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# Township rules debate angers residents

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Uncertainty over whether to hold a scheduled Board of Trustees work session Monday raised the ire of Plymouth Township residents who had waited through a three-hour closed-door meeting to be heard.

The work session – held after back-and-forth debate between board members and anger from the audience – was on a controversial proposal for a set of rules that would govern

how board meetings and other aspects of township business are conducted. Critics say the rules are intended to stifle public dissent, but proponents say they're needed for more orderly board meetings.

Board members, concluding the closed meeting just after 9 p.m., expressed surprise when they returned to the board meeting room that about 40 residents had waited them out. The closed meeting, during which the board discussed pending litigation, had started shortly after 6 p.m.

"Work on the rules of conduct. That's what they're here for," Trustee Mike Kelly said.

But other board members hesitated, saying they'd already met for three hours, that debating the proposed rules would take time and that the work session should be postponed.

Some in the audience grew restless. "That's unacceptable," yelled a woman.

When a man also interrupted, Supervisor Richard Reaume recessed the meeting and left the room, returning a few minutes later with a police officer,

who stayed in the lobby. An officer was stationed outside the room until the meeting was adjourned around 11 p.m.

Board members then debated whether to hold the work session.

"We're not going to finish up and we've already been here over three hours," Treasurer Ron Edwards said. "We're not at our best right now."

"With these people here today, don't we need to take some input?" Trustee Chuck Curmi said.

### Self-criticism

After more debate, the board haltingly began its discussion.

"I've never served on a board that's so dysfunctional," said Trustee Kay Arnold, a board member since 1992.

"None of these rules are ever going to work," Kelly said.

"I don't disagree, but I believe it's important to try to do something," said Clerk Nancy Conzelman, who, with Edwards, had proposed the rules at last

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Diran Yazejian of Bloomfield Hills with his 1957 Imperial Crown Sedan. PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# CONCOURS DRIVES CROWDS TO ST. JOHN'S

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Staff Writer

Sunday's Concours d'Elegance of America packed in the crowds – and mostly dodged the rain – for its fourth year at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

The 36th annual show of classic, rare and collectible cars, plus Jet-Age trucks and a few motorcycles, saw more than 250 vehicles displayed at the St. John's golf course, where visitors got to ogle them, snap photos and chat with the owners. Exhibitors from around the country – including a large proportion from Michigan – got to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones.

Attendance was estimated at 10,000 and, aside from a short sprinkle early on, the predicted rain held off until after the show's 4 p.m. close.



Nick Coppola polishes his 1953 Buick Skylark at Sunday's Concours d'Elegance. Nick and his brother Tony restored what had been their father's car after he died.

"I had a great time, absolutely great time," said Kurt Machacek of Farmington Hills, who was there with his 1940 Packard 180. "Fabulous – met some great people."

"Every year it gets big-

ger and better," said Tom Abrams of Northville Township, who showed off a 1965 Dodge Deora pickup. "This actually turned out to be one of the premiere events in the United States."

### Wide appeal

Abrams is president of Reliable Carriers Inc. in Canton Township, a major transporter of collectible and valuable vehicles. He said the race cars and pre-World War II cars caught his eye Sunday.

The St. John's Concours had vehicles displayed in about two dozen categories, including Jazz Age, American Popular (1930-42), pre-war European Classics and High-Style Haulers: Pickups of the Jet Age, which illustrated how style and luxury were applied to basic work trucks that began evolving into the pickups we know today.

There were also displays focused on the 50th anniversaries of the Pontiac GTO and the Ford Mustang, plus a special exhibit featuring the work of Virgil Exner, a

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# Final school ballot has eight hopefuls

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Eight candidates will be on the final ballot when voters in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district head to the polls Nov. 4 to select three new board members.

Two six-year terms and one four-year term are up for grabs. Six-year incumbents Judy Mardigian and Adrienne Davis decided not to seek re-election. Kim Crouch, appointed to the board two years ago, will seek her first election to the four-year term.

Two candidates – John Nichols and Patti McCain of Plymouth – withdrew their names from consideration last week. They had both filed for the four-year term.

That leaves six people running for the six-year seats and just two – Crouch and Canton resident Tom Kelly – vying for the four-year term.

The six running for the open six-year seats include Drex Morton, Kate Borninski, Don Turner and Amy Fava of Canton and Michael Siegrist and Estelle Olian-sky of Plymouth.

### Four-year seat

Kim Crouch is an attorney from Canton who has been on the Board of Education since February 2013, when she was chosen from a large group of candidates to replace former Trustee Barry Simescu, who had resigned a month earlier. She is the mother of three sons who attend Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

"I want to ensure that the focus remains on children. Our students need the board, administrators and teachers to focus on learning environments that foster learning, engagement and rigor. I was part of the 2010 community dynamic plan that inspires the current board vision. As such, I want to continue serving on the board to ensure that the great things we have started during my tenure as a school board trustee con-

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# Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps hits the road

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps is bound for Virginia for its annual summer tour Aug. 3-10.

PFDC has dubbed its 2014 tour "The Presidential Tour." Four of its 11 scheduled performances take place at the homes of U.S. presidents: George Washington's Mt. Vernon, Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, James Madison's Montpelier and William Henry Harrison's Berkeley Plantation.

The group will also perform with three of the nation's premiere fife and drum corps. Members will march up the Duke of Gloucester Street with The Colonial Williamsburg Fife and Drum Corps and perform at the Colonial Historical

National Park Visitors Center with The Fifes and Drums of York Town.

PFDC has been invited to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall in Arlington, Va., where it will be treated to a private performance from the United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, escort to the president. Members, in turn, have the honor to perform for the Army band and will then perform together. Following the performance, members will participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at The Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

It has been nearly a decade since PFDC spent its entire tour in the state of Virginia; however, the

tour will officially kick off with a quick stop in Ligonier, Pa., to perform at Fort Ligonier. The group will spend the night to rest up for the remaining drive to Virginia. Other notable performance sites are Kenmore House, home of George Washington's sister Betty and her husband Fielding Lewis; and St. John's Episcopal Church, where Patrick Henry ignited the Revolutionary War with his "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech.

"We are extremely excited about this year's tour, as this will be the first time we've ever performed at Monticello and Montpelier," said Jjim Predhomme, PFDC's music director.



The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, shown here aboard the Peacemaker, has dubbed its 2014 summer tour "The Presidential Tour" because four of the 11 stops are at the homes of U.S. presidents.

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tinue. This includes the 1:1 technology initiative, the STEM labs at the middle school, the new middle school and that the young fives and half-day kindergarten programs thrive."

» Tom Kelly of Canton didn't return a call seeking comment.

### Six-year seats

» Estelle Oliansky is a Realtor from Plymouth who retired after 23 years working in Chrysler's engineering and product development departments. She has two daughters who graduated from Plymouth-Canton schools and has grandchildren in the district.

"I've always been a strong supporter of public schools," Oliansky said. "I am ready to bring my technical and collaboration skills to the board. I will work tirelessly toward great outcomes for children. I believe the board will benefit from that."

» Donald Turner of Canton owns three small businesses in Canton and was an applicant for the open seat created when Simescu resigned. Turner said the schools are one reason people live here.

"It's time to reassess how we do things ... to focus on three key areas," Turner said. "We need to put Plymouth-Canton kids first, we need budgeting that's pro-active and effective, with no financial surprises, and we need to have a board and an administration that communicates effectively. I've seen a board that has drifted away from those three things."

» Kate Borninski of Canton, a stay-at-home mom who is also part-time treasurer for a 501(c)3 corporation, is the recording secretary for the Parent Community School Council, co-chairs the Parent Academy Committee, serves on two school improvement teams and is an active volunteer at both The Park and Discovery Middle School.

"This is a critical time

for our schools and I believe that public education and the vitality of our community go hand-in-hand," she said. "We need public schools that offer each child the opportunity to achieve to his or her fullest potential, while acknowledging that there are no cookie-cutter students. Every child has unique gifts and limitations. P-CCS needs a vision that provides public accountability, maintains programming and ensures there is no dilution of our educational options."

» Amy Fava of Canton is a stay-at-home mom who does "a lot" of volunteer work at her kids' school, Workman Elementary School. She is also a Brownie leader and teaches catechism at St. Thomas a'Becket in Canton.

"I was extremely disappointed in the way the board handled passing the budget," Fava said. "They tried to pass a budget with some line items that weren't presented to the community prior to them passing it. (Schools of choice) is a huge undertaking that was very vocally disputed by people in the community (at a June meeting). It seems the board members weren't willing to listen to that. They could have explored other options."

» Drexel Morton of Canton, the former pas-

tor at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton, is a bereavement minister for Griffin Funeral Homes.

He said his four children went through Plymouth-Canton schools, as his grandchildren are now.

"I want to pay back ... I want to help shape the future in a proactive, positive way," Morton said. "My kids have received excellent educations and now my grandchildren are receiving excellent educations. I want to help pay that back."

» Michael Siegrist of Plymouth is a former board member at the Canton Public Library.

"I benefited greatly from both the libraries and school system in our community and feel an obligation to give my time to ensure others have the same resources," Siegrist said. "As a product of the school system, from Isbister Elementary to The Park, I received a world-class education, which I brought to the University of Michigan. I sat at those same desks and learned from those teachers. They didn't teach me what to think, but rather how to think, which is why I am running to protect that quality for future generations."

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## DEBATE

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week's regular board meeting.

Several points were made on a few of the proposed rules. The entire document has six sections and 37 rules marked by bullet points.

Curmi said he was opposed to a proposed rule that says questions from board members during meetings should be limited to agenda items.

"This is supposed to be an exchange of information," he said. "I cannot be restricted to thinking of everything ahead of time."

Others said the rule was meant to keep the board from getting sidetracked at its meetings. "If it's a question, that's one thing, but we end up making it an agenda item," Edwards said.

When another proposal banning sidebar conversations between board members was discussed, Arnold joked she was "the only one who knows how" to raise a hand and wait to be recognized by the meeting chairman.

### Minutes 'firestorm'

Trustee Bob Doroszewitz renewed his call for board meeting minutes to include the names of citizens who addressed

the board - if they identified themselves - and summaries of what they said.

"I think it's created an emotional firestorm," to leave names and summaries out of minutes, he said.

Conzelman, whose office is responsible for the minutes, said the practice of leaving out names and summaries predates her time in office and that meeting minutes are not supposed to be transcripts.

"It's a formal record of what was actually done at the meeting, not of what was said," she said.

Audience members were given a chance to speak at about 10:30 p.m. Some suggested the rules proposal was a "smokescreen" to hide other controversial issues, such as plans for a \$350,000 amphitheater at Plymouth Township Park, which have sparked organized opposition.

"Why are we having a work session on this when we want to have one on what is being spent?" said Deb Madonna, an opponent of the amphitheater.

"I would say, you start listening to the people here and take the rules - and you know what you can do with them," Ken Garner said.

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## CORRECTION

A story in the July 27 *Observer* about a business roundtable discussion at Fraza Forklifts in Plymouth Township should have identified company

officials as CEO Greg Blackwood and President Tim Blackwood. The chief financial officer should have been identified as Roger Runyan.

## CONCOURS

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legendary designer for Chrysler.

"They have such a wide variety of everything," Abrams said of the show. "I think it appeals to everybody."

Machacek said he was taken with the Exner exhibit, in particular a 1961 Chrysler Imperial. Machacek has displayed vehicles at previous Concours events and has attended every local Concours since 1987. The event had been at Meadow Brook Hall in Roches-

ter Hills for many years before relocating to St. John's for the 2011 show.

Barry Wolk of Farmington Hills, who took third place with a 1955 Porsche 356 Continental in the Hagerty Youth Award contest, sponsored by Hagerty Insurance and with panel of young judges, liked the display of Jet Age (late 1950s) pickups.

"It just lends a new appreciation for how cars and trucks came together at that stage," he said.

### Smooth running

Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Commu-

nity Chamber of Commerce, helped coordinate chamber volunteers for behind-the-scenes Concours work, such as checking in exhibitors and their cars and assembling gift packages for exhibitors and visitors. He said the operations went well. A number of local civic and community groups also provide Concours volunteers.

"Jim McCarter, the Concours director, told me that he receives many compliments how smoothly everything runs from the time the people arrive through the entire event," Graff

wrote in an email.

One volunteer even jump-started a 1950s DeSoto that had stalled on the grounds, Graff said.

The Concours best-in-show award for an American car went to a 1932 Duesenberg Model J Convertible Victoria owned by William and Barbara Paretet of Hickory Corners, Mich.

The best-in-show for a foreign car went to a 1939 Bugatti T57C Cabriolet from the Patterson Collection of Louisville, Ky.

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# Judge dismisses second lawsuit challenging Evans' residency

Challenger Cavanagh appeals decision

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

Wayne County Circuit Chief Judge Robert J. Colombo Jr. dismissed Monday a second lawsuit to declare Warren Evans ineligible to run for Wayne County executive.

This time, however, Colombo was a little more harsh, calling Phil Cavanagh's lawsuit "frivolous" and questioning the motivation behind the suit.

"I'm very unhappy with what has happened here. I'm thinking 'What are you doing?'" Colombo said to Cavanagh's attorney, Andrew Patterson, during the Monday morning hearing. "Why shouldn't I sanction you for filing a frivolous lawsuit?"

Cavanagh, a state representative from Redford, and Evans, the former Wayne County sheriff and Detroit police chief, are among a group of 11 candidates running for the Democratic nomination for county executive.

Colombo dismissed a similar lawsuit Friday. That suit, filed by Canton Township Trustee Tom Yack, who is a

Republican, also questioned the residency of Evans. Both lawsuits claimed Evans was not a Wayne County resident for 30 days before the filing deadline, as is stipulated by state election law. Both alleged Evans was a Washtenaw County resident a day before the filing deadline.

However, Colombo said the Wayne County charter specifically says that executive candidates "must be a qualified elector" – or legal county voter – 30 days before the election and not the filing deadline.

In addition, Colombo ruled that the lawsuits were filed too late in the election process, noting thousands of absentee ballots have already been turned in across the county. He noted that it would cost the county roughly \$300,000 to reprint ballots, plus there is no way the county clerk's office would have the time to reprint them and get them to local clerks before the election, thus violating state law.

Yack filed his lawsuit July 18, while Cavanagh filed his suit July 24. Both wanted Evans removed from the ballot.

While Yack hadn't decided whether or not he would appeal, Cavanagh was undeterred by Colombo's decision and said he would appeal.



Evans



Cavanagh

"I am filing an emergency appeal to the Michigan Court of Appeals. That court will take a fresh look at our issues. We are hopeful that the integrity of the electoral process will be upheld," Cavanagh said after court.

Cavanagh filed his appeal around noon on Monday, and is awaiting word on a hearing.

Both Yack and Cavanagh said the reason their lawsuits were filed so late in the game was due to the time it took to research Evans' residency. According to paperwork Cavanagh filed with the court, Evans filed March 26, 2013, for a homestead tax exemption for his 20-acre horse farm in Washtenaw County's Salem Township. By doing so, the property at 9101 Joy Road became his primary residence.

The day before the filing deadline, April 21, 2014, Evans registered to vote in the city of Detroit, declaring his newly acquired Park Street apartment as his primary residence. On that same day,

Evans rescinded his homestead tax exemption on the Salem Township property.

Evans said he was satisfied with Colombo's decisions. He also questioned why the lawsuits were filed so late in the game. Had either one succeeded, he said "thousands of voters would have been disenfranchised" due to the fact they've already voted absentee.

Evans also shot down the notion that he is simply a political opportunist looking for another government job, as both Yack and Cavanagh have suggested.

And while he doesn't dispute that he changed his primary residence just before the filing deadline, he said he has no doubts he is eligible to run.

"The statute that the judge ruled on is quite clear that to be eligible, a candidate must live in the county 30 days before the election. I was a resident before that time. Nobody is disputing that," Evans said.

Evans said he is moving forward with the campaign. He was notably absent Thursday at a candidate forum sponsored by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, but said he wasn't there due to a scheduling conflict. He said he's made plenty of

campaign stops in the suburbs and will continue to do so.

"We're trying to get in touch with as many voters as we can," he said. "I've worked for Wayne County for 35 years. I've got a record of service. I'm not worried about pointing fingers at the other candidates. I'm focusing on what I have to offer."

Most polls have Evans comfortably ahead of fellow candidates Cavanagh, Westland Mayor William Wild, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara and incumbent Robert Ficano.

As for Cavanagh, he said he's not deterred by Colombo's decision and feels the appeals court will see the matter differently.

"Mr. Evans is not a qualified candidate – legally, he should not be considered for the office of county executive," Cavanagh said. "When I became a state representative, I took an oath that I would uphold the law in all cases. Warren Evans is a lawyer, former police chief and sheriff. If he thinks he complies with the requirements, let him explain it to the court and, more importantly, the residents of Wayne County."

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# Trial pushed back to November in Craigslist robbery case

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A jury trial once set to begin this week has been pushed back to late November, barring a plea deal, for a Van Buren Township defendant charged with robbing a Canton man after they became acquainted through a Craigslist ad, authorities say.

