in the familiarity and comfort of her own home in Livonia, Michigan on July 28, 2016 at 97 years of age. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Jack and her cherished grandson Logan. Lois is survived by her daughter Carol, son Jim, daughter-in-law Lori and grandson Jonathan. She was born in Oak Harbor, Ohio, the daughter of Rose Miller Jordan and Frederick Jordan. She attended the University of Toledo and was a long-time secretary in the East Lansing and Livonia public school systems. Lois was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend who was always there for her family. Her grandsons adored and cherished her. Lois was their biggest fan and was always interested in what they enjoyed. Early on, she was an expert on sharks and dinosaurs. Over the years, she graduated to track and field, thru-hiking, craft beers, and digital modeling. Her steadfast love and support was a source of strength and reassurance for her entire family. She retained a keen interest all of her life in nature, world events, politics and anything her family cared about. Lois's intellect, curiosity, and unfailing memory was an inspiration to those who knew her. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, spending time in nature, bird watching, gardening, enjoying the view from her back porch, and spending time with her family and friends. The family will hold a private memorial service.

### O'CONNOR



**LEO JOSEPH** Age 89 of Brighton, MI passed away August 18, 2016. He was born and raised in Hamilton, Ontario a son of John and Mary (Hurley) O'Connor on June 14, 1927. He was a graduate of the University of Toronto with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He and his wife Margaret moved to Detroit, MI in 1956 and then moved to Livonia, MI in 1960. Leo worked for Ford Motor Co. for 30 years. He received his Master's Degree in Engineering from Wayne State University. Leo is survived by five of his children: Helen (Roy) Herbst, Nancy O'Connor, Steve (Nancy) O'Connor, Mary Lou (Mark) Miller, and Sheila O'Connor; 9 grandchildren: Trevor and Tyler Herbst, Shaina (Ben) Kastler and Lauren O'Connor, Scott, Peter and Andrew O'Connor, Matt and Andrea Miller. His brother, Ray, sister in law Therese, and several other in laws also survive. Leo was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Margaret (Scharbach), his son Patrick, and two sisters and six brothers. Visitation will be held on Monday, August 22, 2016 from 3:00 - 8:00 P.M. at the Keehn Funeral Home, Brighton. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Brighton. Friends may visit at the church beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Ele's Place or Angela Hospice with envelopes available at the funeral home. Please visit Leo's Book of Memories at www.keehnfuneralhome.com



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### PASSINO



**JACQUE HAROLD** September 4, 1920 - August 13, 2016 of Sarasota, Florida, formerly of Pine Knoll Shores NC, Orchard Lake, Birmingham, Michigan and Toledo, Ohio. Jacques served as a Lt. Major in the Army Air Corps during World War II where he met his wife of nearly seventy years, Floranne (nee Henderson) who was serving in the American Red Cross. Returning to Toledo after the war, Jacques married Floranne and completed his engineering degree at the University of Toledo. For several years he worked at Willys Motors, promoting the new Jeep in Latin America. Ford Motor Company recruited him to sell cars and he moved his young family to Birmingham, Michigan. Soon after joining Ford Motor Company, Passino took the opportunity of advancement in the area of racing and special promotions, quickly rising to Director of Special Vehicles, overseeing all aspects of Ford racing. Jacques pushed Ford into all forms of racing from road rallies to NASCAR to Indianapolis to Le Mans, setting a winning streak that sold cars and built the budget to run and win more races. Jacques ended his journey with Ford in 1970 when Ford got out of racing. Jacques continued in the automotive field selling motor homes and auto safety equipment until his retirement at the age of 78. In addition to Floranne, Jacques is survived by his children Jacques (Pamela), Ralph (Peggy), Ann (Barry) and Andrew (Ann) as well as 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren who all share his passion for speed, water and vegetable gardening. Jacques requested that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Neighborhood Garden Coalition, 701 Woodward Heights, Ste 136, Ferndale, MI 48220.

