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# WESTLAND SHOPPING CENTER LINKED TO CITY BY MORE THAN NAME

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer



In the East Court, The Pretzel Place stands where the water fountain was when Westland Shopping Center opened in 1965.

SUE MASON

## Shopping center hosts birthday bash

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

When it comes to birthdays, the 50th is a milestone that usually prompts a big celebration.

Westland Shopping Center is turning 50 on Saturday and inviting everyone to celebrate with live music, dancing, free chocolate and prizes.

"I'm expecting a pretty big crowd. People have embraced the fact that it's their property and want to celebrate," Westland Shopping Center General Manager Jerry Weller said.

With recent additions to the mall like Charming Charlie, Ulta Beauty and Shoe Carnival, Weller said Westland Shopping Center continues to evolve and remain relevant to customers.

"Anyone can make a list of stores that should be here. We have to list stores that meet our customers' daily needs," he said.

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LEANNE ROGERS

Westland Shopping Center General Manager Jerry Weller shows off some scrapbooks dating to the mall opening 50 years ago.

When Westland Shopping Center had its grand opening July 29, 1965, there was a sign outside that read "Nankin Welcomes Westland Center."

The 787,705-square-foot mall was constructed on vacant farm land at Warren and Wayne roads in the north end of Nankin Township. It followed Northland and Eastland, opened in 1954 and 1957, respectively.

"Westland was the first planned enclosed mall. Northland was the first enclosed mall, but it was built as an open mall, same with Eastland," said Patrick Derrig, mall marketing manager. "It was the first planned air-conditioned mall. The physical plant was built underneath the building. There were a lot of firsts for a mall."

Built on 52 acres for \$15 million, the construction was completed in just over a year. That was apparently due to 500 construction workers on site daily, according to newspaper accounts.

It's not known who compiled them but Derrig found 10 annual scrapbooks filled with newspaper stories chronicling Westland Shopping Center's first decade.

"Oh yeah, it was a big deal. We didn't have shopping. We would have to go to Wonderland (in Livonia) or to Wayne," recalled Jo Johnson, a member of the Westland Historical Commission and a resident since 1962. "I went to Wonderland in November to shop for my in-laws. You couldn't find a parking space."

Her daughters were 12 and 11 when the mall was built, Johnson said, so it was nice to have Westland Shopping Center in walking distance. "They loved it," she said.

### Going to Hudson's

Derrig, who grew up in Westland, recalls his family always referred to the mall as going to Hudson's.

But the mall's impact wasn't just on shopping. It was the new mall, and Livonia's attempt to annex the valuable site and surrounding area

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# Last defendant pleads guilty in death of Westland woman

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

The last of four men charged in connection with the beating death of a Westland woman whose body was found dumped in Dearborn Heights has pleaded guilty to a reduced charge.

Randy Batts, 31, will be sentenced to 22-60 years in prison under the agreement for a guilty plea to second-degree murder in the death of Diedra Akins, 46. Sentencing is scheduled for Aug. 5 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Originally charged with first-degree



Batts

murder, which carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole, Batts had been scheduled for an upcoming jury trial. An earlier trial ended in a hung jury.

The other three defendants, all Westland residents like Batts, had already entered guilty pleas in the case.

"This is another solved homicide by the Westland Police Department's Detective Bureau, which conducted an

excellent investigation from the start," Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said. "The investigative work that was conducted gave the subjects little choice other than to plead guilty."

Akins' body was discovered laying in the street on Powers near John Daly in Dearborn Heights early Jan. 18. Testimony was that an argument over drugs at Akins' home on Grand Traverse escalated into a fatal beating.

Akins' live-in boyfriend, Terrence Johnson, 45, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and has been sentenced to 28-60 years in prison.

Michael Bashlor, 34, and Joshua Hurston-Herron, 23, pleaded guilty to being an accessories after the commission of a felony. Bashlor was sentenced to 2-9 years in prison. Hurston-Herron was sentenced to one year in the Wayne County Jail with 103 days credit for time served and two years' probation.

"We hope that the conclusion of this case is of some condolence to the victim's family and friends," Jedrusik said.

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## MALL

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from Nankin Township prompted the public vote

that resulted in incorporation as the City of Westland the following year.

City-hood was approved by what headlines called the slim margin

of 970 votes. The new city took its name from the mall — something also approved by voters.

"Livonia tired to annex the property. That's why they hurried up to incorporate the city," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "I have a photo in my office showing when the mall was built."

Wild also has memories of the mall.

"I do remember going to the mall as a kid. I remember Sanders and the two-story Kresge store — the toys were in the basement," Wild said. "In high school, I bought all my clothes at Silverman's. I got my first skinny tie there and a fake Michael Jackson Thriller jacket."

As mayor, Wild has worked on marketing

Westland's Shop and Dine District, which features the mall at the center. Opened nearly a year ago, the new Westland City Hall is a short distance from the mall in a retrofitted big box store.

"By the city making an investment here, they created a central business district that has been needed for awhile,"

said Jerry Weller, mall general manager. "As young people get educations and get jobs, we want to keep them in the community. We provide a link for them to come back. If you don't give them places to be and enjoy, they move on."

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## BIRTHDAY

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"We get stores that the property needs. A lot of developers take the easy way out, not the right way."

That's been an ongoing process since the mall opened.

The mall was anchored by the J.L. Hudson Company — the mall development was spearheaded by J.L. Hudson Jr. Now, as Macy's, the store remains an anchor 50 years later.

## Original stores

There are plenty of stores listed as original tenants that are only a memory now — and a memory only for people of a certain age. Remember Himelhoch's women's apparel store or Lady Orva Hosiery? How about Winkelman's, Van Horn Men's Wear or later additions like Hughes, Hatcher, Suffrin and a two-story S.S. Kresge?

And it's not just stores. At the grand opening, the mall had a ceiling-to-floor bird cage with live birds, an aquarium, statues and a fountain.

There is a photograph of people waiting in a long line to ride the mall's glass elevator that would take them to the second floor near Hudson's. Some reportedly even came from Canada.

"One of the great unique features of the mall were elephant doors that can open wide enough for boats or cars for community events,"



SUE MASON

A train makes a loop between the East and Central courts of Westland Shopping Center.

mall marketing manager Patrick Derrig said. "The big commons area in the east end of the mall is for community access."

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra has performed in the east court. Over the years, the mall has hosted ice shows and circuses, visits from notable entertainers and public events. A community room in the mall's lower level continues to host meetings.

The entertainment scheduled for the celebration highlights popular music from 1965, including Motown and swing, Derrig said.

## Festivities

The main festivities will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday with a ceremony featuring remarks by Westland Mayor Bill Wild, Westland Shopping Center representatives

and additional Westland dignitaries.

From noon to 2 p.m. there will be an interactive dance party for the entire family with music, prizes and party games. Face painters and balloon artists will also be on hand to add to the family fun.

The Motown Experience takes center stage at 3 p.m. for a free concert. This dynamic group is assembled from members of the Capitols, the Miracles and former members of the Temptations. While watching dazzling choreography, families are invited to dance and sing along.

Guests will also be treated to a custom commemorative Westland Shopping Center Sanders candy bar with chances to win mall gift cards of \$20, \$50, \$100 and \$250 along with concert

tickets and a grand-prize \$500 shopping spree.

Visitors can also take advantage of free swing dance lessons provided by the award-winning Dance Academy at 4:30 p.m. at the center stage.

By 5:30 p.m. guests can try out their newly acquired dance skills to the sounds of The Rhythm Society Swing Orchestra. The orchestra specializes in true vintage swing music, and the band covers top venues throughout the Midwest. This 15-piece swing band will also perform at 7:15 p.m.

In celebrating the mall's rich retail history, local artists and vendors will also be on hand to Detroit-made merchandise.

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# Livonia names interim superintendent

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

Andrea Oquist, director of elementary programs for Livonia Public Schools, will serve as the district's interim superintendent, but she is not interested in the job on a permanent basis, school board president Colleen Burton said.

"She has made it known she is not a candidate, and she is OK with my publicly stating that on her behalf," Burton said Monday during the meeting at which the board unanimously appointed Oquist interim superintendent, effective Aug. 3.

Randy Liepa, Livonia's superintendent since 2003, is leaving Aug. 2 to become superintendent of Wayne RESA, the regional educational service agency that provides services and support to Wayne County's 33 school districts.

Oquist will serve as interim superintendent until a new superintendent is in place, Burton said. That may be in October.

The district contracted with the Michigan Leadership Institute of Ossineke to help it find a new superintendent.

The deadline for applications is Aug. 28, and interviews will be conducted in September with the goal of having a new superintendent seated in October, Burton said.



An LPS employee for 25 years, Andrea Oquist has been a teacher, principal and director of elementary and special programs for the district. She was appointed interim superintendent, effective Aug. 3.

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However, if the board does not find a suitable candidate by then, it will continue the search process until one is

found, she said. "This board is absolutely devoted to hiring a very highly qualified superintendent to lead our school district," Burton said, adding Livonia has

been a lighthouse district for decades and remains a lighthouse district.

Board secretary Tammy Bonifield and trustee Dan Centers expressed confidence in Oquist's ability to lead Livonia Public Schools. Bonifield has known Oquist since Oquist was principal of Taylor Elementary. "I am pleased and honored that she is going to lead us for the next couple of months. I know the district is in fantastic

hands," Bonifield said.

Centers called Oquist a consummate professional who is greatly admired.