Eric Lee Taylor, 35, faces trial Nov. 20 in Wayne County Circuit Judge James Callahan's courtroom, court records show. A jail spokesman said

Taylor has been released and placed on an electronic tether so authorities can monitor his whereabouts.

Taylor could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison if he is convicted of unarmed robbery, identity theft, receiving and concealing stolen property less than \$20,000, theft of the victim's vehicle and using a financial transaction device – or



Taylor

credit card – without consent.

Taylor's legal woes stem from an incident police say occurred about 11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5, on Hunters Way, near Geddes and Canton Center. Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has said Taylor was arrested following accusations he was involved when two intruders, described as black males who had their faces partially concealed, robbed the victim at his home.

Police said the two intruders escaped. Baugh has said the victim

left his garage door open because he believed he was being paid a return visit by Taylor who, according to police, he had known about a year after they met through Craigslist.

Baugh said the intruders entered the house through an access door off the garage, robbed the man, took his vehicle and fled the scene. The victim's 2012 Ford Escape was later found in Ypsilanti and his laptop computer was seized from the suspect's residence, Baugh said.

The victim's credit card also

had been used. Baugh has said Taylor and the victim "had a relationship" after they met through the website.

Craigslist is used by people selling numerous types of merchandise. The website also includes personals and job listings, among other sections. Craigslist says the vast majority of its users are believed to be trustworthy. The company also offers precautions on its website.

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## Police seeking help in search for man

The Canton Police Department is asking for help in locating a missing 40-year old man.

John Lanning was last seen July 12 at a rescue mission in Detroit. Family members say Lanning is without his medications, which he takes for numerous medical/psychological conditions.

Police said Lanning is presumed to be using a different

name.

Additional identifiers include a missing front left tooth and burn scars on his limbs – possibly in various stages of healing.

Anyone who believes they have seen Lanning in the last several weeks is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

Anonymous tips can also be sent to [tipline@canton-mi.org](mailto:tipline@canton-mi.org).



Canton Police are asking for help in locating John Lanning, a missing 40-year old man last seen July 12 at a rescue mission in Detroit. Police said he may be using a different name.

## Police seek help identifying credit card fraud suspect

The Canton Police Department is asking for assistance in identifying a woman it believes is responsible for making numerous purchases around the Belleville area with a credit card reported stolen from a victim from Canton.

The woman was caught on surveillance photos and police are hoping someone in the community can help identify her.

Anyone who thinks they might recognize the female photographed can contact the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400. Callers may remain anonymous.



Police are asking for help identifying the woman captured in this surveillance photo. Police said they believe she's responsible for credit card fraud.

– By Darrell Clem

### CANTON CRIME WATCH

#### Stolen car incident

Police recovered what was reported as a stolen Ford Edge after spotting a vehicle that was parked with its hazard lights on shortly after 12:30 a.m. Monday, a police report said.

Police ran a background check and learned the vehicle had been reported stolen out of Warren. They kept watch on the unoccupied vehicle until a 26-year-old man and a 25-year-old female returned to it.

Police questioned the man, who initially claimed an acquaintance had bought the car for him because he doesn't have good credit. He said he and the acquaintance had argued because he had missed several payments.

However, police checked with the acquaintance, who told authorities the car had

been stolen. Police took the male suspect into custody. His female companion was released at the scene.

#### Copper swiped

Canton police are investigating reports of stolen items from a construction site at the Kroger store southwest of Ford and Canton Center roads, where an expansion project is occurring.

A police report said several spools of copper wire were stolen from the site between 5 p.m. Friday and 7:30 a.m. Monday. The report said a front door of a trailer housing the materials had been cut open.

#### Disorderly arrest

Canton police arrested a 22-year-old Livonia man for being drunk and disorderly after twice finding him attempting to sleep outdoors –

the second time after he walked away from the Oakwood Canton facility where he had been taken for treatment, a police report said.

Police first went to the Sherwood Village mobile home park on Canton's southeast side after receiving reports shortly before 4 a.m. Sunday of a man who was sleeping between two mobile homes. He initially began running as Canton firefighter paramedics arrived.

The man was taken to Oakwood due to minor injuries to his right hand and left shoulder, but Oakwood notified police about 5:30 a.m. saying the man had left the facility and was sleeping on a sidewalk at Warren and Canton Center.

The man told police he had tried to phone a friend from a 7-Eleven store, but was ordered out because he had no shirt on. He said his cellphone

had lost its charge. He also told police he had nowhere to go.

A police report indicated the man's blood-alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit. He was taken into custody for being drunk and disorderly.

#### Credit fraud

A man who lives on Wayside, near Haggerty and Cherry Hill, notified police that someone had opened a Discover card account in his name. The 49-year-old victim said he learned of the fraud after he received a letter from Discover about the account and inquiring about a request that had been made for a second card.

Police gave the victim identity theft materials after he said he didn't authorize the Discover card activity.

### PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

#### No permit

A 42-year-old man from St. Louis, Mo., was ticketed for soliciting without a permit Monday when police found him going door to door in the area of Amesbury and Glenview Drive.

Responding to a call about a solicitor, officers found the man just after 4 p.m., a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. He told police he was selling magazine subscriptions.

The man claimed to have a permit from the township, saying he just wasn't carrying it, according to the report, but police could find no record of his company having a soliciting permit.

The man was issued a ticket, told to contact his boss and leave the area.

#### Pot possession

A 19-year-old Plymouth man was arrested on a marijuana possession charge early Sunday after a traffic stop on Ann

Arbor Road.

Officers pulled over the man, who was driving a Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck, just after 2 a.m. for a defective headlight, a police report said. When he retrieved paperwork from the truck's glove box, the report said, officers saw a glass container with suspected marijuana in it.

The substance later tested positive for marijuana, police said. A male passenger, also 19, was released.

#### Purse theft

A Plymouth woman reported the theft of her purse Monday from outside the Kroger supermarket on Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon. There was about \$25 cash inside the purse, a police report said.

The woman told police she discovered the purse missing after shopping, packing the groceries into her vehicle and returning the shopping cart to a cart corral. She said she believed someone stole the

purse while she was packing groceries, but didn't witness the theft.

#### Trailer stolen

A Southfield man reported the theft of the trailer for his semi-truck to police Monday.

The victim told police the white, 53-foot Trailmobile brand trailer had been parked at a lot on Eckles Road. He had last seen it on July 23, he said.

– By Matt Jachman

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# Motor City misfits get their due

Plymouth show gives love to lemons of auto world

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Livonia resident Bob Gribb's 1996 Buick Century has seen better days. Its color is questionable and it's got rust, but his grandson, 12-year-old Max Gribb of Livonia, still wants the Buick.

"I want all these cars," the younger Gribb said, eyeing the grounds Saturday, July 26, at the inaugural Concours d'Le-mons in Plymouth.

"This is my everyday car right here," Bob Gribb said. It's got some 188,000 miles on it and he sometimes took side roads to his job at the Ford Rouge plant, as a 43-year Ford worker.

"I never missed a day of work," said Gribb, also owner of a 2009 Ford Fusion. "The wife drives the other one. She doesn't like to ride in (the Buick)."

His car has a "Junker" hood ornament he made. Gribb started with a '64 Falcon to work on and worked on many others through the years.

The event took place the day before the higher profile Concours d'Elegance of America down the street at the Inn at St. John's. The Concours d'Le-mons was at the old Ford plant grounds on Sheldon in Plymouth.

## 'Something not serious'

"A friend of mine runs a racing series called the 24 Hours of Lemons," said organizer Alan Galbraith, a Sacramento, Calif., resident. "It was kind of a send-up of high-end racing. The idea of featuring the oddballs and misfits of cars came around."

"Some of the fun has drained out of it," Galbraith said of car shows. "We decided to do something not serious."

He's done a similar California show some seven years, which has been successful, and wanted to expand to Michigan to coincide with the Concours d'Elegance. "They can just show up," he said of partici-



Bob Gribb of Livonia would be happy to pass along his 1996 Buick Century to 12-year-old grandson Max Gribb, also of Livonia. Gribb's Buick, shown July 26 at the Concours d'Le-mons in Plymouth, has a "Junker" hood ornament he made. PHOTOS BY JULIE BROWN

pants at the free event. "I think we have probably 35 or 40 cars here."

Judging was tongue in cheek, with Galbraith joking bribes to the judges would sway votes. There were no lofty standards to get in.

"Oh, most certainly not," Galbraith said. "If it's odd or mundane or you're just proud of it, we're glad to have it. We do have a communist car class and they didn't show; not too surprising."

He planned to attend the Concours d'Elegance. "I've shown vehicles at Concours," he said of the upscale event. "It's fun, it's just a different style."

Galbraith has done restoration work, mostly motorcycles. "I identify more with the cars that can get driven," he said. He was pleased with the turn-

out for a first-year event, with some television reports helping to publicize it.

The Concours d'Elegance folks helped with the grounds for the Concours d'Le-mons, with Hagerty Classic Car Insurance, based in Traverse City, the d'Le-mons sponsor.

"They understand and get the joke," Galbraith said. "They were happy to help out. There's usually a few members that get the joke. That breaks the ice."

"We'd obviously like to see it grow," he added. "The main idea is to have fun with it."

Nearby was a 1986 Maserati, its sign reading "Needlessly Complex Italian." A group of Ford Pintos clustered nearby, with one owner from Hamilton, Ontario.

Some cars didn't run and were trailered in, Galbraith



Alan Galbraith of Sacramento, Calif., the show organizer, wore a navy blazer with Concours d'Le-mons crest and shorts for the event. He's with a 1986 Maserati.

said, adding the California show draws from Michigan and Canada.

## Corvairs aplenty

Pete Cimbala of Swartz Creek is president of the Detroit Area Corvair Club and has been a member since 1976.

"Oh, this is cool," Cimbala said of the Concours d'Le-mons. "I would have traveled out of town for this one. It's only 68 miles for me, but I would have gone farther. They're making this a fun event."

He arrived in a two-tone 1960 Corvair, which another owner whose cars he stores lets him drive.

"I've got nine of my own, nine other Corvairs," Cimbala said. "It's just different. When I was a 15-year-old kid, I wanted something different."

As a teen, he bought a car for \$50 and put a couple of hundred more in to get it running. "I needed a cheap car," he said.

He also owns a 1995 Riviera. "I drive the Corvair every day," Cimbala said. He drove a Corvair in winter years ago, but no longer does.

A nearby sign read "Nader's Nightmare" about the Corvairs, a reference to consumer advocate Ralph Nader, who wrote a book about the car titled *Unsafe at Any Speed*.

"We tried to downplay that more than anything," and be-

positive, said Cimbala, who feels safe driving one.

In 1991, he said, Nader was the guest speaker at the national Corvair club convention. There are photos of Nader in Corvairs.

"He does have a sense of humor," Cimbala said, adding the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration later proved the car safe in comparison to others of its size.

"Most of them are all good memories," he said of the Corvair and reaction he gets out and about. He's owned some 40-50 cars over the years.

"A lot of cars have changed hands in the group," Cimbala said. "I just started wrenching on cars when I was 14, 15 years old."

A sticker on the car he drove to Plymouth noted, "Life's Too Short To Drive Boring Cars."

Cimbala attended the Concours d'Elegance years ago, but didn't plan to this year. "It's nice, but it's out of most people's reach," he said.

"You can still buy a Corvair for \$1,000 and you have the whole car," he said by comparison to high-end cars. It's a good pick for young restorers, he added.

"One thing about the Corvair is its uniqueness. There isn't anything like it on the road," Cimbala said. He's looking forward to his club's Corvair Homecoming, Aug. 21-24, with many events at the Comfort Inn of Plymouth.

Dale Suich of Dearborn brought his 1977 Ford Maverick to the Concours d'Le-mons. "It's great," Suich said of the show. "I think it's a neat way to showcase cars that aren't normally part of a car show. It's a great way to highlight those vehicles."

Cars ranged from around 1950 to newer, as well as some motorcycles and vans. Galbraith kept fans entertained with announcements such as "They're contraception," referring to the GM Vega of the 1970s. "Nothing happens in a Vega."

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# Meet the candidates in U.S. House 11th District

Four Democrats and two Republicans are vying in Tuesday's primary election for their party's nomination for the U.S. House 11th District, which includes several Oakland and Wayne County communities including Livonia. The Democrats are Anil Kumar, Bobby McKenzie, Bill Roberts and Nancy Skinner. The Republicans are incumbent Kerry Lynn Bentivolio and challenger Dave Trott. All but Roberts responded to an *Observer* questionnaire prior to the print deadline for today's paper. The winners of each party's nomination will face off in the November general election.

## Why are you the best candidate to serve the people of the 11th District?

**Bentivolio:** This is a choice between two kinds of Republicans. My opponent believes there should be a ruling class where Republicans, guided by consultants, simply act like Democrats who took an accounting class. He couldn't be more wrong. I believe that Americans are best off when we're free: free to take home as much of your pay as you can, free to choose your schools, free from government intrusions of privacy, and free from regulations that stifle employment. With those freedoms, Americans can be empowered to make the most of their lives however each individual sees fit. A revolution is happening in the Republican Party. The seeds planted by Ronald Reagan have now blossomed into a new generation of conservatism. These Reagan heirs are unafraid to tackle our nation's problems by offering solutions based in the ideas of limited government. That's what I've spent my time in Congress doing.

**Kumar:** I have continuously lived in this community for 30 years and served as a doctor to the poor and sick. As a businessman, I have created jobs including my surgical center that currently employs 30 individuals. I have saved a hospital out of bankruptcy saving 600 union jobs. I am part of the clinical faculty at Michigan State University teaching students and residents. I understand public education and the need for more funding. I am a researcher and understand science and technology – I have three patents filed. I completely understand the Affordable Care Act and the need for a few reforms including capping deductibles. I am a passionate champion of women's rights and work with services to protect against abuse and human trafficking. With these qualifications and a calling to give back to society, I consider myself the best candidate to represent the 11th District in Congress.

**McKenzie:** As someone who has spent his career working on some of the most complex problems facing America and the world – first as an analyst at the CIA, later providing humanitarian relief to refugee crises in North Africa, and most recently as Senior Advisor at the U.S. Department of State – I have a unique skill set and do not view problems or solutions through a partisan lens. Accordingly, I will collaborate not only with members of Congress, but also with leaders in the private sector, academia and research institutes, and civil society organizations, to identify and develop practical, commonsense initiatives to improve Michigan and our country. In short, I will not merely strive to be an effective congressman but also, in some sense, a tireless "ambassador" advocating for Southeast Michigan.

**Skinner:** I'm the most experienced candidate and I am in it for the right reasons – to serve the people. I have 21 years of experience working on building and rebuilding stronger communities. After graduating from the University of Michigan Business School, I made a choice to go into sustainable economic development. I helped renovate the Fox Theatre and redevelop downtown. I won a Presidential Award rebuilding disaster-stricken communities. I started a small business working with the Film



Bentivolio



Kumar



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Trott

Tax Credits to keep graduating college students in Michigan in this vibrant industry. I have worked on promoting renewable energy technologies and good jobs here in Michigan like the Manufacturing Innovation Institute with \$148 million in funding that was slated for Canton but plucked away by Detroit while Kerry Bentivolio was hiding in D.C. and David Trott was foreclosing on our future here. We need more women in leadership to build stronger communities.

**Trott:** As a businessman and job creator for more than 30 years, I know what it takes to get a job done. I am focused on outcomes and results and will bring that same attitude to the House of Representatives. Over my career I have created more than 1,800 jobs, of which I am deeply proud. I have seen what government restrictions can do to a wide array of industries. In areas where compromise can be found, I will not be afraid to reach across the aisle and see what common ground can be agreed upon. The American people are looking for someone who is not afraid to take the lead on the difficult issues facing our nation, and I will be that leader in Washington.

**Many American families experienced sticker shock when the first monthly premium arrived for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. Many also now have high deductibles that make them wary of getting medical care at all. What would you do to bring down costs and improve medical care?**

**Bentivolio:** Easy: Repeal it and replace it with a health-care bill that actually takes into account economics and individual empowerment in the healthcare market. Republicans agree that there are reforms that can be done to help Americans, such as the promotion of health savings accounts, allowing insurers to cross state lines, and having doctors advertise pricing for common treatments and exams so Americans can spend their money more wisely. All of those common-sense reforms would be better than the federal government arbitrarily choosing what all healthcare plans should cover or forcing the Little Sisters of the Poor, and other religious organizations, to pay for medical treatment they are either morally opposed to or will never need.

**Kumar:** The Affordable Care Act (ACA) is the best law passed for health care, but it's far from perfect. The ACA needs to make changes that give patients the maximum health care benefits for their dollar. The premiums are out of control because the cost of health care is still too high. This can be corrected by eliminating the waste and abuse that account for billions of dollars lost every year. The ACA also mandates that insurance companies spend 85 cents for every dollar on direct patient care. Therefore at the end of the year, refunds may be due. High deductibles may in fact make patients avoid doctors and tests that may be necessary for diagnosis. I will propose capping deductibles and co-pays.