### WENDECKER



**GREGORY** Age 53, of Westland left this world with his family at his side at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor on August 14, 2016. He was born in Detroit, Michigan to Mary Ann and Robert J. Wendecker. He graduated from Churchill High School in Livonia, Michigan in 1981. He served in the U.S. Army from 1983-1987. During his military service, he was awarded with the Army Service Ribbon, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Parachutist Badge, Marksman Marksmanship Badge Rifle M-16, and Expert Marksmanship Badge Grenade. Following his military service,



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## Morning routines can set you up for success

BY DEANNA HARTLEY  
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**W**aking up early and getting a head start on the day can be an uphill climb — but mornings don't always have to be so cumbersome. Some professionals stick to specific morning routines that help them get the most out of their workdays.

Here are some practical tips you can try to turn your morning around and set you up for a more productive day.

**Wake up early.** This can be difficult if you're not a morning person, but a lot of successful professionals wake up early to maximize their time. "An extra hour in the morning allows me to squeeze more into my day, especially while the office is still fairly empty," says Arsineh Ghazarian, co-founder and CEO of Zveil, a bridal veil design company and online retailer.

**Get some exercise.** One of the last things you may feel like doing when you wake up is working out, but some professionals swear by it.

Daisy Jing, founder of the beauty product line Banish, says she has found a way to make herself accountable and help her stick with her plan. "Book early morning fitness



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classes. I actually pay ahead of time — (for example,) I pay \$20 to book the 7 a.m. class," she says. "Once you invest in something — even \$20 — you are afraid to lose it. I have never missed a morning fitness class I've already paid for. It's my way of giving myself an artificial deadline so I don't waste time in the morning, go to sleep earlier the night before and accomplish more things throughout the day."

**Get your daily dose of news.** Paige Arnof-Fenn,

founder and CEO of strategic marketing firm Mavens & Moguls, says she listens to NPR on the radio while getting ready for work so she can catch up on the latest news around the world.

Similarly, other professionals find it helpful to consume the news as part of their morning routines. "Upon getting to my office around 8:20 a.m., I spend 30 minutes reading news sites and business blogs to catch up with current developments and remove any temptation to be distracted later on," says Noel

McCann, a marketing analyst at HomeSuite, an online marketplace dedicated to short-term furnished rentals.

**Strategize and organize your day.** One way to get the good ideas flowing is to plan and strategize the rest of your day to be more efficient and productive.

"I am in the office every day usually by 7 a.m., so I am able to chart out my schedule for the day uninterrupted," says Lukas Krause, CEO of Real Property Management. "I prioritize the things I know

I have to get done based on our strategic objectives and key milestone dates, and then jump right into the day."

**Check work email — or not.** There are mixed feelings on whether you should check your work email before arriving at the office.

Some say it's a good practice because it helps avoid surprises. "The very first thing I do is check my work email inbox. This helps me plan for the upcoming workday, not to mention avoid surprises that could disrupt my productivity," McCann says.

On the other hand, there is a case for saving this task for later.

"No work-related emails first thing — the day will have plenty of opportunities for work," says Marty Fukuda, chief operating officer at N2 Publishing, a company that produces custom magazines. "I prefer to ease into the day by catching up on news or sports while eating breakfast. It helps to minimize stress by taking a few moments just to relax first thing."