An employee with LPS for 25 years, Oquist has been a teacher, principal and director of elementary and special programs for the district.

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## Win a Christmas in July gift



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Christmas in July special section. Subscribers will find it inserted in today's newspaper. Search carefully on each page in the section for the holiday icon pictured here. Then fill out the entry form found on page 4 or go online to the Facebook link at hometownlife.com.

Winners will be selected in a random drawing of all correct entries.

The lucky few will be eligible for a long list of cool prizes, including a Galaxy pendant from Belle Étoile courtesy of Motif Jewelers; a lifetime membership to Witch's Hat Brewing Co.; and a jewelry gift from Larson's Jewelry. Other prizes include \$50 gift certificates from Tenny Furniture, Scrooge and Barley and Polish Pottery; a gift certificate for hair service to Modello 227; Salad Mates set from Cutco Kitchen; consultation and gift certificate for Nina McClemore; Automobile Day at the Spa from Bill Brown Ford; plus two will win a one-hour massage or LuXe Facials plus 15-minute Hydro-LuXe massage at MassageLuXe - Novi or West Bloomfield locations.

Ten others will win Riviera Cinema tickets and a Buddy's Pizza coupon.

So put on those shades, find a magnifying glass and have fun. Deadline to enter is Monday, Aug. 3.

## Public's input sought for Livonia superintendent search

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education is seeking the community's input on the desired attributes of the next superintendent of schools.

The community is invited to an open format input session, beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, in the LPS

Board of Education meeting room, lower level of the administration building, located at 15125 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile.

Current Superintendent Dr. Randy Liepa will be leaving the district after 12 years as superintendent later this summer, to assume

the position of superintendent at the Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency, also known as Wayne RESA intermediate school district.

The Board of Education has secured the services of the Michigan Leadership Institute to assist with the selection

of the district's next superintendent. The decision will be made by the Board of Education, and input from stakeholders across the district is an important piece of the process. MLI will facilitate the

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Any questions regarding this community forum should be directed to the Communications Office at 734-744-2522.

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# Suspect sought in wallet theft at VFW hall

Westland Police are trying to identify a suspect wanted for questioning about a stolen wallet and use of stolen credit cards.

The incident occurred June 15 at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road. The victim told police she left her purse on a table and later in the evening found her wallet was missing. The wallet was reported to contain credit cards.

Police obtained photographs of a woman allegedly illegally using stolen credit cards at the BP gas station at Wayne Road and Palmer. The victim viewed the photos,

police said, and identified the suspect as having been at the VFW hall the night her wallet was stolen.

The suspect is described as a white female, approximately 30 years old, 5-foot-6 with a thin build, dark hair and wearing a zebra-striped top. The suspect appears to have an unknown blemish on her right forearm, possibly a birthmark or bruise, which can be seen in one of the photographs.

Anyone who can identify the suspect is asked to contact the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600 or Sgt. Ron Buckley at 734-467-3194.

By LeAnne Rogers



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Westland Police are looking for information on this woman.

## WESTLAND COP CALLS

### Vandalism

A resident in the 7800 block of Berwick told police that overnight July 16 someone shot his 2008 Ford Fusion with a BB pellet gun.

There were: five shots/dents to the driver's side door; one shot to the driver-side window, cracking it; and four shots/dents to the driver-side rear passenger door.

### Larceny

A resident in the 500 block of Lansdowne told police July 14 that UPS delivered a

Bose radio to her home Jan. 22, leaving it on the front porch. She said she never received it and a replacement had already been sent. The resident said UPS told her a police report was needed.

### Retail fraud

On July 17 an employee at CVS Pharmacy 1750 S. Wayne Road, told police that a customer alerted him to numerous empty 5-Hour Energy drink packages in an aisle.

Checking security video, the employee said an un-

known woman could be seen removing the drinks from their packaging and concealing them in her shirt. She is then reportedly shown leaving the store and riding away on a bicycle.

A total of 60 energy drinks were reported missing at a total cost of \$159.

### Vandalism

A resident at Holliday Park Cooperative, 37546 Fountain Parkway, told police July 17 that he had been out of town since June 26 and returned to find someone

entered his 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe. He said he activated the security system before he left.

The vehicle's paperwork was scattered, he said. When he tried to start the vehicle he found the ignition was damaged. The officer noted no damage from forced entry but the steering column was broken and the ignition was punched by an unknown object.

### Vandalism

Two tires were reportedly slashed on a vehicle parked

at Westwood Village Apartments, 37820 Westwood Circle, July 6-13.

### Larceny

On July 14 a resident in the 100 block of Tami Circle told police that someone went through her vehicle. She said an expired state identification card and an old bank card were missing. The vehicle had been left unlocked.

By LeAnne Rogers

## GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

### Break-in

Residents of the 500 block of Cardwell came home July 19 to find that someone broke out a section of their basement glass block window.

The family had been away for weekend. The window was on the west side of the home and included a small window that opens and closes.

Police noted a suspect may have entered the home, noting a light-colored mud-smeared hand print on the inside wall.

The hand print was of poor quality and contained no identifying factors. There appeared to be nothing missing and no indication of the home being searched.

A resident in the 31000 block of Bock told police July 19 he found a small window broken on the west side of his garage. It appeared the window was broken by a projectile and that entry was attempted. No items were found missing from the garage.

### Retail fraud

A 49-year-old Garden City man was arrested for allegedly shoplifting July 19 at Kmart, 29600 Ford.

Two loss-prevention officers reportedly watched the man place several items in his backpack. He reportedly took several items to checkout, paid for them, and left the store. While leaving, he reportedly took a quilt from a display by the exit.

They reportedly stopped him outside the store and the

items — a shirt, tennis shoes, jeans, hat and quilt set — were recovered.

A case of Budweiser beer was reportedly stolen from the 7-Eleven, 2202 Merriman, July 18.

The clerk told police that two white males entered the store around 6:26 a.m. and attempted to purchase the case of beer, valued at \$15. The clerk was unable to sell it due to the time. The men reportedly left the store with the beer and fled on foot down Pardo.

### Identity theft

A resident in the 31000 block of Dover told police July 16 that he discovered several fraudulent transactions on his DFCU Financial account. According to the man, someone used his account information to make nine transactions totaling \$293.70.

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By Sue Mason

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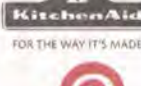


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# Livonia teens to play Quidditch at The Henry Ford

Teenagers from Livonia and surrounding communities will demonstrate how to play Quidditch, a game from the Harry Potter books, at the Maker Faire at The Henry Ford in Dearborn on Sunday, July 26.

The game is played with brooms and features handmade goal posts, sashes, snitches and other materials. Three games will be played and in between the teenagers will conduct a Quidditch Training Camp that teaches fundamentals of the game.

The Livonia Public Library Harry Potter Club is entering its fourth year this fall. The club meets on a weekly basis and has played more than 10 Quidditch games in the last three years.

"We are makers in the world of Harry Potter," says librarian Michelle Stiennon, who has volunteered at the Maker Faire in the past and who sees it as the place to

**"We are makers in the world of Harry Potter."**

**MICHELLE STIENNON**

showcase the club's talents. The materials used in the game have been handcrafted by members of the community, including the hula hoop posts that serve as goals.

Harry Potter plays Quidditch by flying on his broom, but the Harry Potter Club members play it by running with the broom between their legs. Teams are comprised of bludgers, beaters, chasers, keepers and a snitch runner. Points are scored by throwing balls through the hoop and by catching the snitch.

"Our Harry Potter Club is very popular," Teen Services Librarian Patty Goonis said. "We're excited about spreading our love for this game so we can have other teams to play in the area."



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FILE PHOTO

## Wayne County Parks offers Country Music on the River



Dan + Shay will perform at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Country on the River in Elizabeth Park, Trenton.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

Country music fans, mark your calendars for Saturday, July 25.

Wayne County Parks will presents its fourth annual New Country on the River. Fans will enjoy a full day of country music and fun along the river's edge at Elizabeth Park in Trenton.

"Wayne County is proud to present a variety of musical events in Trenton this summer," Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans said.

"With New Country on the River and Jazz on the River being held at the beautiful Elizabeth Park, we hope Wayne County residents will enjoy being at the park and listening to world-class artists."

The New Country on the River concert event features notable artists, including Dan + Shay, Jason Michael Carroll, David Shelby, Paulina Jayne, Buck Twenty and Tanya Marie Harris.

The event is free and open to the public.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Visitors will not be permitted to bring their own grills or alcoholic beverages into Wayne County Parks for this event.

Parking is available in Elizabeth Park for a \$5 donation in support of Wayne County Parks. This event is co-sponsored by Friends of Wayne County Parks.

The concert schedule is:

- » 1-2 p.m., Tanya Marie Harris.
- » 2:30-3:30 p.m., Buck Twenty.
- » 4-5 p.m., Paulina Jayne.
- » 5:30-6:30 p.m., David Shelby.
- » 7:00-8:00 p.m., Jason Michael Carroll.
- » 8:30-10:00 p.m., Dan + Shay.

Elizabeth Park is located just off West Jefferson in Trenton.

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# Room for more golfers at Lions Club outing

By Leanne Rogers  
Staff Writer

There's still time to sign up for the Westland Lions Club annual golf outing that's set for Monday, July 27, at the Polo Fields Golf and Country Club in Ann Arbor. "There are slots avail-

able; we're looking for golfers," Lions Club member Ken Sharp said.