**McKenzie:** Notwithstanding the Affordable Care Act's shortcomings, we cannot go back to a time when people with pre-existing conditions – including pregnancies – could not get health care, when seniors were paying thousands more for prescription drugs, and when people were dropped from their coverage when they got sick. That men and women can remain covered under their parents' policies until they are 26 ensures that young people can focus on their education and building a career. I will work to protect these provisions, and I will work with Democrats, Republicans, and Independents alike to find com-

mon-sense solutions to strengthen the law so that we can lower the costs of health care and cover the 30 million Americans who remain uninsured. I will also look for solutions that ensure that small businesses are not financially or administratively burdened, allowing them to keep the cost of employee health coverage relatively low.

**Skinner:** Many American families never received premiums for health insurance because they had none and many of those people could afford to pay but chose to wait and place that burden on the rest of us. That was a problem called free-loaders we solved with ACA. Many just couldn't get insurance, or terrible insurance because of pre-existing conditions, as a survivor of Thyroid cancer, I know all too well. Young people can now have insurance until they are 26 on their parent's plan. It isn't perfect but it was a great big step. The more young, healthy people we enroll the more the costs come down for all of us. In Michigan we exceeded all our expectations in enrollment. Capping deductibles is not possible as one of my opponents proposes. Opening it means repealing it and Republicans have tried 45 times to do that. We don't need Democrats helping them.

**Trott:** The Affordable Care Act also known as Obamacare has been an unmitigated disaster, and it is one that I am committed to correcting as Congressman. A government takeover of nearly one sixth of the economy was a poorly conceived and executed power grab. Instead of limiting options to our citizens, we must open up the insurance markets for greater competition. Rather than forcing people to accept what the government gives them, the market should be expanded so that private sector solutions can be offered to each and every American. Obamacare promised that people who liked their coverage would be allowed to keep it, more than 4 million Americans found to be false. It is time for the government to step back from this failed experiment and allow the private sector to offer the most affordable care possible.

**Give a specific example of how you would help create more jobs in Michigan?**

**Bentivolio:** Tax reform should be the No. 1 priority in Congress. Liberals mindlessly harp about "closing the income gap" by increasing taxes when everyone knows that what we really need is a prosperous and thriving economy again. The victims of our code's unfairness are not the poor – it's the ordinary taxpayer and small business. Republicans have too often fought back against pushes for more taxes by simply being "not liberal" and that's led to a code with loopholes for crony capitalists and the extremely wealthy who pay for accountants. Entrepreneurs and small business owners are the ones who pay the full tab. Moreover, we also know that small businesses face a mountain of regulations when they try to start a company. I sponsored the Protect Small Business Jobs act, which gives small businesses a chance to solve any violation of the seemingly endless list of regulations before being fined.

**Kumar:** 1. I would arrange for federal assistance to provide infrastructure grants to repair potholes, bridges, etc.

2. I would encourage industries to invest in clean energy. A good example is Novi Energy, which uses bio waste to create electricity.

3. Oakland County is one of Michigan's largest health care providers. We can encourage small businesses to invest in industries that produce healthcare products locally.

4. Nurse training schools should be expanded to cover

increased health care needs in our area.

5. Create jobs doing research in wave energy for our Great Lakes. These are grants that should be provided by the federal government.

**McKenzie:** One of the most pressing needs in Michigan is to repair our aging infrastructure. Rebuilding our infrastructure will put people to work in the short-term and help create the economic environment necessary to attract and keep businesses here. As a member of Congress, I will advocate for and support infrastructure spending because it is crucial to our economy and fight to ensure that Michigan gets its fair share of federal dollars.

**Skinner:** I support partnerships like that planned in Canton that was a federal, university and private industry partnership to research and develop light yet strong metals for autos, wind turbines and many industries. This same model can be replicated around different advances in fuel cell technology (as distributed energy for homes and businesses), wind turbine engines, bio-mass anaerobic generators, solar array manufacturing. Michigan has the engineering and manufacturing infrastructure to "own renewable energy technologies." Underneath the Straits of Mackinac are two oil pipelines, laid in 1958 and managed by Enbridge, the oil company responsible for the Kalamazoo river spills. The Great Lakes Commission said they must be immediately replaced. I will hold hearings to force them and envision building offshore wind farms while we're at it. Rebuilding our roads with advanced materials and technologies is the first step like adding solar strips made in Detroit, on I-75 from Michigan to Florida!

**Trott:** The simplest way to create more jobs in Michigan is to cut the corporate tax rate. The United States currently has the highest corporate tax rate in the world, and has been losing out to competition around the globe for job creation and expansion due to that fact. America has long been home to the most innovative and groundbreaking companies in the world, but the overregulation and heavy tax burden has made it so that many would-be entrepreneurs have been discouraged from taking a chance and opening a business. The same fact has stopped international companies from deciding to increase operations on our shores. Michigan has seen a drastic turnaround thanks in large part to a government that has removed government obstacles from the paths of businesses, and that is something the federal government would be wise to follow.

**Many college grads are leaving school with a mountain of debt and few local job opportunities – what would you do improve education and keep more of our best and brightest in Michigan?**

**Bentivolio:** We know that choice always leads to better output in the marketplace. The United States has the best post-secondary education systems in the world, but when we examine our primary and secondary schools, we see a system lagging in innovation and leaving far too many people behind. The reason for this is easy to understand: those who go to college are not limited by the zip code that they live in and it is easier to choose between private and public universities. I support a free-market approach to education and believe that a voucher system, at least for areas with poor-performing schools, would help educate our communities. Furthermore, I believe that scholarships should be 100 percent tax deductible, for both students and donors. There's no reason why families and communities should be taxed on money that goes towards tuition when an educated populace helps everyone.

**Kumar:** To improve higher

education, I believe in investing directly in students through federal student loan reforms, reducing tuition costs to make college tuition more affordable, and through holding colleges funded by the state accountable for their expenditures. Many students leave Michigan because they cannot find jobs. We should consider creating a debt forgiveness plan. As for businesses, they should receive a federal subsidy for employing new graduates. Because Oakland County is a large health care provider, increasing schools in this area will create a natural fulfillment of open jobs.

**McKenzie:** The federal government must play a role in making sure our schools are fully funded and producing students equipped with the skill sets needed for sustainable careers and bright futures in Michigan. Education must start at a young age, and that's why I support universal prekindergarten. Additionally, the opportunity to receive specialized technical training and/or higher education should be available to all students, and the federal government must look for solutions to address rising tuition costs as well as ensure that students are not swamped with debt when they finish college. I would support allowing student loan debt to be refinanced at a lower interest rate and extend the period of time after graduation that students have to start paying back their loans. I will also aggressively advocate for the expansion of a range of educational opportunities for our veterans.

**Skinner:** Well I actually did work to keep our best in brightest in Michigan by building a media studio in Troy to capitalize on a vibrant new industry that opened up film schools at all three major universities as well as private trade schools. Kids were getting degrees to work in all areas – computer programming for the massive gaming market, film animations and all aspect of production, design and marketing that America's greatest export, entertainment, offered us before Rick Snyder pulled the plug. I also fought to save those credits with TV ads and a web-athon to no avail. Education is critical but Congress controls just 8 percent of federal funding so candidates who wish to work on education policy should be running for state house and senate seats. As your Congresswoman I can and do support Senator Elizabeth Warren's bill to refinance student loan debt at the rates that big banks get.

**Trott:** We must revamp financial aid to better address the students of today. It is more important than ever to establish aid programs that do not discriminate against nontraditional students, such as veterans and working parents, and instead works to facilitate their needs as well. Degree programs that reward credit for work experience and give a greater emphasis on online courses are a necessity to decrease the ever-growing cost of education. In order to keep these graduates in our state, we must do all we can to improve the economy for job creators in our state and our country. An environment that welcomes investment and expansion will create job openings from all sectors of the economy. This can be achieved by lowering the burdensome tax rates and regulations that companies of all sizes face today.

**Give us one idea that is your own that would improve life for the families of Michigan?**

**Bentivolio:** Michiganders are fed up navigating potholes. Congress needs a different approach to fixing our streets: one that empowers our governors rather than congressional appropriators. That's why I introduced the Repairing Our Aging Roads (ROAR) Act. We often find solutions by looking to our nation's past. The ROAR Act is based on a proven method for raising funds to tackle national problems. My bill essentially uses the mecha-

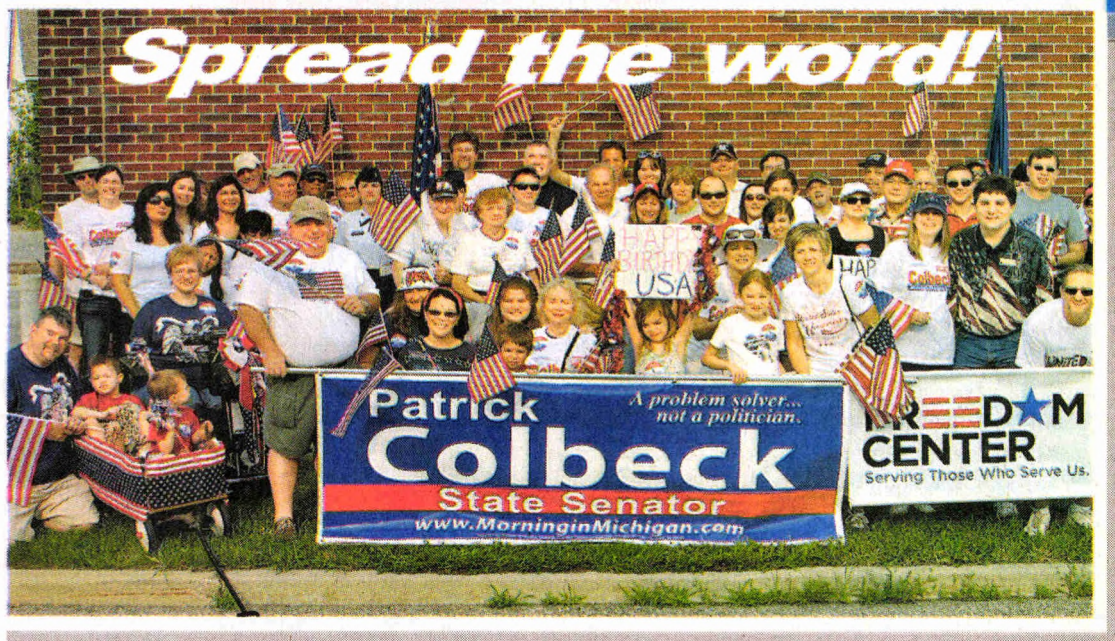
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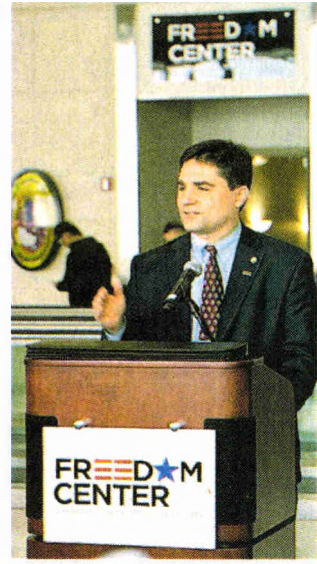
Patrick Colbeck is currently serving his first term in elected office as the State Senator for MI's 7th District. Starting in 2014 the district will include the communities of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia and Wayne. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan with Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Aerospace Engineering as well as a graduate of the International Space University in Strasbourg, France. Included in his over 20 years of engineering and management work in a variety of industries, he has worked on systems for the International Space Station and instructed students at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center's Space Camp. He and his wife, Angie, are members of Northridge Church and have been residents of Canton Township for 18 years.

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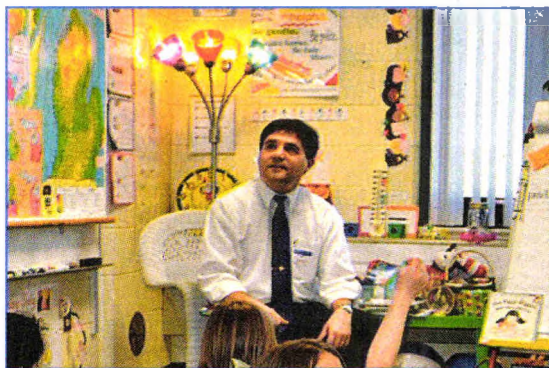
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Elect Patrick Colbeck to be your state senator and you will be among the best informed citizens in the state. His Senate website at [MorninginMichigan.com](http://MorninginMichigan.com) contains links not only to his editorials, press releases, office hours, and floor speeches, it also provides links to what he calls the "Solution Center" and "Data Center". His Senator Patrick Colbeck Facebook® page provides almost daily updates on events, issues, and votes happening in Lansing and throughout the district.

**Colbeck's views on the issues**

**J**OBS "I started my public service in January 2011 at a time when Michigan was suffering from the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Our unemployment had skyrocketed and our auto industry was struggling. Many referred to this downturn as our "lost decade". During that decade, Michigan was the only state in the nation to have lost population. Times are better now. Michigan is coming back! I am happy to report that Michigan has created over 250,000 private sector jobs. In fact, there are now ~ 26,000 job openings within a 30 mile commute of the 7<sup>th</sup> Senate District. Our population is growing again and our youth no longer have to seek employment in other states."

**H**EALTHCARE "As one of a handful of legislators who have actually read the federal Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare), it is obvious that this act is neither affordable nor caring. Putting 159 new organizations between a doctor and patient does not lower costs or improve care. This is why I strongly opposed Obamacare and applied my experience in the healthcare and IT industries to develop a free market alternative called "Patient-Centered Care". This approach has been described by Forbes.com as "Two parts Marcus Welby, M.D. and one part Steve Jobs". Not only would this solution lower costs, it would also improve care by providing patients of all income levels access to life-saving, preventive care. My solution keeps healthcare decisions between you and your doctor. See [MorninginMichigan.com](http://MorninginMichigan.com) for more info."



Sharing biography of Neil Armstrong with students

but also how they are taught. The teaching profession has been reduced to following a script rather than allowing teachers to tailor instruction to suit the individual student. Furthermore, we have no objective proof that these new standards will actually improve student performance. I have been and continue to be the most outspoken opponent of Common Core in the Senate."

**S**ENIORS "As a kid I was blessed to grow up surrounded by both sets of grandparents. They helped teach me the value of hard work, integrity and responsibility. I have worked hard to repay their loving guidance with my public service. During the past four years, I have passed legislation to protect seniors in nursing homes and have been an outspoken advocate for retirees including my passionate NO vote on the Senior Pension Tax (Senate Journal #41, Roll Call Vote #170 on HB 4361, May 12, 2011). My opposition to Obamacare is driven in large part by the federal government's push to cut Medicare services for the elderly by over \$700B in order to pay for other services such as the expansion of Medicaid. I am committed to caring for those who spend their entire lives working to leave this nation stronger than they found it and that is why I am honored to have received The Senior Alliance Legislator of the Year award for my work on behalf of all of the seniors right here in our community."

**V**ETERANS "Serving those who serve us is a passion of mine. Active duty, veterans and their families have sacrificed much to preserve our freedom. And it is our duty to honor those sacrifices. As the chairman of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs budget, we brought Michigan from one of the worst performing states for veteran benefit claims processing, to 3rd in the nation. Public service does not always require legislation. In 2011, I teamed up with a group of service-minded veterans to co-found the MI Freedom Center at Detroit Metro Airport. To date, the MI Freedom Center has welcomed over 90,000 active service personnel, veterans and their families with open arms during their travels."



Astronaut Jack Lousma, Angie, and I

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

## Canton firm offers nanny, tutor services

**Observer:** Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

College Nannies: Sharon is a College Nannies & Tutors franchise owner for the Canton, Ann Arbor and surrounding communities. College Nannies & Tutors is the nation's largest resource for nanny and tutoring services. We build stronger families by providing role models that lead to happy children and successful students through private nanny and tutor placements, hourly child care and company-sponsored work-life balance employee benefit programs. Whether a family needs the care, love and support that comes from a college nanny or the educational one-on-one attention from a college tutor, the Ann Arbor Area Placement Center is committed to helping build stronger families.

**Observer:** How did you first decide to open your business?

College Nannies: In 2009, I was evaluating and considering franchises that would complement my human resources background. I was presented with the concept of College Nannies & Tutors, with the mission of building stronger families by providing role model nannies and tutors, leading to happy children and successful students, by Kendra Kerr, entrepreneur source.

**Observer:** Why did you choose Canton?

College Nannies: My territory includes the



College Nannies & Tutors opened in Canton in May. It is located at 42180 Ford Road, Suite 302.

Canton area and I am happy to provide nanny and tutoring role models for families in the community. The Canton location opened May 15, along with a ribbon-cutting ceremony May 21 hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

College Nannies: We are unique based on matching role models and experiences to your specific needs through our "Complete Family Approach" and "Complete Student Approach" models, leading to a path of stronger families and successful students.