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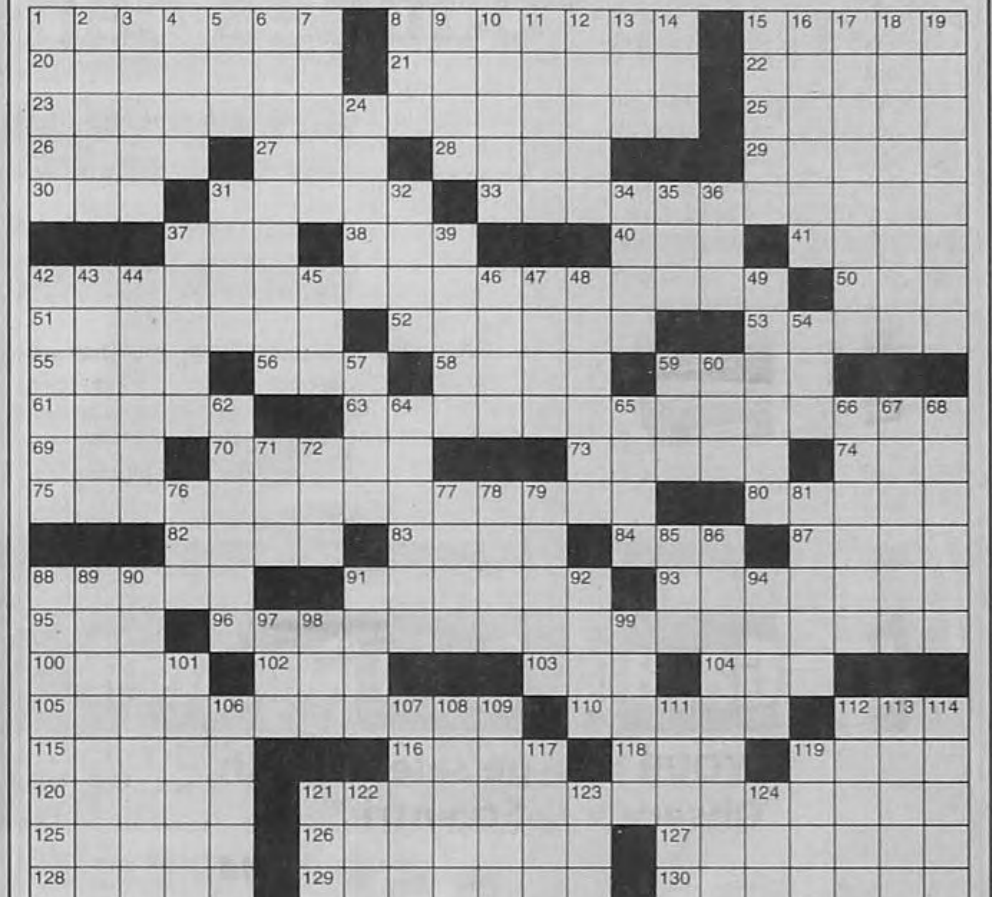
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  - 98 — out (chill)
  - 99 Be a ham
  - 101 Stage skill
  - 106 Davis of film
  - 107 Cruel beasts
  - 108 Suit twill
  - 109 Actor Hawke
  - 111 Quarterback Tim
  - 112 Fix, as laces
  - 113 Gives ear to
  - 114 Kickoff
  - 117 It's in brass
  - 119 Previous
  - 121 Skier Tommy
  - 122 52-wk. units
  - 123 — Valley, San Francisco
  - 124 Hairy sitcom cousin



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

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

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# Car Report

## FORD EXPLORER SPORT IS VERY POPULAR WITH A CERTAIN NEARLY FORGOTTEN DEMOGRAPHIC: GENERATION X CAR BUYERS



By Dale Buss

At least with one nameplate, Ford is actively pursuing what has become a somewhat forgotten demographic cohort for auto makers: Generation X.

New research shows that the Ford Explorer Sport—with stickers starting at about \$45,000 versus the low \$30,000s for a standard version of the vehicle—has the highest percentage of Gen X buyers of any non-luxury SUV in the United States, reflecting what the company calls a generational preference “for exclusivity and performance at a great value.”

The sporty version of Explorer delivers 365 horsepower versus about 275 for the standard version, and it has grabbed a significant 15 percent of total nameplate sales since its debut in 2014. Nearly 40 percent of Explorer Sport buyers were born between 1965 and 1978 compared with 23 percent of buyers of other midsize SUVs, Ford said.

These buyers “highly rate such attributes as ‘power and pickup,’ ‘fun to drive’ and ‘overall performance,’” Omar Odeh, Ford Explorer marketing manager, told me. “The best part is

they represent incremental buyers for us, in that some don’t even set out looking at the Ford brand.”