The cost is \$125 per person or \$500 for a foursome. A variety of hole sponsors are also available. Registration is from 8:30-9:30 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Along with 18 holes of

golf and a cart, lunch and beverages are offered at the turn followed by dinner and door prizes. There will be a skins game, hole-in-one, closest-to-the-pin and longest-drive contests.

"This is our biggest fundraiser for the year. Last year, we raised

about \$11,000 last year," Sharp said. "It's gotten so tight with so many golf outings, we will probably raise \$6,000 to \$7,000."

The annual golf outing includes the presentation of Lions Club Community Services Awards. This year, the Pure American Award will be presented

to Paul Ruthenberg of Midwest Sanitation. He is being honored for his commitment, support and contributions to the community.

UAW Local 900, representing the workers at the Ford Wayne Assembly Plant, will receive the Community Partner

Award, recognizing their financial support and volunteer man hours in making a difference in the city.

For more information, contact Sharp at 734-595-8305 or George Marvaso at 313-801-5321.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Game Night

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly game night at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 23. The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh. For more information, call 734-419-2020.

### Workout for TEARS

Buddy Shuh, director of TEARS Foundation-Michigan, is inviting people to a Fun Workout for TEARS at noon Saturday, July 25, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne.

There will be about 25 stations. Try some or all. Try something you've never done before. You do not need a membership at the center to participate.

The cost? Donations only. Every penny goes to TEARS to help bereaved families in Michigan with funeral expenses when they don't have money to bury their baby.

Trainer Mike Mueller, a TEARS volunteer committee, is heading the workout. He is raffling off personal training sessions. There also will be a 50/50 raffle.

### Lodge Day

Join the Garden City Moose for Lodge Day on Saturday, July 25. It starts at 3 p.m. with fun for all ages — a pie-throwing contest, bounce house, kids

games with prizes and raffles. Walking tacos and refreshments will be available for purchase.

A night out for adults includes a disc jockey at 9 p.m., shots and drink specials, beer and contests.

The lodge is at 29137 Ford Road, Garden City.

### Garage/Bake Sale

A Bake Sale and Garage Sale to benefit the Norwayne Community Citizens Council will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy, Westland. If it fits in a grocery bag, it's yours for \$1. Larger items will cost \$2.

### Veterans lunch

World War II and Korean War veterans are invited to a luncheon in their honor from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Bova VFW Post #9885, 6440 N. Hix, Westland. Veterans may bring a family member to the lunch. It is free, but reservations are required. Call Dorothy at 904-625-4689.

### Kelly Miller Circus

The City of Wayne has signed a contract with the Kelly Miller Circus for the exhibition of an all-new 2015 show. The circus will roll into town Saturday, Aug. 8. Everyone is invited to come out and watch the animals be unloaded and fed, witness the raising

of the giant big top, followed by a special tiger meet and greet.

Activities will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Atwood Park on Howe south of Ann Arbor. The traditional "old-style" circus will present performances at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Sponsored by Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation, Advanced adult tickets are \$12 and children \$6. Children under age 2 are free. They can be ordered at ticketleap.com.

### Golf outing

AMVETS Post 171 is holding a golf outing Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Warren Valley Golf Course, 26116 Warren Road, Dearborn Heights.

Registration is 7:30-8:30 a.m., with the full-course shotgun scramble starting at 9 a.m. The cost is \$80 per player and includes golf, cart and beverage cart. Lunch will be served at the turn, and dinner will be at 3 p.m. in the AMVETS Club Room. There also will be contests, including skins, closest to the pin and longest drive.

The golf outing is a fundraiser for Veterans Haven, and sponsorship opportunities are available. Registration can be complete by Aug. 15 at the AMVETS Post, 1217 S. Merriman, Westland. For more information, contact Michele Nail at amvetsauxpost171@gmail.com.

## Summer programs bring readers to Garden City Library

By Lisa Kleinert  
Guest Columnist

June brought Garden City Public Library patrons several fun opportunities, centering on the beginning of the much anticipated Summer Reading series.

We kicked off the Youth Summer Reading Club with a pizza and craft night where children decorated superhero masks. The Adult Summer Reading Club began with Mike Wooley, a comic illustrator, talking about his work and displaying pieces from his portfolio.

Registration numbers rise each week and reading-raftle tickets from youth, teens and adults have been pouring in for a chance to win from our varied prize selection.

With the clubs running in full swing now, the staff members of the library are pleased to say that they are planning for even more excitement in July. Each Wednesday at 6 p.m., the Youth Summer Reading Club is hosting a different performer and bringing the public entertainment in the form of puppet shows, stunt exhibitions and exotic animals. These youth programs will end with prize drawings to reward club members for reading.

Additionally, family movie screenings will take place every Thursday at 6:30 p.m., and popcorn will be served. All of these programs are free and peppered with surprises.

In other news, the Friends of the Library



GARDEN CITY LIBRARY  
Lisa Kleinert is a library aide at the Garden City Public Library.

have been hard at work putting the "garden" in Garden City Public Library by providing a beautiful landscape for our building with several colorful flower varieties. This is appreciated by not just library staff and patrons but by local wildlife. Keep your eyes open for the baby bunny that lives in the bushes, (but don't tell Nancy Bailey, head of the gardening endeavor, that it may be eating her plants).

The Friends would also like to announce that their membership is available to all for only \$5 per year. Included with membership is a punch card for a free book each month from the Friends used book sale.

In terms of relocation, good news from the Garden City Public Library

Building Fund continues to develop in the quest for a permanent home with room to grow our collections. On the night of June 29, the Garden City Schools Board of Education voted to sell the library the 10 lots comprising the ball field of the old Burger School property.

"We are very grateful for the City Manager/Chief Muery who negotiated on our behalf," library director James Lenze said. It will still be a long journey, but every step brings us closer to a location that will help the library provide services to the community. Continue to check our website, Facebook page and articles in the *Observer* for updates.

But in the meantime, we are still available at our current location in the Maplewood Center for your media needs.

"When you come in," suggests Daniel Lodge, Adult Services librarian, "be sure to take a look at our growing graphic novel selection. They are becoming increasingly popular and the art on each page can be amazing. I've been hard at work trying to put together a collection of interesting titles, ranging from *The Walking Dead* to *Midnight Secretary*. I'm also happy to take suggestions of which novels you would like to see on our shelves in the future."

Lisa Kleinert is an aide at the Garden City Public Library. Contact her at kleinert@gardencitylib.org.

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For information on our programs or to support our programs through sponsorship please contact us at info@ljal.com

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# Guinness record results pending for Canton man's team

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A team of chain-reaction experts led by Steve Price of Canton shattered the U.S. record Saturday for using the most dominoes – 200,000 – to assemble a vast Rube Goldberg machine.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The project, sponsored



INCREIBLE SCIENCE MACHINE

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

by Zeal Credit Union, unfolded before a live audience at the Michigan Science Center after the global team, organized by Price, spent days building the machine. Their effort included 200,000 dominoes, which set a U.S. record. It was enjoyable, but a little nerve-wracking.

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

Ideally, Price and other builders would like to participate in a television

show that each year features a competition for the biggest and best Rube Goldberg chain-reaction machines. It's a dream, one that's not impossible.

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

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

Tonya Matthews, the



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

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## CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF REGULATED USE REQUEST

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the City of Wayne, Michigan, will meet on August 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims, Wayne, MI, regarding a request by Amanda Banosky to establish a regulated use, a Tattoo and Body Piercing Business at 3019 S. Wayne Road, Parcel #55-003-99-0008-000.

The approval of this request for this location requires a waiver due to the proximity of residential districts which is dependent upon the presentation to the ZBA of a validated petition with signatures as specified in Chapter 1234 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wayne. Relevant information may be examined or written comments may be submitted at the City Clerk's Temporary Office at 32101 Stellwagen during business hours (Monday-Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Zoning Board will consider, and may act upon, this matter.

Jennifer A. Wagner  
Deputy City Clerk

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## Buddy's Pizza highlights Polish heritage July 26

Celebrate Polish culture and traditions with Buddy's Pizza during a Polski Festival at its Livonia location from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 26.

Detroit's original square Sicilian-style pizza maker has partnered with Plymouth-based Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers to bring the sights, sounds and flavors of Poland to the family-owned restaurant for an afternoon of entertainment. Patrons will enjoy a selection of special Polish-themed menu items, including the debut of Buddy's Hamtramck Pizza and Okocim lager, as well as traditional music and multiple performances by the dance ensemble's talented students ages 3-18.

The PNA Centennial Dancers will perform two sets of dances at 2

p.m. and 3:30 p.m., as well as an encore at 4 p.m. at Buddy's Pizza at 33605 Plymouth Road in Livonia.

In addition to Buddy's classic offerings and specials for this event, the family-owned restaurant will offer the Hamtramck Pizza – a specialty pizza served on Buddy's original crust with kapusta-style sauerkraut from Ann Arbor's The Brinery, thinly sliced kielbasa from Hamtramck's Polish Market and Grosse Pointe Woods' own Red Pelican Mustard, creating a blend of local flavor.

Patrons over age 21 can pair a Hamtramck Pizza with a pint of Polonia's brew, Okocim Lager, which will be available on draft during the Polski Festival.

Buddy's will donate \$1 from the sale of every pizza and \$4 from the



sale of each Hamtramck Pizza sold during the event to the PNA Centennial Dancers.