**Observer:** Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

College Nannies: Running a small business requires wearing multiple hats throughout the day and evening.

**Observer:** How has the recent economy affected your business?

College Nannies: We opened in a down economy and believe our business is needed in our community.

**Observer:** Any advice

### DETAILS

**Name:** College Nannies & Tutors  
**Address:** 42180 Ford Road, Suite 302, Canton  
**Your name:** Sharon Ragland-Keys, owner/managing director  
**Hometown:** Ann Arbor  
**Opened:** December 2009  
**How long at this location:** May 2014  
**Employees:** 50-plus  
**Specialty:** Education and child care services  
**Contact:** 734-761-8393 or www.collegenanniesandtutors.com/cantonmi

**for other business owners?**

College Nannies: Continue to follow your dreams of business ownership.

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

College Nannies: Continue to provide a customized approach to meet family individual needs. We offer a free ACT practice test on a monthly basis to students at our Canton location. To register for one of the free ACT practice exams, parents or students should call 734-761-8393 or email our team at cantonmi@collegetutors.com.

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

### Old Village Crawl

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

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

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

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

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

### Outdoor sales

The Downtown Plymouth Summer Outdoors Sales (formerly Sidewalk Sales) take



Lori and Vince Toia's Plymouth Fish & Seafood is always a popular stop on the Old Village Restaurant Crawl. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

place 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2.

Downtown Plymouth features a wide variety of unique shops and boutiques that will be offering special discounts and bargains during this annual event.

Participating shops include A Moment Forever; Beauty Haven, Bella Mia; Birch Wood; Candy Trail; Creatopia Pottery Studio; Genuine Toy Co.; Gigi's Mode, Hands on Leather, Haven; Home Sweet Home, Kilwin's, Little Black Heart/Bed & Boutique; ; Lolaryan; Maggie & Me, Merle Norman; Milano's, Old World Olive Co.; Opn Dohr; Plymouth Yoga Room; R.S.V.P.; Salon Awesome, Sideways, Sun & Snow and Tran-

quiliTea.

In addition to the Outdoors Sales, the farmers market will take place 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, in The Gathering, on the north side of Kellogg Park.

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

### Member appreciation

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

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

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

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Breaking ground

With a tentative opening date of Nov. 1, 2015, StoryPoint will begin construction Friday on a new Pittsfield Township location at 6230 S. State Street.

The StoryPoint campus of Pittsfield Township will be the first all-inclusive continuum of care community with independent living, assisted living and memory care.

StoryPoint, formerly known as Independence Village, has 10 locations within Michigan (including one in Plymouth) and Ohio. It provides a range of services to accommodate all seniors and specialize in memory care.

StoryPoint officials point out the project will "create jobs for Ann Arbor and the surrounding community."

This latest location will have 158 units, including 92 independent living apartments, 30 assisted living apartments, 18 licensed assisted living apartments and 18 memory care apartments. The community will offer a wide variety of amenities, such as 24-hour staffing, medication management, assistance with personal care and much more.

### New business

According to information provided by the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

» Extreme Pizza on Forest just needs approval from the county health department before it can open.

» LaStrovia on Forest Avenue is making progress; however, it will be a while before the building is renovated and the restaurant featuring healthy food is ready to open.

» Locale, which is moving into the Forest Avenue location occupied by Zin, has a name change before opening. Look for Public Bar & Kitchen to open in the near future after the Plymouth City Commission approved the liquor license transfer.

» Joan Meyers and her Joan M. Photography have set up in downtown Plymouth, above Bed and Boutique. Meyers specializes in black and white child portraits, high school senior and family photography.

### Best Big Brother

Canton resident Allen Coleman, executive vice president of Strategic

Staffing Solutions, was awarded the Clifford P. Norman Award by Big Brothers Big Sisters for his exemplary services with the local and national chapters.

The Clifford P. Norman Award honors a board member at a local agency level who exemplifies the qualities of commitment and generosity, the same noble characteristics of the award's namesake.

Coleman was honored because he contributed "time, talent and treasure" to BBBS nationally

and locally. Coleman has served on the BBBSMD for the past 14 years and is its past board chair. In those at roles, he worked to strengthen the leadership among agencies and BBBSA with fundraising efforts.

Over the years, Coleman has led and supported the raising of hundreds of thousands of dollars for BBBSMD via Bowl For Kid's Sake events and other events. In addition, Coleman is a Heroes Circle member for BBBSMD and is the current fund development chair. Funds help the organization match children in a professionally supported one-on-one relationship with a caring adult.

"Working with Big Brothers Big Sisters has been a life-changing experience," Coleman said. "It's my mission to provide children in adverse situations with guidance to nurture their skills and help them become responsible adults. We serve as role models for these kids and it's a privilege to be in their lives."

Coleman and his wife Vickie have been mentors to two young men for more than 10 years. The Colemans actively participate in many other philanthropic activities.

### New cremation garden

Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia has a new cremation garden that was "created for memories to thrive," according to Tom Habitz, general manager.

The Garden of Grace features dramatic gardens/cloister ambiances for heartfelt, nature-enhanced connections with lost loved ones. Notable are the intimate cul-de-sac areas with perimeter graves on berms, encircling visitors for visual and phys-

ical closeness. The focal point of one cul-de-sac is a carnelian granite columbarium with a domed top. The landscaping features traditional flower gardens against a backdrop grove of pine trees, and the "music" of gently flowing waters nearby.

The setting is available for committal ceremonies, as well as poignant visitation.

More information is available at 248-477-4460 or www.gleneden-memorialpark.org.

**Blue Cross honors**  
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has designated 154 Wayne County practices - including several from the Plymouth-Canton area - as patient-centered medical homes for the 2014 program year, meaning they have particular qualities and processes that help improve health care quality and lower costs through a coordinated, team focus on their patients' health and wellness. Please see the end of the release to view a complete list of the designated practices.

"In a patient-centered medical home, patients have a team of professionals who track and guide their care, focusing on keeping them healthy and managing illness," said David Share, M.D., MPH, BCBSM senior vice president. "PCMH patients are being admitted to the hospital or going to the ER less than patients at non-PCMH practices, which leads to lower costs because there is less need for testing and hospital care."

Data from 2013-2014 show that adult patients in Blue-designated PCMH practices had a 27.5 percent lower rate of hospital stays for certain conditions than non-designated practices. These are cases where appropriate care in a doctor's office or clinic prevents a medical condition from worsening.

Among local practices honored were HFMC - Canton; HFMC - Plymouth; Canton Internal Medicine; IHA Canton Family Medicine; IHA Child Health - Plymouth; IHA Internal Medicine - Cherry Hill; IHA Pediatric Health-care - Canton; Canton Family Medicine; Cherry Hill Medical Group; Oakwood Healthcare Center - Canton; Canton General Medicine; Canton Medicine-Pediatrics; and Canton Pediatrics.

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GUEST COLUMN

# Trustee: Yes on RESA is a vote for local control

On Aug. 5, registered voters in Wayne County will be asked to support a regional enhancement millage that will provide much-needed operational funding for the public school districts in Wayne County, including Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

This millage, if passed, would provide \$6.7 million to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' general fund and provide much-needed support for our students by maintaining class sizes, increasing instruction time and providing competitive, progressive programs for our students so that they are prepared for the 21st century labor market. Additionally, funding from the millage would return to school districts some local control over school funding.



**Sheila Paton**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

**Why is this important?** In 1994, the citizens of Michigan approved Proposal A, which restructured the way schools are funded. At that time, more than 20 years ago, citizens traded off local control of school funding for lower property taxes. However, what has resulted is continued inequities in funding between districts, resulting in a huge detriment to our district.

P-CCS currently receives all operating funding from the state and that funding level is the lowest in Wayne County and in the state. P-CCS, which receives \$7,251 per student, is lower than Ann Arbor (\$9,100),

Northville (\$8,099), Livonia (\$8,099), Farmington Hills (\$9,975), Novi (\$8,409), Grosse Pointe (\$9,794), West Bloomfield (\$8,726), Walled Lake (\$8,245), Van Buren (\$7,422) and Detroit (\$7,296).

Of our neighbors, Northville and Livonia each receive \$848 more per student than we do and yet we compete in the same labor market. Based on our student count, that additional \$848 funding level would add \$14 million to our general fund budget every year, allowing us to reduce class sizes and maintain high-quality programs.

Additional funding does not come without a cost. For every \$100,000 in home value, it will cost \$100 per year or about \$8.35 per month - roughly the cost of lunch for one day - to provide the

additional funding.

While no one enjoys paying taxes, this is a tax that stays within Wayne County and would benefit the students in county districts. It is our only voice in providing some local control in funding to our schools.

Some may wonder why additional funds are being requested when we just passed a bond. Proposal A allows districts to ask the community to pay for buildings and certain assets, such as technology and buses. The funds received from the bond proposals have been critical to the operations of the district and ensuring the buildings remain in strong operational condition. The district cannot use these funds to pay for textbooks, increased classroom instruction or any other curriculum supplies.

Others might ask what happens if the enhancement millage is not successful. For P-CCS, it will be a struggle. The school board and district employees have acted frugally and responsibly by making a number of serious budget cuts and concessions over the last 10 years. The cuts since 2011 have exceeded \$15 million.

We have consolidated and privatized, all targeted to minimize the impact on students, teachers and learning.

But the district is running out of options and further cuts will undoubtedly have an impact on the classroom. This is why P-CCS, like many districts, needs your help now.

We will also continue to press the Legislature to re-evaluate Proposal A and provide fair and equitable funding for

P-CCS. At a minimum, our funding should be the same as neighboring districts.

To that end, we have re-engaged a parent committee to help us in this effort. This Legislative Action Network will be working with our community and our legislators to encourage support for our kids and our future.

But we can't do this without you. We need your support. Please join me and let us show the state we do want local control and we do want funds for our schools. Vote yes Aug. 5 on the Wayne County Enhancement Millage.

*Sheila Paton is the mother of two P-CCS students and serves as a P-CCS Board of Education trustee. These views are her views as an individual and not on behalf of the entire P-CCS board.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Pagan the choice

I'm voting for Democratic candidate Kristy Pagan in the Aug. 5 Democratic Primary, and I think you should too.

I've had the opportunity of getting to know Kristy on a personal level, and the one thing that I've learned about her is that she genuinely cares about her potential constituents.

She's the type of candidate that you might find off in the corner at a community event, listening intently as a passionate elementary teacher describes the issues they're enduring at school.

She's the type of candidate who will bring you your newspaper, help you move furniture, or carry your groceries if she is walking your neighborhood and sees you could use some help.

She's the type of candidate that will introduce herself to you when she's going door-to-door, end up talking to you for half an hour about the issues you really care about, and then send you a letter thanking you for taking time out of your day to chat.

Kristy has 10 years of policy experience and has been outspoken on equality, the environment, education, protecting the middle class and other important issues. These are all important to me, but I think that Kristy's character really is something special. That's why I'm voting Aug. 5 for Kristy Pagan.

**Chris Szado**  
Canton

### Colbeck a statesman

Statesman are uncommon in our political history. Grounded by those first principles which express the essential purpose of government by and for free men the statesman regards not the popular or flattering position, but rather studies the issues within the constitutional boundaries determined by wise leaders who have bequeathed us a sublime system of government. The statesman seeks

not to increase the power of the state over the individual, but rather to protect the individual from the tyranny of the state, sometimes manifested in bureaucratic or administrative persecution of the lone citizen. The statesman knows well the essential tenets of our form of government; property rights, individual liberty and rule of law.

Such a statesman is Patrick Colbeck. His careful study of the issues affecting Michigan citizens may frustrate his political opponents and even members of his own party but his dedication to representing the interests of his constituents is best expressed in his analysis of those questions before the legislature and his prudent response to them.

Statesmen are by definition men of superior character. Here, too, Sen. Colbeck stands reliable to the description.

His initiatives on behalf of Michigan's military veterans, his focus on longer term solutions over quick fixes such as higher taxes upon our states motorists.

Few have served with such distinction as has Sen. Colbeck and I am grateful for his past service as I support his bid for another term in our state Senate.

**Gregory Stachura**  
Canton

### Endorsement was right

I would like to thank the *Canton Observer* for endorsing Sen. Patrick Colbeck in the state Senate 7th District Republican primary.

Canton is diverse in its cultural and political beliefs. But more than anything, I believe what this community wants is a diverse thinker. Sen. Colbeck listens to the wants and needs of his constituents and takes those diverse ideas and concerns to Lansing with him.

Diversity brings about new thoughts and ideas to share and contribute to a community. As senator, Colbeck has introduced diverse ideas to the Senate floor. Instead of increasing taxes, he looked into other means to raise

the revenue to fix our roads and how to better construct Michigan's roads so they will last longer. Instead of supporting the Healthy Michigan initiative, the stepping stone in our state to implement the Affordable Care Act, he developed the simpler "Patient-Centered Care" legislation to lower health care costs and provide quality health care to all individuals with better privacy for each patient.

Sen. Colbeck stepped out of the box and looked to protect the residents of Michigan and their pocket books. He has developed his own unique and ingenious solutions to issues brought forth. Sen. Colbeck is who he says he is, a problem-solver developing new and diverse solutions on how to make Michigan a better state than it already is. He is exactly what our diverse community needs.

**Breana Noble**  
Canton

### Need to go

Ron Edwards has been running roughshod over the Plymouth Township board for a number of years now. He seems to have gained a follower in Nancy Conzelman.

Neither one seems to be able to remember actions or statements they have made since taking office. A clear example is statements both made at a recent board meeting concerning changes to meeting rules. Edwards called for more civility. This is a statement he has made in the past and in most cases, as noted in this publication, it refers to his actions more than others. And have we forgotten the infamous 9-1-1 call a few Fourth of July fireworks ago?

Nancy Conzelman has asked for changes in the meeting rules to limit the "blindsiding" of members with issues not on the agenda. Sounds like that is exactly what she did when voting in favor of the amphitheater project. I know I was blindsided.

Both of these board members have personal ideas about what is good for the township, but have no idea what the residents want. It is time to replace both of these board members.

**Kevin Gault**  
Plymouth

### Support for Pagan

I first met Kristy Pagan a couple of months

ago at my first union meeting. I still remember Kristy coming up to me and asking me what times they usually start and since I knew just as little as she did, we both got to talking. She knew my brother from school and we had many similar teachers from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

What struck me about her was her passion for her roots and wanting to make vital change in the community. She realizes the importance of making sure the education she got as a student in the public schools in Plymouth-Canton remains a top priority when she gets to Lansing.

Even still, it is Kristy's ability to make time for you that separates her from other candidates. I teach social studies at Starkweather Academy at Fiegel in Plymouth-Canton and we had just had a career fair where many adults in the community talked about what they did for a living.

As the civics teacher at my school, I wanted badly for there to be a politician there to speak to my students. When I mentioned this to Kristy, whom I just met, without hesitation, she said she'd

love to come speak to my students. I knew she was busy with a campaign but, sure enough, within a couple of days, Kristy was in my classroom answering questions, explaining her background, her reason for going into politics and, most importantly, telling my students (many are 18 or older) the importance of voting.

On Aug. 5, I will be taking her important message and voting for Kristy Pagan, not just because she cares about our community or because she is passionate about making positive change but, unlike many other politicians, Kristy follows through on what she says she will do.

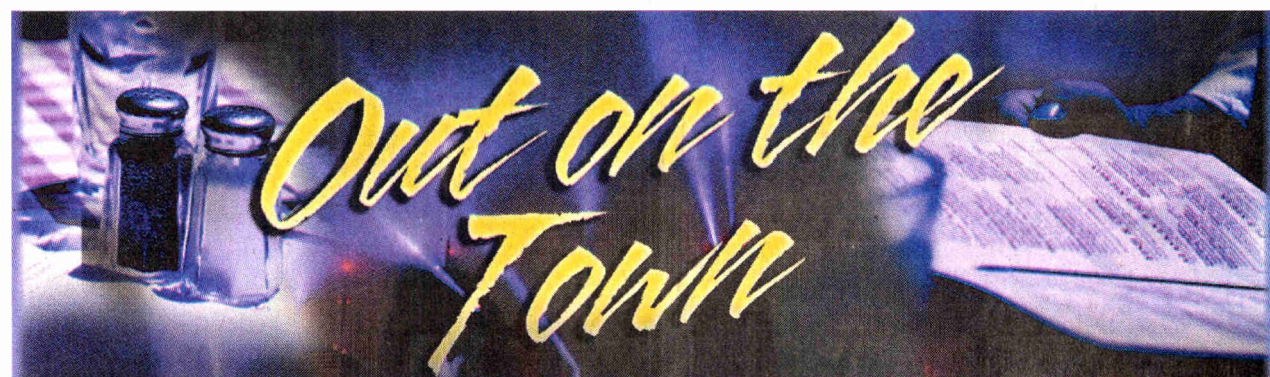
**Luke Haddad**  
Canton

### Supports Colbeck

As one of the founders of STOP Common Core in Michigan, I strongly support Pat Colbeck for Michigan Senate.

He is a tireless advocate for parents, kids and excellent teachers. He is creative in his legislative strategies and a leader worth following.