GenXers might feel fortunate that the Ford brand is looking at them. Auto marketers demonstrate a lot of anxiety, of course, about what kind of customer the car-shunning, ride-sharing Generation Y will become. And baby boomers still represent their most reliable cohort for luxury sales.

A simple glance at the numbers shows why it’s easy for auto brands and most other marketers to overlook the GenX generation: Americans in that demographic, now ages 35 to 50, number only about 66 million compared with about 75 million each of baby boomers and millennials. And at this point, the boomer generation still retains the largest concentration of wealth, while Gen Y is setting the trends.

But Generation X presents some compelling opportunities nonetheless. “Boomers felt the need to display their status in more obvious ways than Gen Xers do,” according to Sheryl Connelly, Ford’s manager of global trends and futuring. “While both groups are hugely important, automakers need to pay special attention to Gen Xers. Our Explorer Sport fits the profile of the successful member of Generation X.”

Specifically, for instance, the US household income for a buyer of Explorer Sport is \$175,000 versus \$112,000 for the average midsize SUV buyer, revealed a study for Ford by MaritzCX. And those Explorer Sport customers who do trade in a vehicle are twice as likely as average midsize SUV buyers (12 percent versus 6 percent) to trade in a premium one.

“The reason they’re so important,” Odeh told me about GenX-ers, “is

that these households now are at their peak earning power, the ones that will be able to make the biggest decisions. And as they progress to where boomers are now, it’s important for us to maintain that loyalty and not lose them to some other brand.”

How are Gen X buyers different from boomers and millennials beyond their earning power right now? “They’re less likely to have to put their wealth on status,” he said. “They don’t necessarily have to buy that premium brand. They will look at value for money and performance, and they’re more willing to give a brand like Ford an opportunity—unlike boomers, who are drawn to



Performance capabilities attract Gen X.

premium brands.

“Part of the reason is education levels: Gen Xers are highly educated and able to look at brands like Ford and realize that, for the same money, they’re able to get more value, performance and styling without having to step up an extra \$10,000 to \$20,000.”

In that regard, he explained, Explorer Sport is particularly attractive because “for about \$45,000, Generation X buyers can get a 365-horsepower SUV. If they want anything like that in the premium segment, they’d have to pay close to \$65,000. They can get everything they want without having to compromise financially.

“And Explorer Sport delivers

more on their sense of adventure. More than previous generations, they want to go out and experience life—camping, spending time with their children outside—rather than just having something parked on their driveway. They’re more experiential.”

Moreover, Explorer and Ford’s other SUVs, Edge and Escape, are dramatically more fuel-efficient than just a few years ago, especially those versions that feature EcoBoost engines. “Once you reach more than 20 MPG, most consumers are very comfortable with the fuel economy, and in the mid- to upper-20s, they’re extremely comfortable,” Odeh said.

“We see this across our lineup.”

The Ford Explorer Sport is snagging lots of buyers in Generation X.

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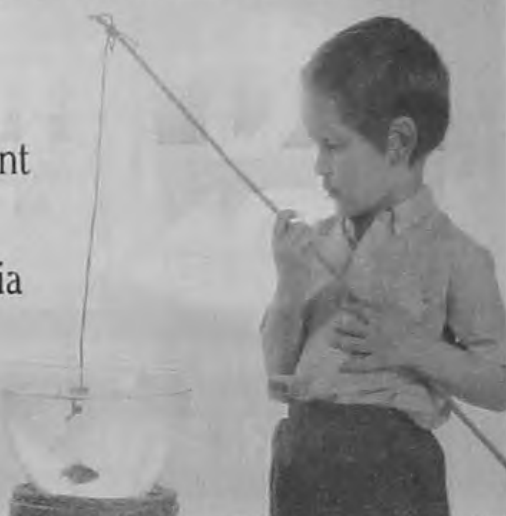


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