Buddy's Pizza has a longstanding history of supporting local nonprofit and community organizations. Located in Detroit and on the border of

Hamtramck for nearly 70 years, the Polish community has long been supportive of Buddy's Pizza. Creating the Hamtramck Pizza and hosting an event to celebrate Polish culture is one way Buddy's Pizza demonstrates its support of its neigh-

boring Polish community.

"As a first generation Polish-American, I feel strongly about the value of upholding cultural traditions for future generations," said Wes Pikula, Buddy's Pizza vice president of operations. "Buddy's Pizza was

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built on tradition and we've established our legacy on upholding those traditions. We're excited to partner with the PNA Centennial Dancers to help them continue their hard work and dedication to preserving American-Polish culture in the local community."

The PNA Centennial Dancers is a children's Polish folk dance ensemble serving the Polish-American communities in Wayne, Oakland and Livingston counties. Operated through the Polish National Alliance, the dance ensemble has been educating students and sharing Polish heritage and culture through music and dance for more than three decades. For more information, go to [www.pnacentennialdancers.org](http://www.pnacentennialdancers.org) or connect with the group on Facebook.

### GUEST COLUMNIST

## In business, destination is important, but journey matters most

Most of us have big goals we're striving to reach, and this Sunny Note is simply a reminder that although the destination is important: The journey matters most.

In business and life, it's easy to get so focused on the finish line that we forget to enjoy the race. Enjoying the race is especially important because some finish lines won't be reached. We might change direction, reevaluate our priorities or simply not get there.



Clarity Patton Newhouse  
A SUNNY NOTE

Inevitably, big goals involve big hurdles to overcome. That's all part of the journey. Maybe we'll reach the finish line, maybe we won't. Either way, if we enjoy the race, compete with integrity and learn from the challenges along the way, then no matter what — we are winners.

Here's to the journey

— and a sunny day!

**Clarity**  
P.S. "It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end."

Ursula K. LeGuin

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### GUEST COLUMNIST

## Review alternatives when considering insurance life settlement

A few weeks ago I sat down with a new client to discuss her financial affairs. What made this woman's situation unique is that she has terminal cancer and according to her doctor, she only has at most about two years to live.

Most of our meeting dealt with getting her financial house in order so that upon her death, things would be as easy as possible on her children. We discussed wills and trusts, beneficiary designations and other areas to make sure her financial house was in order.

We also discussed her life insurance policy which has a \$500,000 death benefit and an annual premium of about \$4,500. The policy has some cash value, but not a lot. As we were discussing the insurance, she mentioned that her agent made an offer to buy her current policy. She said he offered \$150,000 to buy out the policy.

Her question was whether I thought this is something she should pursue.

What the agent was proposing — known as a life settlement — was popular years ago but has fallen out of favor



Rick Bloom  
MONEY MATTERS

**Life settlements are basically where an investor buys someone's life insurance policy during that person's lifetime.**

because so many people have been ripped off.

Life settlements are basically where an investor buys someone's life insurance policy during that person's lifetime. The insured then has the proceeds to do as they wish. The investor would then own the policy and is responsible to make the premium payments. Upon death of the insured the investor would receive the face value of the policy.

The theory behind life settlement is it allows someone to enjoy some of the proceeds of their life insurance policy during their lifetime. This could be particularly valuable for someone

who needs the proceeds to increase the quality of their life.

Many people have life insurance policies that they don't need and no longer want to pay the premium. Therefore, in those situations selling your life insurance policy to an investor may make sense. After all, if you don't need the policy and you can make money selling it, why not.

However, the problem develops like in this case where the agent is taking advantage of the situation and his offer to purchase the policy was unrealistically low.

My client does not need the money from the life insurance policy and considering her health issues, I recommended that she reject the offer.

All too often people who are involved with life settlements are looking at taking advantage of a senior citizen. Therefore, if you are considering a life settlement and selling your policy, proceed with caution. Before you accept an offer consider other alternatives.

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

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### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Parkside names Thompson new CEO

Parkside Credit Union's Board of Directors announced that Janet B. Thompson is taking over as president and chief executive officer beginning this week.



Thompson

Thompson brings over 25 years of credit union experience. She is an active member of multiple credit union and community organizations that support the People Helping People Philosophy. Thompson comes to Parkside from Village Community Credit Union in Dearborn where she was president and chief executive officer since 2007. Previously she was the senior vice president/chief marketing officer at Credit Union One in Ferndale.

Thompson will take over management of the \$87 million Parkside Credit Union following Martin R. Carter, who served as chief executive officer at Parkside since 2012.

Parkside Credit Union is a Michigan-based non-

profit financial institution that has been serving the community since 1953 and is headquartered in Livonia.

#### Clinic gets grant

Hope Medical Clinic Inc. has received a \$12,000 grant to develop patient-advocacy services and health and wellness initiatives at the Wayne Clinic in Westland.

The Hope Medical grant was among five announced by the DMC Foundation, which gave out more than \$500,000 in new grants in June to programs that promote the well-being of the general public in the metropolitan Detroit area through the support of health-related research, education and community benefit activities.

Among the grants awarded were the following:

» American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeastern Michigan: \$50,650 to replace a flood-damaged kitchen and improve healthy cooking and physical activity classes that incorporate traditional Native American food, dance and traditions.

» Children's Leuke-

mia Foundation Of Michigan: \$25,000 for programs and support services to leukemia patients and their families.

» Wayne State University School of Medicine: \$100,000 for a program to reduce pre-term births in Detroit

» Wayne State University School of Medicine: \$96,638 to research a pre-clinical model to test neuroprotective drugs for Multiple Sclerosis

» Wayne State University School of Medicine: \$97,359 to research a novel cellular-based system to maximize delivery of chemotherapeutics across the blood brain barrier

Formerly known as the Health & Wellness Foundation, the DMC Foundation was created in 2010 to receive part of the charitable assets transferred from the Detroit Medical Center following its sale to Vanguard Health Systems.

In 2013, the DMC Foundation affiliated with the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, seeking grant-making and investment expertise, as well as overall efficiencies. For more information about the DMC Foundation, visit [dmcfound.org](http://dmcfound.org).



# Festival features talents of Garden City's alumni

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

The rivalry between Garden City East and West high schools will be put aside this weekend as alumni of both schools come together for a benefit for autism.

The Garden City Alumni Arts and Crafts Festival will be held on the lawn of Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 25, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26. The event is the brainchild of Rick Shipley, a 1972 East alum. It will feature the work of alumni from both schools.

"We'll have more than a dozen of the most talented artists from the Garden City high schools," Shipley said. "It's an arts and crafts show, but it'll also be a

very, very big reunion. People are coming from different years and different places."

Marilyn Bettencourt Backus of Ortonville will be there with her tutus and other "hippie stuff," as will Diane Shipley DeCillis of West Bloomfield, an award-winning author of *Strings Attached*, a collection of her poetry, and retired teacher Pietro DiGeorgio of Farmington Hills who has written *Filtered Light* and *Constant Melody: Notes From the Void* and co-authored *Doodles & Aphorisms* with his wife Sharlet.

Artist Susan Stewart Johnson is coming from Sault Ste. Marie for the show, and fellow East grad Mike Mazzoni, owner of M Mazzoni Jewelers in downtown Farmington, also will be there along with Ruth

Olson, a certified portrait artist and owner of Ruth Olson Photography Westland who will have a photo booth at the festival.

Local businesses also have gotten involved. Villa Bakery will be selling its pizza rolls, Al-Ameer Restaurant will provide Lebanese food, and Kmart will selling its subs. TCF Bank will help with activities for children.

"The Kmart sub originated at the Garden City Kmart," Shipley said. "They stopped selling them, but the people from Garden City wanted them, so they brought them back. And we grew up with Villa Bakery and its pizza rolls."

Shipley is hoping to bring 1,000 grads back to the high school for the festival, which is serving as a fundraiser for the

Lyman Foundation and the Burger Autistic School Association.

Shipley also is partnering with the Garden City Downtown Development Authority. Shipley will put up signs, promoting the DDA's Lucky Squirrel Festival, which will happen from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 25, at the Farmers Market area on Middlebelt, north of Ford, and in turn the DDA will put up signs for the arts and crafts festival.

There also will be an evening event, starting at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the US-12 Bar at West Michigan Avenue and Second Street in downtown Wayne where awards will be given out and there will be a raffle, featuring such things as two Detroit Lions tickets and gift certificates.



Garden City East grad Diane Shipley DeCillis of West Bloomfield, the author of "Strings Attached," a collection of her poetry, will be at the festival.

## State grant, county match will fund Rouge study

The Wayne County Commission voted unanimously July 16 to accept a grant from the state that will help the county monitor the health of the Rouge River and its branches.

The State Clean Michigan Initiative Grant is for \$35,830, with the county adding \$11,943 of existing storm water general permit money. The combined \$47,773 will pay for the "Rouge River Insecticide Monitoring" project, with the grant contract running from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2017.

The Commission's Committee on Public Services voted unanimously July 7 to send the item to the full Commission for final approval.

"This project is impor-



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tant because the health of the Rouge River and its branches is tied to the overall environmental health of the region," said Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, a Committee on Public Services member and former science teacher. "It truly is a barometer of not only the watershed's health, but the health of the county and southeast Michigan as a whole."

The Rouge River Watershed comprises 467 square miles primarily in Wayne County, but also in Oakland and Washtenaw counties. The Upper and Middle Rouge Rivers

merge near the Dearborn Heights-Dearborn boundary, and they merge with the Lower Rouge River in Dearborn. The combined Rouge River empties into the Detroit River at Zug Island, along the Detroit-River Rouge boundary.