**Melanie Kurdys**  
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# Central City Dance Center students sweep nationals

Dedication and practice reaped rewards for more than 90 aspiring young students from Central City Dance Center of Canton, who shined brightly at the Encore Talent Productions Competition held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Cincinnati, Ohio, in early July.

The students, ranging in ages from 6-19, competed against 25 other Midwest dance studios from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Kentucky. Many different styles of dance were performed, including jazz, tap, hip hop, lyrical and modern. The competition

was divided into solo, duo/trio, small group, large group and line & production categories.

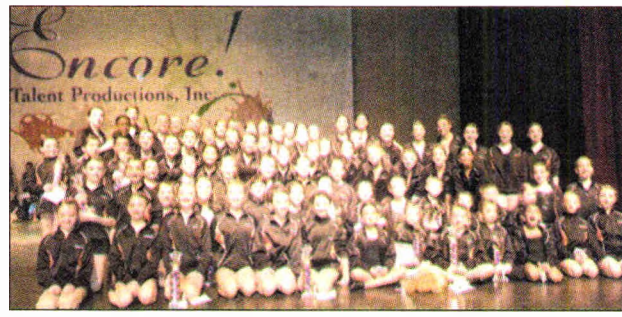
Students from Central City Dance Center won 12 golds, 42 high golds, nine platinum and 17 overall high-score awards.

"The competition was very tough," said Tim Smola, studio owner and director. "We are proud of the accomplishments of all of our students and are proud to represent Canton Township."

Special Recognition Awards were also awarded to Central City students, including Most

Creative, Future Star Award, Best Showmanship, Most Entertaining and Best of the Best for Central City's Production, "Kickin' It Country," where more than 70 students performed to a medley of country songs including *Timber*, *Devil Went Down To Georgia* and *Sin Wagon*.

The Miss & Mr. Encore Dance nominees for high-score soloist dancers included three Central City students: Canton resident Sarah Neubar, 13, Canton High School graduate Angela Baydoun, 18, and Parker Brudzinski from Brown-



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stown Township. Parker, age 12, went on to claim the title of Mr. Encore Dance 2014.

"I was very surprised

and excited to hear my name called," Parker said. "I will never forget when I came off of the stage and my teammates

hugged me and lifted me up over their heads. It was such a great feeling."

Students began training in September, but didn't begin working on the competition choreography until January.

Students had to qualify at the regional competition held in Dundee.

Full registration for the 2014-15 season begins Aug. 2. For a complete list of class offerings and registration dates, visit the studio's website: [www.CentralCityDance.com](http://www.CentralCityDance.com). For additional information, call 734-459-0400.

## U.S. HOUSE

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nism of war bonds, but for infrastructure. The ROAR Act orders the

Treasury to sell 50 versions of federal bonds, one corresponding to each state, capped at .25 percent interest rate less than standard bonds. The money raised goes directly to transportation

funding in each correlating state—and it must be used to fix transportation systems. This bill acts as an incentive to recruit private equity to invest in infrastructure, using a mixture of patriotism

and private finance to help fix the growing crisis of our aging transportation system.

**Kumar:** We should recycle food products from restaurants that can be carted to bio energy companies that can use such material to create electricity. For example, Novi Energy ingeniously uses byproducts of the food industry such as Gerber that can be used to create clean electricity that does not use landfills. Such innovative companies also creates jobs in the 11th District.

**McKenzie:** Being a member of Congress is not just about voting on legislation, it is about being an "ambassador" to one's district. To this end, I would look to identify and develop public-private partnerships that can help the district and the state. Private investment can help boost public projects, like infrastructure, that would improve the lives of Michigan families. These types of partnerships

will not happen by accident, and I will make every effort to find private entities willing to invest in such projects and then to bring the key stakeholders to the table to ensure that everyone, most importantly Michigan families, are getting a fair deal.

**Skinner:** All of my ideas above are my own, not paid consultants, and I have been working to improve the lives of families in Michigan for a long time now. I talked Mr. Ilitch into opening a Second City Theatre into downtown Detroit, which he did. I helped people re-invent themselves in the wake of the recession in the film industry. I opened a business incubator to help start-ups and second stage companies grow their businesses right here in Troy. I used my platform in the media to fight for the auto bailouts on national TV, even though I wasn't being paid, at a time when we were on the brink, to do so. My opponents have nice litera-

ture about what "they will do" for the families of Michigan I can say what I have done and will continue to do even more powerfully as your next Congresswoman.

**Trott:** I would fully support a revamp of our U.S. tax code that is crushing residents, not only in Michigan, but also throughout America. The best place for hard-earned American dollars is in the private sector, not the government's coffers. The United States currently has the highest corporate tax rate in the world, a fact that is completely at odds with our nation's entrepreneurial spirit. Washington needs to get rid of job killing regulations and bureaucratic red tape that have been implemented by this administration. Michigan, and our nation as a whole, is full of innovators and leaders. We need to get Washington out of the way to allow these trailblazers and pioneers to do what they do best—create jobs.

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# Concours winners share their stories

**By Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

From a rare made-in-America 1925 Rolls-Royce to the Mercury convertible that started life in the 1964 World's Fair, each of the more than 250 vehicles on display at Sunday's Concours d'Elegance of America at the Inn at St. John's had a story behind it.

Here are a few of those:

### Dad's wish fulfilled

There were only 750 Ford Torino Talladegas built and only one – made for then-Ford Motor Co. president Semon "Bunkie" Knudsen – with a yellow paint job.

That car is now owned by Michael Troell of Garden City and his sister, Julie Miller of New Boston. Given to them by their father George Troell, who died in 2007, the Talladega took a best-in-class award in the Muscle Car category.

"I think it was awesome," Miller said of the award. Miller was driving the Talladega with her 6-year-old son Hunter and her brother and other family members riding along as they waited to parade it before Concours spectators.

Her father would be proud, Miller said: "It was his dream to have this car done." The car has been in the family for 40 years and has 62,000 original miles on it.

Ford built its Talladegas in 1969 for the racing circuit. "They were dominating NASCAR," said Dan Parker of Northville, who was admiring the car. "This is a unique model."

Troell and Miller also were exhibiting a 1969 Cyclone Spoiler II, a Mercury-branded muscle car similar to the Talladega. That car was also handed down to them by their father.

### Showroom new

Auto buffs the world over will recognize the iconic British brand Rolls-Royce, but how many know the company built cars in the U.S. for a decade?

David Shadduck and his wife Kimberly, of Kildeer, Ill., own one of those cars, a 1925 Silver Ghost Pall Mall Tourer that won the top prize in the Jazz Age category.

The car was made in Rolls-Royce's Springfield, Mass., plant at a time when the company was introducing U.S.-style features on its cars, like having the driver's seat on the left. It was the 31st Silver Ghost built there.

"They started making them to appeal to the American consumer more," David Shadduck said. Falling sales during the Great Depression led to the closing of the Springfield plant in 1931.

Shadduck said he learned his Silver Ghost, restored to a like-new condition, once had another type of Rolls-Royce body on it. The car had also once been a demonstrator model for a Rolls-Royce dealership in New York City, he said.

### World's Fair feature

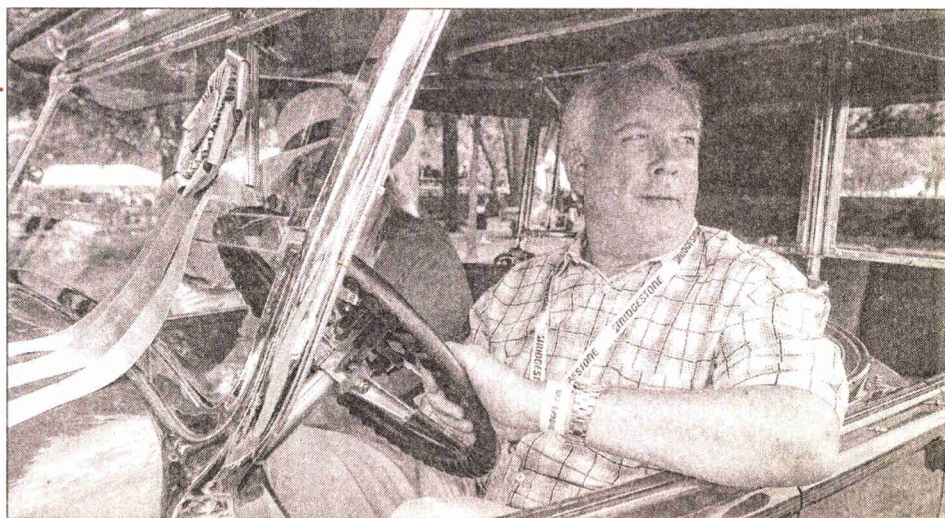
Joe and Virginia St. Pierre's 1964 Mercury Park Lane convertible gave lifts to thousands of people during the first



Jane Angenendt of Jefferson City, Mo., shows off the ribbon for her 1959 Chevrolet El Camino, a runner-up in the category Pickups of the Jet Age. PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Julie Miller and her son Hunter get out of their 1969 Ford Talladega. The car, which was owned by Miller's father, won best-in-class in the Muscle Car category.



David Shadduck of Kildeer, Ill., was one of hundreds with cars at the Concours d'Elegance of America. His car is a 1925 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost, made in Springfield, Mass.

few months of its life.

The car was part of Ford Motor Co.'s Magic Skyway ride, a popular attraction at the 1964 World's Fair in Queens, N.Y. The ride, with narration by Walt Disney, took visitors, in Ford convertibles, time-traveling from the age of the dinosaurs through to the future.

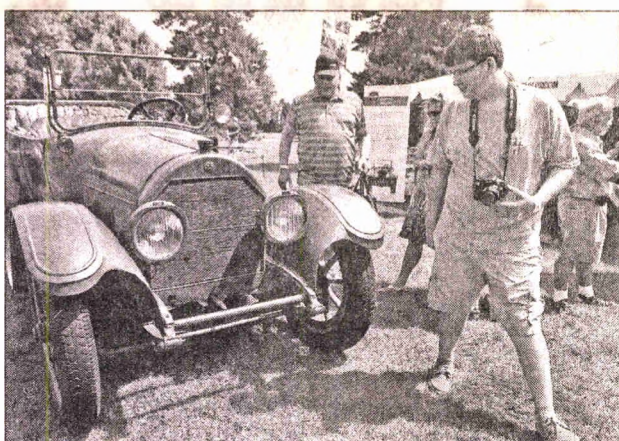
"They figure 40,000 people sat in that car on that ride," said Randy Jedryczka, Virginia St. Pierre's brother, as the St. Pierres, of Carleton, lined up for their award.

Ford relegated the Park Lane to its B lot following its World's Fair run and that's where Adolph Jedryczka, father to Virginia and Randy, bought it for \$2,640.44 – the family kept the paperwork – in January 1965.

The elder Jedryczka, a Ford draftsman, drove the car until 1970, putting about 90,000 miles on it, then parked it in a shed for 40 years. He gave it to Virginia, and it was restored by Joe St. Pierre, with help on the paint job (in the original color: Palomino) from two retired Ford employees, in a span of about 15 months.

"Every single thing was taken apart," Randy Jedryczka said.

Joe Jedryczka and his



Carl Urbanik, 14, of South Lyon and his dad Jim check out a military officer's 1918 Cadillac.

wife Hazel were on hand to see the Park Lane introduced for best-in-class honors in the American Post-War (1960-75) category.

### Rust-oration

Jane Angenendt wasn't looking to take on a restoration project when she bought her 1959 Chevrolet El Camino 40 years ago. She picked up the sedan-pickup combination to haul things from her mother's house after her mother lost her husband, Jane's father.

"I didn't buy it to restore. I bought it to help my mother," said Angenendt, who is from Jefferson City, Mo. The El Camino had been a racing truck in its early

days and Angenendt isn't sure how many miles racing had put on it.

In the 1980s, though, Angenendt began researching the El Camino and later began a complete restoration, doing a lot of the work herself, obtaining replacement parts, many from original El Camino stock, and even building her own sandblasting cabinet, where she stripped a lot of the original parts.

"I like my antiques, collectibles," Angenendt said.

"It was just a pile of rust," before the work started, said Gary Gates, Angenendt's nephew, who traveled to the Concours with her. Angenendt has put less than 750 miles on it since it



Julie Miller and her son Hunter in a 1969 Ford Talladega, of which only 750 were built.

was restored.

Angenendt, who retired from a bookbinding factory in Jefferson City, began showing the restored El Camino, repainted to its original color, Crown Sapphire, in 2001. In 2007, it won the Louis Chevrolet Memorial Award from the Antique Automobile Club of

America.

The car was a runner-up in the category High-Style Haulers: Pickups of the Jet Age, a special class for this year's Concours.

"It's wonderful," Angenendt said.

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## OUR VIEW



Johnny Trudell performs during the Michigan Jazz Festival at Schoolcraft College. CURTIS DROGMILLER

## Keep the music coming: Support Jazz Festival

Schoolcraft College was the place to be Sunday, July 20, for jazz fans.

The 20th Michigan Jazz Festival took place that afternoon and evening on the college's main campus lawn and VisTaTech Center in Livonia. From Dixieland to Latin, from veterans like the Johnny Trudell Big Band to student musicians, there was something for everyone.

Picture-perfect weather greeted attendees, many of whom chose the outdoor tent to hear set after set. Schoolcraft College has hosted the Jazz Festival since 1999 and in 2012 became a contributing partner.

The college is key to the festival's success and its leadership is to be lauded for that ongoing role. Individual donations are also essential to keeping the annual Jazz Festival going strong.

The festival's mission is to promote the local jazz scene and to attract/educate a new generation of fans. Donations by check or money order payable to Michigan Jazz Festival are welcome at the Schoolcraft College Music Department, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI 48152.

Smaller donations add up and all help to keep the sounds coming at this community tradition, which is eagerly anticipated by many each July. Let's keep the sounds coming for future generations of jazz lovers!

## OUR VIEW

## Vote no on Wayne RESA school millage

On Tuesday, Aug. 5, Wayne County voters will decide a 2-mill tax increase for schools throughout the county.

The six-year millage placed on the ballot by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service asks too much of local taxpayers and we reluctantly urge a no vote on this question.

We support public education, but it is time for state officials to step up and solve the funding problem. Locally, many school districts have done their part to reduce expenses and adopt best practices. Most have privatized food and custodial services. Others have privatized and/or cut transportation costs. Many have increased class size and have frozen or reduced salaries and benefits.

And while Lansing needs to take the lead, local school boards also need to examine the viability of some existing districts.

Individual public school districts are limited in what they can request in addition to the 18-mill non-homestead tax. They can seek bonds for technology and infrastructure improvements. They cannot ask local voters for additional operating revenue, which was part of Proposal A passed some 20 years ago.

The countywide millage is the only way to raise additional school operating revenue. According to the ballot question, Wayne RESA would raise an additional \$80 million a year for districts. Property owners across Wayne County would pay an extra \$200 each year for every \$100,000 of taxable property value.

If the RESA millage is approved, taxpayers in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools boundaries would pay some \$10.4 mil-

lion, while the district would get just \$6.7 million in return, roughly 65 cents on the dollar.

Many school districts are struggling and this millage would provide \$379 per student for six years. But districts such as Northville, Livonia and Plymouth-Canton, while benefiting from the per-pupil increase, would largely be subsidizing other districts.

That's why in April, the Northville Board of Education voted against the proposal. If approved, the 2-mill increase would generate just over \$5 million in tax revenue from Northville taxpayers in its first year, with Northville Public Schools receiving back \$2.8 million, approximately 56 cents for each \$1 of Northville tax revenue collected.

The Livonia Board of Education also opposed placing the enhancement millage on the Aug. 5 ballot. Livonia already has two millage questions on the primary ballot – a sinking and building fund millage and a renewal of the district's regular operating millage. The *Observer* endorses those local requests.

The Plymouth-Canton board took no official position on the millage, though there was heavy sentiment on the board to support it. But by the time it got around to voting, RESA had secured the required percentage of districts representing more than half of the students in Wayne County to get on the ballot, so board members decided not to vote.

Plymouth-Canton is also a "donor" district and also has a non-homestead millage on the August ballot. The *Observer* also endorses that request.

The Aug. 5 Wayne RESA proposal is too large for local residents. Voters should say no.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Supporting Pagan

I am a Canton retiree supporting Kristy Pagan in the Democratic Primary for state representative and I hope that you will do the same.

I feel that the future of Michigan is with the young people of this state. They are the ones who are seeing and living through the difficult times our state has faced. They have ideas to remedy this because they believe in Michigan and are willing to dedicate themselves to this task.

Kristy Pagan is a young professional who knows these hardships, having to leave the state twice to find work and is the person with the best plan to return Michigan to being the best state for all of its residents, both young and old.

I certainly feel that my vote Aug. 5 for Kristy Pagan will be the first step in bringing Michigan back and I urge all Canton voters to support her.

Sanganur Mahadevan  
Canton

### One yes, two no

I would like to comment on the three proposals on our Aug. 5 ballot.