"I am always pleased to see the county receive grants that improve water quality," said Commissioner Diane Webb, D-Livonia, who chairs the Committee on Public Services and whose district includes Dearborn Heights. "I'm glad we're able to take advantage of the opportunity. Ensuring the health of the Rouge River and its branches is so important."

The Friends of the Rouge nonprofit volunteer group and the Alli-

ance of Rouge Communities will be involved in the project.

The project's goal is to determine if the pesticides pyrethroid and fipronil and their degradates are at a level considered toxic for the river's macroinvertebrates. Samples will be collected over two years at 32 surface water sites and eight sediment stream bottom sites.

Macroinvertebrates are organisms without backbones that are visible without a microscope, including species like beetles, mayflies, dragonflies, aquatic worms and snails.



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### CITY OF WESTLAND PRIMARY ELECTION

August 4, 2015

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time local city offices of **City Clerk** – one (1) to be elected and **City Council** – four (4) to be elected with the top three (3) candidates to receive a four (4) year term next candidate to receive a two (2) year term will be on the ballot.

The places of voting for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 will be as follows:

Precincts	Locations
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2, 11, 23 & 32	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
3 & 7	Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette
4 & 8	Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road
5, 24 & 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
6, 9 & 10	Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
12, 25, 30, 31 & 35	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail
14	Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
15	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct
16	Holliday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.
17 & 37	P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
21 & 42	Johnson School, 8400 Hix
22	Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born
26 & 33	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
27 & 36	Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz
28	Church of Christ – Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis
34 & 38	Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing – 36745 Marquette
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
40 & 41	Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant.

A sample of the ballot may be obtained at the City of Westland City Clerk's Office or on the internet at [Michigan.gov/vote](http://Michigan.gov/vote)

Registrations to vote will be accepted in the following locations:

- City or County Clerk's offices during normal business hours
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## OUR VIEWS

# Johnson and Nicholson: Volunteerism at its best

This week, members of the community came together to honor Henry Johnson and Don Nicholson, who were selected as the 2015 First Citizen and 2015 Business Person of the Year, respectively.

The First Citizen Award recognizes outstanding volunteer community service. Johnson is a shining star and great example of how unselfishness and concern for fellow man can make the world a better place.

Johnson may have been surprised at his selection, but we weren't. He has been a driving force behind the resurgence of the Norwayne subdivision, taking it from a blighted community to its designation as a historic district and its inclusion in the National Registry of Historic Places. It took two years to earn the designation, which gives the community a sense of pride and adds to community spirit.

In a Facebook posting Tuesday morning, Johnson explained his motivation for seeking the historic designation. It was, he said, "motivated to remember the Defense Workers who built the armaments for the Arsenal of Democracy. My work is meant to honor the men who flew the B-24 bombers throughout the various military theaters to save the World from the Imperialism of the Japanese Empire and the horrible threat to freedom from the Third Reich. My work honors the returning veterans and their families who called Norwayne Home. 20,000 residents strong."

In his nomination, Mayor William Wild noted that "while the city focused on demolition of blighted



Henry Johnson



Don Nicholson

buildings and rehabilitation of sound structures, Henry stepped forward to focus on the human element of building community pride for the Norwayne residents."

He has been active in the community throughout his life, but it was the closing of two elementary schools in the subdivision that spurred him into action. He brought back the Norwayne Community Citizens Council; through its efforts, residents enjoy an Octoberfest and have a Community Garden and Community Watch. There is now an ongoing effort to clean up the neighborhoods and spruce up vacant buildings. Last summer, youngsters spruced up an empty storefront by painting murals depicting Norwayne then and now.

Johnson said that there many other people who should be recognized for their efforts in the renaissance of Norwayne. "I humbly accept this award ... fully understanding that so many more citizens deserve this recognition."

Nicholson started out in business in photography, but reinvented himself when digital replaced film. He became Don Nicholson Enterprises LLC and shifted to promoting automotive events in and around the

area.

His premiere event, Cruisin' Hines, has put Westland on the map. Last year it brought in more than 60,000 people to watch and/or drive their classics along Hines Drive from Westland to Dearborn Heights. And he is bringing folks into the heart of the city with his All American Cruise along Wayne Road.

But his involvement in the community and southeast Michigan goes beyond cars. He serves on 16 different boards, commissions and committees. He's the vice president of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce and is on the Westland Chamber's Board of Directors. He also serves on the Westland Disabilities Concerns Commission and is active in the Friends of Nankin Mills, helping in restoring a Model T that will be a hands-on display in the interpretive center.

If you went to Autorama this year, you might have seen him there promoting Autoplazoo, a compilation of major cruises, races and shows during summer, as part of his involvement with the Motor Cities National Heritage Area. He also serves on its board.

This is the second award he's received this year. He also was recognized for his volunteerism by the DAR.

Nicholson admitted he was surprised to be Business Person of the Year. "I'm quite honored. I enjoy doing things in the community."

Both men exemplify what these two awards are all about. Their strong commitment to the community is truly a blessing for Westland.

## Protect yourself, loved ones from summer heat

It's been pretty warm recently, and the temperatures are expected to be in the high 80s this weekend.

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

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

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

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

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

If you see someone exhibiting these extreme signs, call 9-1-1 immediately; help the person move to a cooler environment; reduce the person's body temperature with cool cloths soaked in ice water especially to head, neck, armpits and upper legs near the groin area where combined 70 percent of body heat can be lost, or even a cool bath if you can stay with them to avoid drowning; and do not give them fluids.

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

To help prevent heat-relat-

ed illness, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and AlertID offer these suggestions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## LETTERS

### Re-elect incumbents

With the upcoming primary election Aug. 4, we wanted to share our views.

Reflecting on the accomplishments of the four incumbent candidates for city council positions in Westland, during the past four years, one cannot forget their challenging contributions.

Without the leadership of Mayor William Wild and the city council members of our great city, we would still be in the water-laden, mold-infested old city hall. Now we are in a first-class city hall that provides amenities and services like none other. These four council members had an important role in that.

Without their leadership, we would still have the contaminated Central City Park. From the contaminated park rose another crown jewel, Tattan Park. It also provides amenities and services like none other. The four incumbent candidates also had an important role in this accomplishment.

There are also more achievements, too many to list; however, our point is: because they proved themselves again and again by working with the mayor, the other council members and city directors, they accomplished great things. They are proven leaders and team players who will continue to take

our city forward and deserve to be re-elected.

We respectfully ask you to vote for James Godbout, Adam Hammons, Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves on Aug. 4. Keep them in the Westland City Council so that we may continue to move forward.

James and Mary Murphy  
Westland

### Why I am voting 'no'

City Manager Bob Muery recently said that this millage just helps a bit because the budget for the fire/police, which is already approved by council, is over \$9,000,000 or 52 percent of the whole city budget. True as that may be, my opinion the "renewal" is not really a renewal. A renewal would be 3.5 mills for four years like we have now. What the council is doing is asking for the same 3.5 millage that will generate approximately \$1.7 million per year. Most likely more since our home values are looking to continue rising.

We were promised four years ago that it was a one-time millage for four years. Now the city is saying we need the same but for five years, which will generate approximately \$8.5 million to \$9 million over the five years. The average homeowner with a SEV of \$40,000 will pay about \$140 per year. For five years, this would add up to \$700. This is according what was stated

by Allyson Bettis, our City Clerk.

The main reason I am against this millage is that the recent Burger School will be developed into about 35-40 homes that could range in price of \$99,000 to \$120,000. The tax value on this alone will be more than enough to provide the general fund balance to supply the fire/police with all the funds to operate their departments.

We (the residents) of Garden City have never got a tax decrease from the city, just a handout for more of our hard-earned money. We have senior citizens and single parents that are on a monthly fixed income and struggle to survive to live and the city is going to add another burden on them with this millage.

The mayor has stated that if this doesn't pass they will be forced to lay off personnel. Remember this is a scare tactic to make the senior citizens vote passage of the millage. Each person makes approximately \$100,000 per year with benefits, according to City Manager Bob Muery on a Dan York interview. If our residence made half this much in their pension, I would say yes we can afford to pay for personnel.

On Aug. 4, I am voting no on the 3.5 safety millage.

Al Buckner  
Garden City

## GUEST COLUMN

# Proposed raid on MEDC a bad idea for Michigan

The Michigan House recently introduced two bills that would redirect \$135 million of Michigan Economic Development Corporation funding to address the state's road conditions. If passed, the proposal would cripple economic development efforts including business development and attraction, community development, job training and entrepreneurship programs. House Speaker Kevin Cotter describes it as taking care of needs over wants, but isn't Michigan's economic future a need?

Michigan is becoming nationally recognized for its economic development ecosystem. At the Mackinac Policy Conference, Gov. Rick Snyder noted Michigan ranks second in National Economic Health Rankings and sixth in entrepreneurial climate. We've done great work identifying the best economic programs and helping them grow while eliminating ineffective initiatives. Shifting funding from these effective programs could have huge negative long-term impacts.

Roads are important, but not at the expense of an economic development ecosystem which companies rely on for certainty.

As CEO of NextEnergy, a leading accelerator of advanced technologies, I've seen the results of MEDC initiatives



Jean Redfield  
GUEST COLUMNIST

firsthand. Since 2002, NextEnergy has helped attract more than \$1.6 billion in new investment and we are one of more than 50 organizations contributing to entrepreneurial and acceleration services in Michigan. We work with hundreds of entrepreneurs, early-growth companies and research teams each year, serving as a catalyst by helping them commercialize their technologies and connect with larger companies.