State Proposal 14-1 sounds good as written on the ballot sheet, but if you look at the amendment itself, that act has so many holes in it that it makes a sieve look like a water-tight container. Create jobs? Replace all the revenue lost by local governments? Yeah, when pigs fly. I will vote no.

Proposal 2 asks for the renewal of 18 mills levied against non-homestead property (businesses). I will vote yes.

The third proposal concerns the 2-mill hike requested by the intermediate school district. I will be voting no on this. Not because our schools will only receive approximately \$6 million from the \$10 million we will pay (which is by no means fair), but because of the actions of school board members Mark Horvath, Mike Maloney and others in firing our school custodians.

They could have waited to see how this election played out and then determine if that action was justified. But no, cry poor mouth, destroy another union and reward another corporate ally. Also, remember that our fine representatives in Lansing, Patrick Colbeck and Kurt Heise, gutted the Homestead Property Tax Credit that would have softened the blow of the 2-mill increase.

Recap: No. 1, no; No. 2, yes; No. 3, no.

James Huddleston  
Canton

### Stick to facts

Ron Edwards recently penned a letter in the *Plymouth Observer* in which he claimed that Sen. Pat Colbeck raised taxes on the elderly. I did a quick fact check and found that he got it backward. The bill he was referring to is HB 4361 of 2011, which is now PA 38'11. Not only did Sen. Colbeck vote no on that bill, he along with eight other senators exercised their Constitutional Right of Protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18) against the passage of House Bill 4361.

Please see the 2011 *Senate Journal* 41 pg. 676, roll call vote #170 and Sen. Colbeck protest on page 678 for proof.

As long as we are setting the record straight, I would like to thank Sen. Colbeck for consistently voting to oppose increases in taxes, most notably for saying no to taxes on seniors' pensions, decreases to the Homestead Property Tax Credit, the Health Insurance Claims Assessment Tax and the yet to be determined future taxes needed to pay for future Medicaid Expansion obligations.

I am also thankful for his saying yes to the repeal of the stifling Michigan Business Tax and Personal Property Tax. I would also like to thank the senator for preparing a workable alternative to Obamacare/Medicaid Expansion with the Patient-Centered Care solution, which would actually lower costs while improving care.

Perhaps one of the biggest thanks to Sen. Colbeck concerns the subject of transparency. Not only has he opened up his entire voting record on his [www.fixingmichigan.com](http://www.fixingmichigan.com) website, he introduced a bill (SB-802-2012), now enacted, which will require all state departments to publicly disclose how they are spending our money. The spending plans

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Mr. Ron Edwards, I ask that you respect the readers of this newspaper by restricting your observations to the facts. I am personally asking all Plymouth Township voters to fact check the official record online and make a determination of the real truth.

Bob Cushman  
Northville Township

### Get priorities straight

Shortly after the Plymouth Township board closed the Lakepointe Fire Station, we had a fire in our house in Lakepointe. When the fire department was called, a truck was dispatched from Beck Road. It broke down and never arrived, according to a local newspaper.

Northville Township's truck was here waiting for Plymouth Township to arrive. A second truck was dispatched from Haggerty Road. The Northville firemen could not enter the house until backup arrived.

The total cost to restore our house was \$305,923.31. We were out of our house for five months and are fortunate to be alive.

I have a hard time accepting the idea that we need an amphitheater when we have a closed fire station and fire equipment that cannot be relied on to make it to a fire. It seems to me that our township officials need to get their priorities in order before someone is less fortunate and loses their life.

I have also been attending the township board meetings and after serving on several boards myself. I am amazed at what a circus these meetings are. I have never seen such a display of arrogance. I would personally get involved in supporting a recall effort should it get started.

Dave and Cathy Mills  
Plymouth

### Say no to RESA

The upcoming August primary election includes a proposal to raise property taxes, Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal. This millage will raise property taxes in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools by \$10.4 million per year for six years. RESA currently adds a total of 3.5 mills to your property taxes. They want to raise taxes and collect 157 percent of that in the future.

In return, P-CCS will receive \$6.76 million per year. That's a return of 65 cents on the dollar. And that's for six years, making a total loss to the P-CCS community of almost \$22 million over the course of the millage.

RESA does not distribute the money equally among school districts. Northville and Livonia stand to lose a combined \$27 million over the course of the millage.

If some school districts are losing, then which ones win? There are multiple winners: Dearborn comes out \$4.8 million ahead, in total, with the millage. By far, the biggest winner is the Detroit Public Schools, to the tune of \$23 million.

You may think that Detroit could use the help. So how much does Detroit spend per student? Detroit schools received \$13,825 per student in their general fund, their expenditure was \$14,163 per student.

In contrast, Plymouth-Canton schools received a little less than \$8,460 per student and spent about \$8,476 per student. Northville and Livonia have similar expenditures. That's right, Plymouth-Canton schools receive and spend much less than Detroit per student.

It makes no sense that a district that spends over \$5,600 more per student (that's 167 percent of what P-CCS spends) needs to short taxpayers in districts that spend sig-

nificantly less per student and have better results.

The treasurer of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education personally recommends voting no. Vote no on the RESA millage Aug. 5.

Mike Oliansky  
Plymouth

### Vote for McKenzie

While completing my absentee ballot, I did some research on the four candidates for our U.S. House 11th District seat. Three of them appear to be qualified. However, Bobby McKenzie received my vote. I believe him to be able to send Bentivolio packing or Trott trotting in the Nov. 4 general election.

All I can say about the fourth candidate, Bill Roberts, is that his Lyndon LaRouche beliefs and his call for the impeachment of our president make Russia's Osama Bin Putin sound like a reasonable man (in my opinion).

On another note, why would a staunch Republican, Thomas Yack, interject himself into a strictly Democratic primary for county executive? I find this puzzling conduct from a township trustee who is so far to the right that he voted no on an ordinance that would give gay people equal rights. But, as with most political tricks, there is usually a hidden movie.

Only Mr. Yack can say what his is.

James Huddleston  
Canton

### Supports Kumar

Let me take a moment to tell you why I am supporting Dr. Anil Kumar, Democratic candidate, for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 11th District.

Dr. Kumar came to Michigan 30 years ago. He is a surgeon, educator, small-business owner, devoted husband and father of two sons. There are four candidates running in the 11th District on the Democratic ticket and the one I trust is Dr. Anil Kumar. He will do what he has promised, just as I did as the Democratic candidate for congress in 2012. Dr. Anil Kumar's promises to the citizens of the 11th District and Michigan include: protect Medicare and Social Security; protect equal rights for women; increase funding for education; bring jobs back to Michigan; and provide maximum health care benefits for patients.

Please join me and cast your vote Aug. 5 for Democratic candidate Dr. Anil Kumar for U.S. Congress in Michigan's 11th District.

Dr. Syed Taj  
Canton

### Voting for Pagan

I will be voting Aug. 5 for Kristy Pagan for state representative in the Democratic primary and I urge you to join me. This is not only a must-have seat for Democrats as we try to take back the House, but Kristy Pagan is a must-have candidate for this community.

Kristy has a proven track record of leadership both in this community and in politics. She currently sits on the board of the Canton Community Foundation and the Canton Democratic Club. In Washington, D.C., while she was working for Sen. Debbie Stabenow, she was elected chair of the Women's Information Network. In this capacity, she doubled their membership, allowing for more networking opportunities for women in policy.

Kristy is young, energetic and passionate about representing our community. She grew up in Canton, graduated from our schools and has firsthand experience with our issues. I know that she will be a strong voice for our community not only now, but for years to come.

As a community we need a candidate who will listen, lead, and work hard for us. That candidate is Kristy Pagan and I hope you join me in voting for her Aug. 5.

Martha Guenett Simmons  
Canton

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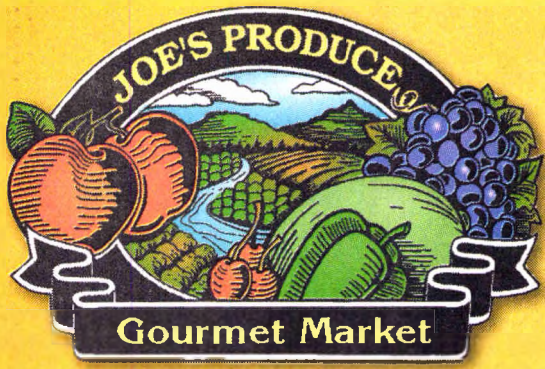
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## Livonia trainer wins 'A-List' award

Carlomusto earns trust with honest, energetic approach

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Like most successful personal fitness trainers, Livonia's Andrea Carlomusto won't ask her clients to try anything she's not willing to try — even if that means running a full 26.2-mile marathon or completing ultra-demanding fitness events like the "Tough Mud-der."

Carlomusto's gung-ho, seize-the-day enthusiasm played a pivotal role in her placing first in a recent "Best Personal Trainer" contest hosted by Detroit A-List.

Armed with a boundless energy supply and a chiseled physique, Carlomusto has turned her once grass-roots business (RX-Training) into a popular destination for metro

Detroiters who are looking to upgrade their fitness level.

Carlomusto was nominated for the award by a client.

"You can follow how the voting is going online up until the last week of the contest," she said. "With a week to go, I was in third place, which I thought was cool since I finished fourth last year. I figured, hey, at least I moved up a spot."

"When I received the email (earlier this month) that notified me that I had won, I was floored. I thought it must have been a typo. It was just an unreal, happy feeling."

Carlomusto's path to personal-training stardom has been extraordinary.

A cheerleader at Livonia Churchill High School, Carlomusto attended Marygrove

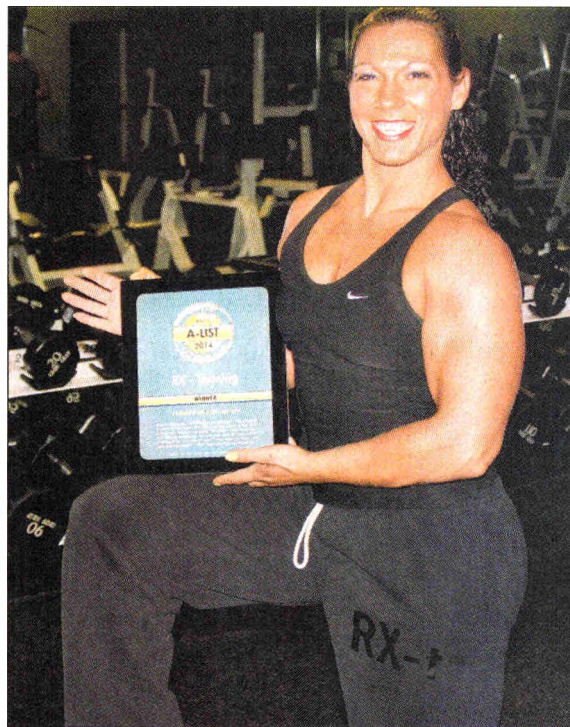
College after graduating in 1995 to study opera singing. However, a near-fatal battle with anorexia curtailed her education at the Detroit-based school.

"At one point I was down to 60 pounds and the doctors (at Beaumont Hospital) had my family come into my hospital room to say their final good-byes," she said. "The doctors said they had only seen one other case as severe as mine, and that girl died."

Carlomusto eventually pulled through and regained her health — thanks in large part to new-born passion for fitness.

"Once I got my strength back, I started going to the gym and working out," she

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Andrea Carlomusto poses with her Detroit A-List "Best Personal Trainer" plaque during a break in her work schedule Tuesday afternoon. ED WRIGHT

## AN AMAZING ASCENSION

Livonia's Rainville makes name for himself on junior international stage

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Richard Rainville's grueling climb to the higher levels of international junior cycling has taken him to races around the world on high-priced, state-of-the-art bicycles that are built to help carry their riders up relentless mountainsides.

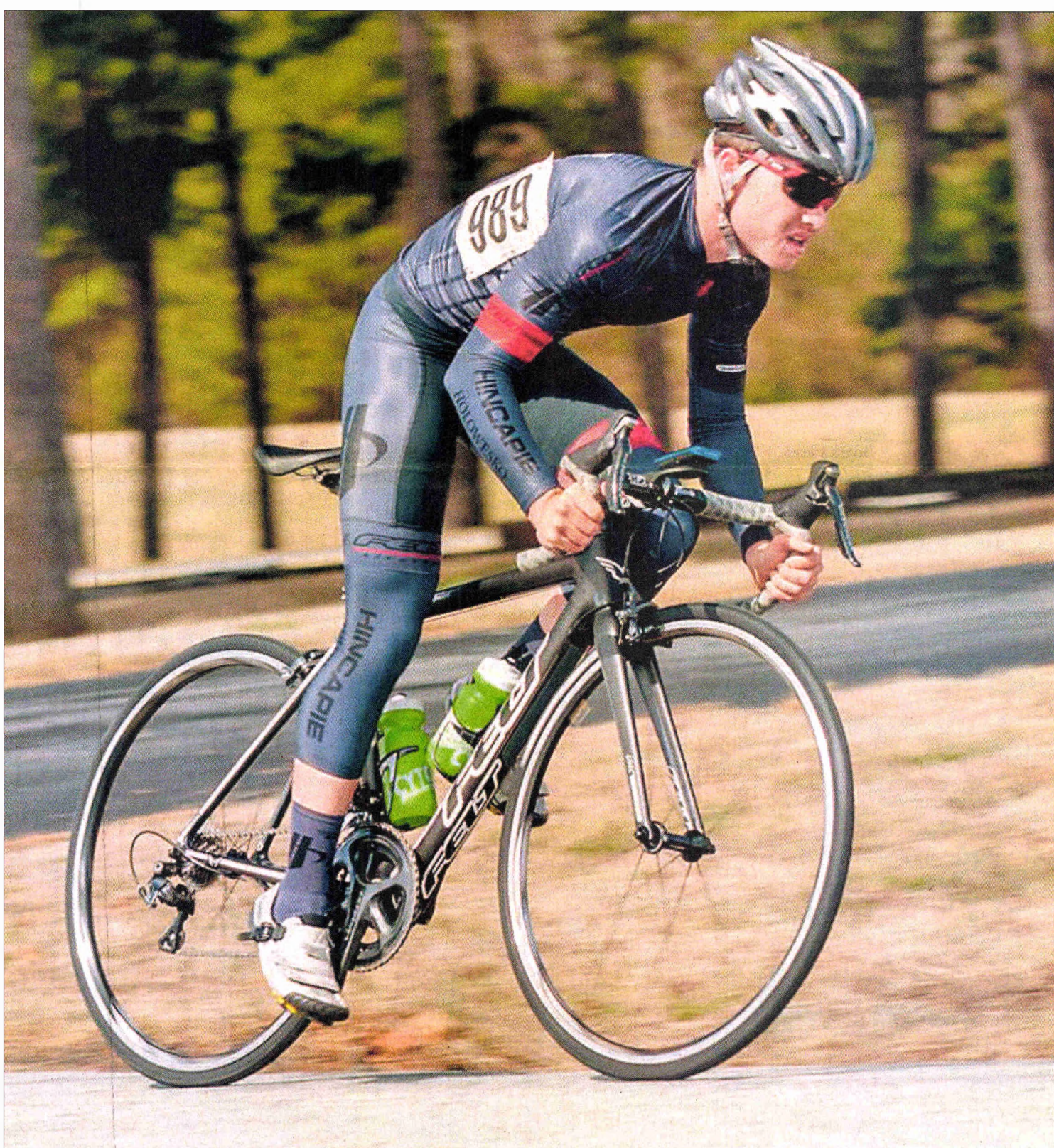
But the 18-year-old Livonia resident's amazing trek all started with a basic 10-speed bike from Target and a stretch of pavement along Hines Drive.

Rainville is the lone Michigan resident on the prestigious George Hincapie Development Team, an invitation-only squad of athletes that competes in races around the globe.

His against-the-odds inclusion on the Hincapie roster resulted from countless hours of muscle-punishing, mind-fatiguing training that all started, surprisingly enough, with an early disinterest in anything related to two wheels and pedals.

"When I was in elementary school, I remember my dad (Rick) would have me go on bike rides around the neighborhood with him, but, to be honest, I wasn't too fond of riding bikes," Rainville reflected Tuesday afternoon, just a few hours after returning from a six-day, 600-kilometer event in Quebec, Canada.

"When I was around 13, we



See CYCLIST, Page B2 Livonia cyclist Richard Rainville has earned a spot on the prestigious George Hincapie Development Team.



Redford Township resident Hallea Garcia takes a cut at a pitch during the MHSSCA All-Star Game played earlier this month at Central Michigan University.

## Redford's Garcia proves she's ready for the next level

Ladywood grad set to sign letter of intent to play for UM-Dearborn

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

When opportunity knocked prior to Hallea Garcia's senior softball season at Livonia Ladywood, the Redford Township resident not only answered — she knocked it out of the park.

After serving in a reserve role during her junior season with the Blazers, the longtime diamond standout was unsure of whether she wanted to return to the field for her senior season.