Through a recent NextEnergy Technology Challenge, one of our clients identified a new market and plans to expand their operations and hire 28 people. Just the hint that Michigan's economic development climate could change was enough to invite calls from Indiana and Ohio about moving to their states. Another client recently closed on \$1.7 million to expand their operations. These companies are great examples of small-medium enterprises, the business size responsible for the bulk of our economy and new jobs, and represent the company size least likely to leave Michigan once they've established roots here. Imagine how many

would get courted to other states because our economic development volatility has signaled to the market that we no longer care to compete for this business.

A bigger question to ask is "What does Michigan want to be in 20 years?" Should we continue to rely on old-time approaches to economic growth or should we keep progressing toward an innovation-based economy? I believe the latter is essential to diversify our economy and keep the next generation of the auto industry - connected and autonomous vehicle solutions - growing in Michigan. To achieve this forward leaning, tech-based economy, we need more economic development investment to deliver talent and connectivity programs that help small companies and start-ups connect.

Don't buy into the House road funding plan. Entrepreneurship and accelerated technology funding are critical to our economic growth. They're not "wants," they're definitely "needs" for Michigan if we hope to continue attracting and generating investment in the state. Michigan's roads need to be addressed, but this proposal is not the solution.

Jean Redfield is the president and CEO of NextEnergy.

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## FIGURE SKATING

# STAYING SHARP



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

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

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

The 12-week summer program, guided by USA Hockey Arena figure skating director Jen DeJohn,

provides ample opportunity for skaters of all ages — even those who didn't take up the sport until their teens or 20s — to sharpen up their moves and literally get an edge on those taking things a little easier during their summer vacation.

DeJohn estimated that as many as 24 skaters — including hockey

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## USA HOCKEY ARENA

# IT FIGURES

Hockey players get a leg up on essential skills

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

"I think Jen (DeJohn) helps to improve his edges and his stride, gaining speed and balance," said Joey's mom, Jennifer Dean. "They do a lot of work with technique, which helps. I think you can see it in his hockey game."

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

JENNIFER DEAN,  
Joey's mom

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

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

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

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

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Skating coach Jacque Lupinacci-Mooney is a former hockey player for Livonia Ladywood.

## PREP FOOTBALL

# Falcons 'will be fine' despite loss of top talent

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

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

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

moved to Waterford and transferred to Mott High School.

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

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



Bechtel

thers earlier this year. The 6-foot-2, 192-pound Fitzpatrick, who also started at cornerback on defense for the Falcons, did not return phone calls from the Observer.

"It's just like every season,"

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

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

"I can't wait to start work-

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

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

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

### Something unique

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### It's exciting

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

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



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

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

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

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

### Youth is served

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Never too late

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

### Keeping the passion

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## FALCONS

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

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

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

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

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

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



Dez Fitzpatrick

## MU WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

# Franklin, Canton alums among five recruited to play for Crusaders

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

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

"I think we have added five quality players and, more importantly, five quality people to our program," Abraham said.

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

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

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



Abraham

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

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

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

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

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

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

with power and spray the ball to all fields."

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

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

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



## 2015 ALL-AREA SOFTBALL TEAM

# All-Observer team loaded with college-bound talent

## FIRST TEAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Abby Krzywiecki**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Brittney Miller, third base, Plymouth:** A dependable senior

standout for the regional champion Wildcats, Miller provided a powerful bat as well as strong-armed defense at the hot corner.

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

In the field, she started every game

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

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

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

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

Miller will play Division I college softball at Oakland University.

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

Marciniak, another four-year

standout, also was a key contributor at second base or in the circle — she

augmented freshman Jenny Bressler to give the Wildcats an excellent pitching staff.

She delivered in all facets of her game, hitting .498 with 16 doubles, five

homers and 35 RBIs. Her pitching stats were just as impressive: 15-3 record, 1.53 earned-run average and 146 strikeouts in just under 115 innings.

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

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

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

**Kaylen Glenfield, shortstop, Garden City:** Glenfield posted one of the most impressive stats lines in the state this season, hitting .578 with seven home runs, 55 runs scored and 56 RBIs. She hit the ball hard almost every time she stepped in the batter's box, delivering 14 doubles and 14

triples. Along with posting an amazing 1.156 slugging percentage, she stole 12 bases. She has verbally committed to play collegiate softball for Western Michigan University.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ing 12 games to a knee injury.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

honoree.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Petras also excelled defensively and is an all-region player.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meyer is headed to the University of Michigan next year to play field hockey.

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

**CO-COACHES OF YEAR**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

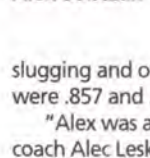
"I could not have asked for a more hard-working, dedicated group of student-athletes to work with my first year. They jumped on board with my coaching style and welcomed me to their team."

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

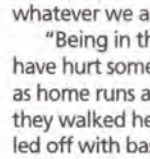
"I am very fortunate to receive this honor after my first year coaching," Delapaz emphasized. "I could not have done it without the amazing support of my assistant coaches as well as the outstanding student-athletes."



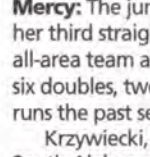
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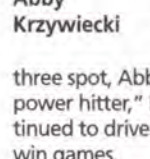
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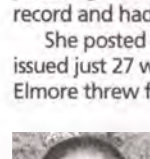
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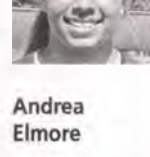
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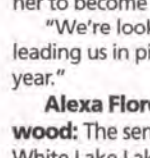
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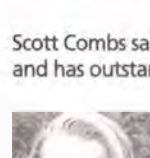
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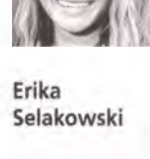
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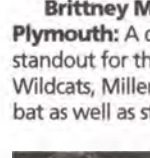
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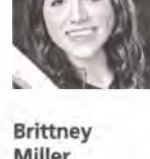
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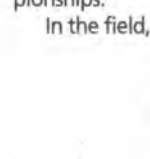
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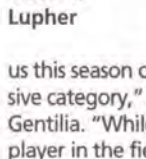
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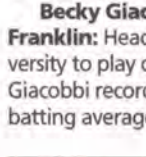
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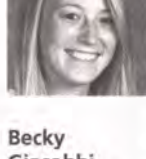
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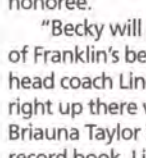
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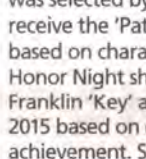
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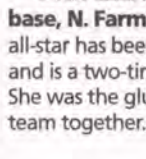
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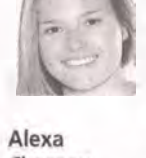
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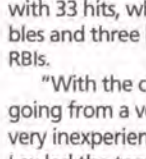
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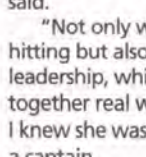
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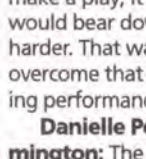
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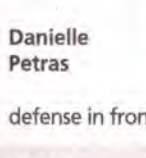
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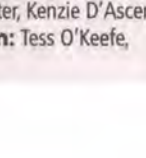
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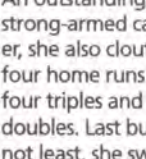
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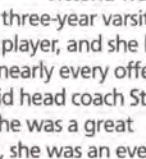
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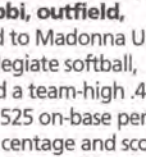
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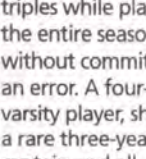
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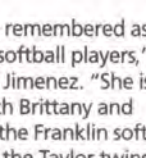
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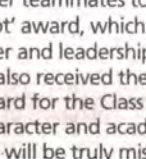
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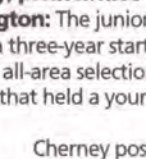
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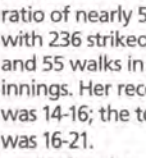
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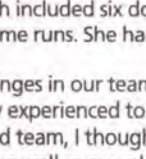
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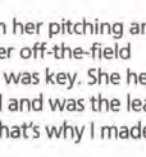
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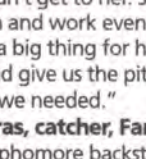
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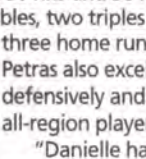
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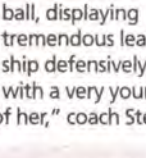
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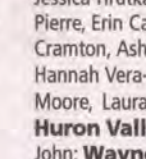
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## PDL SOCCER

# Bucks win another regular season championship

Team to host PDL Central Conference tourney at Ultimate Soccer Arenas

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

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

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

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

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

Lions goalkeeper Tyler Blackmer was under siege all night long, while Bucks goalkeeper Drew Shepherd (Western Michigan) made just one save the entire evening. Blackmer was bombarded with 16 first-half Bucks shots on goal, but did a great job keeping the visitors in the match.