Heart-felt discussions with

two of her biggest supporters — her dad, Art; and Ladywood coach Scott Combs — changed her course of thinking.

"My confidence was down quite a bit before this season and I wasn't quite sure if I would play or not," Garcia said. "But I had a meeting with Coach Scott (Combs) before the season and he said he wanted me on the team and that I'd regret it if I didn't play. My dad had a long talk with me too and he convinced me to give it one more try."

In hindsight, Garcia — in addition to her Ladywood

teammates — is glad she kept playing.

The senior first baseman blasted five home runs, including a three-run, walk-off shot that pushed the Blazers past South Lyon East in a Division 2 district title game in mid-June.

The Blazers ultimately advanced to the D2 championship game before getting derailed, 4-3, by Stevensville Lakeshore.

Garcia's play earned her D2 All-State accolade and paved

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were vacationing in Montana, where my dad grew up, and I saw a sign for a one-day, 130-mile charity bike ride for a cancer camp for kids. I thought it would be neat to try it, so I told my parents I was going to do it the following year."

### A star is born

After returning to Livonia, Rainville purchased a set of clip-less pedals for his Target bike and started incorporating one-hour bike rides along Hines Drive into his weekly schedule.

"One day when I was in a local bike shop, I saw a flier for a half-hour race at Maybury State Park," Rainville said. "I entered it and ended up finishing first. I won a gift card to a cycling shop, which I thought was pretty cool. That's when I really

caught the racing bug. "Back then, I thought my hour-long training rides were long. Now I'm training three or four hours a day, seven days a week, up steep mountains."

Fueled by the unwavering support of parents Rick and Alice Jo, and a tireless drive to improve, Rainville has evolved into a cycling dynamo. During a recent race in Belgium, he placed 11th out of 160 international competitors.

The success hasn't arrived without sacrifice. In addition to the high cost of competing on the world stage, Rainville was home-schooled throughout his high school years so that he could spend much of the winter training on steep, mountainous terrain of California and Arizona.

### Up to the challenge

One of Rainville's winter training sights is Mount Lemon, a steep,



During peak training season, Livonia cyclist Richard Rainville trains up to 21 hours per week.

unforgiving hill located on the outskirts of Tucson, Ariz., that is much more demanding than its innocent-sounding name indicates.

"You're pedaling up a mountain for 26 miles," Rainville said. "There are a few flat areas on the path, but not many. When you reach the top,

you're relieved more than anything else, knowing that you get to go down.

"The hardest part of cycling at the high end like this is racing on a bike for three-and-a-half hours. Your endurance level has to be pretty high. It's mentally tough, too. Even though you're tired toward the end of the race, you still have to focus because near the finish we're traveling about 40 miles an hour and we're weaving in and out through other cyclists."

Rainville's career has included more than just muscle soreness. During a track national race three years ago in Pennsylvania, he fractured his collarbone during a collision with another cyclist.

"That definitely made me think about whether I wanted to keep doing this," he said, with a smile. "But I was back on the bike in a month, ready to go."

### Bright future

Rainville's accomplishments have earned him a partial scholarship to ride for Furman University's cycling team beginning in the fall. Ultimately, he'd like to race professionally in Europe and compete in the Tour de France.

"I'd say I'm definitely on the right track," he said. "But like in all professional sports, it's not going to be easy. I just have to keep working hard and see what happens."

Rainville, who aspires to someday work as a physical therapist, offered this advice for young people who may want to give cycling a try.

"Find a local bike shop and ask a lot of questions," he said. "Find a group of kids who like to cycle and work hard. You never know where it could take you."

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said. "I liked how that made me feel."

A few years after her near-death experience, Carlomusto completed the aforementioned marathon.

"My sister tried to talk me out of it, but I was determined to do it," she said. "It was hard and I barely finished, but I felt good when I did. It's something my clients and I can relate to."

Prior to starting RX-Training, Carlomusto bounced around various Detroit-area fitness centers working as a personal trainer. She thoroughly enjoys her current independent status.

"I generally have 50 to 60 clients at any given time," said Carlomusto, who works out of the Body Rocks fitness facil-



Livonia personal trainer Andrea Carlomusto's client list numbers anywhere from 50 to 60 at any given time.

ity located on Plymouth Road in Livonia. "I'm honest with my clients — if they've reached the point where I can't make them any better, I tell them and they're off on their own."

"Some of them return for quick refresher

courses, but I don't want to take their money if there's nothing more I can teach them."

Carlomusto's clientele ranges from people who are just finishing up physical rehabilitation to elite athletes searching for that extra edge.

"Basically everybody who comes to me is from word of mouth," she said. "A lot of my clients are looking to lose weight and just tone up. But I also train personal trainers, so it runs the gamut."

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# UDM golf team is nation's third-best academically

## Women's squad posts 3.838 GPA

The University of Detroit Mercy women's golf team took home a lot of hardware for its play on the links, but the Horizon League Champion Titans were also winners in the classroom as UDM had the third highest cumulative grade-point average in the nation this past season.

On Thursday, the Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) announced its All-Scholar Team GPA Award and the top 25 team GPA's in the country with Detroit posting a

3.838 GPA, just behind UTEP's 3.840 and New Mexico's 3.839.

"It is a well-deserved honor for the team," said head coach Terri Anthony-Ryan, longtime PGA teaching professional at Beech Woods Golf Course in Southfield. "They had the pressure on them all year long to repeat as champions, and they did, all while taking care of business in the classroom as true student-athletes."

"From the strength room, to the classroom and out on the course, they were champions, and that is why we had the success we have had because of their work ethic and their pursuit to be the best."

All eight of the Titans on

this year's roster had GPA's over a 3.4 with seven of the student athletes over a 3.5 and two perfect 4.0's. Among team members is 2013 Plymouth High School graduate Sarah Thompson.

It is the second-straight season that Detroit has earned the WGCA All-Scholar Team GPA accolade as it ranked 20th last year with a 3.617.

"I couldn't be more proud of the women's golf team and everything they have accomplished, on and off the course," said Amy Gasahl, director of athletic academics. "When you consider what they did in winning the Horizon League Championship is amazing and

then to combine that with the extraordinary work in the classroom from all eight of the golfers is what UDM athletics is all about."

Detroit was one of two schools from the Horizon League in the top 25 with Youngstown State at 22nd and also one of two schools from the state of Michigan as Eastern Michigan was 11th.

The team award exemplifies the hard work Detroit has instilled in its program as the Titans won the HL for the second-straight season and made its third NCAA Regional Championship appearance in the last five years.

Earlier this season, the

squad won the 2014 Team Excellence Award at the Annual Academic & Athletic Awards Dinner, which recognizes the varsity team with the highest overall grade point average for the past academic year.

The National Golf Coaches Association honors the women's collegiate golf programs with the highest Team GPA with the NGCA All-Scholar Team GPA Award.

This award is based on the average GPA for all members of the women's team for a specific year. The All-Scholar Team GPA Award is distributed to the top 25 teams at all levels — Division I, II, III, NAIA and JUCO.

# 'SUPER' STOPPER

Senior league goalie tallies 1,000th win, 200th shutout with no end in sight to hockey career

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Leave it to professional magician Bret "Superman" Beaudry to do something otherworldly as a senior hockey league goaltender.

On July 22 the 55-year-old Beaudry, a former Plymouth resident who now lives in Harrison Township, recorded the 1,000th victory of his 14-years-and-counting "beer league" career.

That was a 6-1 win in the playoffs of the Michigan Sting adult hockey program at Troy Sports Center. Just one week before that, Beaudry tallied his 200th shutout. All told, he's played about 1,800 contests so far.

"I do magic, professional magic," said Beaudry, who recently performed at the Farmington Founders Festival. "Some of them (teammates) think I'm doing magic out on the ice."

Indeed, it's pretty magical to play approximately 130 games each year since 1999, the year his daughter Robin helped him rekindle the desire to play hockey again after a long hiatus following his high school days.

More about that later on.

"I get tired just thinking about strapping those pads on that many times," said Beaudry, during a recent telephone interview. "I don't know, maybe that's why they call me Superman."

"That's all league play and tournaments and doesn't include drop-ins."

### 'Super' look

For good measure, Beaudry rocks the superhero look between the pipes, too. He wears goalie pads and gloves sporting Superman's red-yellow-blue color scheme and dons a jersey complete with the trademark "S" crest on the front.

"That's the fun part," said Beaudry, asked about what teammates and opponents think about his on-ice persona.

"The people that know me say it's old hat now. But when people haven't seen it, or I'm in a tournament or something you get all kinds of strange reactions."

"But after they start playing ... don't get me wrong, everybody has a bad game once in a while where the floodgate (opens). I can tell you this S crest is a bullseye that people just wind up to get a piece of it."

Beaudry plays pretty much year-round, in two leagues for two teams. One of them is the Prowlers, an 18-and-over team he runs (also out of Troy Sports Center).

"Right now I play three games a week, one Sunday game with the Prowlers and two every Tuesday with the Michigan Sting," he said. "I live in Harrison Township and I used to skate in Mount Clemens, and Mount Clemens is closer to my home."

"But Troy is a much nicer facility and basically I've skated more games there than I have anywhere else."

Ice hockey's always been in his blood, although Beaudry's super-yeoman numbers (which would make Martin Brodeur blush) never could have been predicted back in the 1970s.

Back in his youth, he played pond hockey near Fenton, stuffing boat cushions down the front of his pants for makeshift goalie pads.

"I tried out for the high school team (Linden) and I was going to make the team but my dad couldn't afford the pads," Beaudry said. "... It went dormant after that, other than a little bit of skating here and there."

### Daughter gets assist

Already a magician, it would take quite a trick for Beaudry to get back on the ice.

That's exactly what happened in the late 1990s. His daughter, Robin, then a junior at what then was known as Plymouth Salem, discovered floor hockey during gym class.



Robin Beaudry (left) is shown with her dad, Bret Beaudry, at a 2007 Las Vegas tournament. Robin was a backup goalie for Plymouth Salem's first varsity boys team in 1999-2000.

Robin Beaudry came home and pronounced to her parents (Bret and Christine) that she wanted to take up the ice hockey version of the game in time for the 1999-2000 school year — when Plymouth Salem was slated to launch its first boys hockey team.

It didn't matter to her that she'd be trying to find a spot on the roster of a boys team. It would be another handful of years before girls hockey would begin in earnest at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"She talked about the Plymouth Salem Rocks going to have their first inaugural boys varsity ice hockey team and she so wanted to be their goalie," Bret Beaudry recalled.

"She's a good skater and everything but she never had played ice hockey."

"So she came home and I heard the echoes of me coming home to my dad and asking to play hockey."

He wasn't about to deny her that chance.

They went to a sporting goods store and ordered \$1,200 worth of equipment needed for Robin to safely suit up for summer drop-in sessions.

"We had some money in her savings account and I said to her 'You pay \$600, I'll pay \$600

and if you make the team I'll give you \$600 bucks back.'

"She made the (Salem boys) team. She was at every practice. And then when Senior Night came she got to play the whole game and she got a shut-out."

One big reason why she did make the Rocks was a relentless summer schedule where father and daughter went to every drop-in session they could find.

"I even bought a headset she could wear and I could coach her from the stands," he said. "Soon I found myself in love with the sport and playing myself."

Although Robin later played goal for Michigan State University's women's club team, she ultimately put her skates away several years ago.

On the other hand, Bret Beaudry was just getting started.

### Stars tell story

Before long, he was playing multiple games a week, gaining confidence and swagger.

He racked up victories and shutouts. Each whitewashing gave Christine Beaudry opportunity to sew a new star on his blue jean jacket.

"Pretty soon this jacket was just full of stars," Bret said.

"Then I kept an Excel spreadsheet going all the way up to break (Detroit Red Wings legend Terry) Sawchuk's record at 104."

"After that, I relied on the stars (to keep track). I thought I might actually live long enough to get the 200."

Beaudry emphasized that one reason he is so successful is he's played so much.

"There's a thing I tell my kids," he said. "That's if you want to be good at something, you got to do a lot of it so that it's second nature to you. You don't think about it."

He also doesn't think much about how long he'll be physically able to continue strapping on the colorful gear and stopping hard rubber pucks.

The goalie they know as Superman does know how much he still loves the game — putting in a healthy workout to boot (something he said Christine is thankful for).

"I'm out on the ice the whole game," Beaudry said. "It can get tense ... because you're the last line of defense. If the puck goes in you can be the goat or you can be the hero."

"And I actually like that. Because by the numbers, more times than not I am the hero."

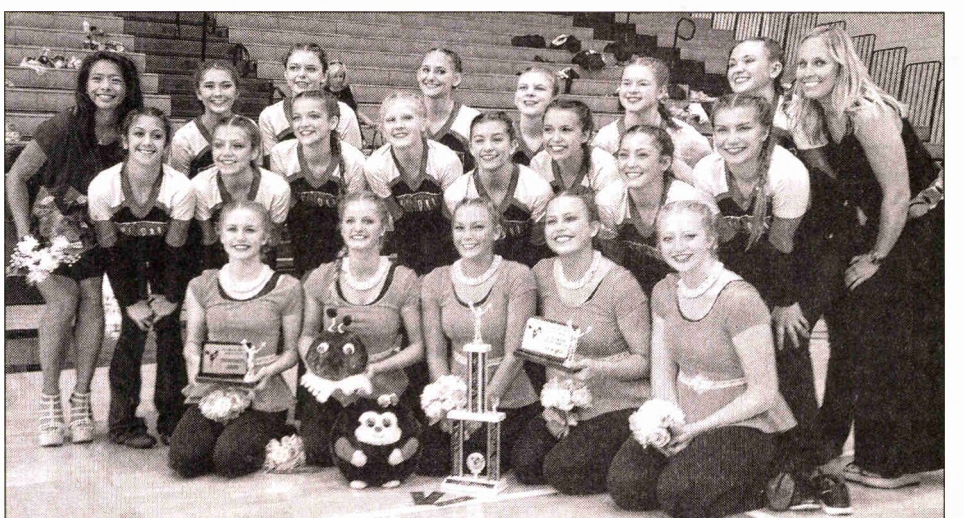
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## Sky Zone offers public-servants special



On Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sky Zone Canton — the site of the world's first all-walled trampoline playing field — is offering free one-hour jumps to police officers, firefighters, EMS employees and their families. In addition to the free jumps, Jet's Pizza will be donating free pizza to all service members. Sky Zone is located at 42550 Executive Drive in Canton.

## Winning smiles!



The Canton High School varsity pompon team had it going on July 9-13 at the Mid-American pom camp competition. The team won the Grand Champions Award as well as the Showmanship, Peppy Pom and Knock Your Socks Off awards. In addition, varsity seniors took first in the Senior Kickline competition. By the way, each member of the team was accepted to the elite Mid-American All-Star Team for the first time ever. In the back row (from left) are coach Gabby Cayao, Grace Brekke, Brenna Shaw, Emily Cesario, Aleigh Gorham, Emma Stephens, Clara Mason and coach Jenny Kesler. In the middle row (from left) are Sophia Mekled, Mia Tavian, Shelby Petersen, Abby Crippes, Alicyn Mabry, Stacey Partain, Maigan Byars and Micala Tafelski. In the front row (from left) are seniors April Santori, Gabby Watts, Aiden Peters, Tara Quigley and Katie Valchine.

## LIVONIA COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE

## Rams zap Lightning with dramatic rally

P.J. Nowak's seventh-inning double drove home Trent Drumheller with the winning run to cap a four-run rally and lift the Michigan Rams to an 8-7 victory over the Southfield Lightning in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game played Saturday night at Ford Field in Livonia.

The heart-pounding triumph

lifted the Rams' record to 22-11 while the Lightning slipped to 5-26.

Rams relief pitcher Connor Fannon earned the victory after yielding three runs and five hits over the final three frames. Fannon took over for starting pitcher Brody Harris in the top of the fifth.

Mark Tooley suffered the

loss after giving up four runs in 1.1 innings.

Nowak finished the night with three RBI. Drumheller also contributed a pair of ribbies. Nolan Page was 4-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored for the winners.

Kevin Kersnick, Kevin Moore and Joe Killian all delivered two hits each for the

Lightning.

On Friday, the Rams were upended 10-0 by the Bulls in a game limited to six innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Bulls pitcher Jake Lee limited the Rams to just two hits — one each by Drumheller and Travis Henry.

Pacing the Bulls' offensive assault were Jeremy Shay

(1-for-3, two RBI), Mike Battistelli (two RBI) and Victor Barron, who went 1-for-3 with an RBI.

Jake Balicki took the loss for the Rams after yielding four earned runs over 4.1 innings. Balicki struck out five batters.

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## Bridging the world through golf

Teaching pro from Pakistan lands at Tanglewood

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Syed Jamal Badshah can certainly claim he is one of the world's true golf ambassadors.

In his second year as a seasonal teaching pro at South Lyon's Tanglewood Golf Course, the former Asian and Nike tour pro once played a practice round in 2007 in Dubai with Tiger Woods and provided TV color commentary for the Royal Trophy (the Ryder Cup version between the Asian and European tours).