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



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

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

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

## Hall of Fame

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

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

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

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

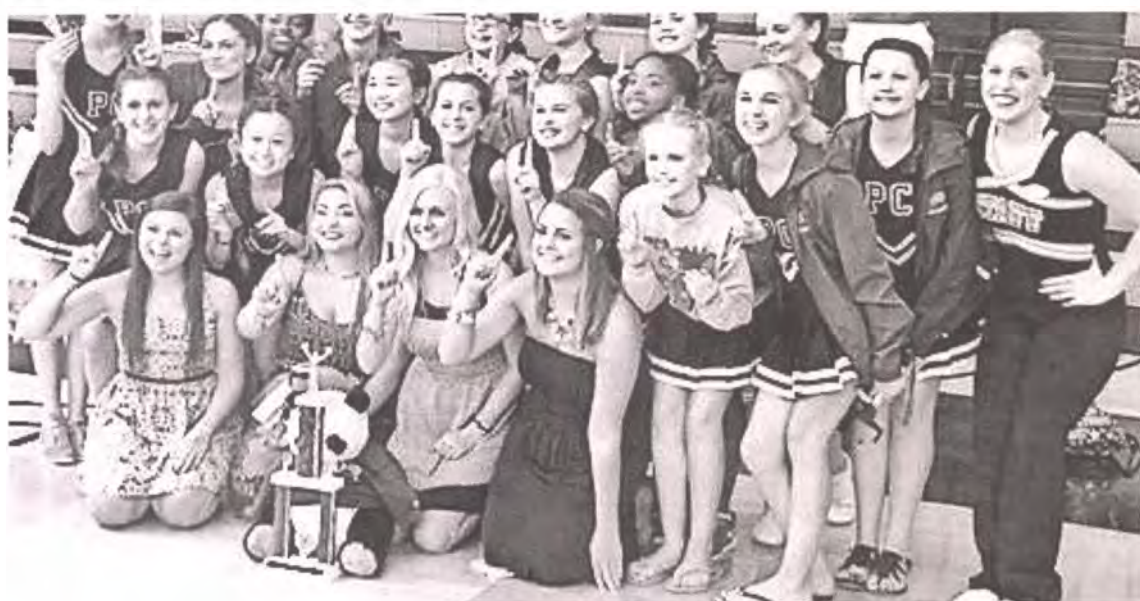
team tonight to win for several reasons. With all that was at stake in the league and the playoffs, that was enough pressure. But to play before all these great former players and Hall of Famers added a bit to the evening."

## Final four

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

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

## Grand champions!



COURTESY SHANNON CRAGGS

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

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Plymouth YMCA

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

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

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

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

### Lakers tryouts

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

### Salem wrestling

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

### Churchill hockey

The Livonia Churchill hockey camp will be held from 8-9:30 p.m. Aug. 3-7 and Aug. 10-14 at Eddie Edgar Arena. The cost is \$175. For more information, contact head coach Jason Reynolds at JayRey48152@gmail.com.

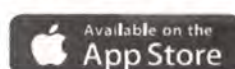


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Caution's called for around a home swimming pool, especially with young children, the American Red Cross says.

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## Red Cross: Keep your home pool safe at all times

Millions of us enjoy warm weather every year by swimming in our backyard pools and relaxing in hot tubs. Tragically though, over 200 young children drown in backyard swimming pools each year. The American Red Cross suggests owners make pool safety their priority by following these guidelines:

» Secure your pool with appropriate barriers. Completely surround your pool with a 4-foot high fence or barrier with a self-closing, self-latching gate. Place a safety cover on the pool or hot tub when not in use and

remove any ladders or steps used for access. Consider installing a pool alarm that goes off if anyone enters the pool.

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

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

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

» Keep your pool or hot tub water clean and clear. Maintain proper chemical levels, circulation and filtration. Regularly test and adjust the chemical levels to minimize the risk of earaches, rashes or more serious diseases.

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

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

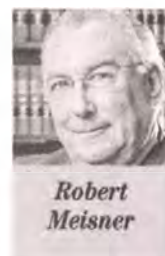
The American Red Cross and National Swimming Pool Foundation® have partnered to create an online Home Pool Essentials course that describes steps home pool owners can take to prevent tragedy and keep a well-maintained pool or hot tub. The course is available at [www.HomePoolEssentials.org](http://www.HomePoolEssentials.org).

## Be in the know when borrowing

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

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

The right to know the reason if your loan application is turned down and, among other things, your right to ask questions about changes in loan terms that you do not understand. You are best advised to see your mortgage broker and/or attorney so that you have a complete understanding of all of your rights.



Robert Meisner

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

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

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

#### BEVERLY HILLS

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

#### BIRMINGHAM

2598 Manchester Rd \$340,000  
165 N Adams Rd \$215,000  
1610 S Bates St \$525,000  
1288 Villa Rd \$318,000  
600 W Brown St # 402 \$230,000

#### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

4045 W Maple Rd # C203 \$85,000

#### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

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

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

#### COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

5694 Carroll Lake Rd \$30,000  
5481 Ford Rd \$220,000  
6137 Nadeau St \$252,000  
2327 Palmetto \$251,000  
3696 Sandbar Dr \$530,000  
5785 Strawberry Cir \$485,000

#### FARMINGTON

32314 Loomis Dr \$140,000  
22815 Power Rd \$158,000

#### FARMINGTON HILLS

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

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

#### FRANKLIN

30455 S Greenbriar Rd \$660,000

#### HIGHLAND

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

#### LATHRUP VILLAGE

27071 Eldorado Pl \$115,000  
18861 Sunbright Ave \$236,000

#### MILFORD

1221 Old Plank Rd \$210,000  
**NORTHVILLE**  
20775 Cambridge Dr \$185,000  
24213 Chelsea Ct \$125,000  
45115 Galway Dr \$285,000  
55601 Lorals Way \$515,000

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

#### SOUTH LYON

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

#### SOUTHFIELD

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

#### WHITE LAKE

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

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Short sales

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

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

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email [june.quantum@gmail.com](mailto:june.quantum@gmail.com) for your reservation or additional information.

#### Investors

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

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

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

#### Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

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

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

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

#### CANTON

44171 Brandywyne Rd \$194,000  
44215 Candlewood Dr \$217,000  
7332 Chichester Rd \$210,000  
49803 Courtyard Ln \$23,000  
44273 Craftsby Ct \$210,000  
7553 Embassy Dr \$215,000  
39990 Finley Dr \$268,000  
50821 Geddes Rd \$192,000  
47166 Glenhurst Dr \$331,000  
41474 Hanford Rd \$208,000  
264 Harvard St \$190,000  
42135 Hystone St \$180,000  
4050 Kimberly Dr \$195,000  
42715 Lilley Pointe Dr \$92,000  
43563 Lotus Dr \$225,000  
6355 N Lilley Rd \$172,000  
41028 Northwind Dr \$80,000  
42419 Old Bridge Rd \$230,000  
7255 Peachtree Ct \$284,000  
45166 Quaker Hill Dr \$230,000  
208 Robyn Ct \$202,000

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

#### GARDEN CITY

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

#### LIVONIA

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

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

#### NORTHVILLE

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

#### PLYMOUTH

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

#### REDFORD

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

#### WAYNE

36836 Thinbark St \$110,000  
34114 Avondale St \$95,000  
35603 Canyon Dr \$115,000  
38548 Chestnut Ln \$118,000

#### WESTLAND

31461 Alcona Ct \$12,000  
34114 Avondale St \$95,000  
35603 Canyon Dr \$115,000  
38548 Chestnut Ln \$118,000  
8039 Coventry St \$23,000  
213 Farmington Rd \$117,000  
31476 Glen St \$83,000  
1750 Leslie St \$80,000  
355 Marigold Cir \$94,000  
37445 Marquette St \$69,000  
29735 Marshall Dr \$125,000  
5834 Morley St \$134,000  
258 S Newburgh Rd \$110,000  
37975 Stafford Ct \$145,000  
30763 Steinhauer St \$40,000



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- Cartographers' works
- Fitzgerald or Raines
- Six-pointers
- In a frenzy
- Corduroy ridges
- Debt memo
- Ordinary
- Beezy refusal device
- Codgers' queries
- Dragon's breath
- Skilled force
- Gratis (2 wds.)
- Fiesta cheers
- Singer — Ballard
- Refrain syllables
- HS math
- Gambling stakes
- Mir successor
- Pothole filler
- Not e'en once
- Pesky hopper
- Had a bite
- With caustic humor
- Pickling herb
- Bad hair —
- Dispense with
- Like Spock
- Travel stopover
- Greenish-blue
- Breezy refusal
- Put out a runner
- Faction
- Pita sandwich

### DOWN

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

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### Here's How It Works:

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## VACATION WORD SEARCH

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

### WORDS

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PRIVACY  
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Sudoku

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### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

# Word Search



## RELIGION CALENDAR

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

## HOSANNA PALOOZA

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

## LECTURE SERIES

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

## OUTDOOR WORSHIP

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

## SOCCER CAMP

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

## AUGUST

## DEMENTIA SERIES

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

## FREE STUFF

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

## MOTORCYCLE RIDE

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

## SOCCER CAMP

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

## STUDY SERIES

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

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

## ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

## Our Lady of Loretto

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

## Faith Community Wesleyan

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

## CLOTHING BANK

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

## EXERCISE

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

## FAMILY MEAL

**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiwawasee, 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@tbsosm.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:** Ethan 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**Contact:** 734-464-1223

## St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

## SINGLES

## Detroit World Outreach

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

## First Presbyterian Church

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

## Steve's Family Restaurant

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.**Contact:** 313-534-0399

## SONG CIRCLE

## Congregation Beth Ahm

**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield**Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.**Contact:** 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

## SUPPORT

## Apostolic Christian Church

**Time/Date:** 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia**Details:** Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community.**Contact:** 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

## Connection Church

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

## Detroit World Outreach

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 202**Details:** Addiction No More offers support**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

## Farmington Hills Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group**Contact:** 248-433-1011

## Merriman Road Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations**Contact:** www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

## Fireside Church of God

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia**Details:** Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center**Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidecho.org; or email to adm@firesidecho.org

## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia**Details:** A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available**Contact:** 734-421-8451

## St. Thomas a' Becket Church

**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-

6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly**Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-0322

## Unity of Livonia

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

## WORSHIP

## Adat Shalom Synagogue

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

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## CROCKER, JACQUELINE (nee BRAZEAU and formerly RITCHIE)

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



## DINGELDEY, GEORGE L.

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



## HALL, CAP

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

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

## In Memoriam



## BRIAN HINZMAN

3/16/81 - 7/27/07

We love and miss you very much and we are thinking about you every day.

Love, Your Family



## JAHR, LILLIAN ANNA (FREDRICK)

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



## CERTO, DOMINICK

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

## REBENTISCH, ARLENE CARLTON

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



# Michigan Shakespeare Festival heads to Canton

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By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

**R**ick Eva will work both sides of the stage at the Michigan Shakespeare Festival in Canton.

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

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

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

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

## Professional theater

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

I didn't think it's phenomenal."

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

## Tough competition

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

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

**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

**Details:** Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

**Wild Summer Nights:** Concerts run 6:30-8 p.m. and include Mr. Seley & the Troublemakers, July 29; Taylor Taylor, Aug. 5; The Verve Pipe, Aug. 12; Detroit Children's Choir, Aug. 19; Candy Band, Aug. 26

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### ARTS AND CRAFTS ORCHARD LAKE FINE ART

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

**Location:** 6900 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield

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

**Contact:** hotworks.org

### VILLAGE THEATER

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

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road,

Canton

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

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

**Contact:** 734-394-5300

### COMEDY JOEY'S COMEDY SHOP

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

**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

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

**Contact:** joeyscomedysshop.com

### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

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

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

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

**Contact:** comedycastle.com



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

### FILM EMAGINE NOVI

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

**Location:** 44425 12 Mile, Novi

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

**Contact:** 248-468-2990

### PENN THEATRE

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

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** Pitch Perfect 2, \$3

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

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

**Contact:** 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

### POPCORN TUESDAY

**Time/Date:** Tuesday through Aug. 25

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

**Details:** Any size popcorn is free; includes one refill

**Contact:** mjrtheatres.com

### REDFORD THEATRE

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

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

**Details:** The Shawshank Redemption, \$5

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

**Contact:** 313-898-1481

### SUMMER DRIVE-IN

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

**Location:** USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth

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

**Contact:** 734-927-3284

### FUNDRAISER PNA CENTENNIAL DANCERS

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

**Location:** Buddy's Pizza, 33605 Plymouth Road, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 734-261-3550



# GET OUT

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## HISTORY

### KELSEY MUSEUM

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

**Location:** 434 State St., Ann Arbor

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

**Contact:** 734-764-9304

### PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

**Location:** 155 S. Main, Plymouth

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

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

**Contact:** 734-455-8940

## MUSIC

### BLUES@THE ELKS

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

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

**Details:** Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

**Contact:** 734-453-1780

### CANTON COLOR TOUR

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

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

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

**Contact:** shopcanton.org

### CANTON CONCERTS

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



George Benson performs July 28 in Plymouth.

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

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

**Contact:** cantonfun.org

### CONCERT IN THE PARK

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

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

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

**Contact:** 313-387-2650

### JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

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

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

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

### JAZZ IN THE PARK

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

**Location:** Band shell at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

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

**Contact:** jazzinthepark.org

### MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

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

**Location:** Grand Circus Park in



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



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

Detroit in August

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

**Contact:** 734-451-2112; michiganphil.org

### MUSIC FROM THE HEART

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

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

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

**Contact:** ci.livonia.mi.us

### MUSIC IN THE AIR

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

**Location:** Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

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

**Contact:** plymouthmich.org

## MUSIC IN THE PARK CHILDREN'S SERIES

**Time/Date:** Noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, through Aug. 26

**Location:** Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

**Details:** The Chautauqua Express, July 29; Joel Tacey's Tip Top Entertainment, Aug. 5; Gemini, Aug. 12; Barbara Bailey Hutchinson, Aug. 19; Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic, Aug. 26

**Contact:** plymoutharts.com

### RHYTHMS IN RILEY PARK

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, through Aug. 28

**Location:** Downtown Farmington

**Details:** 2 Dayz Gone, July 24; The Luddites, July 31; Allie Louise, Aug. 7; Hullabaloo, Aug. 14; Twisted Root Revival, Aug. 21; Thurd Coast Kings, Aug. 28

**Contact:** downtownfarmington.org

### STARS IN THE PARK

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday through Aug. 27

**Location:** Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Howlin' Mercy, July 23; Kari Holmes & The Modern Day Drifters, July 30; Sonic Freeway, Aug. 6; Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 13; Kathy Kosins, Aug. 20; L'USA, Aug. 27

**Contact:** 248-473-1848

### TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE



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

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

**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 734-464-6302 for additional information

## THEATER

### FARMINGTON PLAYERS

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

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

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

**Contact:** farmingtonplayers.org

### PAUL'S PLAYERS

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

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

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

**Contact:** 248-347-4134

### PENNY SEATS THEATRE

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

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

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

**Contact:** pennyseats.org

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By Brad Kadish

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### HIDDEN VEGETABLE TOMATO SAUCE

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

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



### GRILLED FLATBREAD PIZZA WITH HIDDEN VEGETABLE SAUCE

*Serves: 1*

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

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

### SIMPLE SUBSTITUTIONS

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



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### OLIVE OIL POACHED TUNA WITH CRISP ROMAINE SALAD

*Serves: 4*

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

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

### OLIVE OIL POACHED TUNA

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

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



### OLIVE OIL ICE CREAM WITH GRILLED PINEAPPLE

*Serves: 6*

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

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

### OLIVE OIL ICE CREAM

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

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





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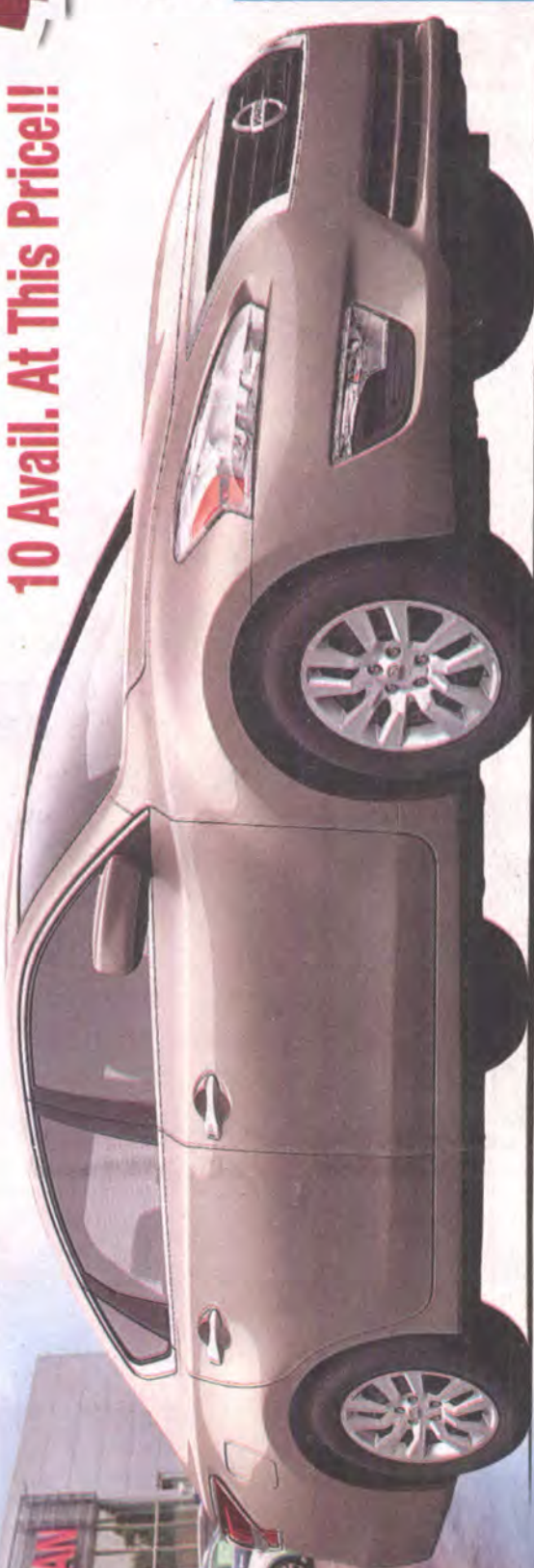
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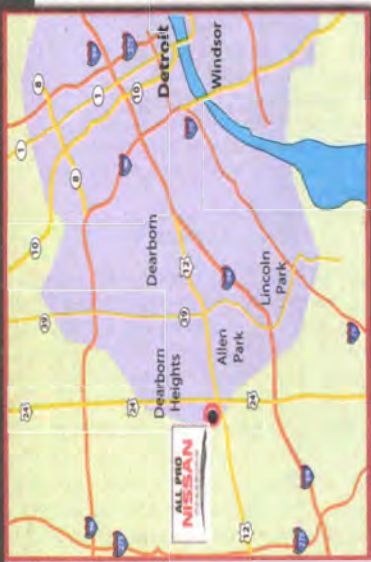
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