He also started the Olympic golf team in Turkey, has written newspaper articles and published a golf magazine, besides teaching at the exclusive Karachi Golf Club in his native Pakistan. He also wrote a book, *Play Better Golf*, which sold more than 1 million copies worldwide with proceeds going toward educational opportunities at a local orphanage.

"Poverty taught me golf and life, not richness," said the 47-year-old Badshah, who was born in the northwest frontier of Pakistan (Peshawar), next to the border of Afghanistan. "Golf is life and has taught me everything about it."

His father was a prisoner of war for five years during the 1971 India-Pakistan War and at age 3 Badshah moved to Karachi, the country's largest metropolitan area with more than 9 million people.

## Humbling youth

It was then that Badshah became what he calls "a ball picker" at the local course, working after school to help support his family. And through his golf connections, Badshah learned a new language at the St. Mary English School, which served him well later in life as a golf envoy.

After stints on the Asian (1990-95) and the Nike (1998-2000) tours, Badshah scaled back his tournament golf to concentrate on teaching. He's made stops in England, Dubai, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, Pakistan and the U.S.

In 2007, Badshah played in the U.S. Golf Teachers Federation World Cup in Las Vegas and struck up a friendship with Livonia teaching pro Jerry Seal, a retired 66-year-old Detroit Police officer who has leased the driving range for the past five years at Tanglewood from owners Bob and Ken Freund.

The two continued to exchange emails and phone calls and, in 2013, Seal invited Badshah to spend the summer months teaching at Tanglewood.

"When we first met, he didn't have a rental car at the time," Seal said. "We invited him to dinner, then we hit it off right from the start. I couldn't handle all the work myself with lessons. He expressed about teaching golf here because he teaches golf there. And he likes to play golf and tournaments so I said, 'Why don't you come over here and help me out? I need help and we can play golf together. We can go to tournaments together' and we did for the second year."



Novi's Mike Calacino (middle) has improved his golf game with the help from Pakistan native Syed Jamal Badshah (left), along with Tanglewood driving range pro Jerry Seal (right).

## New tenant

Badshah lives in the spare bedroom and he's become like family, according to Seal.

"We do everything together," the range pro said. "My grandkids like Jamal. He plays soccer with them. To them, he's like uncle Jamal."

And Badshah has developed a loyal clientele at Tanglewood. According to Seal, his methods are a lot like the late Harvey Penick, a world-renowned instructor who coached the likes of well-known PGA pros Davis Love Jr., Tom Kite and Ben Crenshaw.

"He uses simple methods," Seal said. "He doesn't use a lot of teaching of aids or teaching devices. He sticks with the basics, very much like Harvey Penick did. He makes it simple, if you keep it simple. I think Jamal makes it simple and keeps a lot of people happy. I've never seen anybody not improve in the hundreds of lessons I've seen him do. And he keeps your whole life simple."

One Badshah convert is 60-year-old Mike Calacino of Novi.

"I had back surgery about four years ago and it was a triple-spinal (fusion). I was really struggling to learn how to play golf again and literally had to learn it all over," said Calacino, a national account manager for SAF in Holland. "Two years ago, I met Jamal and since (then) it's been quite an improvement, not only from a physical play standpoint, but from the mental side also, because he did a lot to boost my confidence. He told me I could do this again. And then we would figure out a way on how to hit a golf ball pain-free. And he has done that."

## Making strides

Calacino has watched his handicap take a dramatic turn for the better this summer.

"Probably now it's around a

16-17," Calacino said. "My problem was I've been as low as a two or three in my life. I'm trying to get back to (shooting) something that's in the low 80s, which I should feel I should be able to do. It was just a goal of mine once I got out of surgery to try to get back and playing some reasonable golf. I'm getting really close now ... 15 to 16 has come down from a 25 or a 26. I think by the end of the summer, I've got an attainable goal. The last four or five rounds, I've shot in the mid-80s. I keep saying to myself 'I don't want to shoot 90 again.'"

Right now it's the hot season in Pakistan, where temperatures average 92 degrees F and can go as high as 110 degrees F. Badshah, who produces a website called JBSwings.com, will return to Karachi in September and work there until February during the peak season. Badshah and his wife have a son, 22, who now plays golf, along with a daughter, 21.

"I would like to see him come over here permanently and have his own teaching academy," Seal said. "I think he'd do very, very well. Everybody that meets him likes him. He's very easy to get along with. I'd like to see his family come over here. I think he'd be a good citizen and do well."

The Karachi Golf Club, rated No. 1 in Pakistan, has 20 pros and more than 3,000 members.

## Different cultures

"In America it's very popular, it's very achievable," Badshah said. "It's cheap, people can play golf. In our part of the world, middle-class or poor people cannot play. It's expensive. You have to buy membership of the club."

"What I see here is a guy pull out of his car, he's a plumber, he changes clothes, comes to course and plays golf. In this society, it's more pleasurable

and equal. It makes the atmosphere much better for the nation. No differences."

One of Badshah's students back home is 101 years old.

"He takes lessons and wants to get better," Badshah said. "Golf is an amazing sport. It's a lifetime sport. You can play until the end of the line."

Badshah appreciates the opportunity given to him by teaching at Tanglewood.

"Their management of the golf club is really good and the people who play golf at Tanglewood are very, very amazing people," he said. "They're very helpful. They are very friendly. And the golf atmosphere at this club is excellent. I've taught in many other countries, but this is something that is an amazing experience. And Michigan people are very nice. I really get along good with them."

"I'm not scared to say I'm from Pakistan, because normally if you say you're from Pakistan, they get scared of you. They say, 'Aw, you're a terrorist (laughing).' Everybody likes me here. It's an amazing atmosphere, plus Jerry is a great guy. We do a lot of lessons and people are very happy with our work that we do. They improve their golf, win some tournaments and we get a lot of compliments. And the club is doing well on the name of the golf academy here."

Whether it's beginners, juniors, novices or adults, he has a wealth of golf knowledge to offer.

"Some people say I'm the grand ambassador for my country, but it's just the game of golf," said Badshah, who once finished seventh in the Carolina Classic on the Nike Tour. "If I wasn't a golfer, I wouldn't be here talking to you today or teaching all these golfers. It's just the game of golf and I say, 'Golf can put the world together.'"

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## SPORTS TRYOUTS

## Livonia Lakers 13U travel baseball

The Livonia Lakers 13U travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for its 2015 season Aug. 9-10 from 2-4 p.m. each day at Bicentennial Park (field No. 7), which is located at 35400 Seven Mile Road in Livonia.

Players from Livonia and surrounding areas are invited to attend. The Lakers, who were established in 2010, play approximately 20 games in the advanced division of the KVBSA in addition to four to six tournaments, some out of state.

The team starts winter workouts in January. The head coach is a former high school varsity baseball coach who strives to prepare the team's players to make them high school ready.

Players are asked to arrive 15 minutes early to check in. For more information, contact Aaron Rumberger at ccrumberger@yahoo.com.

## Livonia City Thunder 15U travel baseball

The 15U Livonia City Thunder baseball team will be holding tryouts Saturday, Aug. 16 from 1-3 p.m. at Bicentennial Park (field No. 3). The team will be playing in seven to eight tournaments during the months of June and July, and possibly early August of 2015 after the high school baseball season is over.

Players are asked to arrive 15-30 minutes early for registration. For more information, send an email to jakackifamily5@aol.com.

## 10U Livonia City Thunder travel baseball

The Livonia City Thunder travel baseball organization has announced the addition of a 10U team beginning with the 2015 season.

The head coach of the 10U team will be Phil Henriksen.

Tryouts will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, and 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3.

All tryouts will be at Bicentennial field No. 5 in Livonia. Players are asked to arrive 15-30 minutes early for registration.

The season will be comprised of entry into the KVBSA (15-18 games) and into six to eight competitive weekend tournaments.

For more information, contact Henriksen at s8henriksen@yahoo.com.

## 11U Livonia Stars travel baseball

Head coach Matt Fournier will be holding tryouts for the 11U Livonia Stars travel baseball team Sunday, Aug. 3, and Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Livonia Franklin High School baseball field from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

This travel team will play games in the KVBSA and three or four tournaments.

Players can not turn 12 before May 1, 2015, in order to be eligible to sign up.

For more information, contact Matt Fournier at mattfournier22@sbcglobe.net or at 734-968-0499.

## 15U Dearborn Heights Diamondbacks travel baseball

The Dearborn Heights Diamondbacks 15U travel team will be holding tryouts for the 2015 season on Aug. 9 from 6-8 p.m. and Aug. 10 from 2-3:30 p.m. The tryouts will be at Field of Dreams, which is located at 7506 Inkster Road (between Warren and Joy) in Dearborn Heights.

For more information, send an email to rmstwins@yahoo.com or scamton@comcast.net.

## GARCIA

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the way to a scholarship in play for Combs beginning in the fall at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"After my junior year, I was all set to attend Schoolcraft College after I graduated," Garcia said. "But my senior

season was like a dream come true. After Coach Scott offered me a chance to play in college, I took a tour of the (UM-Dearborn) campus and loved it right away."

Garcia will officially sign a letter of intent to play for the Wolves sometime next month.

"The thing I love about softball is that you have to be able to do a lot of things — field well, hit well, support your

teammates — in order to be successful," she said. "I'm very thankful for the opportunity I'm getting to continue to play."

Garcia played her pre-high school softball career for St. Valentine's in Redford Township with her dad serving as her coach.

Garcia said her entire family — including Art, mom Judith, and sisters Ashlei and

Chelsey — have provided her invaluable support during her long and successful softball experience.

"They've all been awesome," she said.

Garcia, who earned a stellar 3.3 grade-point average at Ladywood, will pursue a degree in animal science and/or zoology.

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GIVE FOODS A TANGY SWEETNESS WITH

# strawberries

Summer is peak strawberry season and the perfect time to enjoy one of America's favorite fruits.

Not only are strawberries delicious, these pretty red gems also offer many health benefits. In fact, eating just eight medium size strawberries a day may improve heart and brain health, lower blood pressure and reduce the risk of some cancers.

Strawberries are versatile, making them ideal additions to summer dishes.

» Try substituting strawberries for tomatoes in a salsa or Caprese salad.

» Use pureed strawberries in place of some or all of the vinegar in a salad. They'll add tangy sweetness, body and a dash of color.

» Roast strawberries in a hot oven to make a jam that can be used as a sauce or dressing base, condiment or sandwich ingredient.

» Skip the ice cubes and add frozen strawberries to drinks.

"Fresh, seasonal ingredients bring flavorful bursts to recipes at my restaurants and home," said Brian Malarkey, celebrity chef, restaurateur and spokesman for the California Strawberry Commission. "I love incorporating the natural taste of strawberries in both sweet and savory dishes for an unexpected hint of sweetness."

From fresh fish and salads to lemonade and even barbecue sauce, just add strawberries to give any meal scrumptious summer flavor. For additional recipes by chef Malarkey and more, visit [www.californiastrawberries.com](http://www.californiastrawberries.com).

Courtesy of Family Features

## SUMMER LOVING STRAWBERRY & WATERMELON SALAD

Servings: 4

2 cups quartered and cleaned California strawberries  
2 cups diced watermelon (yellow and red, if available)  
½ cup sliced fresh basil  
1 handful arugula  
Sherry vinaigrette (see recipe below)  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
½ cup candied walnuts or pecans  
½ cup blue or goat cheese  
1 tablespoon pomegranate molasses or balsamic syrup  
Sherry vinaigrette:  
½ cup sherry vinegar  
1 tablespoon honey  
1 shallot, cut in half and sliced thinly  
½ cup extra virgin olive oil  
Salt and pepper, to taste

To make vinaigrette, bring sherry vinegar and honey to a boil in small sauce pan. In small mixing bowl, pour hot sherry mixture over shallots and let cool to room temperature. Once cooled, whisk olive oil with shallots and add salt and pepper to taste. In a large mixing bowl add strawberries, watermelon, basil and arugula. Gently add drizzle of mixed vinaigrette over strawberries, watermelon, basil and arugula mixture. Toss and season with salt and pepper, plate on desired serving platter or into bowls, then top with nuts, cheese and syrup to serve.

## STRAWBERRY AND GOAT CHEESE PIZZA

Makes four 8-inch pizzas

½ ounce active dry yeast  
1 tablespoon sugar  
3-4 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons kosher salt  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
3 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar  
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
¼ cup aged balsamic vinegar  
½ cup (4 ounces) softened goat cheese  
4 cups fresh strawberries, hulled and quartered  
¼ cup (2 ounces) crumbled goat cheese  
Coarsely ground black pepper  
Baby arugula and frisée



To make pizza dough, in a mixer bowl, sprinkle yeast and sugar over 1 cup warm water; let stand until foamy. Add 3 cups of the flour, the salt and olive oil; mix with dough hook until stretchy and no longer sticky, adding more flour if necessary. Divide dough into 4 equal portions. Refrigerate, covered, until needed.

To make white balsamic vinaigrette, in a small nonreactive saucepan, simmer white balsamic vinegar until reduced to about 4 teaspoons. Whisk in extra virgin olive oil.

To make aged balsamic reduction, in a small nonreactive saucepan, simmer aged balsamic vinegar until reduced to about 4 teaspoons. Heat oven to 400°F. On lightly floured surface, roll each piece of pizza dough into an 8-inch circle. Place on a baking sheet; bake in 400°F oven 10 minutes or until firm and slightly brown. Spread pizzas with softened goat cheese, leaving a ½-inch border. Toss strawberries with white balsamic vinaigrette; arrange strawberries evenly on goat cheese. Bake 10 minutes more. Remove from oven; scatter crumbled goat cheese on top. Drizzle with aged balsamic reduction; sprinkle with black pepper. Garnish pizzas with a few leaves of arugula and frisée.

## Good-for-you grilling ideas

As you stoke the flames of your grill this season, choose a versatile canvas that allows you to build on flavors and textures, lending itself to a wide range of cuisine and preparation methods. Tofu is a perfect grilling companion — a complete protein that's low in fat, cholesterol-free and tasty, too.

From teriyaki to Buffalo to vinegar-based barbecue sauces, tofu perfectly absorbs your favorite bold flavors from the grill. This easy-to-prepare meat alternative also boasts many heart-healthy benefits.

"The nice thing is that the soybean, by its nature, is a complete food," said Peter Golbitz, director of international business development at SunOpta, who touts the better-for-you benefits of soyfoods. "It's a complete protein, it's very high in protein, it contains valuable oils, essential fatty acids, fiber — even the

sugars in it are considered to be probiotics, in terms of they are good for the gut."

Finding from the 2013 Consumer Attitudes About Nutrition study also reveal that interest in soy foods is on the rise. "The study has found that 50 percent of consumers are very interested in their diet and are attempting to lose weight or maintain their weight," said Steve Poole, director of Soybean Oil and Protein Programs for United Soybean Board. "They want to know that soy is good for them, particularly the saturated fat content, and it is. And they also see some heart health benefits associated with soy and protein."

### Tips for grilling tofu

Even seasoned masters of the flame can use some tips for properly preparing tofu. Use these tricks to make your grilling experience a success:

### » Weigh it down

Use firm or extra-firm tofu and always press it well before grilling to get extra moisture out. Simply place it between several layers of paper towels, place a plate on top and then weigh down the plate.

### » Clean and coat

To keep tofu from sticking to the grates of your grill, make sure the grates are clean and coat them with cooking spray or oil.

### » Enjoy a skewer

Place tofu on skewers to keep it from sticking to the grill and to make it easier to handle when turning and serving. Tofu kabobs are fun and easy to prepare. Just marinate chunks of tofu with your favorite flavorings and grill with vegetables or fruit, such as pineapple.

For more flavorful techniques and recipe ideas, visit [www.soyfoods.org](http://www.soyfoods.org).

Courtesy of Family Features

## PARTY-PERFECT TOFU SKEWERS WITH SOYNUIT SATAY DIPPING SAUCE

Yield: 14 servings

Sauce:  
1 teaspoon fresh garlic, chopped  
½ cup soy nut butter  
¼ cup fresh lime juice  
1 tablespoon soybean oil  
¼ cup rice vinegar  
¼ cup water  
2 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce  
¼ cup fresh green onion, chopped  
1 ½ teaspoons fresh ginger, grated  
Skewers:  
1 package (20 ounces) extra firm tofu, drained and cut into 42, 1-inch cubes  
2 tablespoons lime juice  
1 tablespoon soybean oil  
1 tablespoon reduced sodium soy sauce  
14 bamboo skewers  
Additional soy sauce and oil for brushing



To prepare sauce, pulse all ingredients in food processor until smooth. Place in small bowl. Cover and refrigerate.

To prepare skewers, marinate tofu cubes with lime juice, oil and soy sauce in large bowl; gently stir to coat. Cover and refrigerate for two hours or overnight; stir occasionally.

Assemble three tofu cubes on each skewer. Brush grill with oil. Preheat grill to medium.

Grill over medium heat 3 minutes, turning frequently and brushing with soy sauce and oil until golden brown. Serve with prepared sauce.